

IDSC Meets with CERESIS

IRIS's International Development Seismology Committee (IDSC) met jointly with national representatives to Centro Regional de Sismología para América del Sur (CERESIS) in Lima, Peru, during October. This was the second meeting of the IDSC, which the Board of Directors charged last year to “develop partnerships and collaborations that build infrastructure and human capacity in low- and middle-income countries for seismological and related research, education and training, hazard mitigation, and resource exploration.”

The joint meeting with CERESIS was an opportunity to learn more about recent developments in South America, which extend across virtually the entire continent. Opportunities for U.S.-based seismologists to collaborate are growing thanks partly to new broadband networks planned in Chile and Ecuador; a new pool of portable instruments in Brazil; and network modernization initiatives in Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, Peru, and the Caribbean Sea region.

The joint meeting also helped to spread the word widely about IRIS's intention to partner with organizations in developing countries in order to implement mutually beneficial projects that might be funded by U.S. AID or international development banks. Project concepts that were discussed at the meeting include post-doctoral projects focusing on research that could benefit the host agencies in South America, and short courses that could lead to collaborative research projects applying new processing methodologies developed for USArray to data from analogous deployments in South America. ■



IRIS participants at the IDSC at the meeting in Lima were (front row) Susan Beck, Anne Meltzer, Olga Cabello, (back row) Eric Sandvol, Ray Willemann, Sergio Barrientos, and Art Lerner-Lam. IDSC members Noel Barstow, Karen Fischer, and Andy Nyblade were not able to attend.