

# **FINAL REPORT**

## **SEMINARS**

### ***“JUDICIAL TRAINING ON ENVIRONMENTAL LAW”***

#### ***DESIGNED FOR JUDGES OF THE PARAGUAYAN DEPARTMENTS OF ÑEEMBUCU, ITAPÚA & ALTO PARANÁ***

#### **➤ GENERAL INFORMATION**

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The Judicial Training on Environmental Law designed for Magistrates of the Paraguayan Judicial Districts of Ñeembucú, Itapúa and Alto Paraná, were carried out in three consecutive days, in the cities of Pilar (Ñeembucú), Encarnacion (Itapúa) and Ciudad del Este (Alto Paraná), on the 14th, 15th and 16th of March 2005, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

The Supreme Court of Justice supported the event by inviting and urging the Magistrates to attend, and by facilitating the use of conference rooms at each location.

#### **➤ ATTENDANTS**

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The Seminars were designed for judicial magistrates of the Districts of Ñeembucú, Itapúa and Alto Paraná, with the main goal of supporting the strengthening of the judicial administration in the environmental area. Nevertheless, given the interest aroused in each of the communities, other judicial staff also attended, as well as Prosecutors, staff from the Prosecutors' offices, and police officers.

Although we did expect an optimum level of acceptance of the Seminars, the result largely exceeded our expectations.

#### **List of Participants per Location:**

	<b>PILAR 14 de Marzo</b>	<b>ENCARNACIÓN 15 de Marzo de 2005</b>	<b>CIUDAD DEL ESTE 16 de Marzo de 2005</b>
1.	Rubén Franco	Enrique González	Silvia Cuevas
2.	Adelaida Servián	Sonia Arce	Carlos Balmaceda
3.	Carlos Torres	Luis García	César Centurión
4.	Rubén Morínigo	Alejandro Paszniuk	Nilda de Camarasa
5.	Waldemar Ortiz	Luis Jiménez	Cantalicio Avalos
6.	Simeona Solís Muñoz	María Lapierre de Escobar	Marta Acosta
7.	Rosa Dejesús	Celia Jacobs	Graciela Flores
8.	María del Carmen Zorrilla	Diana Scoschie	Noemí de Couchonnal
9.	José Insfrán Russo	Zully Aca	Isidro González
10.	Charles Duré	Nora Ramírez	Wilfrido Vázquez
11.	Jorge Vázquez	Pablo González	Graciela Panza
12.	Emiliano Barreto	Gloria Domínguez	Carmen Barrio
13.	José Rolón	Eladio Balbuena	Derlis Rodríguez
14.	Rosalinda Guens	José Bustamante	Graciela Ovelar
15.	Teresita Martínez	Maria Wapenka	Delsy Cardozo
16.	Laura Cascodos	Carolina Lapierre	Miguel Maidana
17.	Arturo Gutiérrez	Luis Florentín	Ismael Vera
18.	César Sánchez	Estela Maqueda	Norma de Martínez
19.	Félix Muzzochi	Libia Centurión	Manuel Trinidad
20.	Federico Solano López	Liliana Galeano	Alha García de Zúñiga
21.	Carlos Cabral	Gloria Estragó	Otros participantes
22.	Freddy Gutiérrez	Jacqueline Velázquez	Marino Méndez
23.	Victor Encina	Jerónimo Ortiz	Oscar Alfonso
24.	Beneando Jiménez	Susana Fedoruk	Miguel Quena
25.	David Cabral	Angelina Vera	Maria Luisa Añazco
26.	Mónica de Cabral	Francisco Aranda	Delio González
27.	Ramona Ramírez Vda. De Cabral	Natalia Wilcke	Felipe Medina
28.	Benita Duarte	Libia Centurión	Anibal Riveros
29.	Sonia Arce	Victor Lugo	Julia Cardozo
30.	Carolina DeFelice	Liliana Galeano	Carlos Jiménez
31.	Luis Villalba	Mónica Benítez	Crescensio Bernardes
32.	Edgar Paredes	José Caballero	María Cabañas
33.	Graciela Luján	Jorge Munsoff	Rubén Rodríguez
34.	Rilsi Pérez	Victoriano Vazquez	Martín Avalos
35.	Wilma Acuña	Raquel DelPuerto	Peggy del Puerto
36.	Irma Benítez	Lucía Escobar	Ramón Flecha
37.	Francisco Velazco	Roque Zinke	Troadio Galeano
38.	Justino Marecos	Walter Lugo	Sandra Martínez
39.	Francisco Encina	Lilian Ramírez	Jorgelina Melgarejo
40.	Maria del Pilar Torres	Eva Lapierre	Derlis Villalba
41.	Marcelo Ocampo	Carmen Acuña	
42.	Rosa Sánchez	Salvador Benítez	
43.	Miriam Rivas	Nery Godoy	
44.	Jorge Encina	Juan Garcete	
45.	Olga Ozuna	Rolando San Martín	
46.	Gustavo Ramírez	Marizabel Candia	
47.	Pedro Fossati	Marcela Escobar Lapierre	
48.	Susana Ortiz	Lucía Escobar Lapierre	
49.	Myriam de Formichelli	Alejandro Escobar	
50.	Ma. Gilda Quintana	Luis Haurón	
51.	Héctor Carrasco		
52.	Rosalina Genes		
53.	Francisco Díaz		
54.	Julián Cano		
55.	Juan Ghiringhelli		
56.	Higinio Rojas		
57.	Hugo Encina		

We consider this activity to have been very successful, and we look forward to the possibility of implementing similar activities in other locations soon.

As for the participants' evaluation, both the contents and the development of the Seminars at all 3 locations were enthusiastically approved.

Most expressed the need to receive more training events like this, keeping in mind the importance of a broader knowledge of the national environmental framework for a better resolution of the different conflicts that arrive to Judicial Instance. Many mentioned they would ideally want the trainings to be lengthier (2 days or more) in order to be able to raise more issues on particular cases that arise in their communities.

The potential impacts are enormous, considering the capacity building of the Judiciary is the angular stone of a sound justice delivery system. An effective and efficient system of enforcement is vital to stop the accelerated process of environmental degradation. The situation is particularly serious in the developing world, which holds most of the planet's biodiversity.

➤ **THE AGENDA AND THE PRESENTERS**



*Corte Suprema de Justicia*

**Agenda – Seminars on Enforcement of the Environmental Legislation for Judges  
Pilar, March 14, 2005 // Encarnación, March 15, 2005 // Ciudad del Este, March 16, 2005**

<b>Timetable</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
08:00 – 08:15	Registration of Participants	
08:15 – 08:30	Welcoming Words	<b>Cristina Cano</b> – IDEA’s Legal Staff
08:30 – 09:15	International Environmental Law. Present trends. Incorporation in the national judicial systems.	<b>Larry Sperling</b> Senior Advisor, Bureau of Oceans, Environment and Science, U.S. Department of State
09:15 – 10:00	The Environment in the Paraguayan Constitution. Environmental Law as a Human Right: San José de Costa Rica Pact and San Salvador Protocol.	<b>Ricardo Merlo &amp; Ezequiel Santagada</b> Lawyer, Environmental Crimes Prosecutor // Lawyer, IDEA’s Legal Staff
10:00 – 10:15	Coffee break	
10:15 – 10:45	Paraguayan Environmental Institutions. Competence, Legislation	<b>Enrique Cañiza</b> Lawyer, IDEA’s Legal Staff
10:45 – 12:00	Environmental Protection through Criminal Law. Criminal responsibility. Case Studies.	<b>Ricardo Merlo</b> Lawyer, Environmental Crimes Prosecutor
12:00 – 14:00	Lunch Recess	
14:00 – 15:30	Liability for environmental damage: Antijuridicity. Class Act in environmental defense: Jurisprudence.	<b>Andrés Nápoli</b> Lawyer, Director of the Citizens’ Participation Area FARN – Fundación Ambiente y Recursos Naturales; Buenos Aires, Argentina.
15:30: 16:00	Q & A	
16:00	Conclusion	