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TRUTH, JUSTICE & REPARATION

Rebuilding Health and Dignity after Trauma & Human Rights Violations

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Conference Report



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I. Foreword

On October 17 and 18, 2008 Lima hosted the 8th conference of the International Society for Health and Human Rights (**ISHHR**). Pre-conference capacity building workshops took place on October 15 and 16.

ISHHR was established to share knowledge, skills, experiences and concerns regarding the impact of persecution, torture and other human rights violations. This organization was born out of the need to bring together health professionals, human rights advocates, refugees, survivors of torture and people affected by trauma and human rights abuses from all over the world. Every few years, ISHHR organizes a major conference to share knowledge on how to combat the effects of trauma, torture and human rights abuses on mental health.

Violations of human rights have become more sophisticated and widespread resulting in issues and problems relating to torture, trauma and other significant health problems. This has meant that the ways in which these issues have been dealt with has also had to change. New and creative methods of analysing, diagnosing and treating survivors of torture and trauma are constantly being developed. The **ISHHR** capacity building workshops provide the perfect platform to share these methods internationally.

The 8th **ISHHR** Conference was again a very valuable experience for participants. It promoted the exchange of information between new and old members of **ISHHR** and between the host country and international communities. It increased understanding and solidarity between attendees, mostly colleagues who shared similar challenges in different cultural and geographical settings, with invaluable knowledge and experiences for assisting their own practices and management of clients. It also provided a significant personal benefit for individual participants who have survived human rights violations by enabling them to tell their stories and share their experiences with people who share common ground. We are thankful for the support and funding provided by Friends of STARTTS and sponsorship from the Dutch government through its Embassy in Peru, as well as the government of New Zealand.

Jorge Aroche

Secretary General, ISHHR
Executive Director, STARTTS
(NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors)





II. About ISHHR

The International Society for Health and Human Rights (ISHHR) is an association for health professionals engaged in work with persons and communities affected by human rights violations. ISHHR has members in almost 50 countries worldwide. Our aims are to:

- gather knowledge about the effects of human rights violations on health,
- exchange experiences and information about treatment methods, psychosocial and psychological care, and
- contribute to the development of psychosocial interventions both on individual and community level.

The issue of human rights is a very important one for health workers, and as health professionals we deal with this in many different ways. We live in a world where these rights are being violated and challenged every single day. In this context we hope to contribute our share, namely by strengthening the communication between professionals in this area and by emphasizing the need for the active defence of human rights.

ISHHR promotes public and professional awareness of the consequences of human rights violations on individual and community mental health. Exchange of experiences in the development of professional action – identification and assessment of the consequences of gross human rights violations as well as methods of intervention are prioritized focus areas.

By becoming a member of **ISHHR** one becomes part of a world wide network of people working in the field of human rights and health. It provides you with closer contact with others both in your region and abroad.

Activities of ISHHR

The World Health Organization has defined health as a 'state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the

absence of disease or infirmity." At the individual level, early recognition and adequate care of health problems caused by human rights violations may help prevent subsequent more serious health problems. At the community level, psychosocial interventions play an important role in strengthening the coping abilities and resilience of those affected by human rights violations. On this basis, **ISHHR** seeks to:

i. Build the capacity of professionals working in the field of health and human rights through organizing regular international conferences. ISHHR has successfully organized eight International Conferences: France (1987), Costa Rica (1989), Chile (1991), The Philippines (1994), South Africa (1998), Croatia (2001), India (2005) and just recently Peru (2008).

Comprehensive information about the Peru conference is available on **ISHHR** website (www.ishhr.org).

ii. Make information and texts on health and human rights more available to our members and the general public through our website.

iii. Maintain and establish contacts between relevant national and international organizations to promote accessible mental health care for problems related to human rights violations. ISHHR has signed letters of cooperation with The Reference Centre for Psychological Support, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the World Health Organization (WHO).

iv. Monitor and campaign for adherence to international legal instruments which relate to human rights.

v. Establish a rapid response network to support and protect health workers involved in the care of persons whose human rights have been violated, particularly in times of crisis such as mass refugee movements.



Testimonials

It was of utmost importance to us to have had the opportunity to make a presentation about our experience of an investigation project with 3,000 adolescents and youth whose human rights have been abused.

Furthermore, the exchange we had during the conference, particularly in relation to the 2 days workshop on the methodologies used to facilitate/promote/impulse community participation to diagnose their needs and above all, to identify sustainable responses for the same community will help us to fortify our own methodology and encouraged us to experiment new methodologies.

**ISHHR Conference 2008 delegate
from Nicaragua**

My participation at the capacity building workshops and conference was very important to me because it allowed me to stretch my vision of intervention techniques with people affected by extreme violence. One of the workshops I participated in was Neurofeedback Therapy from STARTTS-Australia, which allows the relief of post traumatic stress symptoms in a very short time, in which I would like to be trained for to apply on affected people in Huancayo, as it seems to be a very effective and important technique. I also participated in another workshop about the implementation of Istanbul protocol, which helped me to completely understand the process of which I had only shortly heard of before. It was great to meet the creators of the idea and the protocol in person during the conference. I also had the chance to discuss with them about an implementation scenario for my country.

The fact that I could hear about the experiences of persons from all around the world was an empowering experience. There were people there who didn't only work on post

violence cases but also where violence is a part of the daily life which is very admirable and respectable as it is very different to working at a safe post violence zone.

**ISHHR Conference 2008 delegate
from Huancayo – Perú**



I have participated in the Workshops called Istanbul Protocol as my institution Works with this protocol for about 2 years now. It was extremely enriching to exchange experiences about the protocol's implementation with colleagues from Mexico, Turkey and Zimbabwe.

I have also presented a paper about the work my institution opened for petition which is for the ratification and deposit of the Facultative Protocol to the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel and Degrading Treatments in Bolivia. I have collected many signatures during the conference and received some very constructive comments and all of these will benefit the whole Bolivian society in the near future.

I also found it very helpful to have the opportunity to promote the cooperation and coordination between institutions that work in the field of Health and Human Rights to exchange experiences, output and information which allows the work of every institution to improve at global level.

**ISHHR Conference 2008 delegate
from Bolivia**





III. 8th International Conference of ISHHR

This report aims to summarize the 8th International Conference of the International Society for Health and Human Rights (ISHHR), in order to contribute towards the improvements necessary for future conferences, evaluate the results of the Conference and workshops, and attract future sponsors and supporters of the Conference.

The Conference was a very valuable experience for participants. It promoted the exchange of information between new and old members of ISHHR and between the host country and international communities. It increased understanding and solidarity between attendees, mostly colleagues who shared similar problems and challenges, and attendees with invaluable knowledge and experiences for assisting their own practices and management of clients recovering from the impact of severe human rights violations. It also provided a significant personal benefit for individual participants by enabling them to tell their stories and share their experiences with people who share common ground.

Description of the project

Held every three to four years, the International Conference for Health and Human Rights is one of the most important conferences for organizations working with health issues affecting people who have experienced trauma in the context of war and organized violence.

Staff from human rights organisations from every continent attend this event, as it provides an excellent environment for informal networking and the exchange of knowledge, experience, developments, clinical practice and research findings which address the health needs of survivors of human rights violations.

In the last international capacity building workshops (15-16 October, 2008) and conference (17-18 October, 2008) in Peru, participants had diverse cultural backgrounds, varying experiences of their human rights being abused or protected and stark differences

between the environments in which they work to promote basic human freedoms and conditions. The unusual mix allowed human rights champions from all walks of life to learn from people they don't usually meet and think creatively about the way they work.

The four day conference was subdivided into two sections: two days of pre conference capacity building and training workshops; and two days of plenary sessions. There were 80 presentations in total including five keynote addresses.

To enable maximum participation from all over the world, ISHHR called on the financial support of Friends of STARTTS (FOS). The work of organizing the Conference was overseen by two part-time staff, as well as involvement of FOS president Mr. Gary Taylor. It was supported by the NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS). The two project officers were involved in all areas of organising and administration. Their work involved content and structure, media and PR, partnerships and support, fundraising and grant applications and administration and logistics.

ISHHR Council members participated in the preparation of the conference. Furthermore, a Peruvian event organizing company was recruited in 2006 to help with some of the logistical and administrative issues.

The project was financially supported by Friends of STARTTS and the Dutch government through its Embassy in Peru. The New Zealand government provided specific support for Zimbabwean delegates.

Preparation of the Conference

Preparations for the 8th International Conference for Health and Human Rights commenced in 2006, when the local organizing committee in Peru and the General Secretariat in Australia began to collaborate on matters related to venue, dates, format, theme

and clinical content. These committees were chaired respectively by ISHHR Council member Rosa Lia Chauca in Lima, Peru and by ISHHR Secretary General Jorge Aroche, in Sydney, Australia.

LOCATION

The choice of location for ISHHR Conferences is based on a number of criteria, principally, that it is safe and allows human rights-related issues in the chosen host country to be highlighted. Most ISHHR conferences have been held in countries in post-conflict situations.

With this agenda in mind, the conference was originally planned to be held in Palestine, but after much deliberation and analysis of the situation in Palestine and safety concerns at that time, Peru was chosen as a fitting alternative, and selection of an appropriate venue began.

With the help of Milenium, a Peruvian event organizing company, two venues in Lima were selected: Hotel Sol de Oro and Museo de la Nacion. Due to difficulties related to Peru's hosting of Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum, Hotel Sol de Oro was chosen over Museo de la Nacion.

The organizing committee and the Secretariat began working on the numerous tasks involved in organizing the Conference, including announcements collating works for presentations, creating a program, devising strategies for fundraising, writing grants and approaching government entities both locally and internationally.

This Conference's theme was **TRUTH, JUSTICE AND REPARATION**: Rebuilding Health and Dignity after Trauma & Human Rights Violations. ISHHR is constantly looking for ways to facilitate the sharing of knowledge, skills, experiences and concerns regarding the impact of persecution, torture and other human rights violations.

By choosing Peru as the host country, it did so with the belief that it would prove a useful backdrop for the practical exchange of information, and provide a historically relevant

setting for the discussion of issues pertaining to reconciliation and rehabilitation in a country recently torn by internal warfare and violence. Peru is dealing with thousands of victims of organized violence and torture at both individual and community levels. We are proud to see that our hopes were more than fulfilled in the area.

The focus of the 8th Conference further underlined the necessary shift which had already been identified at previous Conferences, that is, continue to focus on strengthening of resources, while placing further emphasis on the healing process of individuals and communities.

TRAINING FOCUS

An important focus of this Conference was the training of health professionals working with survivors of torture and violence. Priority was given to include presentations which added to the building of programs and processes to facilitate the reconciliation process for and between individuals and communities.

These were also the principles behind dedicating two whole days to the nine capacity building workshops, which took place over the two days prior to the conference. The nine pre-conference workshops followed the delineated themes of the conference, with a special emphasis on providing hands-on training and practical capacity building knowledge.

ISHHR Capacity Building Workshops

This conference placed a clear emphasis on capacity building and training workshops which aimed to provide a broader basis for pragmatic outcomes from the conference.

A call for expressions of interest was sent out to ISHHR members and supporters, requesting ideas for workshop topics and presentations. The choice of topics for the workshops was guided by the feedback received. Other criteria included content quality, alignment





with the conference theme and the expertise of presenters.

A total of nine workshops were presented over the two days immediately prior to the conference. Workshop lengths varied between half day and two full days of training. Most delegates participated in two or more workshops. Participants were awarded ISHHR capacity building and training certificates upon successful completion of their selected workshop/s.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM – CLINICAL CONTENT

From the outset, the principle of the Conference was that it should provide a platform for current issues to be discussed in an environment that facilitates the process of exchange and learning.

The major themes of the Conference revolved around issues of truth, justice and reconciliation in post conflict societies. The Conference program aimed at concentrating on these areas by choosing presentations, keynote addresses and workshops that would complement these themes.

The scientific committee, presided over by Amber Gray in the United States, set about reading all the submissions and papers as well as liaising with delegates when necessary. The committee also made recommendations for the arrangement of concurrent sessions within the ultimate layout of the scientific program.

CONTENT AND DESCRIPTION OF THE WORKSHOPS

The Outcome Evaluation Workshop was presented by well known experts Dr. James M. Jaranson and Dr. Jose Quiroga. The aim of this workshop was to discuss the complex issues around measuring and evaluating rehabilitation and treatment outcomes. Funders increasingly require documentation that services work, while centres and their staff strive to provide the most effective, and efficient services. Conflicting priorities, concerns about confidentiality, inadequate time and financial

resources, lack of research expertise, and the complexity of the rehabilitation process itself hinders completion of outcome studies. This workshop explored theoretical and practical issues affecting clinical studies with torture and trauma survivors and focused on practical solutions to overcome these challenges.

Thirty three delegates were challenged to think about feasible ways of evaluating outcomes for interventions with survivors of torture and other gross violations of human rights. The workshop was held in English with professional simultaneous interpretation into Spanish.

The Community Consultations Workshop was presented by Dr. Eileen Pittaway, Director of Centre for Refugee Research located at University of NSW in Australia. This two-day workshop focused on 'Storyboarding' as a community consultation technique.

The skills taught during the workshop included community education, the telling of stories and storyboarding. Participants practiced this methodology and used their own series of drawings to conduct situational analyses.

This workshop was run as a 'training of trainers' with the participation of nineteen delegates who had the chance to take part in the full process, and spend time analysing, exploring and practicing the skills needed to use this very successful technique. The workshop was held in English with professional simultaneous interpretation into Spanish.

The Historical Memory Workshop was presented by the Peruvian grassroots organization Red para la Infancia y la Familia - Peru (REDINFA) to explore the processes involved in the creation of historical memory and how these contribute to the reconciliation process. Objectives of this workshop were; to reflect and analyse the importance of elaboration processes of Historical Memory in post-conflict communities, to present the methodological proposal of elaboration of Historical Memory developed by REDINFA in communities affected by political violence, gathering contributions and suggestions from workshop participants, and to establish information exchange mechanisms between interested institutions.



By the end of the workshop, all 36 participants were asked to work in groups to go through case studies on historical memory in mental health and human rights. The workshop was held in Spanish with professional simultaneous interpretation into English.

The Contextual Thinking in Treatment of Complex Trauma Workshop was run by Boris Droždek MD, MA Psychiatrist from Psychotrauma Centrum Zuid Nederland. It offered 28 workshop participants information about intercultural perspectives on individual and collective strategies of making peace with one's own past.

This session focused on the application of contextual thinking in intercultural trauma treatment. Both, theoretical backgrounds and clinical experiences were discussed with the participants. The workshop was held in English with professional simultaneous interpretation into Spanish.

The Social Reconstruction Workshop was presented by ISHHR Council member Dr. Dean Ajdukovic and ISHHR member Dinka Corkalo Biruski, from the University of Zagreb who shared their 15 years of experience on the topic with 25 delegates. They talked about their experience of work with populations suffering from organized violence, destruction and losses in South East Europe. The approach was based on community psychosocial work, conflict management and social action in post-conflict divided communities. The workshop helped participants identify barriers to social reconstruction in their respective communities, relate to suffering of victims on both sides of a conflict, and to initiate and lead a community social action, thus facilitating the "bottom-up" approach to building stability and peace.

The workshop was held in English with professional simultaneous interpretation into Spanish.

The Neurofeedback Therapy Workshop was presented by Sejla Tukelija, Mirjana Askovic and Jorge Aroche from STARTTS (Australia) over one and a half days. This in-

troductory course was designed for clinicians and service providers in the field of trauma interested in integrating Neurofeedback into their clinical practices. Neurofeedback is a specialised field of biofeedback therapy with more than 20 years of research and clinical application. Neurofeedback assists the brain in performing its regulatory functions more efficiently, including those involved with sleep, emotional regulation and levels of arousal.

This workshop assisted 27 participants to develop a basic understanding of the theoretical underpinning of Neurofeedback and its clinical uses and its effectiveness in the treatment of a wide range of psychological disorders including Post Trauma Stress Disorder (PTSD).

The workshop was held in English with professional simultaneous interpretation into Spanish.

The Istanbul Protocol Workshop was a practical workshop designed to promote understanding and implementation of the Istanbul Protocol developed by the International Rehabilitation Council of Torture Victims (IRCT). It was presented by Jose Quiroga, Miriam Wernicke and Felicitas Treue from IRCT. The Istanbul Protocol, which has been endorsed by the UN, is a guide to documenting torture. It provides the first set of internationally recognised guidelines for medical and legal experts on how to determine whether a person has been tortured and establish independent valid evidence that can be used in court cases against alleged torturers.

The Istanbul Protocol workshop attracted 32 participants and enabled experts from around the world to learn to recover and preserve evidence related to the alleged torture.

The workshop was held in English with professional simultaneous interpretation into Spanish.

The Helping the Helpers Workshop presented by Amber Elizabeth Gray provided theoretical principles and research findings about stress accumulation and secondary traumatisation, or compassion fatigue, based on current neuropsychiatric research.





Participants explored the reasons that cause secondary trauma, or compassion fatigue, as an unavoidable consequence of caring for and of working with survivors of trauma. They also gained practical skills and methods with which to identify the “onset” of compassion fatigue and mitigate its effects.

Representatives from organizations around the world working in post-conflict and disaster situations got the chance to develop and implement staff support programs to mitigate secondary trauma in the workplace. The full day workshop was attended by forty one participants.

The workshop was held in English with professional simultaneous interpretation into Spanish.

The Therapeutic Workshop was presented as a tool for group interventions by Carlos Jibaja and Yovanna Pérez from Centro de Atención Psicosocial (CAPS). Participants of this workshop learnt about the necessary elements to design and execute therapeutic workshops. Participants were asked to form groups to design a therapeutic workshop of their own with supervision from the presenters. The workshop was held in Spanish with professional simultaneous interpretation into English. Thirty three delegates participated in this workshop.

Keynote speakers

Keynote addresses were given by **Salomon Lerner**, **Jesus Aliaga** and **Boris Drozdek** on the first day of the Conference, and by **Sekai Holland** and **Eileen Pittaway** on the second and final day of the Conference.



Dr. Salomon Lerner, a distinguished academic, former president of the Truth and Justice Committee of Peru, and world wide laureate for his work on human rights and justice, spoke about the situation in Peru, and the challenges faced by the country in its plans to reconstruct its social and moral fabric, while dealing with issues of justice, reparations and reconciliation.

He spoke about the process of setting up the Commission on truth and justice, and in particular the reasons for setting it up in the first place. This included a considered analysis on the roots and reasons for the initial violence, social and State responsibilities, and proposed actions to deal with the legacy of violence. Dr Lerner's eloquence and deep-seeded knowledge of the subject of torture and trauma and how it affects the very essence of individuals and society, perfectly illustrated the core ideas and themes behind ISHHR's 8th International Conference.

Dr Lerner was followed by **Jesús Aliaga**, from the High-Level Multisector Commission, Executive Secretary in charge of follow-up of the recommendations of the Commission of Truth and Reconciliation. Jesús Aliaga's presentation was focused on collective reparations in which the communities chosen by High-Level Multisector Commission's CMAN (Collective Reparations and National Reconciliation) raised projects with the local authority - Municipalities. Mr. Aliaga indicated that in early 2004 Peru's president created the CMAN to provide follow-up on actions and state policies regarding peace, collective reparations, and national reconciliation.

During its first two years, however, its impact was limited because of a lack of funding and its subordination to the Council of Ministers (PCM). The CMAN received some funding from the national budget in 2007 and implemented a collective reparations program. In early 2008 the National Reparations Council started registering individual victims and communities affected by violence. Thirty one communities affected by the political violence benefitted from the Program of Collective Reparation through the financing of public investment projects in their communities as compensation for damages suffered. Organizations representing people affected by human rights violations were able to participate in the management committee tasked with the responsibility of implementing the reparation projects. Mr. Aliaga also explained that each project has a monitoring committee for the adequate management of project funds. Each community receives a hundred thou-

sand Soles. Some of the projects are about trout farming (Putis, Ayacucho), creation of communal premises and spaces for the development of children.

The last keynote address of the day was **Dr. Boris Drozdek**, MD, MA a professional psychiatrist with long-standing ties with ISHHR, and the author of an admirable body of work. His excellent keynote address on intercultural perspectives on individual and collective strategies of making peace with the past, delved into different reparation strategies that have been applied in order to heal the wounded collective identity of societies following large-scale conflicts and wars.

Drozdek examined strategies such as retribution (material compensation), reconciliation through disclosure and/or rituals, denial, punishment through international and national tribunal courts, and combinations of strategies leading to transitional models of reparation, to name but a few.

Summarizing a broad range of reparative paradigms, from denial of the painful past to a compulsive repetitive disclosure in order to prevent repetition of the past, he went on to ask which societies are better off. What are the universal and what are the culture-specific elements in reparation concepts throughout the world? Can we improve the principles of “collective healing” and reparation in societies across cultures, by applying the paradigms, which are efficient in healing of individual victims? Can some of the principles and processes that have been used with success in the healing of individuals be extrapolated, and used on the collective level? The lecture commented on these issues and raised several questions and issues for future research.

On the second day, the keynote addresses were opened by **Sekai Holland**, Senate Leader of MDC and Secretary for Policy and Research (Ideology) from the Parliament of Zimbabwe, who spoke about the situation in Zimbabwe and the numerous contentious issues currently affecting the people of Zimbabwe, and the African region in general. She also spoke about the way in which regional

issues should be addressed within a conflict and post conflict context, taking particular consideration of local and ethnic cultural differences and sensitivities.

Eileen Pittaway closed the keynote presentations with a poignant paper based on eighteen years of field experience in Asia, Africa, and Australia, researching the rape and sexual abuse of refugee and internally displaced women and girls in conflict situations, refugee camps and urban refugee settings. These actions are often based on notions of depriving women of “honour” and thus shaming individuals, families and communities. In some cases it is used as a form of ethnic cleansing.

Dr Pittaway also spoke of the world wide documentation of unprecedented levels of systematized rape, survival sex, trafficking, forced and under-aged marriage, extreme poverty and social disenfranchisement of female-headed refugee and IDP households. Women and girls suffer from the devastating physical, psychological and social effects from repeated rape and threat of rape and other forms of sexual and gender based violence, including sexually transmitted diseases, unwanted pregnancies, shame, trauma, depression, rejection by community, infanticide and suicide. The paper sought to provide some insights into these phenomena. It argues that the imposed identity label of ‘refugee women’ and the oppressions subsumed within that label are a key element in the failure of protection of refugee women, perpetuating the discourse which confers impunity and social tolerance on perpetrators of sexual violence.

The intersection and compounding effect of these dual identities as both women at risk and refugees can explain their extreme vulnerability to gender based and sexual violence by actors who are confident of legal impunity and social acceptance. The paper offers ways of addressing the sequelae of this experience through a number of approaches. These include the recognition and enhancement of refugee capabilities and resilience, community education, community participation in generating solutions, and enhanced international protection mechanisms.





Venue

Hotel Sol de Oro provided a comfortable, safe and well serviced venue, highlighting its superior infrastructure during the official dinner. The spaces were well suited for the various conference activities and presentations.

Located in the heart of Miraflores, in Lima, it was close to interesting tourist sites and restaurants, and within walking distance to amenities. Miraflores was also a convenient location as it housed several reasonably priced hotels, hostels and serviced apartments, broadening the options for delegates to stay near the conference venue.

Interpreting

English and Spanish are the two official ISHHR languages, therefore it was crucial to have professional interpreters throughout the official presentations. Simultaneous interpretation was provided in all sessions, all nine workshops and all keynote addresses. The professionalism of the interpreting team was commented on and commended by all. While this added substantial costs to the running of the conference, it ultimately played a key role in making the conference accessible to all delegates and ensuring it was a successful international event.

Conference bag / satchel

The conference bag was produced by local crafts people from different regions throughout Peru. The money spent on these very colourful and popular bags directly benefitted survivors of political conflict. All canvas bags were printed with the Conference information, ISHHR logo and appliquéd with panels of weaves and printed fabrics depicting indigenous Peruvian themes and designs.

Conference Program

All attendees were given a printed program in booklet form in their Conference bag. Infor-

mation on the capacity building workshops was published on the official ISHHR Conference website. Keynote presenters' biographies were available in English and Spanish, and, where available, abstracts of keynote addresses were also published in their original language.

This has proved to be the most complex aspect of the Conference, simultaneously the most praised and criticized, which will be closely investigated in the planning of future conferences.

ISHHR General Assembly

The ISHHR Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held in Peru on 17 October. Secretary General Jorge Aroche opened the meeting, confirming the minutes of the preceding Annual General Meeting in India. The meeting then proceeded with the Reports of the Council on the transactions of the International Society for Health and Human Rights during the preceding financial year together with a presentation to discuss the role and goals of ISHHR. President Jorge Aroche briefly outlined the issues and options that need to be considered in order to have an informed discussion about ISHHR's working plan beyond the VIII International Conference in Peru. Following the presentation and discussions, members voted for the appointment of ISHHR Council members. As a result of the voting process, a diverse team made of eleven members was elected to be in the council of ISHHR, being; Amber Gray (US), Dean Ajdukovic (Croatia), Hande Karakilic (Turkey), Jorge Aroche (Australia), Jose Vera Gomez (Paraguay), Mariano Coello (Australia), Nimisha Patel (UK), Nino Makhashvili (Georgia), Patrick O'Loughlin (Norway), Rosa Lia Chauca (Peru), Sukuluhle Hove (Zimbabwe).

After the elections, plans for the future were discussed including the venue of next ISHHR conference. Zimbabwe and Georgia were mentioned as possible locations however, the need for a set of criteria to decide about the next host country was expressed. The AGM ended with members wishing well to the new ISHHR Council.

Cultural Activities

The cultural program was built into the conference. During coffee breaks and lunch breaks, several different performers entertained the delegates. The official opening ceremony consisted of several speeches by stakeholders interlaced with folklore performers singing and dancing.

During the official dinner, a local band played and sang music throughout the night, creating a jovial and friendly party atmosphere with people dancing and joining in the fun.

Delegate bags also contained a detailed listing of cultural activities, a listing of events and sites recommended to visit while in Lima, as well as tourism highlights from further away. Tourist information had already been made available to delegates through the Conference website months before the event.

Closing

The closing ceremony started with feedback given to all delegates from the AGM and brief introduction of the new officers. Ms Juana Aide Huancahuari Paucar, who is an ethnic Qechua Peruvian MP, was invited to take part in the closing ceremony and made her speech about the reconciliation process and the meaning of ISHHR conference being held in Peru. The ceremony was followed with a summary of the conference where all stakeholders and participants were duly thanked by Jorge Aroche. Keynote speakers and workshop presenters were all presented with locally sourced gifts as a memory of this significant event and its welcoming host country.



IV. Program

Capacity Building Workshops

THURSDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2008

- 09:00-17:00 OUTCOME EVALUATION WORKSHOP:**
The challenge of conducting outcome evaluation studies for interventions with survivors of torture and other gross violations of human rights. By James M. Jaranson MD, MA. MPH and Jose Quiroga, MD.
- 09:00-17:00 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION WORKSHOP:**
Community consultations using "Storyboarding". From risk identification to appropriate, community driven responses. By Dr. Eileen Pittaway, Director of Centre for Refugee Research, University of New South Wales (UNSW).
- 09:00-17:00 HISTORICAL MEMORY WORKSHOP:**
Processes in the creation of historical memory as a contributing factor to the reconciliation process. When memories are still alive, they do not contemplate history... By Rosa Lia Chauca and Lilia Perez, Red para la Infancia y la Familia (REDINFIA).
- 09:00-13:00 CONTEXTUAL THINKING IN TREATMENT OF COMPLEX TRAUMA WORKSHOP:**
Intercultural perspectives on individual and collective strategies of making peace with own past. By Boris Droždek, MD, MA, Psychotrauma Centrum Zuid Nederland.
- 14:00-17:00 SOCIAL RECONSTRUCTION WORKSHOP:**
Overcoming barriers to social reconstruction in a divided community. By Dean Ajdukovic, Ph.D. and Dinka Corkalo Biruski, Ph.D, University of Zagreb.
- 09:00-17:00 NEUROFEEDBACK THERAPY WORKSHOP:**
Neurofeedback in Therapeutic work with Refugees Survivors of Torture and Trauma. By Sejla Tukelija, Mirjana Askovic and Jorge Aroche, NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS).
- 09:00-17:00 HELPING THE HELPERS WORKSHOP:**
Creative, Clinical and Organizational Approaches to mitigating secondary Stress and Trauma in the Workplace. By Amber Elizabeth Gray, MA, Restorative Resources Training & Consulting.
- 09:00-13:00 (continued) NEUROFEEDBACK THERAPY WORKSHOP:**
Neurofeedback in Therapeutic work with Refugees Survivors of Torture and Trauma. By Sejla Tukelija, Mirjana Askovic and Jorge Aroche, NSW Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS).
- 09:00-13:00 THERAPEUTIC WORKSHOPS:**
Therapeutic workshops as tools for group interventions. By Carlos Jibaja and Yovanna Pérez, Centro de Atención Psicosocial (CAPS).
- 17:00-18:00 ISHHR Regional Networking Meetings.**
- 18:00-onwards Official Opening Welcome and opening address followed by opening cocktails.**

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FRIDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2008

- 09:00-17:00 ISTANBUL PROTOCOL WORKSHOP:**
A practical guide to understanding and implementing the Istanbul Protocol. By Jose Quiroga, MD, Miriam Wernicke and Felicitas Treue, IRCT.
- 09:00-17:00 (continued) COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS WORKSHOP:**
Community consultations using "Storyboarding". From risk identification to appropriate, community driven responses. By Dr. Eileen Pittaway, Director of the Centre for Refugee Research (CRR) at University of New South Wales (UNSW).
- 09:00-09:30 Summary of the pre-conference workshops.**
- 09:30-10:30 Keynote Speech: Dr. Salomon Lerner Febres**
Ex-president of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Peru. Former rector of Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (PUCP)PERU
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee Break.**
- 11:00-11:45 Keynote Speech: Jesus Aliaga**
Executive Secretary in charge of follow-up of the recommendations of the Commission of the Truth and Reconciliation High-Level Multisector Commission (CMAN) PERU
- 11:45-12:30 Keynote Speech: Dr. Boris Droždek, MD, MA**
Psychiatrist HOLLAND
- 12:30-13:30 Lunch Break**
- 13:30-17:00 CONCURRENT SESSIONS**

Concurrent Sessions / Presentations

ROOM Ejecutivo II

Chair: Dean Ajdukovic

DEAN AJDUKOVIC

Croatia / Croacia. University of Zagreb

"Individual and community mental health after war: Implications for recovery and community mental health after war".

"Salud Mental Individual y Comunitaria después de la guerra: efectos en la recuperación".

MARC GELKOPF

Israel / University of Haifa

"A community home-based treatment model for traumatized families".

"Un modelo de tratamiento en casa comunitario para familias traumatizadas".

Coffee Break 15:00-15:30

PABLO HABIF

Argentina / EATIP

"Passing on transgenerational trauma of psychosocial origin".

"Transmisión transgeneracional del trauma de origen Psico-social".

ALA GOLDBLUM ELCZEWSKA

Denmark / Dinamarca - RCT

Refugees and families / Refugiados y familias.

ROOM Ejecutivo III

Chair: Cecilia Carranza

PATRICK O'LOUGHLIN

Norway / Noruega - Western Norway Violence and Trauma Resource Centre

"Support groups for refugee youths: Coping with life in a new country".

"Grupos de apoyo para jóvenes refugiados. Lidando con la vida en un nuevo país".

GUNILLA JARKMAN BJÖRN

Sweden / Suecia - Linköping University

"Psychological evaluation of refugee children with a play-diagnosis method in relation to symptoms".

"Evaluación Psicológica de niños y diagnósticos a través de métodos de juego en relaciones a sus síntomas".

BERNICE ELGER

Switzerland / Suiza- Geneva University - Center of Legal Medicine and Unity of Prison Medicine

"Mental health and human rights in places of detention: the Geneva experience".

"Salud Mental y DDHH en centros de detención; La experiencia Ginebra".

Coffee Break 15:00-15:30

CECILIA CARRANZA

Australia - STARTTS

"Short-term group intervention for newly arrived refugee children: Helping to rebuild children's lives after trauma".

"Intervención grupal de corto plazo para menores refugiados recién llegados: Asistir a la reconstrucción de la vida de menores después de experiencias traumáticas".

VILMA YARLEQUE

Peru - SUYASUN

"Psychosocial support methods for displaced women affected by political violence in Peru".

"Metodología de soporte psico-social con mujeres desplazadas afectadas por la violencia política en Perú".

ROOM Empresarial I

Chair: Lucy Marin

GRAZIA FAIETA

Nicaragua - Terra Nuova

"Integrated Project in the Fight Against HIV-AIDS Within Five Departments in Nicaragua."

"Proyecto Integrado de Lucha contra el VIH-SIDA en 5 Departamentos de Nicaragua".

LUCY MARIN

Australia - STARTTS

"As a group we do better": Twenty years of a Latin American Refugee Women's self-help group based on a systemic bio-psycho-social approach".

"Como grupo nos va mejor": veinte años de trabajo de auto ayuda con un grupo de mujeres latino americanas refugiadas, basado en un enfoque sistémico bio-psicosocial".

LEANNE MACMILLAN

UK / Reino Unido - Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture

"Where there is a right there is a remedy ... for some"

"Donde hay un derecho hay un remedio... para algunos"

Coffee Break 15:00-15:30

ELLIE SMITH

UK / Reino Unido - Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture

"Where there is a right there is a remedy ... for some"

"Donde hay un derecho hay un remedio... para algunos"

MÓNICA MIRAVAL

Perú - Movimiento JATARISHUM

"MEMORY AND MENTAL HEALTH: Historical memory case in the San Antonio de Padua community, in the Huanuco Province".

"MEMORIA Y SALUD MENTAL: Una experiencia de memoria histórica en la comunidad de San Antonio de Padua - Huánuco".



ROOM Empresarial II

Chair: Sejla Tukelija

HAKON STENMARK

Norway / Noruega - Centre on violence, traumatic stress and suicide prevention Mid-Norway

"Preliminary results from a randomized controlled trial comparing narrative exposure therapy to treatment as usual in traumatized refugees".

"Resultados Preliminares de una prueba aleatoria controlada que compara la terapia de exposición narrativa con el tratamiento usual de refugiados traumatizados".

JOAN SIMALCHIK

Canada / Canadá - University of Toronto Mississauga

"Development of Psychosocial Services for Refugee Survivors of War, Torture and Organized Violence in Canada".

"Avances en Canadá de los Servicios Psico-sociales para refugiados sobrevivientes de guerra, tortura y violencia organizada".

YAYA DE ANDRADE

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"Development of Psychosocial Services for Refugee Survivors of War, Torture and Organized Violence in Canada".

"Avances en Canadá de los Servicios Psico-sociales para refugiados sobrevivientes de guerra, tortura y violencia organizada".

Coffee Break 15:00-15:30

MONTSERRAT OLIVERA

Argentina - EATIP

"Repression and impunity, yesterday and today. Social response".

"Represión e impunidad de ayer y de hoy. Respuesta Social".

HELEN MC CALL

Denmark / Dinamarca - IRCT

"The Global Project on Mental Health"

"El proyecto global sobre salud mental"

ROOM Empresarial III

Chair: Rosa Lia Chauca

ULRIK JØRGENSEN

Denmark / Dinamarca - OASIS - Treatment and Counselling for Refugees

"ICF for traumatised refugees".

"ICF para refugiados traumatizados".

COLLEEN MCFARLANE

Australia - Foundation House

"Direct Services for Survivors of Torture and Trauma: Preliminary Evidence about Service Delivery Outcomes for Clients".

"Servicios directos para sobrevivientes de tortura y trauma: Evidencia preliminar sobre resultados de servicios entregados a clientes".

MARTHA CASTAÑEDA

ADIFA - PASMI - Apurimac

"Acompañamiento Psicosocial con niños y adolescentes afectados por el conflicto armado interno".

"Psychosocial support with children and adolescents affected by internal armed conflict".

Coffee Break 15:00-15:30

ROSA LÍA CHAUCA & GISELA ORTIZ

Peru - REDINFA

"Psycho judicial strategies for dealing with human Rights violations cases".

"Estrategias de intervención psico-jurídica en los casos de violaciones a derechos humanos".

KELSEY FAGAN

USA / Estados Unidos - Creativity for Peace Camp

"Creativity for Peace".

"Creatividad para la Paz".

OLGA ALICIA PAZ

Guatemala - ECAP

"Mujeres y torturas sexuales en Guatemala".

"Women and sexual torture in Guatemala".

ROOM Sol De Oro

Chair: Jorge Aroche

MIRJANA ASKOVIC

Australia - STARTTS

"Neurofeedback in Therapeutic work with Refugees & Survivors of Torture and Trauma".

"Neurofeedback: Trabajo terapéutico con refugiados y sobrevivientes de tortura y trauma".

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Coffee Break 15:00-15:30

Chair: Lili Avensur

JEIMY MARTINEZ AMAYA

Colombia - Comisión Nacional de Reparación y Reconciliación e Alianza
Iniciativa de Mujeres Colombianas por la Paz-IMP
Reparation / Reparación.

LILI AVENSUR FELIX

Peru - Terra Nuova

"Amazonia - indigenous communities and economic, social and cultural
rights".

"Amazonía, pueblos indígenas y derechos económicos, sociales y
culturales".

PIERO CONFALONIERI

Peru - Terra Nuova

"Indigenous human resources training in Intercultural health".

"Formación de recursos humanos indígenas en Salud Intercultural".

7:30 - Onwards - Official Dinner

SUNDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2008

09:00-13:00 CONCURRENT SESSION

ROOM Ejecutivo II

Chair: Lachlan Murdoch

MIKLOS BIRO

Serbia - University of Novilad

"Which coping strategies are most effective in the prevention of PTSD?".

"Cuales son las estrategias mas efectivas en la prevención de PTSD".

ELIOMARA LAVARE DIAZ

Honduras - Centro de Prevención Tratamiento y Rehabilitación de las imas
de la Tortura y sus Familiares

"Mental health within prisons" / "Salud mental en el contexto carcelario".

HANDE KARAKILIÇ

Turkey / Turquía - Psychiatric Association of Turkey

Commentary - development and training of police / Comentario - Desarrollo de
capacitación / entrenamiento Policial.

Coffee Break 10:30-11:00

Chair: Carmen Aldana

NOORIA MEHRABY

Australia - STARTTS

"Psychotherapy with Islamic Clients Facing Loss and Grief".

"Psicoterapia con clientes islámicos que enfrentan pérdida y duelo".

ROLF VARDAL

Norway / Noruega - Resource Centre on Violence, Traumatic Stress and
Suicide Prevention

"Physiotherapy as a part of restoration of a traumatized individual".

"Fisioterapia como parte de la rehabilitación de un individuo traumatizado".

PILAR RAFFO

Peru - Centro de Atención Psico-social (CAPS)

"The horror of torture: The horror of the therapist".

"El horror de la tortura: el horror del terapeuta".

ROOM Ejecutivo III

Chair: Mirjana Askovic

KARIN GRIESE

Germany - Medica Mondiale

"Support strategies for women affected by war-related sexualized
violence".

"Estrategias de apoyo para mujeres afectadas por violencia sexual
relacionada con la guerra".

BLANCA MERINO VÁSQUEZ

Perú - REDINFA

"Un secreto a Voces" / "Open secrets".

JACQUI INTURIAS

Bolivia - Infante, Promoción Integral de la Mujer y la Infancia

"Social Perceptions of teenage pregnancy from the point of vie of the
Education system (schools), health, religion, the law, and the incidence
among young women".

"Percepción social del embarazo adolescente desde la perspectiva del
área educativa (colegios), salud, religión, área legal y su incidencia en las
mujeres jóvenes".

COFFEE BREAK 10:30-11:00



Chair: Loes van Willigen

NAGIB NAGM ELDIN HASSAN

Sudan - Amel Center for Treatment and Rehabilitation of Victims of Torture

"Amel Center in fighting against Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in Darfur".

"La batalla de Centro Amel contra el desorden de estrés post traumático en Darfur".

THEODORA SUBYANTORO

Indonesia - ICMC

"Psychosocial Community Based Intervention in Conflict Affected Population".

"Intervenciones psico-sociales basadas en la comunidad en poblaciones afectadas por el conflicto".

MIRJAM STRAUB ORTIZ

Switzerland / Suiza - University of Zurich

"Concepts of illness and treatment expectations in traumatized migrants".

"Conceptos de enfermedad y expectativas de tratamiento en migrantes traumatizados".

ARELY ALVARADO

Honduras - Centro de Prevención, Tratamiento y Rehabilitación a personas víctimas de la Tortura y sus Familiares

Developments in treatments / Desarrollo de tratamientos.

ROOM Empresarial I

Chair: Mariano Coello

CHURCHILL OHAETO IBENECHÉ

Nigeria - Consulting Centre for Constitutional Rights and Justice

"Achieving reparation, healing and justice: Lessons from the Nigeria Truth and Reconciliation Commission (Opota Panel) and Law Courts".

"Logrando reparación, sanación y justicia: Lecciones de la Comisión de la Verdad y Reconciliación de Nigeria (Panel Opota) y Cortes de Justicia".

VIVIANA VALZ GEN

Perú - Terra Nuova

Grupo de Trabajo de Salud Mental de la Coordinadora Nacional de Derechos Humanos.

"Mental Health legislation in a post CVR context".

"Una ley de salud mental, en el contexto del post CVR".

ISABEL BALBIN, VARINA MARTINEZ, ELIZABETH DEL VILLAR

Peru - Red de Salud Huamanga, Ayacucho

"Acompañamiento Psicosocial en procesos de exhumación".

"Psychosocial support in exhumation processes".

RASHID AHMED

South Africa - University of Western Cape

Psychological healing in post war Societies. Lessons from Sierra Leone.

Sanearamiento Psicológico en sociedades post guerra. Lecciones de Sierra Leone.

Coffee Break 10:30-11:00

AMANA AYOUB

USA - Center for Survivors of Torture

"Very Bad Things: Untreated Trauma and Self-Medication in Former Soldiers / Survivors of Genocide".

"Cosas muy malas: Trauma sin tratamiento y automedicación en ex combatientes / sobrevivientes de genocidio".

GWYNETH OVERLAND

Norway

"Interviewing Survivors of the Khmer Rouge in Norway and Cambodia".

"Entrevistas a sobrevivientes del Khmer Rouge en Noruega y Cambodia".

ANNAMARIA SILVA-SAAVEDRA

Peru - Servicio Civil para la Paz (ZFD)

"Epidemiological research among communities damaged by violence. Chuschi study"

"Hacer investigación epidemiológica en comunidades dañadas por la violencia. Un estudio en Chuschi".

ROOM Empresarial II

Chair: Carmen Wurst

SANDRA SALCEDO ARNAIZ

Peru - EPU

"Ethical considerations to think and work for peace".

"Consideraciones éticas para pensar y trabajar por la paz".

CARMEN WURST CALLE

Peru - Centro de Atención Psico-social (CAPS)

"Unique Register of Victims. Challenges from a Psychosocial point of view".

"El Registro Único de Víctimas Desafíos desde el enfoque psico-social".

Coffee Break 10:30-11:30

VICTORIA PAREJA

Peru - CAPS

"Psychosocial perspective of experiencing justice".

"Perspectiva Psico-social de la experiencia de Justicia".

RAÚL CALDERÓN AMORETTI

Peru - REDINFA - Red para la Infancia y la familia

"Need and importance of psychosocial support during exhumation process".

"Necesidad e Importancia del Acompañamiento Psico-social en procesos de exhumación".

TERESA DREMETSİKAS

Canadá - Canadian Centre for Victims of Torture

"Truth and reconciliation as tools in the recovery process of survivors of torture and / or organized violence".

"La verdad y reconciliación como herramientas en el proceso de recuperación de sobrevivientes de tortura y/o violencia organizada".

YUDI SALAZAR

Peru - ODEH / CAPS / MINSA

*"From darkness to the awakening of life".**"De la oscuridad al despertar de la vida".***ROOM Empresarial III****Chair: Amber Gray****MARTHA STORNAIUOLO CROSBY**

Peru - Centro de Atención Psico-social (CAPS)

*"The concept of 'victim' and its implications in community and psychosocial work".**"El concepto de víctima y sus implicaciones en el trabajo psico-social y comunitario".***JOSÉ VERA GÓMEZ**

Paraguay - ATYHA

*"Light charges: A form of human rights abuse on the part of the authorities/ the State, with serious consequences on mental health".**"IMPUTACIÓN LIGERA: Una forma de violación de los Derechos Humanos por parte de las autoridades del estado, con graves consecuencias para la salud mental".***RIVE ZULEMA CALLEJAS GUZMÁN**

Bolivia - ITEI

*"Psychosocial impact of racism and discrimination".**"Impacto psico-social del racismo y la discriminación".***Coffee Break 10:30-11:00****Chair: Yenny Lloret de Fernandez****OSCAR GOMEZ CORDOBA**

Colombia - AVRE

*"Acompañamiento psicosocial y atención en salud mental a víctimas de violencia política".**"Psychosocial Support and mental health services for victims of political violence".***DINKA CORKALO BIRUSKI**

Croatia / Croacia - University of Zagreb

*"It matters how much it hurts: the role of trauma in community social reconstruction".**"Importa cuanto duele: el rol del trauma en la reconstrucción de la comunidad".***NOORIA MEHRABY**

Australia - STARTTS

*"Psychosocial impact of war on terror on Muslims resettling in Australia: Isolation versus Integration".**"Impacto psico-social de la guerra del terror sobre musulmanes reubicados en Australia. Aislamiento versus integración".***YENNY LLORET DE FERNÁNDEZ**

Peru - Centro de Atención Psico-social (CAPS)

*"After the Truth Commission: The psycho judicial contribution to the defense of human rights".**"Post Comisión de la Verdad: El aporte psico-jurídico en la defensa de los derechos humanos".***ROOM Sol De Oro****Chair: Jim Jaranson****TESANIA VELÁSQUEZ**

Peru - Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú

*"Public policy in mental health: achievements and gaps".**"Políticas públicas en salud mental: logros y vacíos".***LUIS RAMOS RUGIERO**

Sweden / Suecia - Swedish Association of Health and Human Rights

*"A model for the primary assessments to identify mental health risks among asylum seekers in Stockholm, Sweden".**"Un modelo de atención primaria para identificar factores de riesgo en salud mental en solicitantes de asilo en Estocolmo, Suecia".***JAVIER CHARRY**

Sweden - Swedish Association of Health and Human Rights

*"A model for the primary assessments to identify mental health risks among asylum seekers in Stockholm, Sweden".**"Un modelo de atención primaria para identificar factores de riesgo en salud mental en solicitantes de asilo en Estocolmo, Suecia".***NORA SVEAASS**

Norway - UN Committee Against Torture (OHCHR)

*"Mental health in newly arrived asylum seekers in Norway".**"Salud mental de solicitantes de asilo en Noruega".***Coffee Break 10:00-11:30****Chair: Nora Sveaass****MARCELO FLORES TORRICO**

Bolivia - ITEI Instituto de Terapia e Investigación sobre las Secuelas de la Tortura y la Violencia de Estado.

*"ITEI work for the implementation of the facultative protocol against torture and the creation of a law against torture and mistreatment".**"El trabajo del ITEI para la implementación del protocolo facultativo contra la tortura y en la elaboración de una ley contra la tortura y los malos tratos".***JASNA ZEČEVIĆ**

Bosnia & Herzegovina - Vive Žene, Center for Therapy and Rehabilitation

*"Contextual psychosocial approach in rehabilitation program of Vive Žene Centre".**"Enfoque de Contexto Psicosocial del Programa de rehabilitación del Centro Vive Žene".*

MARTHA NUBIA BELLO**Colombia - Universidad Nacional de Colombia***"Impunity and justice in the grieving process of victims of political violence".**"La impunidad y la justicia en los procesos de duelo de las víctimas de la violencia política".***RUTH KRISTAL DE BURSTEIN****Peru - Centro de Atención Psico-social (CAPS)***"The importance of participating as an expert witness in the emotional consequences during a human rights violations trial".**"Importancia de participar como testigo "experto" en secuelas emocionales en un juicio de violaciones de Derechos Humanos".***13:00-14:00 Lunch****14:00-14:45 Keynote Speech: Sekai Holland**Senate Leader of MDC and Secretary
for Policy and Research (Ideology),
Parliament of Zimbabwe**14:45-15:00 Coffee Break****15:00-15:45 Keynote Speech: Dr. Eileen Pittaway**Director of the Centre for Refugee Research,
University of New South Wales, AUSTRALIA**15:45-16:30 INTERACTIVE PLENNARY****16:30-17:30 Closing Ceremony**

Despite these limitations, the international representation at the Conference was admirable. There were representatives from Argentina, Australia, Bolivia, Bosnia, Canada, Colombia, Croatia, Denmark, Germany, Guatemala, Holland, Honduras, Israel, Indonesia, Mexico, Nicaragua, Norway, Paraguay, Peru, Serbia, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, UK, USA and Zimbabwe.

A total of 40 scholarships were funded, of which 17 were for delegates outside of Peru.

A total of five delegates from Zimbabwe were almost fully funded by the Government of New Zealand through its NZAid program. Two delegates from the region (one from Bolivia, the other from Guatemala) were financed by Copeinca Peru, a Spanish fishing company with a large operations base in Peru. All other delegates were subsidized through funds raised by Friends of STARTTS.

Further financial support was given by the Government of the Netherlands, who liaised with the Local Organizing Committee in Lima, and directly incurred some of the costs of running the conference in Peru.

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V. Conference Financial Figures

Finances and Subsidies

Financing the 8th International Conference was an enormous challenge. As reported by former ISHHR president Mrs. Nora Sveaass during the General Assembly, there were no funds left over from the previous Conference, so the ISHHR Council had to tackle the task of fund raising for the conference.

Increasingly difficult financial circumstances around the world made it harder to fundraise. Financial constraints meant that the number of delegates who could be subsidized was smaller than desired. The distance most delegates had to travel from their home country to Peru in South America meant that most travel required a lot of time, complex visa requests and substantial amounts of money for airfares. Furthermore, Peru was hosting the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Forum, which saw an increase in accommodation prices.

15-18 October 2008		
	FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT (US\$)
FOS : Friends of STARTTS (Service for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors)		
ORGANISATION, ADMINISTRATION AND EVENT MANAGEMENT FEE	FOS	20,000.00
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS	FOS	16,000.00
WORKSHOP PRESENTERS	FOS	7,420.00
VENUE and LOCAL EXPENSES	Dutch Embassy, Peru	60,000.00
STARTTS TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION COSTS	FOS/SSWAHS	28,000.00
INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS/ SUBSIDIES	FOS	50,000.00
Scholarships Zimbabwe	New Zealand Aid	20,050.00
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL EVENTS	Dutch Embassy, Peru	8,000.00
Psychevisual Joint Project	FOS	10,000.00
SPONSORSHIPS	STARTTS, FOS	10,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES		229,470.00

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