Community on imports of indigineous tropical wood is seen as a clear signal that the international community will take measures to preserve biological diversity on a worldwide basis. The productive sector is actively participating in seminars and workshops to discuss with other sectors of the economy (academia and government) environmental policies. They are also, providing financial assistance to several environmental projects and supporting environmental organizations such as CIPMA.

The **academia**, because of its professional formation, will always be interested and involved in environmental projects. About 180 projects in diverse areas related to environment were submitted for 1997 financial assistance to MIDEPLAN(Ministry of Planning). At least 10 conferences or seminars have been held in Santiago in several universities and private organizations having invited well-known environmental expert speakers. CIPMA, a private academic corporation, has been concerned for over 10 years about coordinating, organizing, and carrying out events and publications that put together all sectors of the economy around the environmental issue in Chile. This organization is certainly the leading voice in Chilean environmental issues. Universities are conscious that there is no solid formation on environmental issues in the different professionals formed in their institution. Nevertheless, two Chilean Universities (U. de Santiago de Chile, and U. de Concepción) have started postgraduate studies in environmental studies. At the same time, universities realize that in Chile there are no programs of considerable scope directed to the creation and development of new technologies linking the basic sciences of the university and the requirements of the productive sectors.

The **government** must attend the increasing public concerns of the environment and also has to comply with the Chilean Constitution. The 19th Article, N° 8, of the 1980 Chilean Constitution establishes that every citizen has the right to live in an environment free