

## **INFORMATION LITERACY WORKSHOP: TRAINING THE TRAINERS**

**Lima, January 22-24, 2009**

### **CONCLUSIONS**

**The Information Literacy Workshop: Training the Trainers, promoted by UNESCO and organized by the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, took place in Lima from 22 - 24 January of 2009. Dr. Gloria Ponjuán Dante and Dr. Jesús Lau Noriega, were the principal expert facilitators, and Dr. Albert K. Boekhorst, represented UNESCO as a co-proposer of the Information Literacy training project , involving eleven workshops which took place, one each in all of the main regions of the world.**

**The opening ceremony was attended by Dr. Krzysztof Makowski, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Human Sciences, Dr. Elena Valdiviezo, Dean of the Faculty of Education, Dr. Pepi Patron, Head of the Humanities Department, and Dr. Katherine Müller-Marin, UNESCO representative in Peru.**

**Forty five participants from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Perú and Venezuela updated their knowledge and competencies, and exchanged experiences and “best practices” on different aspects of Information Literacy and its applications. The working sessions, conducted in a highly motivated atmosphere that reflected a willingness to learn, and a desire to apply what was learned to practical real life applications.**

**The Workshop program included two introductory conferences which were delivered by Dr. Gloria Ponjuan at the beginning of each day. Working sessions were then conducted by Dr. Jesus Lau, who, additionally, provided the option to do practical exercises on a virtual platform a week before the Workshop started; participants also received support material that was used during the sessions.**

**Within the program two organization-specific presentations were included. One concerned activities of The World Bank in the knowledge, information and training areas and was delivered by Ms. Sandra Arzubia. The other presentation concerned the role of the Peruvian state in the creation of capabilities for the Information Society and was presented by Mr. Mario Camara from the Presidency of the Ministries Council.**

**At the end of the Workshop different recommendations for future actions were proposed, to be developed and customized by each country to fit their particular circumstances and needs. It was also proposed to implement these actions both on campus and through distance learning modalities. Participants also formulated a “Lima Declaration” document, summarizing their main thoughts about Information Literacy, and embodying their recommendations concerning future actions, expressing their thanks to UNESCO, the host University, the Organizing Committee and to the expert-presenters.**

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