

***LERC attends Uruguay's Bicentennial Celebration, hosted by Uruguay's Ambassador to Lebanon Jorge Luis Jure***

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2011, Casino du Liban, Jounieh

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Ms. Clairissa Radyko, International Research Intern with LERC, represented the Center on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2011 at the La Martingale of the Casino du Liban, to celebrate Uruguay's bicentennial of independence (1811-2011).



Photo taken at Uruguay's bicentennial event, with Uruguay Ambassador to Lebanon H.E. Dr. Jorge Luis Jure and LERC International Intern, Ms. Clairissa Radyko (June 2011).

Once guests had arrived at the restaurant, the evening began with the Uruguayan and Lebanese national anthems. Uruguay's Ambassador to Lebanon, H.E. Dr. Jorge Luis Jure, host of the event, gave a brief speech of welcome, stressing the important link between Lebanon and Uruguay. Guests were then invited to enjoy the large array of delicious hors d'oeuvres that were spread throughout the restaurant and on the summer terrace overlooking Jounieh, its bay, and the Mediterranean Sea. Tiny sets of Uruguayan and Lebanese flags decorated the tables. International guests, including ambassadors, diplomats, and religious officials, mingled and enjoyed the music that was played throughout the evening, but most anticipated was the music of featured Uruguayan guitarist Mr. Mathias Atchugarry, who gave a brief concert at the event.

The event was topped with Ambassador Jure, surrounded by Uruguayan nationals residing in Lebanon and guests, cutting the Uruguayan flag and sparkler-decorated cake to celebrate Uruguay's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday.



Cutting the anniversary cake (June 2011).

Upon leaving, Ambassador Jure extended his best wishes to Ms. Guita Hourani, Director of LERC.