

Training Ecuadorian Auto Workers on Occupational Health and Safety



In August, 2009, Professors Rafael Moure-Eraso and Laura Punnett, UML Department of Work Environment, traveled to Quito, Ecuador, to help train 125 automobile assembly workers in the BOTAR union and their health and safety committee. Dr. Raúl Harari, director of IFA, the Corporation for Development of Production and the Work Environment, was the program coordinator and a co-trainer. The presentations covered a wide range of topics, including asbestos, lead, musculoskeletal disorder surveillance, ergonomics, the joint occupational health and safety program between General Motors and the United Auto Workers, and the current economic situation of the U.S. automobile industry.

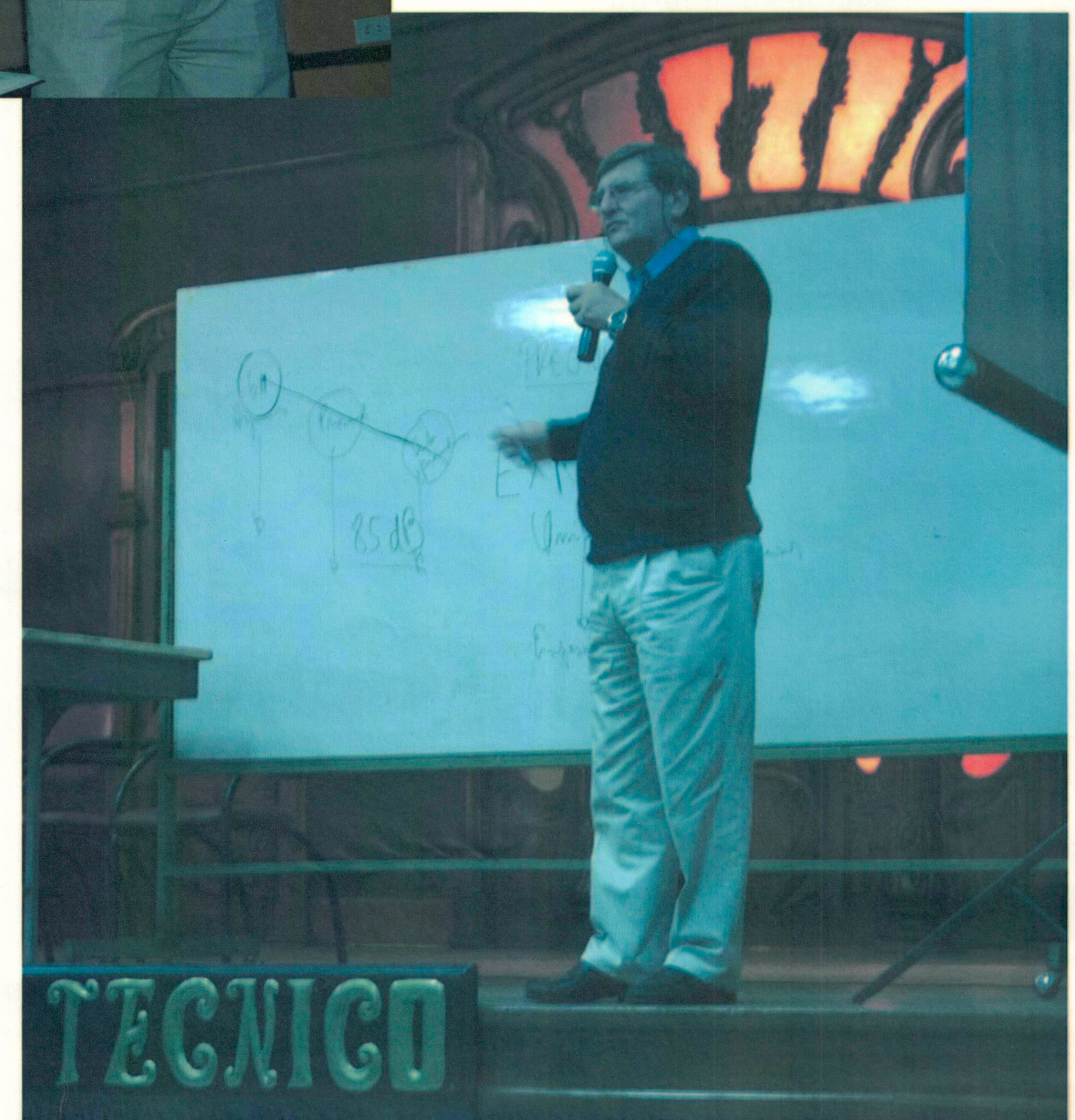
ABOVE: Dr. Moure-Eraso (left) and Patricio Oyos (right), chair of the union health and safety committee, review the training program.



Dr. Punnett assists the health and safety committee leadership in awarding certificates to the program participants.



The union membership listens to Dr. Harari speak on union activism and labor relations.



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