

Workshop on International Law 2010

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The Tenth Workshop on International Law, a yearly event organized by the OAS Department of International Law of the Secretariat for Legal Affairs, **took place on 2-5 February 2010**. This year the Workshop was held in San Jose, Costa Rica, at the headquarters of the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights, which gave all their support for this activity.

The objective of this annual event is to bring together a group of professors of international law from the entire region to foster the discussion of current issues in the field, as well as matters related to the teaching of international law in universities throughout the Hemisphere. The Workshops are held as part of the Inter-American Program for the Development of International Law (**AG/RES. 2503 (XXXIX-O/09)**), of which the Department of International Law has been responsible for its implementation since 1997.

This year, more than 24 distinguished professors and specialists from different countries and universities of the region and Europe, as well as OAS General Secretariat personnel, attended the event. Noteworthy among these were professors from the Anglo-Caribbean region, professors from Latin America, professors from Spain, professors from the United States, as well as professors from the host country, Costa Rica (see list of participants).

Some of the topics addressed during the event were democracy in the Inter-American System, current developments in private international law, the teaching of international law, current issues in human rights, new developments in the jurisprudence of the International Court of Justice, among others. (See the program of the event.)

The Workshop offered simultaneous interpretation services, which made it possible for professors from English speaking countries to participate actively. This, in turn, enabled a rich dialogue among representatives from different legal systems.

It is expected that participants in the Workshop, aside from establishing an important regional network, will adopt strategies for introducing certain topics related to the Inter-American System into the curricula of their respective educational institutions, and also, that they make efforts to implement, if possible, specific proposals made during the Workshop for teaching international law in the region.