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A presentation at a training seminar on human rights issues in Lima, Perú

Between the 19th and the 22nd of November EAAF member Alejandro Inchaurregui took part in the Second Training Seminar for Human Rights Activists in Lima, Perú. The seminar was organized by the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) and the Association for Human Rights (APRODEH), a Peruvian non-governmental organization. The event was intended to help local human rights workers become more familiar with each other's work and issues, and to provide them with an opportunity to learn from the experiences and methods of human rights groups in other countries.

The first seminar took place in April 1998 and was attended only by Peruvians. The second seminar involved 40 human rights activists in the country's capital and interior, and four foreign participants. The latter included Ignacio Espinoza (Judges for Democracy, Spain), Ranoth Ochaeta (Human Rights Office of the Archbishop of Guatemala), Fabio Serna (Interdenominational Commission on Justice and Peace, Colombia), and Inchaurregui.

The seminar began with a press conference, and continued with presentations and workshops. Because the activists who participated are all directly involved with local cases of human rights violations, the discussions tended to be more practical than theoretical, focusing on examples of human rights cases.

FIDH and APRODEH are planning to expand this initiative to Colombia and Mexico during 1999, holding a seminar in each of the three countries during the year.