



SMC participants and CISR staff following a reception at the home of JMU President Dr. Linwood H. Rose and his wife, Judith.

Credit: Photo courtesy of JMU Photography Services/Diane Elliot.

human resource management.

3. To enhance managers' knowledge of ERW and mine action challenges, techniques and requirements, including the application of mine action standards and international law, the latest developments in GIS and information management software, and risk management and insurance needs, among others.

During the course, Catalina was able to meet with 16 mine action and ERW program managers who were conducting projects around the world. She was also able to meet with staff members from the Department of State's Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement (PM/WRA) and others experts and professors from the international community involved with the Mine Action.



SMC participants, CISR staff, and representatives from the US Department of State's Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement (PM/WRA) in front of Wilson Hall on the campus of James Madison University.

Credit: Photo courtesy Drew Richard Graphics.

The WRA office has provided funding for VVAF's continued work to increase the capacity of BOMICEN and VBMAC in an effort to reduce the impact of landmines on Vietnam. Catalina also gave a

Recently, The International Center's Chief Program Officer, Catalina Serna-Valencia, participated in the Senior Managers' Course in ERW & Mine Action from May 18, 2011 to June 15, 2011 at James Madison University, in Harrisonburg, VA

The course had three main objectives:

1. To develop the personal skills needed by effective managers, such as oral and written communication, time management and media relations.
2. To provide training in business management practices and their applications to the field of ERW and mine action, encompassing such topics as strategic planning, project management, leadership skills and

presentation on VVAF's work and took the group through The International Center's website while at the conference.