

**REPORT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR 2009**





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INTRODUCTION

In 2009, the activities of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law (IIHL), Sanremo, continued to be marked by a positive trend and by significant developments despite the reduction in public and private funding provoked by the international economic crisis.

The overall organisation of the Institute was improved. Both the Council and the Executive Board, - composed of eminent personalities with legal, academic and diplomatic backgrounds from different countries - met regularly and provided guidelines to the President and the Secretary-General in implementing the general policy established by the General Assembly.

The Institute's new Treasurer devoted particular attention to the review of the accounting and budgeting system as well as to the administrative and financial management.

An independent, international board of auditors scrupulously audited the financial accounts providing the assurance that funds were being properly used in conformity with existing standards.

Thanks to an agreement with the Municipality of Sanremo, which has granted the Institute the free and exclusive use of Villa Ormond, a unique venue in the centre of Sanremo, for a ten-year period, the chronic problem of the premises of the Institute was solved. The building underwent, therefore, important maintenance and renovation works to improve its use and functionality.

The Institute, as a result of its commitment, particularly in the field of the dissemination of international humanitarian law and human rights, earned important acknowledgements on both an international and national level.

The Institute obtained the C3MC-LEVEL, an important certification from the European Group on Training (EGT) of the European Union, for its training courses in human rights. The Institute's observer status was renewed by UNESCO. Procedures were established with the aim of

acquiring a similar status at the International Organization of Migration (IOM).

The Institute signed new Protocols of co-operation with well-known international Institutions such as the Cairo Regional Center for Training on Conflict Resolution and Peacekeeping in Africa, and the *Istituto Interamericano de Derechos Humanos*, San José, Costa Rica. Agreements were also made with distinguished Italian Institutes, including the *Istituto Affari Internazionali* (IAI), *Istituto per gli Studi di Politica Internazionale* (ISPI), the Post Conflict Operations Study Centre at the *Scuola di Applicazione* and the Army Institute for Military Studies, Turin.

The Institute was presented with the “Global Education Award” by the Global Education Forum for its many years of experience in the field of teaching and training. Its President was presented with the “*Cittadino Benemerito*” Award for 2009 by the Municipality of Sanremo for the new impulse given to the activities of the Institute.

In an international environment marked by the persistence of situations of crisis and conflict and by an increase of public concern for the recurrent violations of international humanitarian law and human rights, a number of countries and international institutions demonstrated a renewed interest in the activities of the Institute. The new American Administration expressed interest in intensifying and further developing co-operation existing with the Institute. China and France were among the countries that sent consistent groups of high-ranking officers to attend the Institute’s courses on international humanitarian law. The United Kingdom decided to second one of its most qualified legal advisers from the British Army to head the Institute’s Military Department and oversee its training activities. The Italian Ministry of Defence, for its part, increased from 1 to 2 the number of high-ranking officers seconded to the Institute. Italy and Switzerland continued to be the major contributors of financial resources to the Institute. Thanks to the Institute’s contacts with the African Union and other regional Organisations, such as the *Istituto Italo-Latino Americano* (IILA), there was an increasing number of military and civilian personnel from African and other transition countries who participated in the Institute’s training activities.

During the year, the long-lasting collaboration with the Institute’s traditional strategic partners, such as: the ICRC, IOM, UNHCR, UNHCHR and the *Organisation internationale de la francophonie* (OIF), was further strengthened. The European Union and NATO both decided to boost

collaboration with the Institute, which, on the initiative of the Italian Presidency of the G8, also hosted two important meetings of the G8 and the African Clearing House on issues connected with peacekeeping and the respect of human rights in Africa.

The new dynamism shown in more recent years encouraged important research and training Institutes and Universities in Italy including: *Centro Alti Studi per la Difesa* (CASD), *Centro di Eccellenza per le Stability Police Units* (CoESPU), *Istituto Affari Internazionali* (IAI), *Istituto per gli Studi di Politica Internazionale* (ISPI) and *Società Italiana per l'Organizzazione Internazionale* (SIOI), to engage in joint initiatives on current issues of common interest (such as piracy, child soldiers, violations of international humanitarian law in on-going conflicts, and the implementation of the principle of the responsibility to protect).

Particular consideration was given to expanding activities in the fields of international migration law, international refugee law and internally displaced persons, (where there has been an increased demand for training), through the organisation of seminars and round tables. An *ad hoc* structure led by a French expert was set up at the Institute with the task of co-ordinating such activities.

TRAINING AND TEACHING ACTIVITIES

COURSES ON INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

Courses on international humanitarian law continued to represent the key commitment of the Institute in the field of training. During the year, the Institute was able to implement its traditional and ambitious programme of courses at its headquarters in Sanremo. This was made possible thanks to the support of a number of countries including Italy, Switzerland, Norway and Sweden, together with international organisations such as ICRC, OIF and IILA. Courses and seminars were also organised in Iraq, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Kosovo, as well as at the NATO School in Oberammergau, at CASD in Rome, and at CoESPU in Vicenza.

As a result of an earmarked contribution by Switzerland and the commitment of an Advisory Board, composed of qualified experts from various countries, the revision and updating of course programmes were completed in 2009. The Institute was consequently able to cater for the growing interest of both military and civilian personnel, offering them a top-level product in keeping with its consolidated reputation as a centre of excellence in this field.

a) *Residential courses at Villa Ormond, Sanremo*

Fourteen courses were held in Sanremo in 2009:

- 131st Course (English)
- 132nd Course (English with an Arabic class)
- 133rd Course (French)
- 134th Course (Spanish)
- 135th Course (English with a Chinese class)
- 8th Competition on international humanitarian law for military academies (English)
- 6th Course on human rights and humanitarian law in peacekeeping operations (English)
- 4th Course for international military operators (Italian/in collaboration with the Italian Red Cross)
- 14th Specialised Course (English)
- 15th Specialised Course (French)
- 8th Course for planners, executors and controllers of air operations (English)
- 8th Course for planners, executors and controllers of naval operations (English)
- 18th Course for Directors and Instructors of training programmes in the law of armed conflict (English)
- 19th Course for Directors and Instructors of training programmes in international humanitarian law (French)

b) *Course in Iraq*

At the request and with the financial contribution of the *Direzione Generale per la Cooperazione* (DGCOOP) of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Institute organised a course on international humanitarian law and human rights in Iraq in which 30 participants took part. This course was held at the NATO Training Mission in Baghdad in collaboration with the Iraqi Ministry for Human Rights and was tailor made for legal advisers from different Ministries interested in this topic, together with law experts and teachers of legal issues. The initiative was a great success and greatly appreciated by the Iraqi Government which asked for the course to be repeated in 2010.

c) *Course held at the NATO School in Oberammergau*

At the request of the NATO School, the Institute organised a course on international humanitarian law and human rights in international

peacekeeping operations at the NATO School in Oberammergau. The course was held from 14th to 18th September according to the provisions of the Agreement of Co-operation signed with the NATO School in 2008. High-ranking officers from NATO countries, countries from NATO's Partnership for Peace (PFP), and NATO's Mediterranean Dialogue participated.

d) Course held at CoESPU in Vicenza

As a result of the agreement of collaboration made with CoESPU, the Institute organised a refresher course on international humanitarian law for military and police personnel participating in training activities concerning peacekeeping operations in Vicenza. This course was held from 11th May to 5th June and was attended by officers from a variety of countries and particularly countries involved in peacekeeping operations in different geographical areas.

e) Course held at CASD in Rome

During the 10th course for legal advisers of the armed forces promoted by CASD, the Institute organised a workshop on the international legal regime concerning methods and means of combat. This workshop was held on 2nd July at the headquarters of CASD in Palazzo Salvati, and was attended by about 100 officers from different nations.

f) Summer Course, Sanremo-Geneva

The 9th edition of the Summer Course, an initiative co-ordinated by Prof. Michel Veuthey, Senior Vice-President of the Institute, took place from 29th June to 11th July partly in Sanremo and partly in Geneva. The course gathered together university students and young experts from different countries, who were given the opportunity to attend lectures and to take part in debates with highly-qualified academics and international experts. In Geneva participants visited the main international organisations with a humanitarian mission.

g) Seminar in Kosovo

The Institute, in collaboration with the Italian Embassy in Kosovo and with the support of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, organised a seminar on current problems of international humanitarian law which took place in the KFOR headquarters in Pristina on 3rd November. Members of the new Kosovar Security Force, NATO officers, students of the American

University of Pristina attended the course which was greatly welcomed by the Kosovar authorities.

h) Seminar in Bosnia-Herzegovina

The seminar was organised on 1st December at the Parliament in Sarajevo in close collaboration with the General Quarters of NATO in Bosnia-Herzegovina and with the support of the Italian Embassy in Sarajevo. The Minister for Justice, the Dean of the University, and the President of the Supreme Court intervened at the opening session of the seminar which was attended by more than 100 participants.

COURSES ON INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE LAW

In 2009, the Institute organised the following courses on international refugee law:

- 50th Course (English)
- 50th Course (English) HUMANMED
- 51st Course (French)
- 51st Course (French) HUMANMED
- 52nd Course (Spanish)
- 53rd Course (English)
- 5th Thematic Course (English)

As in the past, courses were organised in close collaboration with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and with the support of the European Union (Aeneas Project), the Swiss Federal Office for Migration, and the State Department of the United States. The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (General Directorate for Africa and Asia) and the IILA made generous financial contributions towards the participation of experts and officials coming from Africa, Asia and Latin America.

COURSES ON INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION LAW

In 2009 the Institute, in close collaboration with the International Organization for Migration and with the support of the Swiss Federal Office for Migration, organised a course in English on international migration law. This course, which took place from 28th September to 2nd October in

Sanremo, was attended by 54 officials, experts and operators (11 of whom were sponsored by IILA), who dealt with the problems of migration and asylum in different countries of the world. The lessons and workshops addressed topics including international instruments of migration law, State responsibility, rights and duties of migrants and illegal human trafficking.

COURSES ON INTERNATIONAL LAW CONCERNING INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS (IDPs)

The Institute organised its 5th course on IDPs in close collaboration with the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for the Rights of IDPs, Prof. Walter Kaelin, who opened the session. Twenty-three officials from a variety of countries, who had a special interest in the problem of protection in so far as they themselves had to abandon their homes to survive the effects of internal conflict, disorders and natural disasters, participated at the course. The course was held in Sanremo from 8th to 13th June and the working language was English. The course was made possible thanks to the support of the Brookings and Bern Institution in Washington.

HUMANMED PROGRAMME WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF NICE (TRANS-BORDER DIPLOMA IN INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW)

The trans-border programme “*HUMANMED*”, promoted by the Sanremo Institute in collaboration with the *Institut du Droit de la Paix et du Développement (IDPD)* of the University of Nice-Sophia Antipolis, continued in 2009.

Forty participants of different nationalities took part in the training activities organised both in Nice and in Sanremo leading to a University diploma specialising in international humanitarian law.

The project is part of the INTERREG Programme, financed by the European Union, by the General Council of Maritime Alps (France), and the Region of Liguria (Italy).

ROUND TABLES AND EXPERT SEMINARS

Within the framework of the activities of the Institute, a series of round tables and seminars marked the course of 2009, confirming the increasing prestige the Institute enjoys as a forum for informal debate and as a think tank.

Among the most significant events held thanks to the support of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the collaboration of other prestigious institutions, the following deserve to be mentioned:

SEMINAR ON “CONFLICTS, LAW AND HUMANITARIAN NEEDS”, Milan, 5th February 2009

The Institute and ISPI jointly organised a seminar on “Conflicts, law and humanitarian needs”, which took place at Palazzo Clerici, Milan on 5th February. The seminar provided the opportunity for informal and constructive debate on the problems related to the respect for international humanitarian law, also with reference to the experience of more recent conflicts (Iraq, Afghanistan, Gaza). Prof. Edoardo Greppi, from the University of Turin, was the co-ordinator of the event in which more than 100 people participated. A number of members of the Council of the Institute, including Prof. Fausto Pocar, Prof. Yoram Dinstein, Prof. Wolff Heintschel von Heinegg, Prof. Marie Jacobsson and Prof. Michel Veuthey, intervened.

CONFERENCE ON “ADDRESSING THE RESURGENCE OF SEA PIRACY: LEGAL, POLITICAL AND SECURITY ASPECTS” Rome, 16th June 2009

The Institute, in collaboration with IAI, and with the support of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and NATO, organised a conference on: “Addressing the resurgence of sea piracy: legal, political and security aspects”. The event, which benefited from the financial support of *Fincantieri*, *RINA* and *Banchero Costa* Insurance Broker, took place at Palazzo Salviati, the headquarters of CASD, on 16th June. More than 200 participants along with 30 experts, several specialized in international affairs, lawyers and political analysts from the European Union, NATO and IMO (International Maritime Organization), private sector and governmental representatives (including East African countries), were

present. Debates were particularly focused on the Horn of Africa and the Gulf of Aden where piracy had reached a critical level in recent years. The conference was co-ordinated by Prof. Natalino Ronzitti, LUISS University of Rome, and member of the Institute. The conclusions were summarised in a policy paper by the two Institutes.

**ROUND TABLE ON “NON-STATE ACTORS AND INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW. ORGANISED ARMED GROUPS: A CHALLENGE FOR THE 21st CENTURY”
Sanremo, 11th-13th September 2009**

The Institute, in collaboration with the International Committee of the Red Cross, organised its 32nd Round Table on current problems of international humanitarian law, which took place in Sanremo from 11th to 13th September. The three-day discussion was dedicated to the complex theme of: “Non-state actors and international humanitarian law. Organised armed groups: a challenge for the 21st century”. High-ranking governmental officials, representatives of the main international organisations (UN, EU, NATO, ICRC), lawyers and experts from academic, diplomatic, military and humanitarian fields, took part. Opening addresses were made by: Hon. Vincenzo Scotti, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Dr. Jacob Kellenberger, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross, Admiral Giampaolo Di Paola, Chairman of the NATO Military Committee, General Pierre-Michel Joana, Special Adviser for peacekeeping policies in Africa to Javier Solana, High Representative for Common Foreign and Security Policy, and Francesco Rocca, Extraordinary Commissioner of the Italian Red Cross. The Round Table focussed on the applicability of international humanitarian law to non-state actors and particularly on the issue of the involvement of organised armed groups. Additional topics which were discussed included: the role and legal regime of private security companies, as well as the challenge of new forms of violence such as terrorism, organised crime and piracy, with particular reference to the transnational dimension of these phenomena. A special session, where Ambassador Silvio Fagiolo and Prof. Jacques Forster, member of the ICRC, Geneva, were the key speakers, was dedicated to the 60th anniversary of the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and to the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Solferino. There were over 300 participants at the Round Table.

SEMINAR ON “IMPLEMENTING THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT”

Sanremo, 28th September – 2nd October 2009

The Institute collaborated with the UN System Staff College, Turin in promoting a seminar on “Implementing the responsibility to protect: Humanitarian law and human rights impact on UN and regional Organisations peace operations in Africa”. The seminar, which was made possible thanks to the contribution the Staff College received from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (General Directorate for Co-operation), was held in Villa Ormond, Sanremo from 28th September to 2nd October and was attended by senior officials and legal and military experts from the UN and the African Union involved in peacekeeping operations in Africa.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON “CHILDHOOD SPOILT BY WAR: CHILD SOLDIERS”

Turin, 16th November 2009

An international conference on “Childhood spoilt by war: Child soldiers”, which was organised in co-operation with ISPI, was held on 16th November in Turin at the Italian Army *Scuola di Applicazione*. The conference, which was realised with the assistance of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Region of Piedmont, enjoyed the high patronage of the President of the Italian Republic and also benefited from the financial support of the Italian Red Cross and the *Scuola di Applicazione*. The increasingly widespread and dramatic phenomenon of child participation in conflicts was examined from several perspectives. Highly qualified experts from military and diplomatic circles, and from non-governmental organisations, intervened. Hon. Margherita Boniver, Special Envoy of the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs for humanitarian emergencies and vulnerable situations, was the keynote speaker.

ROUND TABLE ON INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION LAW AND POLICIES

Dakar, 8th-9th December 2009

On the initiative of the Institute and of IOM, Geneva, a round table was held in Dakar (Senegal) on “International Migration Law and Policies: Responding to Migration Challenges in West and Northern Africa”. The event was organised as a follow-up to a project launched in 2008 by the

Institute and IOM, thanks to a grant from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, consisting of two courses on international migration law and an initial round table held in December of the same year in Sanremo. It was realised in collaboration with IOM and with the contribution of the Directorate General for Co-operation of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

About 50 experts from North East African countries participated at the round table, which provided an important opportunity for dialogue and the exchange of views on crucially important topics such as: the consequences of migratory flows, also covering those resulting from climate change, the responsibility of transit countries and the prevention and repression of human trafficking. President Maurizio Moreno and Dr. Ndioro Ndiaye, member of the Council of the Institute, attended this round table on behalf of the IIHL. Mr. Richard Perruchoud, IOM's Director of International Migration Law and Legal Affairs, also participated.

**ROUND TABLE ON “NON-STATE ACTORS, HUMANITARIAN LAW AND THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT”
Turin, 10th-11th December 2009**

This event, the second joint venture organised by the Institute and the UN System Staff College, Turin (following the one in September in Sanremo), took place at the University of Turin, and was made possible thanks to a contribution of the Directorate General for Co-operation of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Eminent experts of the Institute, including Prof. Edoardo Greppi from the University of Turin, Prof. Yoram Dinstein from the University of Tel Aviv, and Prof. Michael Bothe from the University of Frankfurt, introduced the debate. UN experts and students from Italian and foreign universities also participated in the round table.

**EXHIBITION AND INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON “THE REGIME OF INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION OF CULTURAL PROPERTY IN THE EVENT OF ARMED CONFLICT”
Sanremo, 14th December 2009**

On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Second Protocol for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, adopted on

26th March 1999 in The Hague, the Institute, in collaboration with the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Directorate General for Cultural Promotion) and the Italian *Carabinieri* Unit responsible for the protection of cultural property, organised an international seminar of experts on the regime of international protection of cultural property in the event of armed conflict, under the patronage of UNESCO and the Italian Government. Distinguished scholars from different countries, representatives of various Governments and international organisations, including UNESCO and the European Union, took part in the debates. The seminar, which was co-ordinated by Prof. Edoardo Greppi from the University of Turin and by Prof. Massimo Carcione from the University of “*Piemonte Orientale*”, both members of the Institute, addressed the problem of the implementation of the 2nd Protocol in the light of recent guidelines approved by UNESCO. On the same occasion a photo exhibition was organised at Villa Ormond, highlighting the contribution of Italy in the recovery of works of art in Iraq and the restoration of the Museum of Baghdad.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AND PUBLICATIONS

The Institute gave fresh impetus to its commitment in the field of research. Three more titles were added to the Institute’s collection of publications:

- “*International humanitarian law, human rights and peace operations*” comprising the proceedings of the 31st Round Table held in Sanremo from 4th to 6th September 2008 on the same theme;
- “*International Migration Law and Politics in the Mediterranean Context*” (jointly edited with IOM, Geneva), comprising the proceedings of the round table held in Sanremo from 15th and 16th December 2008 on the same theme;
- “*Rules of Engagement Handbook*”. This volume, which was drafted by a group of experts co-ordinated by Prof. Dennis Mandsager from the Naval War College of Newport, USA, is intended to provide a practical study and consultation tool on the particularly sensitive topic of the rules of engagement to respect in the event of armed conflict or in military interventions aimed at restoring peace. The publication of this manual was made possible thanks to a financial contribution from the International Committee of the Red Cross. The book was officially launched in December 2009 at the “*Centre de Politique de Sécurité*”, Geneva.

PROTOCOLS OF CO-OPERATION

In 2009, the Institute paid particular attention to the implementation of the co-operation initiatives envisaged in partnership and co-operation protocols and agreements signed for the most part in the last two years. Thirteen agreements have been signed by the Institute to date.

Through joint initiatives with research institutes and partner universities, in Italy and abroad, it was possible to contribute to a widespread dissemination of principles and norms of international humanitarian law, not only in military circles but also within civil society.

New protocols of agreement were signed in 2009 with the following organisations in particular:

- *Istituto per gli Studi di Politica Internazionale* (ISPI), Milan
- the Post Conflict Operations Study Centre at the *Scuola di Applicazione* and Army Institute for Military Studies, Turin.
- Cairo Regional Center for Training on Conflict Resolution and Peacekeeping in Africa, Cairo
- *Istituto Affari Internazionali* (IAI), Rome
- *Instituto Interamericano de Derechos Humanos* (IIDH), San José, Costa Rica

THE INSTITUTE'S ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Institute has succeeded in establishing a databank consisting of 12,000 names and addresses of people involved in its activities, going back as far as the 1970s. This has enabled the Institute to resume contacts with the participants at its courses, round tables, and seminars, and to promote the creation of the Alumni Association of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law.

As an independent non-profit body the Association, which was created on 23rd October 2009, aims at contributing to the promotion of principles, values and rules of international humanitarian law and related disciplines, such as, international refugee law, international migration law, human rights. It aims at bringing together people involved in the activities of the Institute and creating opportunities for contact among ex-alumni, through a programme of exchanges, events and networking opportunities. Prof. Marco Odello was elected as President *ad interim*.

PRESS AND MEDIA ACTIVITIES

Throughout the year the Institute renewed its efforts to develop contacts with the national and international press, issuing press communications and organising press meetings. The IIHL Prize for journalists was awarded to Giampiero Moretti, former Editor-in Chief of “*La Stampa*”, and to Roberto Pecchinino, TV producer and author of videos on the Institute, for their commitment to the promotion of the activities of the Institute.

The new DVD on the Institute was produced in preparation of the celebration of the Institute’s 40th anniversary.

The Institute began the re-organisation of its website which offers the latest information on its activities, as well as educational material.

The Institute continued to improve the organisation of its library which holds a collection of some 4,000 volumes covering international humanitarian law, human rights, refugee and migration issues.

A newsletter was issued every two months offering information concerning the activity of the Institute to a wide audience.

NEW MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTE

The following persons were admitted as new members of the Institute in 2009:

Dr. Paul BERMAN, UK; Dr. John Peter CERONE, USA; Dr. Gabriella COLAO, Italy; Dr. Andrea DABIZZI, Italy; Prof. Marcello DI FILIPPO, Italy; Dr. Magne FROSTAD, Norway; Dr. Marina GORI, Italy; Dr. Stuart HENDIN, Canada; Prof. Mario LANA, Italy; Prof. Luigino MANCA, Italy; Dr. Riccardo MAIA, Italy; Vice-Admiral Mario Rino ME, Italy; Prof. Leonardo PASQUALI, Italy; Prof. Marco PEDRAZZI, Italy; Dr. Michael PETERSEN, Denmark; Prof. Laura PINESCHI, Italy; Prof. Andrea SACCUCCI, Italy; Dr. Nikolaos TSAGOURIAS, Greece; Prof. Grigore UNGUREANU, Romania; Dr. Katharina ZIOLKOWSKI, Germany.

Members of the Institute, His Excellency Minister Dr. Kamel MORJANE, Tunisia, and Prof. Bosko JAKOVLEVIC, Serbia, were admitted as honorary members for their outstanding commitment and exceptionally valuable participation in the work of the Institute.

The following persons were admitted as associate members for the contribution they made to the activities of the Institute: Dr. Jacopo GIORGI, Italy; Dr. Matteo PASQUALI, Italy, and Dr. Ludovica POLI, Italy.

The total number of members of the Institute increased from 200 to 223.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAMMES

In 2009, the Institute welcomed the following interns: Nathalie ABDALLAH (France/Lebanon); Rossella ALTAMURA (Italy); Lisa ARADAN (France); Luca CATALANO (Italy); Ariana KASA (USA); Federica MARENCO (Italy); Jackie MCARTHUR (Australia); Daniele PERISSI (Italy); Simona SANNA (Italy).

MEETINGS OF STATUTORY BODIES

The General Assembly of the Institute met in Sanremo for an ordinary session on 22nd May to adopt the Activity Report and Financial Statement for 2008. In addition, the Assembly met in extraordinary session in Sanremo on 11th September to adopt an amendment to the Statutes concerning the introduction of votes by correspondence.

The Council of the Institute met four times: in Milan on 6th February, in Sanremo on 21st–22nd May and on 11th September, and in Geneva on 10th–11th November.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The President of the Institute attended the “Stakeholders’ Meeting on Maritime Piracy on the Somali Coast. A Global Approach”, organised by UNICRI and held in Turin on 28th January. Representatives from NATO, EU, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the UN Institute for Training and Research Operational Satellite Applications Programme (UNOSAT), the American Department of Defence, and the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs were among the participants.

Ambassador Maurizio Moreno represented the Institute at the opening ceremony of the Master’s course in “Criminology and Criminal Policy: International and European Aspects”, which took place at the University of Turin on 4th February, giving a speech on the application of international

humanitarian law. Prof. Wolff Heintschel von Heinegg, member of the Council of the Institute, intervened on the same occasion on the subject of maritime piracy. The co-ordinator of the Master's course was Prof. Edoardo Greppi from the University of Turin, member of the Institute.

Prof. Michel Veuthey, Vice-President of the Institute, took part on 26th February in the 14th international humanitarian conference entitled "Psychological Impact of Humanitarian Crisis on Humanitarian Actors, Refugees and on other Victims", which was organized as part of the International Relations Programme of the Webster University of Geneva. Prof. Veuthey intervened on the theme of "The Psychological Dimension of International Humanitarian Law".

On 13th March, the Institute organised an information session dedicated to international humanitarian law addressed to high school students from *Liceo Classico Statale G.D. Cassini*, Sanremo; from *Convitto di Stato Rinaldo Corso*, together with *ITCG Cattaneo* and *Liceo dall'Aglio*, both from Reggio Emilia, and a group of college students from *Franklin College*, Lugano (Switzerland).

Ambassador Moreno participated in the 18th International Congress of Military Law and Law of War which took place in Tunis from 5th to 8th May. Debates covered the issue of "Best Practices of Customary Law in Peace Operations, including Peace-building Operations". The President took the opportunity to present the Institute and its activities and was received by His Excellency Dr. Kamel Morjane, the Tunisian Minister of Defence, member of the Institute.

Dr. Stefania Baldini, Secretary-General, represented the Institute during the 4th meeting of the Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict, which took place at the headquarters of UNESCO in Paris from 27th to 29th May. The main aim of the meeting was to elaborate a document regarding the guidelines for the implementation of the Second Protocol to the Hague Convention of 1954.

The Institute participated at the pilot seminar on European Security and Defence Policy (ESDP), which took place in Brussels from 2nd to 3rd June. The seminar was organized in the framework of the European Security Defence College and aimed at providing participants with an introduction to European security and defence policy, focusing particularly on the training of personnel engaged in peace operations under the auspices of the

European Union. Dr. Gian Luca Beruto, Assistant to the Secretary-General, represented the Institute.

Ambassador Moreno chaired the opening session of the conference on “International Humanitarian Law and the European Union”, which was promoted by the *Institut du Droit de la Paix et du Développement* of the University of Nice, and took place in Nice from 18th to 19th June. On this occasion Prof. Michel Veuthey, Vice-President of the Institute, addressed the theme “The European Union and the Obligation to respect International Humanitarian Law”.

Dr. Stefania Baldini and Dr. Gian Luca Beruto participated in the meeting of the Executive Council of the European Security and Defence College, composed of all state members of the EU, which took place in Brussels on 22nd July. The meeting provided the occasion to present the Institute and its activities, also with the aim of obtaining the admission of the Institute in the network of specialized European institutions involved in the training of civilian and military personnel engaged in peace operations under the auspices of the EU.

Ambassador Moreno was invited by the Swedish Presidency of the European Union to address the seminar on: “Current Challenges for International Humanitarian Law: How to enhance Respect by Non-State Actors”. The conference was organised jointly with the ICRC to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Geneva Conventions, and took place in Brussels on 17th September.

On 5th October, during the 14th and 15th Advanced Courses on International Humanitarian Law held at its headquarters, the Institute hosted the launching of the book: “The 1998-2000 War between Eritrea and Ethiopia. An International Legal Perspective”. The editors of the book, Prof. Andrea de Guttry, Director of the International Training Programme for Conflict Management of the *Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna*, Pisa, Harry Post, Professor of International Law at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, and Gabriella Venturini, Professor of International Law at the University of Milan and member of the Institute, introduced the debate.

Ambassador Moreno was also invited to chair the session on “EU and AU Missions on the African Continent: Lessons learnt and Future Scenarios” within the framework of the Conference: “Assuring Peace and Security in Africa: the New Africa-EU Partnership. Developing Co-operation in Demining and Disarmament”. The Conference took place at the Italian

Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 7th to 9th October in Rome and provided an opportunity to illustrate to academics, senior officers and officials of African countries present the activities of the Institute and the importance of the dissemination of international humanitarian law.

The Assistant to the Secretary-General, Dr. Gian Luca Beruto, represented the Institute at the “8th Regional Conference for Experts from Arab Governments on the Application of International Humanitarian Law”, organised by the Jordanian Ministry of Justice in collaboration with the Arab League, the Jordanian National Committee for Humanitarian Law, and the ICRC (Amman, 11th -13th October).

The Director of the Military Department, Colonel Darren Stewart, represented the Institute at the 10th Bruges Colloquium: “Armed Conflicts and Parties to Armed Conflicts under IHL: Confronting Legal Categories to Contemporary Realities” in co-operation with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) conducted over the period 22nd – 23rd October. Colonel Stewart presented a paper on “When does International Humanitarian Law apply to Multi-national Forces?” and participated in the ensuing panel discussion titled “Qualification Questions related to Multi-national Operations”.

Colonel Stewart represented the Institute and participated in the International Society for Military Law and Law of War workshop conducted in conjunction with NATO HQ on the topic “The Pre-emptive and Preventive Use of Force in Response to the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction” held at the Royal Military Academy, Brussels on the 27th October.

Colonel Stewart, as representative of the Institute, participated in the second expert meeting on “The use of force in occupied territory” as part of the ICRC Project on “Occupation Law and other forms of Administration” held in Geneva on the 29th – 30th October.

The Secretary-General, Dr. Stefania Baldini, represented the Institute at a seminar organised in Rome from 4th to 5th November by IAI (*Istituto Affari Internazionali*) and the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on “Italy’s Role in the Civil Missions of the EU. Criticism and Prospects”. In particular, Dr. Baldini took part in the working group on “Training and Recruitment of Civilian Personnel”, and stressed the importance of promoting international humanitarian law to the participants.

Ambassador Maurizio Moreno participated in a conference organised by the Swiss Government and the ICRC, which took place in Geneva from 9th to 10th November. The Conference was entitled: “60 Years of the Geneva Conventions and the Decades ahead: the current Relevance of IHL: new Threats, new Actors, new Means and Methods of Warfare”.

Colonel Stewart represented the Institute at the Workshop conducted by NATO HQ on Private Military Security Companies. Colonel Stewart presented a paper to the workshop on “The experiences of NATO with PMSC’s in Afghanistan”. The workshop was conducted in Brussels on 14th December.

RENOVATION OF VILLA ORMOND

Thanks to the generous contribution of the CARIGE Foundation, Genoa, the Swiss Government and the Municipality of Sanremo, important renovation works at the Villa were made possible in 2009. These included the updating of information technology, the introduction of a new telephone system, and improvements to and reallocation of offices and rooms available to staff and participants.

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