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**National, Regional and International Mechanisms to Combat Impunity and Ensure Accountability under International Law: International Conference**

*Doha, 14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019*

The National Human Rights Committee of Qatar, in cooperation with the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the European Parliament, organized an International Conference on “National, Regional and International Mechanisms to Combat Impunity and Ensure Accountability under International Law”. The event was held in Doha, Qatar from 14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019. The President of the Institute, Professor Fausto Pocar, chaired a working group on “Access to relevant information concerning violations and reparation mechanisms”, in which the Vice-President, Professor Michel Veuthey, also participated as one of the speakers, together with Yasmine Abou Mansour (OHCHR) and Amal Nassar, Permanent Representative to ICC, (FIDH), Paris. This Conference provided an interesting opportunity to share knowledge with international experts from UN, NGOs, governmental, academic and media representatives.



**8<sup>th</sup> Course on Statelessness**

*Sanremo, 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019*

This Course was delivered in English and organized with the co-operation and support of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). It was attended by 31 participants from 25 different States.

Training responded to the increasing demand for information on statelessness and ways to prevent the phenomenon, and included the following topics: key concepts related to nationality and statelessness; overview of stateless populations around the world; the international legal framework surrounding statelessness; causes and impact of statelessness.

The course was honoured by the presence of Maha Mamo, former stateless person, and currently Brazilian national and statelessness activist and motivational speaker. Training was directed and facilitated by Claudio Delfabro, Director of the Institute’s International Refugee Law and Migration Law Department, who was supported by Melissa Amisano, Coordinator at the same Department.



### 174<sup>th</sup> International Military Course on LOAC Sanremo, 8<sup>th</sup>- 19<sup>th</sup> April 2019

This two-week edition of the Course on LOAC was directed by Brigadier General Karl Edlinger, Council member of the Institute. It was attended by 33 participants of 18 nationalities, who were either members of the army, members of international organizations, or students. The teaching staff was composed of Colonel (ret.) James Stythe (UK), Colonel Mark Dakers (Director of the Military Department, IIHL) and Major Phil Maxwell (IIHL). The teaching methodology comprised practical exercises to illustrate the theory acknowledged during conferences, offering a complete view of matters related to IHL and other legal issues concerning military operations at various intensity levels. High-quality debates were facilitated by working groups and by the world-wide range of perspectives and experiences of participants and lecturers. The programme covered the main IHL topics, such as: applicability of LOAC; means and methods of warfare; legal framework for non-international armed conflict; rules of engagement; belligerent occupation; detention; and the role of the ICRC.



### 7<sup>th</sup> Course on Statelessness Sanremo, 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> April 2019

This four-day Course was offered in Arabic and organized with the cooperation and support of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. Thirty-two participants from 13 countries from the MENA region were welcomed. The objective of the workshop was to increase participants' ability to better



address the phenomenon of statelessness, by including sessions on: key concepts related to nationality and statelessness; overview of stateless populations around the world; causes and impact of statelessness; the international legal framework (universal and regional instruments); mapping partnerships; and good practices in addressing statelessness and finding solutions. The training was enriched by case studies and group discussions, and encouraged the promotion and implementation of UNHCR's Global Action Plan to End Statelessness within 10 years, as part of the #IBelong Campaign. The course was coordinated by Els Jellema, Regional Protection Officer at the UNHCR Office of the Director, Middle East and North Africa Bureau (Jordan).

### 175<sup>th</sup> International Military Course on LOAC (French)

Salon de Provence, 6<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Held in Salon-de-Provence, this two-week French foundation Course on LOAC was organized by the Institute in cooperation with the Ecole de commissaires des armées (ECA). It was attended by 77 participants from 7 French-speaking countries, including officers from the ECA. The Course Director, Col. Chris De Cock (Belgium), and the teaching staff - composed of Major Nadine Fortin (Canada); Lt. Col. (ret.) Philippe Frin (France); Major Pieter Van Malderen (Belgium); Cdt Juste Ndahou (Congo, Brazzaville); CRP Guillaume Liegeois (France); and CR1 Edith Leveque (France) - had as their main objective to train participants to recognise and implement the principles and rules of LOAC. Participants attended lectures

on neutrality; the conduct of hostilities; the legal framework of non-international conflicts; rules of engagement; belligerent occupancy; detention; peace operations; and international criminal justice. In order to put theory into practice, participants were involved in case studies where they had to assess different operational scenarios.

#### **40<sup>th</sup> Advanced Course on IHL** *Sanremo, 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019*

Organized on an annual basis, this Advanced Course in IHL was directed by Professor Chad Austin (Col., US Air Force) accompanied by Col. Mark Dakers (IIHL) as his deputy. The course was attended by 45 participants of 25 nationalities, and was designed to refine and deepen participants' understanding of key areas in IHL. The structure of the course was constituted by plenary lectures as well as empirical exercises, which focused on several issues, such as: jus ad bellum, jus in bello and their relationship; conflict classification; military objective and definite military advantage; weapons review; detention; targeting; direct participation in hostilities; and the interrelationship between human rights and IHL. Lecturers included Professor Emeritus Yoram Dinstein (Tel Aviv University); Professor Emeritus Françoise Hampson (University of Essex); Professor Charles Garraway CBE (University of Essex); Air Commodore (ret.) William Boothby (Geneva Centre for Security and Policy); Ms Lisa Lehongre (ICRC); and Mr William St-Michel (Legal Assistant at the ICC).



#### **41<sup>st</sup> Advanced Course on IHL (French)** *Sanremo, 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2019*



Held at Villa Ormond, this edition of the French Advanced Course on LOAC gathered 14 participants of 8 nationalities and aimed at providing in-depth knowledge of several topics, such as jus ad bellum; detention; jus in bello and operations in the context of targeting; cyber warfare and the liability of the State for internationally illicit actions; and international justice. On this occasion, the Institute collaborated with the Institut du droit de la paix et du développement (IDPD) of the University of Nice-Sophia Antipolis. The teaching staff included CRC2 Rudolph Stamminger (NATO Supreme Allied Commander for Transformation) as course director; Major Anne-Sophie Chagnon (JAG, Canadian Armed Forces); Professor Emeritus Françoise Hampson (University of Essex); Professor Louis Balmond (Toulon University and IDPD Nice); and Mr François Delerue (Strategic Research of Military School Institute, France).

#### **50<sup>th</sup> Course for Directors of Courses and Trainers in IHL** *Sanremo, 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019*

Brigadier General Karl Edlinger (Council member, IIHL) was in charge of this course designed for military officers, legal advisors and others responsible for planning and implementing IHL training and learning programmes within their armed forces. Participants from Kazakhstan, Qatar, Sweden and South Africa attended the course.

### 99<sup>th</sup> Course on International Refugee Law Sanremo, 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019

This course was organized in French with the support of UNHCR, the Swiss State Secretariat for Migration, and the U.S. Department of State (Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration). Twenty-three participants, from 14 States, attended the course, which dealt with issues concerning the international protection of refugees, such as: current issues and opportunities of international protection; mixed movements; refugee status determination; security concerns; communicating with and interviewing refugees; protection of internally displaced persons and stateless people; seeking solutions; and humanitarian negotiation. The training also allowed participants to exchange best practices and experiences



and to implement knowledge gained through different learning methodologies, such as case studies, simulations and role plays. The course Director was Pierfrancesco Maria Natta, Senior Staff Development Officer at the Global Learning and Development Centre of UNHCR (Hungary). The training also benefitted from the presence of Nabil Benbekhti, Senior Legal Officer at UNHCR HQ, who delivered the keynote address on “Current International Challenges and Opportunities” through a videoconference.

### Course on Peace Support Operations (PSOs) Sanremo, 20<sup>th</sup>- 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Thirteen participants from 13 countries attended this edition of the course on PSOs. The course provided a high-level training

on particular topics related to the United States mandate in PSOs; the Peacekeepers’ status – their privileges, immunities, duties and responsibilities; the challenge of Human Rights in PSOs; the issue of refugees in this context; the process of disarmament, demobilization and reintegration; and the interrelation of criminal responsibility under domestic law, host nation and international law. This course was directed by Col. Jerry Lane (Defence Forces of Ireland) with Major Philip Maxwell (IIHL) as his deputy. Lectures were held by Dr. Gian Luca Beruto (IIHL); Dr. Daragh Murray (University of Essex); and Lt. Col. Roberto Gonella (COESPU, IT Carabinieri).

### Conflict-Related Sexual Violence, Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Challenges and Achievement - Meeting of experts Sanremo, 20<sup>th</sup>- 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019

This new meeting of experts from 13 countries was held to discuss conflict-related sexual violence, sexual exploitation and abuse, and the challenges they pose as well as achievements. The meeting was opened by Professor Fausto Pocar, President of the IIHL. The first session of the meeting was devoted to ‘International obligations and domestic systems’. It was argued that sexual violence was not only a women’s issue since it affected men and women, boys and girls in conflict. The second session of the meeting focused on assistance to victims of CRSV and SEA; different notions of victims and comprehensive strategies on victim assistance were addressed with particular attention to UNSCR 1820 (2008). The third



session of the meeting addressed human security Early Warning Indicators (EWI) that recognized potential triggers or accelerators of CRSV and SEA in a gender perspective. In the fourth session lessons learned in addressing sexual violence were discussed from both the military and the humanitarian viewpoint. The meeting was coordinated by Professor Gabriella Venturini.

### Detention and Captured Personnel (CPERS) Course

*Sanremo, 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019*

This course focused on investigating crucial issues concerning the capture, treatment, and transfer or release of detainees during armed conflict. Some of the subjects discussed were the interrelationship between IHL and human rights law; the legal bases for detention in armed conflicts; conditions of detention; intelligence exploitation of detainees; detainee transfers; and detention in maritime operations. Lecturers presented their respective state policies and best practices in detention to the extent they were able and encouraged to provide course participants with the opportunity of sharing their national perspectives and experiences. Course participants hailed from thirteen nations in the Americas, Africa, Europe, and the Middle East. The teaching staff included Course Director Lieutenant Colonel Nancy Isenor (Office of the Judge Advocate General, Canadian Armed Forces); Course Co-Director Professor Emeritus Françoise Hampson (University of Essex); Colonel Mark Dakers (Director of the Military Department, IIHL); Mr.



Pascal Turlan (ICC); Lieutenant Colonel Grant Davies (UK Army); Major John Wharton (UK Army); and Captain Olivia Nikou (France).

### 3<sup>rd</sup> International Migration Law Course (French)

*Sanremo, 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019*



The Course was held in French and organized in collaboration with and with the support of the Organisation internationale de la francophonie and the Swiss State Secretariat for Migration. The training, which focused on the rights of migrant people and the international legal framework surrounding migration, was attended by 32 participants of 24 nationalities. The main objective of the training was to strengthen the theoretical knowledge of state authorities, institutions, and the civil society of: international migration; the human rights of migrants; access to territory; forced migrations (refugees and displaced); detention and other barriers to the freedom of movement; family reunification; human and migrant trafficking; children's rights in the context of migrations; depart, expulsion and return; the United Nations framework; and the Global Compact on Refugees and the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. For the first time, participants went on a study excursion to the Italian/French border in Ventimiglia, where they were able to engage with the Italian border police officials and representatives of the Italian and Monegasque Red Cross, to understand the main challenges these actors encounter in their work. The Course was directed and facilitated by Jean-François Durieux, with the support of Melissa Amisano, Coordinator of

the International Refugee Law and Migration Law Department at the IIHL.

### **International Master Course in Cultural Property Protection in Crisis Response** *Turin, 30<sup>th</sup> May 2019*

The closing ceremony of the International Master course in “Cultural Property Protection in Crisis Response”, took place on Thursday morning at the Application School of the Italian Army in Turin. After a keynote speech delivered by Ambassador Maurizio Serra, former Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva. IIHL President Prof. Fausto Pocar, and Vice-president Prof. Edoardo Greppi, awarded each participant with a certificate of attendance. The programme represented the first international Master Course geared to preparing the future generation of professionals with a multidisciplinary background and with crucial skills related to the protection of artistic and cultural heritage in regions affected by armed conflicts and major natural disasters.

### **16<sup>th</sup> International Migration Law Course** *Sanremo, 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> June 2019*

The Course was organized in cooperation with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the Swiss State Secretariat for Migration, and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). Thirty-two participants



from 26 States attended the training. The course addressed several topics and concepts related to migration and human rights, such as: international migration law and systems of protection; human rights at international borders (principles surrounding entry, exit and return); the protection of migrant workers and migration management; forced migration; the rights of migrant children; detention and alternatives; environmental migrants; trafficking and smuggling of persons; protection at sea and migration; and the implementation of international standards at the national level using the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration as a tool. The training also allowed participants to strengthen their knowledge and skills through case studies and group discussions. The Course director and lead facilitator was Claudio Delfabro, Director of the Institute’s International Refugee Law and Migration Law Department, supported by Melissa Amisano, Coordinator of the same Department. Speakers also included: Kristina Touzenis, Head of the International Migration Law Unit (IML) at IOM HQ. The training programme also benefitted from the presence of Eugenio Ambrosi, Chief of Staff of IOM, who provided the keynote speech of the Course on “Upholding international law and standards in the current migration challenges”.

### **16<sup>th</sup> Course on the Law of Internal Displacement** *Sanremo, 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019*

This course, delivered in English, was a special edition to mark the 10th Anniversary of the Kampala Convention. It was organized with the co-operation and support of the UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. The course was attended by 22 participants from 18 States. Training aimed at enhancing participants’ understanding of the international norms underpinning the protection of IDPs, and encouraging the sharing of experiences and best practices. To this end, sessions included: the definition of IDPs; legal protection of IDPs, with a focus on the Guiding Principles and the Kampala Convention; managing and reducing disaster displacement risks; data collection for the protection of the

IDPs; protection within diversity and IDPs participation; sexual and gender-based violence in displacement; durable solutions (criteria and indicators); transitional justice and reconciliation; humanitarian negotiation; law, policy, governance and coordination. The course Director was Claudio Delfabro, Director of the Institute's International Refugee Law and Migration Law Department. The Course benefitted from the support of Cecilia Jimenez-Damary, UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons, who opened the training session through a videoconference.

#### **42<sup>nd</sup> Advanced Course on IHL (Arabic)**

*Sanremo, 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019*

Though this course was the 42<sup>nd</sup> Advanced Course on IHL offered by the Institute, it was the first ever in Arabic. It was aimed at giving participants a deeper understanding of IHL by focusing on key concepts in jus ad bellum and jus in bello. Despite providing a thorough academic and legal background on the relevant IHL concepts, the course remained operationally oriented and provided participants with the tools they needed to find, interpret and apply IHL in the field. Some of the specific areas covered by this course included conflict classification; targeting; the legality of weapons; the interrelationship between IHL and human rights law; detention; and international criminal tribunals. Fifteen participants from Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Oman and Syria attended the course which was directed by Senior Colonel Faouzi Aloui of Tunisia.

#### **6<sup>th</sup> International Disaster Law Course**

*Sanremo, 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019*

The sixth edition of this course was organized with the support of the Italian Red Cross in cooperation with Roma Tre University, within the framework of its International Disaster Law Project and the Jean Monnet Module on "International and European Disaster Law". Twenty-four participants, coming from 19 countries, attended the course. Debates were engaging and tackled topics challenging the international community, such as, the role of the affected State and the international community in international disaster response law; disasters, conflicts and armed forces; the international

coordination system for humanitarian assistance in case of disaster; and regional approaches (European, Central American, African and Asian). The training was directed by Ms Isabelle Granger (International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Disaster Law Programme); Professor Emanuele Sommario (University of Sant'Anna, Pisa); Professor Flavia Zorzi Giustiniani (UniNettuno University, Rome); Professor Giulio Bartolini (Roma Tre University); Professor Frederico Casolari (University of Bologna).



#### **UPPER Project Meeting**

*Utrecht, 11<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> April 2019*

In April, the Institute took part in the third Project Meeting of the UPPER Project organized by the European School Heads Association on its premises, in the Netherlands. Many of the instruments structured by the UPPER partnership were revised, discussed and improved during the meeting, benefitting from open debates and interactive workshops. Sessions included activities regarding the integration of the draft version of the Peace Educators' Competences Framework, which was analysed by the team in its most crucial sections; the further development of the innovative Benchmarking System for educational institutions; and finally, the delineation of some general outlines for the future design of the Peace Education Handbook. A few external contributors, most of them educational professionals and experts in the field of formal and/or informal education were also invited to participate in the work session on 12<sup>th</sup> April. As expected, their presence provided precious independent inputs for the future development of the project.



# 2019 PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES

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## Training Programme in International Humanitarian Law (IHL)

173 <sup>rd</sup> International Military Course on LOAC	Arabic	25 February -8 March, Sanremo
174 <sup>th</sup> International Military Course on LOAC	English	8-19 April, Sanremo
175 <sup>th</sup> International Military Course on LOAC	French	6-17 May, Salon de Provence
176 <sup>th</sup> International Military Course on LOAC	Spanish(with Portuguese class)	16-27 September, Sanremo
177 <sup>th</sup> International Military Course on LOAC	English (with Chinese & Russian classes)	4-15 November, Sanremo
International Military Course on LOAC	French	4-15 November, Sanremo TBC (G-5)

### Advanced level

40 <sup>th</sup> Advanced Course on IHL (LOAC)	English	6-10 May, Sanremo
41 <sup>st</sup> Advanced Course on IHL (LOAC)	French	6-10 May, Sanremo
42 <sup>nd</sup> Advanced Course on IHL (LOAC)	Arabic	10-14 June, Sanremo (TBC)
43 <sup>rd</sup> Advanced Course on IHL (LOAC)	Spanish	30 September-5 October, Sanremo

### Specialised level

18 <sup>th</sup> Competition on IHL for Military Academies	English	25-29 March, Sanremo
50 <sup>th</sup> Course for Directors of Courses and Trainers in IHL	English	13-17 May, Sanremo
51 <sup>st</sup> Course for Directors of Courses and Trainers in IHL	Arabic	17-21 June, Sanremo
52 <sup>nd</sup> Course for Directors of Courses and Trainers in IHL	Spanish	7-10 October, Sanremo
53 <sup>rd</sup> Course for Directors of Courses and Trainers in IHL	English	2-6 December Sanremo
54 <sup>th</sup> Course for Directors of Courses and Trainers in IHL	French	2-6 December, Sanremo

## Contemporary Workshops in International Humanitarian Law

Course on Peace Support Operations (PSO)	English	20-24 May, Sanremo
Detention and Captured Personnel (CPERS) Course	English	27-31 May, Sanremo
Targeting Course	English	30 September - 4 October, Sanremo
Rules of Engagement Course	English	7-11 October, Sanremo
Course on Naval Operations and the Law	English	14-18 October, Sanremo
Emergent Issues Workshop	English	3-7 June, Sanremo (TBC)
19 <sup>th</sup> Summer Course on International Humanitarian Law	English	1-12 July, Sanremo/Geneva
42 <sup>nd</sup> International Round Table on current problems of IHL		4-6 September, Sanremo

## Training Programme on Refugee Law, Migration Law and the Protection of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)

### Refugee Law

98 <sup>th</sup> Course on International Refugee Law	English	19-23 March, Sanremo
99 <sup>th</sup> Course on International Refugee Law	French	14-18 May, Sanremo
100 <sup>th</sup> Course on International Refugee Law	English	22-26 October, Sanremo
101 <sup>st</sup> Course on International Refugee Law	English	29 October - 2 November, Sanremo
102 <sup>nd</sup> Course on International Refugee Law	English	10-14 December, Sanremo
103 <sup>rd</sup> Course on International Refugee Law	Arabic	17-21 December, TBC

### Statelessness

7 <sup>th</sup> Course on Statelessness	Arabic	2-5 April, Sanremo
8 <sup>th</sup> Course on Statelessness	English	17-21 June, Sanremo

### Migration

3 <sup>rd</sup> Course on the Rights of Migrants	French	27-31 May, Sanremo
16 <sup>th</sup> International Migration Law Course	English	4-8 June, Sanremo
17 <sup>th</sup> International Migration Law Course	English	19-23 November, Sanremo

### Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)

16 <sup>th</sup> Course on the Law of Internal Displacement	English	10-14 June, Sanremo
17 <sup>th</sup> Course on the Law of Internal Displacement	English	25-29 November, Sanremo
18 <sup>th</sup> Course on the Law of Internal Displacement	French	26-30 November, Sanremo

6 <sup>th</sup> International Disaster Law Course	English	17-21 June, Sanremo
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