



International Institute of Humanitarian Law  
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# International Disaster Law Course

## Sanremo, Italy, 13 – 17 June 2016

The International Institute of Humanitarian Law, in cooperation with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and the International Disaster Law Project, and with the support of the Italian Red Cross, will host the **3<sup>rd</sup> International Disaster Law Course** from 13 to 17 June 2016.

### Course Venue

The International Disaster Law (IDL) Course will be held at the International Institute of Humanitarian Law, Villa Ormond – Corso Cavallotti 113, 18038 Sanremo, Italy, Tel. +39 0184 541848ext205, Fax +39 0184 541600, E-mail: [sanremo@iihl.org](mailto:sanremo@iihl.org).

### Course Profile

The IDL course will offer participants an opportunity to analyse one of today's foremost legal challenges: the prevention and management of natural and man-made disasters.

Lectures will be delivered by distinguished speakers including Eduardo Valencia-Ospina (Special Rapporteur of the ILC on the Protection of Persons in the Event of Disasters), Walter Kälin (former Representative of the UN Secretary-General on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons), academics, as well as representatives of relevant international and national actors concerned with IDL, such as the IFRC, OCHA, IAEA, the Italian Civil Protection Department.

The programme seeks to offer a comprehensive overview of the main practical, humanitarian and military issues related to the legal aspects of disaster prevention and management activities. Topics will be covered using a plenary-based approach complemented by practical exercises designed to test the participants' ability to find outcome oriented solutions through the application of relevant IDL provisions.

### Course Directors

David Fisher, Paulo Cavalieri (International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Cross Societies, Disaster Law Programme) and IDL Project coordinating team (Giulio Bartolini, Federico Casolari, Emanuele Sommario, Flavia Zorzi Giustiniani).

## Target audience

The programme is tailored towards:

graduate and post-graduate students with an interest in IDL; practitioners (e.g. staff of civil protection departments; staff of Red Cross and Red Crescent societies; NGOs) involved in disaster management; academics; and professionals with an academic background in the areas of law, security studies, international relations, humanitarian assistance or other related fields, eager to expand their knowledge of IDL.

## Application

Applicants are kindly requested to complete the form available here <http://www.iihl.org/idlcourse>. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis and prospective participants are therefore encouraged to apply early in order to secure a place. Applications will be reviewed by the Course directors. Unless all places are taken earlier, the final deadline for application is 20 May 2016. The Course is open to a maximum of 35 participants.

## Participation fee

The participation fee is € 600 (Euros) and must be paid within 10 days from the notification of selection.

The fee can be paid to the International Institute of Humanitarian Law by credit card through our web page [[www.iihl.org](http://www.iihl.org)] or through bank transfer:

- Account holder: International Institute of Humanitarian Law
- Bank name: BANCA PROSSIMA, Filiale 05000
- Bank address: Piazza Paolo Ferrari 10, 20121 Milano, Italy
- Bank codes:  
IBAN: IT97 V033 5901 6001 0000 0012 348  
BIC: BCITITMX

Bank fees and other bank charges must not be subtracted from the participation fee. All bank communications must state the name of the person to be enrolled and the purpose as "Participation fee for the International Disaster Law Course".

The fee covers the following:

- Course materials
- Lunches and coffee breaks on Course days
- Reception drinks and Course dinner
- Course photo and Course certificate

The fee does not cover any additional or sundry expenses incurred by participants such as hotel laundry or telephone calls nor travel, accommodation or any other per diem incidentals. Participants must ensure that they bring with them sufficient funds to cover their additional needs for the duration of the course, or have access to funds in Sanremo via their bank.

## Accommodation

The participation fee does not include hotel accommodation in Sanremo nor dinners during the event (only the official closing dinner). However the IHL will provide participants with information on hotel rates and contact details.

## Course Timetable

The Course will begin at 9.00 a.m. on Monday 13 June and will finish around 15.30 p.m. on Friday 17 June. Sessions will start at 9 and run through 17–17.15.

Please ensure that your travel plans enable you to arrive in time to attend the opening session and to depart after the closing ceremony.

Registration procedures will take place on Monday 13 June between 8.30 and 9.00 a.m.

## Language

The Course will be taught in **English**. It is essential that participants have a good command of English in order to be able to follow the lectures, get involved in the practical exercises and participate in the class discussion.

## Course Certificate

**Participants who have attended all sessions will receive a Certificate of Participation.**

## Course Materials

Participants will receive some pre-reading material as well as a very brief assignment for the peer group meeting to be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June.

All course materials and documents required during the course will be provided by the Institute.

The Institute has a library on the first floor with over 4,000 volumes (texts, monographs, reports, journals reference materials, CDs and videos) mainly in English, French, Italian, Spanish, Arabic and Russian. Photocopying facilities are also available.

## PRACTICAL INFO

### Travel and Visa Requirements

**Participants will meet their own travel expenses and make all necessary reservations.**

All participants requiring a visa are responsible to obtain a multiple entry Schengen visa before their departure. Please note that it can take up to three weeks to obtain a visa. Please be aware that a visa is also required for transit via the United Kingdom and the United States of America. It is not possible to get a visa on arrival at the border.

### Arrival/Departure

Sanremo is located in the northern part of Italy, approximately 140 km west of Genoa and 60 km east of Nice, France, where the nearest international airport is located (1 hour drive).

**A consolidated shuttle service from Nice Côte d'Azur International Airport will be organised by the Institute on Sunday 12 June for course participants who request it. The cost is 50 Euro each way (100 Euro return).**

Please make sure that you inform us of your arrival time well in advance of travel so that you can be included in the shuttle transfer list.

Please note that participants may have to wait for a period whilst participants are consolidated from a number of arriving/departing flights.

### Insurance

The organizers do not provide medical insurance and cannot cover medical fees. All participants are required to purchase international medical insurance in their home country before leaving.

### Dress code

During the Course participants may dress informally.

### **Currency**

The Euro is the only currency accepted in Italy. We strongly advise participants to change their money before arriving in Sanremo. Major credit cards (e.g. Visa, MasterCard) are accepted.

### **Telephone Communications**

All international and local phone calls are at the participants' own expenses. All hotels have international telephone facilities, but purchase of a telephone card is recommended, as they offer more affordable rates. International calls: 00 + country code + area code + number.

### **Internet**

At the Institute, a computer room is available with access to Internet only (open during office hours). A free wireless internet connection is available for those wishing to bring their own devices.

### **Secretariat**

Information and support can be obtained from Ms Patricia Panizzi (phone +39 0184 541848, ext. 205, fax +39 0184 541600, e-mail [panizzi@iihl.org](mailto:panizzi@iihl.org)).

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