Prof. Fabian Benzo and Dr. Godfred Nyarko were hosted in August 2007 by Mitsui Chemicals, Japan. Professor Benzo leads the STP-Latin America regional training course for STP Associate Fellows.

Professor Benzo is Titular Director with the Facultad de Quimica at Universidad de la Republica, Montevideo, Uruguay. He was hosted in August 2007 by Mitsui Chemicals, Japan. He was trained on all aspects of the regular safety training that employees of Mitsui are trained on. Full details are in the final report of the training at the IUPAC STP website.

Professor Benzo left the STP Training in Japan with a commitment to implement a number of initiatives in Uruguay. He classified the actions under Management and Teaching. He focused on two main areas: Management actions and teaching actions. His management actions have been to take steps to advance implantation of a safety management system in the Chemistry College of University and to attempt to implement a safety management system based on the OHSAS 18001 standard in the industry in Uruguay. His teaching actions have been to share experience and knowledge from the STP and to study presenting a project proposal to IUPAC for a Regional Latin-American STP training in Spanish.

Fabian has reported positively on his progress as IUPAC STP Workshops. He also developed the Regional Training proposal which was supported by IUPAC and UNITAR. The first Regional STP-Latin America training was organized by Professor Fabian Benzo, a 2007 STP Fellow from Uruguay. It was held in Spanish at the University of Montevideo in October 2016 (see: www.iupac.org/project/2016-021-1-022).

Forty-Four people applied from many countries in Latin America. Five people were chosen and four were trained (the fifth person fell ill at the last minute). Attendees were from Argentina, Venezuela, Columbia, and Costa Rica. The course was 80 hours over two weeks and attendees rated the course very highly. Upon completing the training, they were designated STP Associate Fellows. They all committed to carry our safety related activity in their organizations when they returned home.