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## INTRODUCTION

In 2010 the International Institute of Humanitarian Law (IIHL) celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Founded on 26<sup>th</sup> September 1970 by a group of eminent lawyers originating from different countries, the Institute's main purpose is the promoting of international humanitarian law and related disciplines.

As a non-profit association under Italian law, the organization has steadily consolidated its structure and has increased its activities thanks to the strong sense of mission and the generous as well as voluntary commitment of the members of the statutory bodies and of the teaching staff.

Recognised by the Italian Government as an institution of international relevance, the Institute has gained a strong reputation as a centre of excellence at the international level thanks to its activities in the field of training and research.

The activities of the Institute benefit from the financial support of different countries. In addition to Italy and Switzerland, who continue to be the main contributors, Israel, Norway, Qatar, Sweden, United Kingdom, and the United States also supported the Institute in 2010.

The Institute has consultative status with the United Nations (ECOSOC) and has operational relations with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and UNESCO. Besides co-operating with the main international humanitarian organizations in Geneva, namely UNHCR, OHCHR and IOM, the Institute has also developed fruitful collaboration with the European Union, the African Union, NATO and other regional organizations including the *Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie*, African Union and the *Istituto Italo-Latino Americano*. Moreover, it has signed Memoranda of Agreement with prestigious research institutes and universities both in Italy and abroad.

The year was marked by intensive activity despite the negative effects of significant reductions in public and private funding which hit all training and research institutions, particularly in Italy.

The 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Institute was commemorated by specific events organized in Sanremo, Geneva and Rome.

In Sanremo, in particular, the Municipality formally acknowledged the role of the Institute during an *ad hoc* plenary session of its Council on 28<sup>th</sup> January where it submitted an official award to its President.

The Secretary of State at the Prime Minister's Office, Hon. Francesco Belsito, and leading civil and military authorities intervened at an official ceremony preceding the 33<sup>rd</sup> Round Table on current problems of international humanitarian law held in Sanremo from 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> September. The Round Table focussed on the topic of the globalization of violence. The presence of a great number of representatives of international organizations and foreign countries (including Prince Albert of Monaco), together with eminent personalities from scientific, military and diplomatic circles, very eloquently confirmed the prestige the Sanremo Institute enjoys thanks to its commitment to the promotion of the culture of international humanitarian law and human rights.

Special mention should be made to the inclusion of the Institute, at the decision of the *Regione Liguria* (on 24<sup>th</sup> December), in a selective list of institutions of regional interest.

New memoranda of co-operation were signed during the year with IOM (International Organization for Migration), with GCSP (Geneva Centre for Security Policy), with the Brookings Institution in Washington, with the Law Faculty of Roma Tre University, Rome, with the Norwegian Refugee Council, as well as with NAUSS (Naif Arab University for Security Sciences) in Riyadh.

The core business of the Institute continued to be represented by training courses on international humanitarian law, attended not only by military but also by civilian personnel from different regions of the world. The participation of representatives from developing countries (Africa, Latin America and Asia), as well as from the Peoples' Republic of China, and the return of participants from the Russian Federation after a few years' absence were particularly significant. New scholarships were made available for participants thanks to a fund established by Switzerland in

memory of Colonel Frédéric de Mulinen who was director of the military training activities of the Institute for many years.

Courses on international refugee law, migration law and IDPs law continued to stimulate a growing interest. The programmes and curricula of such courses (as was the case for courses on international humanitarian law), were revised and updated with the assistance of an *ad hoc* Advisory Board made up of qualified international experts and chaired by Vice-President, Prof. Veuthey.

The Institute paid particular attention to the training and updating of its teaching staff through the organization of specific seminars for trainers.

In addition to the traditional September Round Table (where simultaneous translation in Arabic was offered for the first time), the Institute organized a series of conferences, thematic seminars and meetings on specific issues (such as the protection of cultural property, the rules of engagement, targeting, and the protection of civilians in armed conflict). The choice of topics and the high level of participation earned the Institute great praise.

The International Conference on “The New Conflicts and the Challenge of the Protection of the Civilian Population”, held in Rome on 14<sup>th</sup> December in the international conference room of the *Farnesina* under the auspices of the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs, was a very successful event.

Positive results were reached in widening dissemination of international humanitarian law through *ad hoc* training initiatives (short-term courses and seminars) organized in collaboration with prestigious partner institutions in Iraq, in Serbia and in Egypt (for African military staff engaged in peacekeeping missions). All these events positively contributed to the image and external credibility of the Institute.

Other key initiatives were particularly appreciated, including the Summer Course run in the months of June and July in Sanremo and Geneva; the cross-border university programme, HUMANMED, organized in collaboration with the University of Nice, and the Master’s diploma in international humanitarian law and peace operations organized for the first time in Milan in collaboration with ISPI (Istituto di Studi Politici Internazionali).

The NATO Legal Advisors’ Conference on the alliance’s strategies in Afghanistan, hosted at the Sanremo Institute from 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> September,

had considerable echo. There were 120 participants and the contribution of the Institute was positively acknowledged.

The Institute also contributed to the organization at Villa Ormond of three meetings on the problems of asylum of the EU Temporary Desk on Irak (TDI).

In 2010 the members of the Institute increased from 223 to 246.

During the year numerous improvements were made to the internal organization of the Institute which took an active part in the establishing and the shaping of the Alumni Association (370 members as on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010). Prof. Marco Odello, University of Aberystwyth (Wales) was designated as president.

As in previous years, the efforts of the Institute were supported by the activities of the Advisory Board for the Military Courses chaired by Brig. Gen. Dahinden. The Advisory Board met from 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> June 2010 for its 7<sup>th</sup> workshop in Geneva. The meeting was hosted by the Swiss Government and dovetailed with the second Annual Senior Officers' Security and Law Conference at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP). The Advisory Board addressed the outstanding issues pertaining to its mandate and monitored the implementation status of decisions based on its first, second and third Interim Reports. The Advisory Board duly acknowledged the efforts undertaken by the Institute to implement the recommendations of its previous Interim Reports.

The recommendations of the Advisory Board's 7<sup>th</sup> workshop were adopted by the Council at its September meeting.

Following the decision taken by the Council on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2009, which established an Advisory Board on Refugee and Migration Law Courses, five meetings of the Board took place in 2010 under the chairmanship of Vice-President Prof. Veuthey. The Advisory Board had the task of "*elaborating concrete recommendations on the refugee law courses and migration law courses*". The Board included representatives from the Institute, UNHCR, IOM, representatives from major donor countries and legal experts in the field. The Advisory Board's final report was submitted to and adopted by the Council on 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

In the course of 2010 the Institute engaged in an exercise of in-depth assessment of its activities with the aim of defining priorities and lines of



action for the near future. An effort was made to better identify elements of weakness and strength together with new potentials and opportunities emerging from a rapidly changing scenario of international security characterised by growing competition. The proliferation of actors operating at the international level in the field of the promotion of international humanitarian law and related issues calls as a matter of fact for an urgent search for collaboration and partnerships and for an active participation in international networks and consortia of like-minded institutes. With this in mind, the Executive Council set out a strategic plan to be submitted to the General Assembly for its approval in 2011.

Summing up, it can be said that in 2010 the International Institute of Humanitarian Law, Sanremo, despite a context of growing and severe financial difficulties, successfully managed to:

- fully carry out its tasks and celebrate its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary with great dignity thanks to an articulated programme of activities and publications in keeping with its original mission;
- give fresh impetus and a new dimension to its collaboration with international organizations and Italian and foreign public and private institutions which will hopefully lead to useful results for its activities in the longer term;
- make an important investment in the upgrading of its training programmes both in the field of international humanitarian law and in the field of refugee law, migration law and IDPs law, by enriching the traditional offer of training courses with seminars and workshops which certainly contributed to strengthening the positive image and external perception of the activities of the Institute;
- improve its outreach and communication not only by re-shaping its website but also by expanding its contacts through the network of the newly-established Alumni Association, and the organization of specific events aimed at launching its most recent publications;
- and last but not least, balance the accounts of a financial year characterised by serious, unprecedented cuts in private and public donors' contributions, through a careful and prudent management of resources.

## 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, support from different countries, including Italy, Switzerland, Sweden, as well as from international institutions including ICRC, *Organisation internationale de la francophonie*, and *Istituto Italo-Latino Americano* (ILA), permitted the Institute to run its traditional and articulated programme of courses at its headquarters in Sanremo. The courses are structured in three tiers so as to cover three levels of learning, ranging from the foundation courses up to the advanced and specialized courses. The entire training programme favours a pragmatic and multidisciplinary approach. In addition, courses and seminars were also organized away from Sanremo, particularly in Iraq, Serbia and Egypt, as well as at the NATO School of Oberammergau, CASD (Centre for Advanced Defence Studies), Rome, CoESPU (Centre of Excellence for the Stability Police Units), Vicenza.

Thanks to the contribution of Switzerland and the ICRC, the Institute was able to hold a meeting of the *Training Expert Group* which was attended by trainers of various nationalities. This meeting, which took place from 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> January at the Institute, aimed at consolidating and perfecting the course programmes currently offered by the Institute geared both for military and civilian personnel, in keeping with its, by now, consolidated reputation as a centre of excellence in this field.

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

In 2010, seventeen residential courses on the law of armed conflicts (LOAC) were held in Sanremo at Villa Ormond. In addition, nine courses, seminars and workshops on humanitarian law, human rights or refugee law were held at other venues:

- 136<sup>th</sup> Course (English with Arabic class)
- 137<sup>th</sup> Course (French)
- 138<sup>th</sup> Course (English with Arabic class)
- 139<sup>th</sup> Course (Spanish with Portuguese class)
- 140<sup>th</sup> Course (English with Chinese and Russian classes)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Competition on LOAC for military academies (English)

- 7<sup>th</sup> Course on human rights and LOAC in peace operations (English)
- 16<sup>th</sup> Advanced Course (English)
- 17<sup>th</sup> Advanced Course (French)
- 10<sup>th</sup> Course on LOAC for planners, executors and controllers of air operations (English)
- 11<sup>th</sup> Course on LOAC for planners, executors and controllers of naval operations (English)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Course for directors of courses and trainers of LOAC (English)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Course for directors of courses and trainers of LOAC (French)

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

The Institute, in collaboration with ISPI, Milan, organized its first edition of the post-graduate advanced diploma in “International humanitarian law and peace operations”. Its programme aimed at providing participants with a deeper knowledge of issues concerning the legal aspects of international peace operations. The Diploma consisted of five training modules - three requiring class attendance at ISPI in Milan (Palazzo Clerici) from 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> February, and two distant learning sessions. Officials from both governmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as post-graduate students, attended.

***c) Course in Iraq***

The Institute, on the request and with the financial contribution of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (DGCOOP), organized a course on LOAC and human rights in Iraq from 14<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> March. The course, the third of its kind organized by the Institute, was held at the “Military Ethic and Values Center” (Iraqi Military University) under the co-ordination of Gen. Giorgio Blais and with the collaboration of the Iraqi Ministry of Human Rights and the Italian Embassy.

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

As envisaged in the agreement signed with the “Cairo Regional Centre for Training on Conflict Resolution and Peacekeeping in Africa”, the Institute jointly organized a training course on LOAC and refugee law for African military and civilian personnel involved in peace operations, which took

place in Cairo from 11<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> April. The President of the Institute together with the Secretary of State of the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs opened the working session.

*e) Course at the Diplomatic Institute of Rome*

Within the framework of the training programme for mid-level diplomats promoted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Institute organized its first training session on international humanitarian law in Rome at the Diplomatic School from 26<sup>th</sup> to 27 May. The initiative was financed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

*f) Summer Course, Sanremo-Geneva*

The 10<sup>th</sup> edition of this course, which was co-ordinated by the Vice-President of the Institute, Prof. Michel Veuthey, took place from 28<sup>th</sup> June to 10<sup>th</sup> July, initiating in Sanremo and concluding in Geneva, bringing together university students and young experts from different regions of the world, and providing them with the opportunity to discuss with eminent lawyers and diplomats active in the promoting of international humanitarian law and human rights. On arrival in Geneva, the participants visited the main international organizations with a humanitarian vision, and they were also received by the Permanent Representative of Italy.

*g) Course held at CASD in Rome*

In the framework of the 11<sup>th</sup> Course for “Legal Advisors of the Armed Forces” promoted by CASD, the Institute was responsible for organizing a workshop on non-state actors held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July at the headquarters of the Centre in Salviati Palace. About one hundred Italian and foreign officers took part in the workshop which was introduced by Prof. Wolff Heintschel von Heinegg and Col. Darren Stewart, Director of the IIHL Military Department.

*h) Workshop on the Rules of Engagement*

This workshop was held in Sanremo from 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> September and discussed the various national and international rules of engagement regarding peace operations. The seminar also analysed the recent handbook on the rules of engagement published by the Institute. Participants from different parts of the world (from Bosnia-Erzegovina to Israel, from China to New Zealand) took part in the workshop.

*i) Workshop on LOAC targeting*

The workshop was run in Sanremo from 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> October and, through the study of specific cases and through the contribution of qualified military and civilian experts, the key question of targeting and its implications on international law and human rights were analysed.

*j) Course held at CoESPU in Vicenza*

As envisaged in the agreement of co-operation signed with CoESPU, the Institute collaborated by offering their own teaching staff on the occasion of a course held in the month of November for police personnel involved in international peace missions.

*k) Course held at the NATO School of Oberammergau*

At the request of the NATO School, the Institute organized a course on LOAC and human rights in international peace operations at the School itself in Oberammergau. The course ran from 29<sup>th</sup> November to 3<sup>rd</sup> December within the framework of activities foreseen in the agreement of co-operation signed in 2008 with the NATO School and was attended by high ranking officers from NATO countries, from PFP countries and from “Mediterranean Dialogue”. Col. Darren Stewart, Director of the Institute’s Military Department, gave a presentation.

*l) Course held at the “Scuola Superiore della Pubblica Amministrazione”(School for Advanced Studies for Civil Servants), Rome*

Within the framework of a two-month training programme geared for a group of diplomats from Afghanistan, the Institute organized a basic course on international humanitarian law which took place in Rome on 6<sup>th</sup> December. The initiative was financed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

*m) Workshop on the Protection of Cultural Property in Armed Conflict*

This workshop was intended for both civilian and military operators and addressed the practical application of the norms of international humanitarian law regarding the protection of cultural property in different types of conflict. The workshop, which took place from 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>

December in Sanremo, was characterized by general presentations and practical exercises.

*n) Seminar in Serbia*

This seminar, held on 16<sup>th</sup> December in the Parliament building of Belgrade, was organized in close collaboration with the Serbian Ministry for Foreign Affairs and with the support of the Italian Embassy in Belgrade. At the opening session the following people intervened: the President and Secretary-General of the Institute, the Italian Ambassador in Serbia, the State-Secretary at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, and the President of the Commission for Missing Persons of the Serbian Government. There were over 100 participants from military circles and civil society who attended. On that occasion, the Serbian Government asked the Institute to collaborate in the organization of new initiatives in the field of training.

## **COURSES ON INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE LAW**

In 2010 the Institute organized the following five courses on international refugee law:

54<sup>th</sup> Course (English)

55<sup>th</sup> Course (French)

56<sup>th</sup> Course (Arabic)

57<sup>th</sup> Course (Spanish)

58<sup>th</sup> Course (English)

As in past years these courses were organized in close collaboration with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and with the support of the Swiss Federal Office for Migration and the US State Department. Important contributions for participants from Africa, Asia and Latin America were granted by the Italian Ministry for Foreign Affairs (Department for Africa and Asia) and by *Istituto Italo-Latino Americano* in Rome.

## **COURSES ON INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION LAW**

In 2010 the Institute, in close collaboration with the International Organization for Migration and thanks to the support of the Swiss Federal Office for Migration, organized a course in English on international migration law, which was held in Sanremo from 27<sup>th</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup>

October. Officials, experts and operators dealing with the problems of migration and asylum in different countries of the world, including those sponsored by the *Istituto Italo-Latino Americano* in Rome, attended.

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

The Institute held its 6<sup>th</sup> course in English on problems concerning IDPs from 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> June in Sanremo. The course was organized in close collaboration with the Office of the UN Special Representative for the Rights of IDPs, Prof. Walter Kaelin, who opened the session. Officials, from different parts of the world, concerned with the protection of those who are internally displaced as a result of being forced to leave their homes to survive the effects of conflict, internal unrest or natural disasters. The course was made possible thanks to the support of Brookings Institution, Washington, and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

### **WORKSHOPS ON THE PROBLEM OF IRAQI REFUGEES**

Thanks to an agreement signed with the Temporary Desk on Iraq, financed by the EU, the Institute hosted three meetings in Villa Ormond for governmental officers of member States of the project. The aim of the programme was to improve asylum and repatriation procedures by trying to make them homogeneous, with particular reference to the Iraqi situation, so as to render co-operation between States more efficient. The workshops took place from 25<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> February, from 30<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> March and from 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> April. The Institute took an active part through the participation of its experts.

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

The HUMANMED Programme, 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 2010.

Forty participants of different nationalities, working towards obtaining a University diploma specialized in international humanitarian law, attended the training activities organized both in Nice and Sanremo.

The Programme is part of the INTERREG Programme financed by the European Union, the General Council of the Maritime Alps and the *Regione Liguria*.

## **ROUND TABLES AND EXPERT SEMINARS**

Among the activities of the Institute the seminars and round tables maintained their importance in 2010 confirming the high esteem the organization enjoys on a national and international level as a centre of reflection and debate.

The following events were among the most successful initiatives realized by the Institute thanks to the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the collaboration of prestigious bodies with an international outreach:

### **ROUND TABLE ON “GLOBAL VIOLENCE: CONSEQUENCES AND RESPONSES”**

*Sanremo, 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> September*

Following tradition, the 33<sup>rd</sup> Round Table on current problems of international humanitarian law was organized by the Institute in collaboration with the International Committee of the Red Cross. The chosen topic of global violence represented without a doubt one of the main challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The purpose of this Round Table was to review some of the legal and practical problems arising from contemporary armed conflicts and other situations of violence, ranging from terrorism to piracy to organized crime, in which non-state actors play an ever-important role. Specific focus was placed on the problem of deprivation of liberty and detention. The Round Table was preceded by celebrations for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Institute which took place in the presence of senior representatives of governments and international organizations collaborating with the Institute, prestigious personalities and experts, including His Serene Highness Prince Albert II of Monaco; Dr. Jakob Kellenberger, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross; Ambassador William Lacy Swing, Director General of the International Organization for Migration; Ambassador Claudio Bisogniero, Secretary-General delegated to NATO; Dr. Patricia O’Brian, Under Secretary General for Legal Affairs and Legal Counsel, United Nations; Dr. Massimo Barra, President, Standing Commission of the Red Cross/Red Crescent Movement; Gen. Vincenzo Camporini, Chief of the Defence, General Staff, Rome; Hon. Francesco Belsito, Secretary of State, Office of the Prime Minister, Rome; Hon. Sonia Viale, Secretary of State, Ministry of Economics and



Finance, Rome; Dr. Stefano Dambruoso, Judge, Head, Department for International Relations, Ministry of Justice, Rome. The Round Table addressed three main issues: contemporary forms of armed violence; deprivation of liberty in armed conflict and other situations of violence; and individual guarantees in detention. Over three hundred people participated in the proceedings.

## **NATO LEGAL ADVISORS' CONFERENCE**

*Sanremo, 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> September*

NATO organized its annual legal advisors' conference at the Institute. During the meeting 120 legal experts from NATO member countries discussed the legal implications of the intervention in Afghanistan and analysed, in an informal and constructive atmosphere, sensitive issues such as the protection of civilians, the role of regional organizations and detention. The meeting was attended by Italian and foreign personalities, including Deputy NATO Secretary-General, Martin Howard; the Head of the International Legal Affairs and Treaties Department at the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Minister plenipotentiary Giorgio Marrapodi; Commander-in-Chief of the Tyrrhenian Sea Department of the Italian Navy, Admiral Franco Paoli (representing the Chief of General Defence Staff, General Camporini); Professor Fausto Pocar, Vice-President of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law, Judge of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia in The Hague; and Ambassador Harold Hongju Koh, Legal Adviser, US State Department. NATO conveyed the Institute an official letter expressing its deep appreciation saying “..... *Your efforts and the many contributions of the persons working at the Institute made our conference the best gathering of legal professionals that has yet occurred.*”

## **CONFERENCE ON “TERRORISM, DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS”**

*University of Turin, 18<sup>th</sup> November*

The Institute, in collaboration with ISPI and the Italian Red Cross, organized a conference on “Terrorism, Democracy and Human Rights”. The event was held under the high patronage of the President of the Italian Republic, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, *Regione Piemonte* and *Provincia di Torino*, and took place at the University of Turin with the support of *Compagnia di Sanpaolo*. The Conference, which was attended by illustrious scholars, judges and representatives of the media, examined the problems

and new challenges to democracy, international humanitarian law and human rights created by terrorism.

### **MIGRATION FLOWS FROM LATIN AMERICA: LAW, POLICY, PERSPECTIVES**

*Rome, Istituto Italo-Latino Americano, 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> November*

The Institute contributed to the Italian initiatives for the bicentenary of the Independence of Latin American countries by organizing a seminar on “Migration Flows from Latin America: Law, Policy, Perspectives”. The event took place in Rome from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> November in the “*Sala degli Specchi*” at the *Istituto Italo-Latino Americano*. Participants at the proceedings included Hon. Vincenzo Scotti, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs; Ambassador Maurizio Moreno, President of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law; Ambassador Laura Thompson, Deputy Director General of the International Organization for Migration; Prefect Angela Pria from the Ministry of Interior; and Ambassador Giorgio Malfatti di Montetretto, Secretary-General of the *Istituto Italo-Latino Americano*; Lorena Escudero, Ecuadorian Minister of the National Secretariat for Migrants, as well as government and parliamentary representatives of Peru, Colombia and Bolivia. The seminar addressed the problem of the application of the international instruments in the field of migration; the causes of migration and their social consequences; and the prospects of international co-operation also in relation to critical situations linked to migration flows. The initiative was made possible thanks to the support of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Interior.

### **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON “NEW CONFLICTS AND THE CHALLENGE OF THE PROTECTION OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION”**

*Rome, 14<sup>th</sup> December*

Under the auspices of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Hon. Franco Frattini, the Institute organized an international conference on “New Conflicts and the Challenge of the Protection of the Civilian Population” in Rome on 14<sup>th</sup> December at the international conference room of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. The event gathered together representatives of governments, international organizations, military institutions and non-governmental organizations together with experts and scholars. The first session of the conference concentrated on the current legal framework focusing in particular on the interrelationship between international humanitarian law and human rights, on the evolution of the concept of responsibility to

protect and the role of peace-keeping forces in protecting civilian population. The second session provided an in depth analysis of the protection of civilians in asymmetric conflicts and occupied territory, the obligations and responsibility of non-state actors and the problems of accountability. The event was organized in co-operation with the IAI (Institute of International Affairs), in Rome with Prof. Natalino Ronzitti as co-ordinator from the University of Luiss, Rome.

## **EXHIBITIONS, AWARDS AND SIDE EVENTS**

In order to extend its visibility in the area, the Institute, on the occasion of its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, opened its doors to students, and to the visits of Italian and foreign personalities who all expressed their appreciation of the work carried out.

Villa Ormond hosted three exhibitions: one organized by GEF (Global Education Forum) on the topic of peace with paintings on canvas by students of secondary schools from all over Europe; a photographic exhibition illustrating the work carried out by the *Arma dei Carabinieri* to recover cultural property during the conflict in Iraq; an art exhibition dedicated to the painter from Sanremo, Cesi Amoretti. In addition, there is still a painting by the Swiss artist Giovanni Muggiasca exposed in one of the rooms of Villa Ormond.

The traditional concert for peace, a side event to the annual Round Table, was held at Villa Ormond on 9<sup>th</sup> September with “*La Mi Quartet*” performing its programme “September musical notes”. On the same occasion the Flower for Human Rights, a rose created by a flower hybridist from Sanremo, was also presented to celebrate the commitment of the Institute.

The Institute’s award for the promotion of international humanitarian law for 2010 was presented to the Vice-President of the Institute and Judge at the International Tribunal for Ex-Yugoslavia, Prof. Fausto Pocar, and to the Municipality of Sanremo.

## **RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AND PUBLICATIONS**

The two main books published by the Institute in 2010 were:

- “*International Migration Law and Policies: Responding to Migration Challenges in Western and Northern Africa*”, edited by

the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in collaboration with the Institute. The publication contains the proceedings of the Round Table held in Dakar from 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> December 2009, on the initiative of the Institute and IOM with the contribution of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs;

- “*Non-State Actors and International Humanitarian Law. Organised Armed Groups: a Challenge to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*”, edited by the Institute and containing a series of contributions by scholars and experts in the field. The notion of non-state actors is taken in a very wide sense and includes non-governmental organizations, private military and security firms, rebels, terrorist groups.

## **PARTNERSHIPS**

New memoranda of co-operation were signed during the year 2010 with the following bodies:

1. Memorandum of Co-operation with the University of Nice, *Institut du Droit de la Paix et du Développement*, signed in Nice on 2<sup>nd</sup> December;
2. Memorandum of Agreement with the Operational Law Division of the United States Army's Office of the Judge Advocate General, signed in Sanremo on 13<sup>th</sup> September;
3. Memorandum of Co-operation with the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP), signed in Geneva on 9<sup>th</sup> July;
4. Memorandum of Co-operation with the Project of Internal Displacement at the Brookings Institution, Washington, signed in Sanremo on 12 June;
5. Memorandum of Co-operation with the Naif Arab University for Security Sciences, Riyadh, signed in Riyadh on 28<sup>th</sup> March;
6. Memorandum of Co-operation with the Law Faculty of University Roma Tre, signed in Rome on 31<sup>st</sup> March;
7. Memorandum of Co-operation with the International Organization for Migration, signed in Geneva on 17<sup>th</sup> March.

## **THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE INSTITUTE**

An independent and non-profit body created on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2009, the Association 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, and human rights by encouraging contact between ex-alumni, most of whom have reached prestigious positions in their respective countries, through programmes of exchange, events and networking. The first meeting of the Association, which now has 369 members, took place on 10<sup>th</sup> September in the form of an informal dinner at the Yacht Club of Sanremo. Prof. Marco Odello was designated as President and Col. John Spiering was nominated Secretary-General. Dr. Ugo Genesio, former Secretary-General of the Institute, was nominated Honorary President of the Association.

## **NEW MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTE**

In 2010, the following persons were accepted as members of the Institute: Dr. Younis AL-KHATIB, Palestine; Dr. Dario CARMINATI, Italy; Dr. Andrea CELLINO, Italy; Prof. Angela DI STASI, Italy; Prof. Paola GAETA, Italy; Dr. Claudine Ellie Marie HAENNI DALE, Switzerland; Col. Xiaodong HE, China; Lt.Col. Chris JENKS, USA; Dr. Melanie J. KHANNA, USA; Naval Captain Rob McLAUGHLIN, Australia; Col. Carl Nicolas MARCHAND, Switzerland; Prof. Giuseppe NESI, Italy; Dr. Jelena PEJIC, Serbia; Dr. Cynthia PETRIGH, France; Prof. Raul A. PEDROZO, USA; Prof. Riccardo PISILLO MAZZESCHI, Italy; Mr. Francesco PIZZIO, Italy; Dr. Alexander PORETSCHKIN, Germany; Col. CC Salvatore RONZO, Italy; Prof. Marco SASSOLI, Switzerland-Italy; Prof. John SHATTUCK, USA; Col. Darren STEWART, UK; Ambassador Laura THOMPSON, Costa Rica.

The CITY OF IMPERIA was admitted as an institutional member of the Institute.

Gen. Jean ABT, Switzerland and Gen. Arturo MARCHEGGIANO, Italy, were nominated honorary members in acknowledgement of their merits in connection with the Institute.

The following persons were accepted as associated members: Dr. Dimitri DE GRUBEN, Belgium; Cadet Roselin DEVO, Togo; Dr. Zaid EYADAT, Jordan; Dr. Leah MANSFIELD, UK; Dr. Emanuele SCHIBOTTO, Italy; Dr. Luca SORGI, Italy.

The total number of members of the Institute rose from 223 to 246.

## **INTERNSHIP PROGRAMMES**

In 2010, the Institute welcomed the following interns: Jennifer BERGER (Switzerland-UK); Alessio BALDACCINI (Italy); Federica DI PIETRO (Italy); Agnese BARBETTA (Italy); Rahma ARLAM (Italy); Lorena GAVAZZONI (Italy); Alessia MUZZIOLI (Italy).

## **MEETINGS OF STATUTORY BODIES**

The General Assembly of the Institute met in Sanremo for an ordinary session on 29<sup>th</sup> May to adopt the Activity Report for 2009 and the relative Financial Statement. In addition, the Assembly met for an ordinary session in Sanremo on 11<sup>th</sup> September. During this meeting the President gave a summary of the activities of the Institute and the important results achieved. Those present discussed future strategies and expressed general satisfaction for the wide array of activities organized by the Institute in the field of international humanitarian law, refugee law and migration law.

The Council of the Institute met at Villa Ormond on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 28<sup>th</sup> /29<sup>th</sup> May, 11<sup>th</sup> September and 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

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

- The President of the Institute, on the invitation of the “*Club de Monaco*”, made an official visit to Doha from 26<sup>th</sup> February to 4<sup>th</sup> March where he presented the activities of the Institute. While he was there, Ambassador Moreno took part in meetings with high ranking officials from both the International Federation of the Red Cross and the Red Crescent Societies and Qatar National Red Crescent Society as well as from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and the Qatar National Commission for Human Rights.

- The President of the Institute and the Vice-President, Prof. Michel Veuthey, together with Col. Darren Stewart, Director of the Military Department, made an official visit to Bern on 10<sup>th</sup> March. The delegation met Ambassador Paul Seger, Director of the Directorate for Public International Law, Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, and senior officials from the Swiss administration.
- The President of the Institute, on the invitation of the Italian Embassy in Riyadh, went to Saudi Arabia from 29<sup>th</sup> March to 1<sup>st</sup> April. On this occasion, Ambassador Moreno held a conference on international humanitarian law and human rights at the prestigious “King Faisal” Centre for Research and Islamic Studies, and met with several senior members of the Authorities.
- The President of the Institute was invited to the “Meeting of European-Arab Universities”, jointly organized in Beirut from 29<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> April by the Arab Democracy Foundation (Doha) and the European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratization (Venice, Italy). Ambassador Moreno presented the programme of activities of the Institute to an interested audience of scholars and experts from the region. During his visit to Lebanon he met the representatives of the UNHCR, UNRWA and Caritas. He also met with Gen. Shawki El Masri, Lebanese Army Chief of Staff, former participant at the courses of the Institute.
- The Secretary-General took part in the “7<sup>th</sup> Francophone Conference of NGOs and Civil Society” organized by the *Organisation internationale de la francophonie* in Geneva from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> June. The Institute participated in a workshop on the promotion of disseminating human rights. The meeting provided the opportunity to discuss joint initiatives with the *Organisation internationale de la francophonie* with the aim of consolidating the fruitful co-operation that already exists between the two organizations.
- The Institute was invited to participate at a meeting of NGOs having official relations with UNESCO in Paris on 30<sup>th</sup> June. The Institute was represented by the Assistant to the Secretary-General, Dr. Gianluca Beruto.

- The President of the Institute took part as a speaker at the meeting: “Humanitarian Ideals and War: Reflections one hundred years after the death of Henry Dunant” which took place at the headquarters of the Italian Red Cross in Rome, in the framework of the initiatives of the Forum for Italian-Swiss Dialogue.

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