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REPORT OF ACTIVITIES FOR 2011

INTRODUCTION

The year 2011 proved to be very intense for the Institute which managed to realise a diversified and rich programme of activity despite the negative effects of the considerable cuts in public and private funding allotted to all training and research centres, particularly in Italy.

Thanks to the traditional support and renewed faith of partners and sponsors, the Financial Statement of the Institute showed a positive balance and registered an increase in the number of participants as opposed to the past. Fundraising remained at the top of the agenda for the Council who were fully aware of the challenges ahead. As a consequence, a financial plan was approved by the Council at its meeting on 25th February. Such plan, considered to be an internal document, analysed in detail the entire spectrum of activities conducted by the Institute taking into consideration the relative costs and income. One of the conclusions was that the training activities of the Institute, although the nucleus of its mission, were not sufficient to guarantee the necessary resources and, therefore, new initiatives in the way of seminars and round tables could give positive results also economically speaking.

In 2011, the Institute acknowledged the constructive proposals contained in the Strategic Plan 2011-2015, approved by the Assembly of Members in the month of June. Following the guidelines provided, the Institute realised its mission in full, strengthening not only its role as an international centre of excellence in the field of international humanitarian law training but also its reputation of providing a neutral forum for humanitarian dialogue and discussion of related disciplines.

In the month of September, the General Assembly of Members met to elect the new Council. The majority of Council Members were re-elected showing a marked intent for continuity. The new Council met at the conclusion of the Assembly and unanimously re-elected Ambassador Maurizio Moreno as President of the Institute. The election of Ambassador Benoît D'Aboville from France and Prof. Dennis Mandsager from the USA as new Members was of great significance as it confirmed the renewed support of their respective governments for the Institute. At the same meeting the Council co-opted as members high-ranking representatives from the ICRC, IOM, and the UNHCR showing the close collaboration existing between the Institute and such Organisations. In addition, the Council nominated Dr. Mohammed AL-HADID, Dr. Jacques FORSTER, Dr. Michael MEYER and Dr. Ndioro NDIAYE as Honorary Members in recognition of their untiring commitment towards the Institute.

Most of the activities took place in the prestigious Villa Ormond in Sanremo. However, as it had happened in the past, several courses and seminars were organised elsewhere thanks to the support of international organisations or institutions. Of particular note, as a result of close

collaboration with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and with the financial contribution of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Institute was able, for the first time, to organise a course on refugee law in Baghdad. The course, which addressed civilian officials and military officers, had been requested by the Iraqi Authorities as a result of the successful courses on international humanitarian law previously organised by the Institute in Iraq. The course on refugee law in Arabic took place once more in Hammamet in Tunisia thanks again to the support of the UNHCR.

When considering activities run outside Sanremo, special mention should be made of the Seminar on International Humanitarian Law organised at the University of Pristina in the month of June with the precious support of the Italian Embassy in Kosovo and the financial funds from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The seminar is part of a series of events organised in recent years in the Balkan region, where constitutional reform is still hampered by recurrent tensions and age-old conflicts. The Institute intends to continue its interest in this region.

Another important event organised, under the auspices of the *Farnesina* (seat of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs), was the seminar on: "International Humanitarian Law in Armed Conflict: the Involvement of Civilian Population in Conflicts", which took place at the Diplomatic Institute of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Rome. The proceedings of the seminar were opened by Prof. Vincenzo Scotti, Italian Secretary of State, highlighting once more the traditional support the Ministry of Foreign Affairs reserved for the Institute.

In 2011, the Institute continued its line of thought and analysis of the prospects and consolidation of its activities within an ever-changing and increasingly competitive international context. A Strategy Plan focused on marketing was submitted to the Council to better assess our strengths and weaknesses in this area. This document analysed in great detail possible competitors and partners and proposed a strategy to improve the products offered by the Institute. Using the document as inspiration, the Institute began to work on its image introducing a new branding and standardising all forms and questionnaires for participants at the various courses. The document also examined communication potential and put forward some simple promotional strategies at no cost, such as sending regular and earmarked e-mails to promote the activities of the Institute.

Also in 2011, the Institute maintained its long-lasting and close relations with various organisations and institutions. Particular mention should be given to the fact that the NATO recognised the Institute as a member of a network of training institutes called the "Partnership for Peace". In this new role, the Institute participated in a workshop organised in Romania, and Villa Ormond was accepted as a venue for the next meeting. In addition, the Institute signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Red Crescent of Qatar who had already co-operated with the Institute also by supporting the costs of simultaneous translation at the September Round Table and by printing the Institute's publication: *Sanremo Manual on the Rules of Engagement* in Arabic.

Thanks to the support of the Swiss Government, the Institute's Liaison Office moved to the headquarters of the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP). Such a change would certainly favour co-operation between the two Institutions.

TRAINING AND TEACHING ACTIVITIES

COURSES ON INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

There was an increase in the number of participants attending courses on international humanitarian law in 2011, as compared with 2010. Moreover, the Competition for Military Academies was remarkably successful registering a record number of 26 teams with participants coming from 18 different countries. Thanks to the support of several Governments, including Italy, Switzerland, Sweden and Norway, together with international Institutions such as the ICRC and OIF (*Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie*), the Institute was able to offer scholarships to participants from developing countries (Africa, Asia and Latin America). In addition, funds from Switzerland in memory of Col. Frederic de Mulinen, who was director of the Institute's military courses for many years, served to provide several extra scholarships. For the first time, the Commonwealth Secretariat financed one of the Institute's activities, namely, its workshop on accountability under the law of armed conflict (LOAC). Also worthy of note was the presence of Chinese participants which called for the organisation of a class apart in Mandarin Chinese, and the interest shown by the Russian Federation, through the support of the ICRC Office in Moscow, confirming participants for the Russian class.

Moreover, further courses and seminars were organised away from Sanremo, particularly in Kosovo and Egypt, at CASD, Rome, Italy and at CoESPU, Vicenza, Italy.

Thanks to the contribution of Switzerland and the ICRC, the Institute held a Training Advisory Group (TAG) workshop in Sanremo from 25th to 27th January. The aim of this workshop was to improve and update the programmes of courses the Institute offered both to military and civilian personnel in keeping with its well-consolidated reputation as a centre of excellence in this field. Those participating were members of the IIHL teaching staff and representatives of various academic and military institutions from all around the world.

As in the past, the Institute benefitted from the support of the Advisory Board for military courses, chaired by Gen. Brig. Erwin Dahinden, which had its 8th meeting from 14th to 17th June in Geneva. In the different interim reports, the Advisory Board provided several recommendations concerning the aims, infrastructure, teaching programmes and the teaching methodology of the courses of the Institute. The final report of the Advisory Board and its

recommendations were acknowledged by the Council at its meeting on 30th November.

The suggestions of the TAG and the Advisory Board brought about several changes to the programme such as the reduction from five to four foundation courses; the addition of three new thematic workshops bringing the total number to six; the shortening of the advanced course from two to one week. All these changes produced positive results. The course evaluations made by the participants, which were carefully analysed with the help of detailed questionnaires, recorded excellent comments and included very positive remarks concerning the teachers involved.

The teaching activities of the Institute enjoyed excellent support from a plethora of experts and organisations that had placed their personal staff at the Institute's disposal.

a) *Residential Courses held at Villa Ormond, Sanremo*

In 2011, twenty-one residential courses on international humanitarian law were held in Sanremo at Villa Ormond as well as five courses, seminars and workshops on humanitarian law and, in certain cases, human rights, which were held in other venues:

141st Course (French)

142nd Course (English with Arabic class)

143rd Course (Spanish with Portuguese class)

144th Course (English with Chinese and Russian class)

10th Competition on LOAC for Military Academies (English)

8th Course on Human Rights and LOAC in Peace Operations (English)

18th Advanced Course (English)

19th Advanced Course (French)

12th Course on LOAC for Planners, Executors and Controllers of Air Operations (English)

13th Course on LOAC for Planners and Executors of Naval Operations (English)

24th Course for Directors of Courses and Trainers in LOAC (English)

25th Course for Directors of Courses and Trainers in LOAC (French)

b) *Advanced Diploma in "International Humanitarian Law and Peacekeeping Operations", Milan*

The Institute, in collaboration with ISPI, Milan, organised its second edition of the post-graduate Advanced Diploma in "International Humanitarian Law and Peacekeeping Operations". Its programme aimed at providing participants with a deeper knowledge of issues concerning the legal aspects of international peacekeeping operations. The Diploma consisted of five training modules: three requiring class attendance at ISPI in Milan (Palazzo Clerici) from 31st January to 5th February, and two distant-learning sessions. The Diploma Course was attended by officials from governmental and non-governmental organisations as well as by university students.

c) *Workshop on Deprivation of Liberty (Detention) in Armed Conflict*

This workshop was held in Sanremo from 15th to 17th March. The programme addressed the practical aspects of capture and detention of individuals during operations conducted by members of the Armed Forces in light of both international humanitarian law and human rights. The main lecturer was William Lietzau, US Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Detainee Policy.

d) *Course held at the “Cairo Regional Center for Training on Conflict Resolution and Peacekeeping in Africa”*

In the spirit of the agreement signed between the “Cairo Regional Center for Training on Conflict Resolution and Peacekeeping in Africa”, and following the positive results of the first Course held in 2010, the Institute and the Center jointly organised a training course for military and civilian personnel from African countries involved in peace operations promoting international humanitarian law and refugee law which took place from 17th to 28th April in Cairo. The proceedings were opened by Ambassador Soad Shalaby, Director of the Center, together with Stefania Baldini, Secretary-General of the Institute.

e) *Workshop on Accountability and the Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC)*

The question of the implementation of and the respect for LOAC is considered as one of the greatest challenges of the day. The workshop on accountability took place in Sanremo from 3rd to 5th May and provided an in depth analysis of the breaches of humanitarian law, legal aspects and the prosecution of those who are guilty of such breaches. Particular emphasis was placed on the work of the International Criminal Court and the main procedures adopted. High-level experts, including representatives of military institutions and international organisations, took part in the initiative.

f) *Seminar in Pristina*

The Institute, with the support of Michael Giffoni, Italian Ambassador in Kosovo, and the collaboration of the University of Pristina, organised a seminar on the current problems of international humanitarian law which took place in Pristina on 14 June. Apart from the Italian Ambassador other lecturers included Prof. Enver Hasani, President of the Constitutional Court of KFOR.

g) *Book Launch*

On the occasion of the 8th International Course on the Application and Respect of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights in Peacekeeping Operations, Prof. Francesco Francioni and Prof. Natalino Ronzitti presented their book: “War by Contract: Human Rights, Humanitarian Law and Private Contractors”. This volume addressed the delicate issue of the management of

military services by private security companies which faced growing requests to accomplish tasks traditionally reserved for the Armed Forces.

h) *Course held at the CASD, Rome*

As part of the 12th Course for “Legal Advisors of the Armed Forces” promoted by CASD, the Institute presented a session on humanitarian protection and the intervention in Libya on the basis of the UN Security Council Resolution no. 1973. The course took place at CASD’s headquarters in Palazzo Salviati on 1st July.

i) *Summer Course on International Humanitarian Law, Sanremo/Geneva*

The 11th edition of the Summer Course on International Humanitarian Law, co-ordinated by Prof. Michel Veuthey, Vice-President of the Institute, took place from 27th June to 9th July, and was partly run in Sanremo and partly in Geneva. The Course gathered together university students and young experts from 42 different countries representing all continents. Participants were given the opportunity to meet and discuss with eminent personalities from the legal and diplomatic circles committed to the promotion of international humanitarian law and human rights. While in Geneva, participants visited the main international organisations with a humanitarian vocation and were received by Mr. Paul R. Seger, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations.

j) *Workshop on the Rules of Engagement (ROE)*

The Workshop took place in Sanremo from 12th to 16th September and a wide range of issues were discussed, including: different national and multi-national systems of ROE, investigation of ROE incidents, public affairs, and case studies. Participants formed multinational teams and drafted and briefed ROE for a variety of missions. The “Sanremo Manual on the Rules of Engagement”, published by the Institute, served as the primary course reference. Participants from all over the world attended.

k) *Workshop on Private Military Security Companies*

This Workshop took place in Sanremo from 10th to 12th October. Perhaps the greatest innovation in recent armed conflicts has been the wide use of private military security companies both by governments and non-state actors. Recent attempts to regulate this new phenomenon on a legal level have not given satisfactory results leaving room for further debate and discussion.

l) *Workshop on Targeting and International Humanitarian Law*

This Workshop was held in Sanremo from 25th to 28th October. The key question of targeting and its implications in the field of humanitarian law and

human rights was analysed and discussed with the intervention of qualified military and civilian experts.

m) ***Course held at CoESPU, Vicenza, Italy***

As envisaged in the Agreement of Co-operation signed with CoESPU, the Institute sent members of its own teaching staff to contribute to the course which took place at CoESPU in the month of November. The Course was addressed to members of the police engaged in international missions.

n) ***Workshop on International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights for Members of the Afghan Armed Forces and Governmental Officials***

Thanks to the support of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and NATO, the Institute organised a thematic workshop for governmental officials and members of the Afghan Armed and Police Forces. The workshop took place in Sanremo from 28th November to 8th December. The programme included issues of international humanitarian law, human rights and refugee law.

o) ***Workshop on the Rule of Law***

This Workshop, which was run in Sanremo from 13th to 15th December, was addressed to both civilian and military operators. The marked increase in security operations conducted by military personnel from all over the world has created the situation whereby the Armed Forces are expected to carry out tasks that go beyond their traditional role. As well as restoring fundamental services for the civilian population and the consequent development of the local infrastructure, military personnel have to respect the rules of the state in which they are operating with all the necessary implications involved. The Workshop also examined the delicate aspects of occupation and non-international conflicts.

p) ***Course on “Conflicts, Emergencies and Migration”***

The Institute, collaborating for the first time with the training centre “G. Pastore”, Imperia, organised a training course on human rights and humanitarian interventions entitled: “Conflicts, Emergencies and Migration”. The Course was run in Italian at Villa Ormond from 7th to 9th July and aimed at providing young graduates, students of legal studies, members of volunteer organisations and social co-operatives, non-governmental organisations and professionals committed in various ways to the humanitarian sector, with a basic knowledge of the essential rules to respect in situations of armed conflict or in other emergencies. The course concluded with a round table attended by experts in the management of emergencies together with the representatives of the Local Authorities.

COURSES ON INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE LAW

In 2011, the Institute organised the following five courses on international refugee law:

- 59th Course (English)
- 60th Course (French)
- 61st Course (Arabic)
- 62nd Course (Spanish)
- 63rd Course (English)

As in previous years, these courses were organised in close collaboration with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and with the support of the Swiss Federal Office for Migration, the US Department of State and the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Directorate General for Global Affairs) provided funds for participants from Africa, Asia and Latin America.

The Course in Arabic was run in Hammamet (Tunisia) from 13th to 17th November and benefitted from the collaboration of the Faculty of Political Sciences, Tunis University.

The Institute also organised a course on refugee law in Baghdad from 11th to 15th September. This initiative was possible thanks to the earmarked contribution made by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the UNHCR with whom the Institute worked in close collaboration when creating the programme. About thirty civilian and military officials took part. The Course was so successful that the Iraqi Ministry of Human Rights, through the Italian Embassy in Baghdad, asked the Institute to continue with this training programme in the future.

COURSES ON INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION LAW

In 2011, in close collaboration with the International Organization for Migration and with the support of the Swiss Federal Office for Migration, the Institute organised a course on international migration law in English. The course, which took place in Sanremo from 26th to 30th September, was attended by officials, experts and operators responsible for dealing with problems linked with migration and asylum in different countries of the world.

COURSES ON THE INTERNATIONAL LAW OF INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS (IDPs)

The Institute, in close collaboration with the Office of Dr. Chaloka Beyani, the new UN Special Representative on the Human Rights of IDPs, organised its 7th course on problems concerning IDPs. Dr. Beyani participated

as a lecturer. Officials from different countries, who were interested in the problem of the protection of those who were internally displaced as a result of being forced to leave their homes to survive the effects of conflict, internal unrest or natural disasters, participated. The Course, which was held in English from 6th to 11th June, Sanremo, was made possible thanks to the support of Brookings Institution, Washington and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

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

The Humanmed Programme, promoted by the Institute in collaboration with the *Institut du Droit de la Paix et du Développement-IDPD* of the University of Nice-Sophia Antipolis, concluded in the month of June. Fifty participants of different nationalities took part in the training activities both in Nice and in Sanremo with a view to being awarded a University diploma specializing in international humanitarian law. The project is part of the INTERREG Programme financed by the European Union, by the General Council of the Maritime Alps and the *Regione Liguria*.

ROUND TABLES AND EXPERT SEMINARS

In 2011, seminars and round tables had an important impact on the general economy of the Institute confirming the high esteem the Institute enjoys on the international and national level as a centre of reflection and debate. The following events were among the most successful initiatives realised by the Institute thanks to the support of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and to the collaboration of other prestigious bodies with an international outreach:

SEMINAR ON “INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW AND ARMED CONFLICTS: THE INVOLVEMENT OF CIVILIAN POPULATION IN HOSTILITIES” *Rome, 25th February*

The Seminar was held at the Diplomatic Institute of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Rome. The proceedings, which were opened by Hon. Vincenzo Scotti, Italian Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and Ambassador Maurizio Moreno, President of the Institute, were co-ordinated by Prof. Fausto Pocar, Vice-President of the Institute and Judge at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. Participants invited by the Institute included experts from Arab countries and Israel. The different aspects which were discussed also included the delicate issue of human shields. The final report of the Seminar, prepared by Prof. Pocar and by Prof. Pedrazzi, was published on the website of the Institute.

XXXIV ROUND TABLE ON “INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW AND NEW WEAPON TECHNOLOGY”

Sanremo, 8th to 10th September

The XXXIV Round Table on current problems of international humanitarian law, jointly organised by the Institute and the International Committee of the Red Cross, was held in Sanremo from 8th to 10th September. It addressed a theme of great importance and relevance, namely, “International Humanitarian Law and New Weapons Technology”. This Round Table encouraged a thorough and legal analysis of the problems arising from an array of new weapons and military technologies that had either only recently entered the battlefield or was being tested with a view to being used for military purposes in the future. Drones, robots and military outer space technologies as well as cyber technology and other devices and technologies all raise important legal and humanitarian concerns. The opening session of the Round Table, chaired by Ambassador Moreno, President of the Institute, included Dr. Peter Maurer, Secretary of State of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs; Dr. Jakob Kellenberger, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross; General (ret.) Vincenzo Camporini, Former Chief of the General Defence Staff, Special Advisor for Military Affairs of the Minister of Foreign Affairs. The proceedings of the Round Table, which was divided into five sessions, benefitted from the interventions of eminent experts from different countries. The rich and constructive discussions that followed involving many present in an informal dialogue were in keeping with the tradition of the annual Round Table in Sanremo. More than three hundred people from scientific, diplomatic, institutional and military circles attended along with representatives of the United Nations and other international organisations, members of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, experts, scholars and researchers from all parts of the world. For more than thirty years the Round Table in Sanremo offers an important opportunity for the international community to meet, and its proceedings represent a concrete contribution to the promotion of the culture of international law and consequently a more mature understanding and a more efficacious application of the fundamental principles and norms of international humanitarian law and human rights.

NATO ATLANTIC POLICY ADVISORY GROUP MEETING WITH MEDITERRANEAN DIALOGUE

Sanremo, 15th – 16th September

The first meeting of members of the Atlantic Alliance and NATO’s Mediterranean Dialogue partners (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Mauritania, Morocco and Tunisia) was hosted by the Institute in Villa Ormond, at the request of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, from 15th to 16th September. Political and diplomatic advisers sat around the same table to informally discuss issues relevant to stability and security in the Mediterranean area.

CONFLICT SITUATIONS AND MIGRATION FLOWS

Sanremo, 5th November

The Institute, in cooperation with the International Organization for Migration and with the support of the Italian Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Interior, organised a one-day seminar on “Conflict Situations and Migration Flows”, which took place at Villa Ormond in Sanremo. Participants included experts and governmental officials from different countries in the Mediterranean area (Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia), representatives from international organisations and civil society. Prof. Fausto Pocar, Vice-president of the Institute, and Hon. Sonia Viale, Under-Secretary of State, Italian Ministry of Interior, participated in the opening session which was followed by a careful analysis of international and European laws regarding the impact of conflict situations on migration flows.

EXHIBITIONS, AWARDS AND SIDE EVENTS

From 25th to 27th January, the Institute hosted the 11th meeting of the Strategic Group for Thought of the International Tracing Service. This Service is an international organisation committed to the management and conservation of the archives of Bad Arolsen, one of the most exhaustive and important collection of documents regarding the Holocaust and victims of the Nazi persecution. Twenty-five representatives from different countries took part in the meeting which was organised in collaboration with the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In order to extend its visibility in the local area, the Institute, on various occasions, opened its doors to students, organising, in particular, a series of meetings with the students from the local Secondary School, *Liceo D.D. Cassini*, Sanremo, on the issue of “International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights in Peacekeeping Operations”. This project was very much appreciated both by the students and their teachers who hoped that such meetings would continue in the future.

During the 10th Competition on the Law of Armed Conflict for Military Academies, held in March, the Institute hosted the exhibition: “75 years of the Roerichs Pact for the Protection of Cultural Property and Artistic Monuments”. The exhibition was set up in Villa Ormond in collaboration with the International Centre of the Roerichs, Austrian Roerich Society – National Committee of the Roerichs Pact, the Austrian National Commission of the Blue Shield, and the Austrian Society for the Protection of Cultural Property.

On 5th April, in collaboration with the Sanremo Casinò and in the framework of the Casino’s “Literary Tuesdays”, the Institute organised a conference on “Humanitarian Ideals and Action of the Red Cross in the Unity of Italy”. The conference was conducted by Dr. Massimo Barra, President of the Standing Commission of the Red Cross and Red Crescent.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AND PUBLICATIONS

The main books published by the Institute in 2011 were:

- “Global Violence: Consequences and Responses”, covering the proceedings of the XXXIIIrd Round Table in celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Institute. This volume, published by “FrancoAngeli”, was officially launched at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) on 8th July.
- “Current Issues on International Humanitarian Law”, covering the proceedings of the international seminar organised by the Institute at the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia on 16th December, 2010 in Belgrade under the patronage of the Italian and Serbian Ministries of Foreign Affairs.
- “*Flussi Migratori dall’America Latina: Diritto, Politiche: Prospettive/Flujos Migratorios de America Latina: Derecho, Politicas, Perspectivas*”, covering the proceedings of the international seminar organised by the Institute in Rome from 22nd to 23rd November in the framework of the bicentenary of the independence of Latin America. The book was officially presented in Geneva, on 8th July, at the presence of Ambassador William Lacy Swing, Director General of the International Organization for Migration.

PARTNERSHIPS SIGNED BY THE INSTITUTE

- Memorandum of Understanding with Qatar Red Crescent, Sanremo, 9th September 2011;
- Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Nice, Institute for the Law of Peace and Development, Nice, 2nd December 2010;
- Memorandum of Understanding with the Operational Law Division of the United States Army's Office of the Judge Advocate General, Sanremo, 13th September 2010;
- Memorandum of Understanding with Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP), Geneva, 9th July 2010;
- Memorandum of Understanding with Project of Internal Displacement at the Brookings Institution of Washington, Sanremo, 12th June 2010;
- Memorandum of Understanding with the University of *Roma Tre* Faculty of Law, Rome, 31st March 2010;
- Memorandum of Understanding with Naif Arab University for Security Sciences (NAUSS), Riyadh, 28th March 2010;
- Memorandum of Understanding with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), Geneva, 17th March 2010;
- Memorandum of Understanding with the Italian Red Cross, Rome, 27th October 2009;
- Memorandum of Understanding with *Istituto Affari Internazionali* (IAI), Rome, 12th September 2009;

- Memorandum of Understanding with the *Instituto Interamericano de Derechos Umanos*, Sanremo, 3rd September 2009;
- Memorandum of Understanding with Cairo Regional Center for Training on Conflict Resolution and Peacekeeping in Africa, Sanremo, 2nd April 2009;
- Memorandum of Understanding with the Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI), Milan, 5th February 2009;
- Memorandum of Understanding with the Post Conflict Operations Study Centre, Turin, 4th February 2009;
- Memorandum of Understanding with the Centre of Excellence for Stability Police Units (CoESPU), Vicenza, 2nd October 2008;
- Memorandum of Understanding with *Istituto italo-latino americano*, Rome, 18th September 2008;
- Memorandum of Understanding with *Centro Alti Studi Difesa (CASD)*, Rome, 3rd September 2008;
- Memorandum of Understanding with NATO School of Oberammergau, Oberammergau, 23rd July 2008;
- Memorandum of Understanding with *Polo Imperiese* of the University of Genoa, Imperia, 14th March 2008.

IIHL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

This independent and non-profit Association, which was created on 23rd October 2009, aims at contributing to the promotion and dissemination of principles, values and rules of international humanitarian law, human rights, refugee law and migration law. It encourages meetings of ex-alumni, many of whom now hold prestigious positions of responsibility in their respective countries, through a programme of exchange and events while guaranteeing a network of contacts. In 2011, the Association created a social network dedicated and accessible to all ex-alumni having participated in one or more of the courses, seminars and conferences organised by the Institute. The annual meeting of members took place in Sanremo on 9th September in the form of an informal dinner at Hotel Londra, during the Round Table. Today, the Association has a total of 553 members. Prof. Marco Odello was reconfirmed as its president.

NEW MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTE

In 2011, the following persons were accepted as Members of the Institute: Prof. Dapo AKANDE, Nigeria; Dr. Ali AWAD, Lebanon; Brig. Gen. Tom AYRES, JA, USA; Col. Tracy BARNES, USA; Capt. (Navy) Geneviève BERNATCHEZ, Canada; Prof. Laurie BLANK, USA; Air Commodore (retd) William BOOTHBY, United Kingdom; Col. (Ris.) Sherrod Lewis BUMGARDNER, USA; Lt.Col. George CADWALADER, Jr., USA; Brig.Gen. Blaise CATHCART, C.D., Canada; Prof. Robert M. CHESNEY, USA; Prof. Geoffrey S. CORN, USA; Prof. Robert CRYER, United Kingdom; Brig. Gen. (Ris.) Oussama DAMAJ, Canada/Lebanon; Dr. Ettore

GRECO, Italy; Dr. Steven William HAINES, United Kingdom; Prof. Françoise HAMPSON OBE, United Kingdom; Col. (Ris.) Richard B. JACKSON, USA; Prof. Kate JASTRAM, USA; Prof. Vesna KNEŽEVIĆ-PREDIĆ, Serbia; Admiral David LETTS, CSM, RAN, Australia; Mr. William K. LIETZAU, USA; Prof. Bruce OSWALD, CSC, Australia; Dr. Paola PACE, Italy; Dr. Michela PAOLINI, Italy; Capt. (USN) (Ris.) Thomas RANDALL, USA; Col. Andre RETIEF, South Africa; Mr. Joseph RUTIGLIANO, USA; Col. John SPIERIN, Ireland; Prof. Dale STEPHENS, Australia; Prof. Beth VAN SCHAACK, USA; Brig. (Ris.) Ken WATKIN, Canada; Prof. Ass. Sean WATTS, USA; Prof. Thomas C. WINGFIELD, USA.

Dr. Mohammed AL-HADID, Dr. Jacques FORSTER, Dr. Michael MEYER and Dr. Ndioro NDIAYE were nominated Honorary Members in recognition of their commitment towards the Institute.

The following persons became Associate Members: Dr. Lucia CATANI, Italy; Prof. Marina MANCINI, Italy, Dr. Lara SCARPITTA, Italy.

The number of members of the Institute totalled 285 as compared with 246 last year.

INTERSHIP PROGRAMMES

In 2011, the Institute welcomed the following interns: Valentina CADELO (Italy); Alessandra CARMINATI (Italy); Ermanno DE BENEDETTI (Italy); Luisella RAMOINO (Italy); Clarissa FAZZINI (Italy); Anne TOGNETTI (France); Arianna GIANCOLA (Italy); Nina BURRI (Switzerland); Mirella SEGUIN (Canada-Italy).

MEETINGS OF STATUTORY BODIES

The General Assembly of the Institute met in Sanremo for an ordinary session on 10th June to adopt the Report of Activities for 2010 and the relevant Financial Report together with the Strategic Plan 2010-2015 proposed by the Council. In addition, the Assembly met in ordinary session in Sanremo on 7th September to renew the Council.

The Council of the Institute met in Rome on 25th February at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Club, in Sanremo on 10th June and 7th September, and in Geneva on 30th November. At its meeting on 7th September, the Council unanimously confirmed Ambassador Maurizio Moreno as President of the Institute and elected Prof. Fausto Pocar, Dr. Baldwin De Vidts, Prof. Michel Veuthey and Prof. Marie Jacobsson as Vice-Presidents. In that same session, the Council also confirmed Dr. Stefania Baldini as Secretary-General and Mr. Mauro Giancaterino as Treasurer.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

According to the circumstances, the Institute was represented by the President, the Vice-Presidents, the Secretary-General, the Director of the Military Department or the Assistant to the Secretary-General, at the following meetings:

- Ambassador Moreno, participated at the annual meeting of *Network Italiano Formazione Peacekeeping ed Emergenze* (NIFOPE), the Italian network of Institutions that offer training in disciplines of specific interest to peacekeeping missions and emergencies, which was held in Rome on 18th May at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The meeting examined the programme of various courses and analysed the specific training needs of personnel engaged in missions in the European Union.
- Dr. Stefania Baldini, participated at the meeting of NATO training and research centres (Partnership for Peace) which took place from 6th to 9th June in Brasov in Romania. The Institute, recently admitted in the network of training centres recognized by NATO, offered to host one of the next meetings in Sanremo, an offer which was accepted with great enthusiasm.
- The Institute was invited to participate as an official observer in the Commonwealth Law Ministers' Meeting which was held from 11th to 14th July in Sydney. The Conference, which brings together Ministers and high-ranking officials from 44 member countries every three years, was opened by HE Mr. Kamalesh Sharma, Commonwealth Secretary-General. Col. Darren Stewart, Director of the Military Department, gave a presentation on the activities of the Institute emphasising the opportunities for collaboration with Commonwealth Member States in the field of dissemination and teaching of humanitarian law.
- Ambassador Moreno, participated in the 42nd meeting of the Committee of Legal Advisers on Public International Law (CAHDI), an intergovernmental body that brings together legal advisers of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs from 47 Member States of the Council of Europe. A significant number of Observer States and Organisations also attended. During the meeting, Ambassador Moreno gave an overview of the activities of the Institute and received a very positive reception. This meeting was held in Strasbourg from 22nd to 23rd September.
- The Institute was represented by Col. Darren Stewart at the international conference of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War held in Beijing, from 9th to 13th November,
- A delegation from the Institute, led by Ambassador Moreno, participated at the 21st International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent held in Geneva from 28th November to 1st December. On this occasion, the Institute organised both a stand promoting its activities and a side event with the Italian Red Cross. Prof. Fausto Pocar, Vice-President, Prof. Edoardo Greppi, Member of the IHL Council and Col. Darren Stewart, Director of the Military Department all contributed to the proceedings.

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