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International Disaster Law Course

Sanremo, Italy, 1-5 June 2020

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 Disaster Law Course from 1 to 5 June 2020.

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, Tel. +39 0184 541848ext204, Fax +39 0184 541600. The person in charge will be Ms Alessandra Armando, e-mail: alessandra@iihl.org.

Course profile

The course on International Disaster Law will offer participants a unique opportunity to analyze one of today's most important legal challenges: the prevention and management of natural and man-made disasters. Lectures will be delivered by distinguished speakers including Eduardo Valencia-Ospina (former Special Rapporteur of the ILC on the Protection of Persons in the Event of Disasters and current ILC Member), Walter Kälin (Envoy to the Chair, Platform on Disaster Displacement, Former Representative of the UN Secretary-General on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons) along with other high-level speakers from academia and distinguished experts from key stakeholders such as the IFRC, International Organization for Migration, and World Health Organization with a specific expertise on International Disaster Law.

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

Isabelle Granger (International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Cross Societies) and IDL Project coordinating team (Giulio Bartolini, Federico Casolari, Emanuele Sommario, Flavia Zorzi Giustiniani).

Target audience

The course is tailored towards practitioners (e.g. staff of public administrations, international organizations, Armed Forces; staff of Red Cross and Red Crescent societies; NGOs) involved in disaster management and humanitarian assistance; graduate and post-graduate students with an interest in International Disaster Law and humanitarian issues; 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 on International Disaster Law.

Application

Applicants are kindly requested to complete the form available here <http://iihl.org/y2019/international-disaster-law-course/> 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 Friday 7th June 2019. The Course is open to a maximum of 35 participants.

Participation fee

The participation fee is € 600 (Euros).

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

- - Account holder: International Institute of Humanitarian Law
- - Bank name: BANCA INTESA SAN PAOLO, Filiale 05000
- - Bank address: Piazza Paolo Ferrari 10, 20121 Milano, Italy
- - Bank codes: IBAN: IT 53 R030 6909 6061 0000 0012 348
BIC: BCITITMM

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:

- 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 their funds while in Sanremo.

Scholarships

A very small number of scholarships are available for the IDL course thanks to the generous support of the IFRC Disaster Law Programme and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development. If you wish to be considered for a scholarship you must apply to the IHL as soon as possible as assessment of requests will be made on a rolling basis. In any case deadline for scholarships is 1st April 2020 (subsequent requests would not be taken into account).

Please note that there are two types of scholarships granted by IHL: full scholarships and half scholarships, as detailed below.

Applicants are requested to provide a letter of motivation related to their interest for the scholarship and engagement with disaster law issues. Preference will be provided to applicants with a link to the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement or involved in partnerships with this latter (eg. Governmental or IOs/NGOs representatives cooperating with RCRC National Societies on disasters and disaster law issues, etc.)

A full scholarship includes:

- (1) return ticket in economy class from the nearest international airport in the country of residence to Nice (France);
- (2) shuttle Nice–Sanremo–Nice;
- (3) accommodation on a full board basis in Sanremo;
- (4) registration fees and documentation. •

A half scholarship includes:

- (1) shuttle Nice–Sanremo–Nice;
- (2) accommodation on a full board basis in Sanremo;
- (3) registration fees and documentation. All other expenses will have to be borne by the participants."

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 a.m. on Monday 1 June and will finish around 3 p.m. on Friday 5 June 2020. All sessions will start at 9 a.m. and run through 4.30–5.15 p.m. Please ensure that your travel arrangements will enable you to arrive in time (Sanremo is about one hour drive from Nice airport) to attend the opening session and to depart after the closing ceremony.

Registration procedures will take place on Monday 1 June between 8.30 and 9 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 a very brief assignment for the peer group meeting to be held on Monday 1 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 INFORMATION

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 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 shuttle service from Nice Côte d'Azur International Airport will be organized by the Institute on demand on Sunday 31 May, at the cost is 50 Euro each way (100 Euro return).

Please send us your arrival and departure details by 25 May. As we will actually organize collective transports, it is possible that participants on arrival will be asked to wait, hopefully not for long, before leaving to Sanremo.

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

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

Telephone communications

International and local phone calls are at the participants' own expenses. All hotels have international telephone facilities, but the purchase of an Italian telephone card is recommended, to get affordable rates.

Internet

Free wireless internet connection is available at the Institute.

Secretariat

For information and assistance, please contact Ms Alessandra Armando (phone +39 0184 541848, ext. 204, fax +39 0184 541600, e-mail alessandra@iihl.org).

The IDL Project is managed by scholars of the Universities of Bologna, Roma Tre, Uninettuno and the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna. The course is also organised with the support of the Jean Monnet Module on "[International and European Disaster Law](#)" at Roma Tre University.