

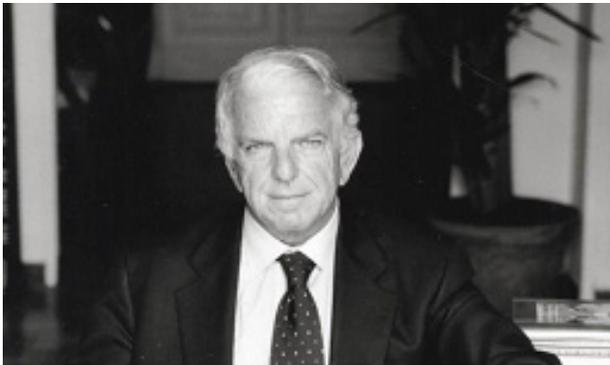


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**Farewell to Ambassador Maurizio Moreno,  
Honorary President of the Institute**

*Rome, 26th March 2016*



The President, the Council, the Secretary-General and all the staff of the Institute would like to express their deepest condolences for the unexpected death of Ambassador Maurizio Moreno, Honorary President of the Institute. Ambassador Moreno was President of the Institute from September 2007 to January 2011, when he was then elected Honorary President. In that period, he revitalized the image and the activities of the Institute with great competence and determination, at both national and international levels. Passion, energy and spirit of service marked the fervent commitment of Ambassador Moreno's Presidency giving a decisive impact and a fundamental input to the dynamics of the Institute and contributing greatly to the dissemination of international humanitarian law, human rights, refugee and migration law. It is indeed a great loss for the Institute. He will be remembered for his great passion for humanitarian law and for his activity to promote and enhance the role of the Institute all over the world. The funeral took place on Wednesday 30 April in Rome and a Mass was celebrated on Friday 8 April in Sanremo. Born in 1940 Ambassador Moreno served in the Italian Foreign Ministry for 44 years. He was Permanent Representative of Italy to NATO from 2002 to 2007 and Director General for European Countries at the Italian MoFA headquarters from 1999 to 2002. He previously served as Italian Ambassador to the Czech Republic (1996-1999) and to Senegal (1988-1992). His initial postings included Basel, Rabat, Bordeaux. From 1976 to 1980 he was the Italian Alternate Representative to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva and participated, as Deputy Head of the Italian Delegation, at the Diplomatic Conference on the Reaffirmation and Development of International Humanitarian Law applicable in Armed

Conflicts. Consul General in Lyon from 1980 to 1983, Maurizio Moreno was the Deputy Head of the Italian Delegation to the CDE-CSCE in Stockholm in 1984. Back in Rome, he became the Political Director for Africa (1985-1988). He served again at La Farnesina between 1992 to 1996 as Deputy Chief of Staff to the Minister, then as Director of the Press Department and, finally, as Chairman of the Italian Diplomatic Institute. During his career he also participated in missions to key-conflict areas including Lebanon, the Balkans, Sudan and Afghanistan and served as the Italian Special Envoy for Somalia (1993).

**Presentation of the Institute's Auxiliary  
Foundation**

*Sanremo, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016*



The Auxiliary Foundation of the Institute was officially presented during a press conference, with Prof. Fausto Pocar, President of the Foundation, and Alberto Biancheri, Mayor of Sanremo. It was held in the newly renovated pavilion "Giuseppe Pedriali" next to Villa Ormond. Prof. Pocar outlined the mission of the Foundation and its primary objective of enhancing Villa Ormond as a cultural and tourist attraction of international importance, through the organization of congresses, conferences, round tables, workshops, exhibitions and cultural events. He also stressed the important liaison existing between the Institute's activities - which in 2015 brought 9.000 hotel presences to Sanremo producing an economic impact of over 1.000.000 Euros - and the strong synergy with the Municipality of Sanremo, which the Foundation will certainly further develop. The Foundation was created by the Institute with the purpose of promoting, supporting and increasing its initiatives, including the preservation and restoration of Villa Ormond, serving as its Headquarters, the sole use of which was kindly

granted by the Municipality of Sanremo. The wide range of new activities promoted through the Foundation, at the local and international level, will contribute to the Institute's fundraising activities and will place the Institute in a stronger position to promote its core initiatives in the field of dissemination and teaching of IHL, human rights, refugee and migration law.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Africa Accountability Colloquium

Sanremo, 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016



The Institute, in partnership with the United States AFRICA Command (USAFRICOM), successfully organized the 4th edition of the "Africa Accountability Colloquium". This high profile event was co-ordinated by Colonel Godard Busingye, Deputy Chief of Legal Services of the Uganda Peoples' Defence Forces and Commander Trent Warner of the U.S. Coast Guard. This year's Colloquium focused on the response to gender-based violence (GBV) in peacekeeping operations and addressed military commanders, Chiefs of Staff, legal advisors (LEGADs) as well as high-level civilian officials involved in peace operations. The nearly 50 participants, coming from 25 different African countries, were involved in discussions regarding several specific issues such as the aftermath of allegations of sexual violence; legal standards; duty to investigate; definition of violation under IHL and human rights law; responsibility. The main objective of this 3-day training event was to foster the understanding of such issues and to identify best practices in response to gender-based violence during peace operations. The Colloquium focused, in particular, on the issue of recognizing gender-based violence and understanding the obligations to respond during peace operations (Day 1); on how to respond to gender-based violence during peace operations (Day 2) and provided practical exercises and capstone presentation (Day 3). The course methodology combined central presentations, panel discussions and syndicate work. Syndicate work consisted of relevant exercises for encouraging participants to interact and to explore practical ways to successfully implement accountability models. The Institute's teaching staff



and facilitators were drawn from experienced senior military legal officers, leading academics, lawyers and senior government officials together with experts from international organizations. A keynote presentation was given by Major General Fred Mugisha on "The challenge of executing peace operations & effects on gender-based violence". A closing presentation was held by Sir Judge Howard Morrison about the International Criminal Court. During the final session participants were provided with a report aimed at including possible solutions, as well as underlining the main legal, political, hierarchical challenges that are actually arise in the field of GBV during peace operations.

#### Workshop on "Rescue of Refugees and Migrants in the Mediterranean"

Sanremo, 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016



An unprecedented number of refugees and migrants have made dangerous Mediterranean crossings in the past year - over 520,000 by the end of September 2015 - due to ongoing conflicts, failure of governance - and have placed a massive strain on leading host countries in the region. The Workshop on "Rescue of refugees and migrants in the Mediterranean Sea: Practitioners' perspectives" was organized by the Institute in close co-operation with the UNHCR and IOM. The objective of the Workshop was the analysis of the evolving practices in activities of detection, search, rescue and subsequent delivery to places of safety of refugees and migrants crossing the Mediterranean towards Europe. This Workshop gathered together more than 40 human rights and IHL experts, military and civilian practitioners, lawyers and representatives from international and non-governmental organizations coming from more than 13 different European and MENA countries. The Workshop was opened by Dr. Stefania Baldini, Secretary-General of the Institute and Mr. Jean-François Durieux, Director of the Institute's International Refugee and Migration Law Programme. A general overview on the Workshop was given by Ms Janice Marshall, UNHCR, and Ms Nicoletta Giordano, IOM. The Workshop provided four panel discussions, all including presentations from experts, case studies and context-specific scenarios, followed by plenary discussions. Working groups were also organized with the aim of identifying key lessons learned from previous and current SAR operations and enlightening best practices and specific challenges. Whilst deepening the intersection between law, policy and practical/operational concerns - including those raised by large-scale rescues - the Workshop mainly focused on the search-and-rescue dimension. In particular, discussions explored opportunities for closer co-operation between all different stakeholders, identifying unmet capacity-

building needs and those features of operations in the Mediterranean that may serve as ‘best practice’ for replication or adaptation in other regional contexts. Specific challenges and achievements in this field were analyzed in relation to different issues: current search, rescue and disembarkation practices of coastal and other States; monitoring, co-operation and co-ordination during rescue operations; on-board post-rescue arrangements (including large-scale rescues); *non-refoulement* principle and human rights protection at sea; disembarkation and first-reception arrangements. All debates and discussions were held under the Chatham House Rule.

## 15<sup>th</sup> Competition on IHL for Military Academies

Sanremo, 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016



The Institute organized the 15th edition of its annual Competition for Military Academies on international humanitarian law. This special event co-ordinated by Brigadier General Karl Edlinger from Austria and by Lieutenant Colonel Shawn McKelvy from USA, is a prestigious one-week event which perhaps represents the highlight of the Institute’s annual training programme. The event exposes young military professionals to a unique international forum and to specific situations where they have to learn how to act in accordance to humanitarian law obligations. The Officer Cadets attending came from 21 top military academies from different regions of the world (Denmark, France, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom, India, Japan, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, Uganda, United States of America), and consequently had different cultural and linguistic backgrounds. They were encouraged to acquire an early appreciation of the critical importance of IHL in a multi-national military operation and its application within the context of a contemporary armed conflict. An initial phase of interactive lectures on various aspects of IHL was followed by a practical phase where the participants



were split up into multi-national mixed teams to work on practical cases of relevance to the application of IHL in different operational scenarios. The twenty-eight mixed teams, each representing a fictional country involved in an international military operation, provided legal advice to the Joint Operations Commanders (JOCs): Major Bruce Gray (United Kingdom), Major Steen Kjaergaard (Denmark), Lieutenant Colonel Maria C. Rodriguez (France), and Lieutenant Colonel Christian De Cock (Belgium). This simulation activity was conducted in the presence of the judges: Major General Salvatore Lato (Italy), Ambassador Soad Shalaby (Egypt), Colonel Xavier Perillat-Piratoine (France), Colonel Stephen M. Shrewsbury (U.S.A), Colonel Xiadong He (China), Colonel Oleg Bondarenko (Russian Federation), Brigadier General Jan Peter Spijk (Netherlands) and Colonel André Retief (South Africa) who evaluated the ability of the teams and the individual team members in dealing effectively with the reality of complex geopolitical situations while conducting an efficient military operation in accordance with IHL obligations. This year, 1st place for the Best Mixed Team was awarded to Team CAHORS 3: Thomas Riepma (Netherlands), Irfan Meral (Turkey) and Francis Nkuzimaana (Uganda). The following teams tied for 2nd place: Team CAHORS 1: Jarod Krug (U.S.A VMI), Fikret Kocayol (Turkey) and Jimmy A. Okello (Uganda); Team POMEROL 4: Lisa Biering Rohdin (Denmark), Daniel Savland (Sweden) and Nathan Kaaasira (Uganda); and Team ST EMILION 2: Christopher Knight (UK) and Andreas Moschini (Sweden). 5th place went to Team MADIRAN 3: Hakon Estenstad (Norway) and Mads Simonsson Beckwith (Denmark). 1st place for the Best Individual Cadet was awarded to Kelly Kennedy (U.S Air Force Academy); 2nd place went to Samuel Roets (U.S Coast Guard Academy); and 3rd place to Lisa Biering Rohdin (Denmark). Esther Caddy (UK), Christian Soldau (U.S Air Force Academy), Colleen Slein (U.S Air Force Academy) tied for 4th place. A special “Spirit of Sanremo” prize was awarded to the most deserving Cadet: Lisa Biering Rohdin (Denmark).



## “Martens Prize” and the 15<sup>th</sup> Competition on IHL for Military Academies

Sanremo, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016

During the closing ceremony of the 15th Competition for Military Academies the Estonian Reserve Officers’ Association Military Law Department, in collaboration with Mr. Tonu Poder Law of War Foundation, awarded the “Martens Prize” to the best-deserving individual Cadet in the Competition. The Prize takes its name after the Estonian lawyer, Friedrich Martens, and the clause provided in the Hague Convention of 1889 which emphasizes the necessity to honor IHL principles and that “we all remain under the principles of international law, as they result from the usage established between

civilized nations, from the laws of humanity and the requirements of the public conscience". Prof. Fausto Pocar, President of the Institute, officially delivered the Prize on behalf of the Estonian Reserve Officers' Association Military Law Department to Kelly Kennedy from the U.S. Air Force Academy.



### 83<sup>rd</sup> Course on Refugee Law Sharjah (UAE), 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016



The 83<sup>rd</sup> Course on International Refugee Law, jointly organized by the Institute in co-operation with the UNHCR and the American University of Sharjah (AUS), was held in Sharjah (United Arab Emirates) under the co-ordination of George Fahmy, Course Director. This five-day training event aimed to enhance the knowledge of government officials involved in the formulation and the application of legislation and policies affecting people in need of protection with a basic knowledge of international refugee law. The main objectives of the course were the development of a common understanding among participants on how international legislations and policies could be promoted and implemented at the national level by a variety of stakeholders; the enhancement of participants' skills in developing and applying policies and standards in conformity with principles of international law, and, ultimately, the development of a positive attitude among participants towards the protection of refugees and other uprooted people. Over 40 participants from nearly 20 Middle East countries took part in this course.

### Council meeting Sanremo, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2016

The Council of the Institute met at Villa Ormond on 18 March 2016. The agenda included, among other issues, the presentation of the 2015 Report of Activities; the approval of the 2014 final accounts and the 2015 provisional budget; the preparation of the XXXIX Round Table which will take place in Sanremo from 8 to 10 September 2016; and the first report from the Board of the Foundation of the Institute. During the meeting

Brigadier General Dr. Karl EDLINGER from Austria, Legal Adviser of the Austrian Armed Forces, and Judge LIU Daqun from China, Vice-President of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, were co-opted as Council Members.

### Group of students from Sanremo high school Sanremo, 1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> February 2016



The Institute afforded 4 young students from the local high school, Liceo Statale "C. Amoretti", the opportunity to follow a one-week IHL module. This project aimed at promoting a joint educational initiative whereby students could experience a specific working environment in its different dimensions. During the internship the students attended a variety of lectures on different subjects of international humanitarian law (IHL), human rights, refugee and migration law. In particular, a very interesting and inter-active lesson on the subject of Rules of Engagement was given by the Institute's Project Officer, Major Ardan Folwaj. Furthermore, lively question and answer sessions were conducted, as well as presentation sessions held by students on what they had learnt.

### Students from Reggio Emilia visiting the Institute Sanremo, 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> March 2016



A group of high school students from Reggio Emilia, north-central region of Italy, took part in a week-long internship module at the Institute. Almost 40 students, together with an extremely passionate team of teachers, were welcomed by Prof. Fausto Pocar, President of the Institute who was then involved in an interesting and challenging questions & answers session. Throughout the week several presentations on different issues of IHL, human rights, refugee and migration law were given by the Institute's staff and committed interns. The students also had the opportunity to present their background research work on certain burning issues of humanitarian law and refugee law.