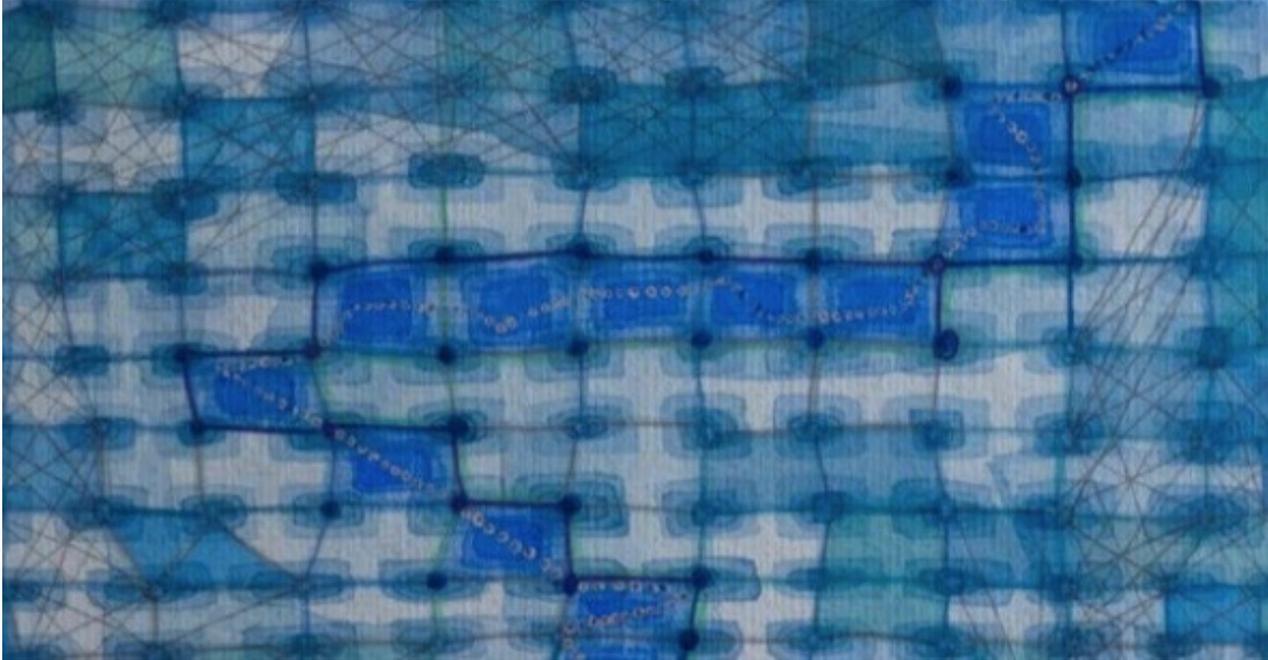




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The Regional Office (RO), now in its 14th year, had another successful year. During 2015–16, the RO welcomed 82 Harvard graduate and undergraduate students to various programs in the region. Through the Summer Internship Programs in Argentina, Chile, Colombia and Peru, 25 undergraduates participated in internships in diverse fields such as education, human rights, and engineering. Simultaneously, the Health Summer Programs in Chile and Colombia offered 14 undergraduates pre-medical and global health experiences in diverse areas of the local healthcare systems. In January 2016, 34 Harvard graduate and undergraduate students enriched their academic experience abroad through exceptional experiential learning programs, as well as collaborative field courses, led by the following faculty members in Chile and Peru: Thomas Bossert (HSPH), Judith Palfrey (HMS), Pavlos Protopapas (SEAS), and Chad Vecitis (SEAS).

In collaboration with the Consortium for Advanced Studies Abroad (CASA), a non-profit consortium of nine U.S. universities, DRCLAS spearheaded the development of two new semester-length CASA programs in Argentina and Chile. Existing term-time study abroad programs in Santiago and Buenos Aires will be modified and opened to students from member institutions. With more than 10 years of experience running term-time study abroad programs, the RO will welcome the first cohort of eight CASA students in July 2016.

During the academic year, the RO sponsored more than 25 academic events in the region, involving more than 15 Harvard faculty members, who traveled to Argentina, Chile, Colombia and Peru, to develop institutional collaborations and academic exchanges, lead conferences, and launch publications on crucial topics, ranging from city resilience after natural disasters to business history in Peru. In October, the RO, Museo Marítimo Nacional (MMN), Corporación Patrimonio Marítimo de Chile, and

Fundación Mar de Chile organized the conference Antarctica and Climate Change, led by Professor James McCarthy. David Ellis, former Interim Director of the Harvard Museum of Natural History, ran a workshop with Professor McCarthy in preparation of the creation of the Antarctic wing at MMN in Valparaíso. Professor McCarthy is collaborating in an ambitious plan for a museum in the Chilean Antarctica, including Chilean and Harvard students participating in field trips to engage a new generation of worldwide scientists to carry on the work of today's experts.

This past January in Cartagena, Colombia, Professors Steve Seidel and James Honan of the Harvard Graduate School of Education (HGSE) led a talk on the power of arts education in creating social change, as part of the tenth Annual Cartagena Music Festival and the academic programming of the Social Integration through the Arts (SITA) initiative. Led by DRCLAS, in collaboration with the Arts in Education Program at HGSE, the initiative started with the seminar Cultural Entrepreneurship and Social Integration through the Arts, which took place at Harvard in May 2015. The event brought together Harvard faculty and prominent cultural leaders from Chile, Colombia and the United States. As a long-term initiative, SITA aims to strengthen efforts across Latin America, with support of Harvard faculty and students, to improve educational outcomes and enrich the quality of life in communities through engagement with the arts.

This year's Pritzker Prize in Architecture was awarded to longtime DRCLAS friend and GSD Visiting Professor Alejandro Aravena, for his work and iconic public housing program, ELEMENTAL. This effort began with a grant from DRCLAS and received crucial support from the RO. "Those who trusted us when we had nothing to show are the ones that we feel really grateful to," wrote Mr. Aravena. The

transcendence and recognition of his work exemplify the impact of the Center in the region. Last December, John Davies, President and CEO of the Baton Rouge Area Foundation and DRCLAS Advisory Committee member; Edmund Giering, General Counsel of the Baton Rouge Area Foundation; and Tim Carruthers, Director of Coastal Ecology at the Water Institute of the Gulf, visited the communities served by the DRCLAS Recupera Chile Project, now in its fifth year. While in Chile, they had the opportunity to get to know and understand in-depth various community-recovery projects, such as Granjeros del Mar, and explore potential future collaborations.

Two new initiatives were launched in 2016. First, the new Harvard- Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez (UAI) Collaborative Research Fund Program aims to strengthen connections between UAI and Harvard faculty through research and educational grants around technology, innovation and design. Second, the new agreement between the RO and Argentina's Mundo Sano, the non-profit subsidiary of INSUD, aims to develop faculty-led initiatives to address the growing problem of neglected diseases in collaboration with faculty, students and staff from across the University.

As part of his mission to advance Harvard's international academic initiatives and extend the University's global reach, Harvard's new Vice Provost for International Affairs Mark C. Elliott, visited Peru in March and Chile in June. While in Lima, he met with DRCLAS Advisory Committee Chair Tony Custer, local leaders, Harvard alumni and the academic community. In Santiago, he visited the RO and met with RO Advisory Group members, Harvard students participating in DRCLAS summer and study abroad programs, RO project collaborators, RO staff, and local Harvard alumni. During his visit, Mark Elliott also led a talk, moderated by former HKS Professor Andrés Velasco, on the current state of the University and its global strategy. For further information: <http://ro.drclas.harvard.edu/>

OUR THANKS: DRCLAS is deeply grateful to the Luksic family for their great generosity supporting our core activities and contributing to more than a decade of success. We also would like to thank Drs. Hugo Sigman and Silvia Gold for the new Harvard-Mundo Sano partnership; Eduardo Hochschild for his commitment to the Harvard-UTEC initiative; and Doug Ahlers for his constant support to the Recupera Chile Project, as well as John Davies and the Baton Rouge Area Foundation for their support to the aforementioned project. Special thanks also go to Jaime and Raquel Gilinski and Jaime Urrutia Montoya for their support to the Social Integration through the Arts Initiative.

We are also thankful to Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez for the new faculty grant program and to León Larraín and Baker & McKenzie Ltda. Abogados for their endless guidance and support. Our deepest gratitude also goes to our outstanding Regional Office Advisory Group, whose names are listed at the end of this report.