



## Working Group Topics

Strategies to cope with control, hindrance and threats

### **Legislation/Bar Association - chaired by Joost Italianer**

Shadi Sadr, *Human Rights Lawyer from Iran*

Jan Leliveld, *General Counsel of the Dutch Bar Association*

This group focuses on governmental supervision of lawyers and Bar Associations. This supervision may threaten the independence of lawyers and Bar Associations. How do Bar Associations, international organizations and lawyers respond to this issue? And what if the Bar Association is not independent? Are existing strategies effective? What more or what else can be done?

### **Lawyers identified with their clients - chaired by Irma van den Berg**

Iratxe Urizar, *Human Rights Lawyer in Spain*

Ramazan Demir, *Human Rights Lawyer in Turkey*

This group focuses on (groups of) lawyers that are identified with their clients or their clients' causes (in this case: ETA and PKK) and are arrested and prosecuted for this reason. What are Bar Associations, lawyers and international organizations doing in response to this repression? Is this strategy effective? What more or what else can be done to prevent this from happening or limit its effect?

### **Physical Intimidation and threats - chaired by Judith Lichtenberg**

Magamed Abubakarov, *Human Rights Lawyer in the Russia*

Alec Muchadehama, *Human Rights Lawyer from Zimbabwe*

This group focuses on physical intimidation, harassment and threats from officials or non-officials. How are lawyers responding to this? What is the role of Bar associations or international organizations Are existing strategies effective? What more or what else can be done?