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169th International Military Course on the Law of Armed Conflict

Sanremo, 23rd April – 4th May 2018

The 169th Foundation Course on LOAC was directed by Brigadier General Karl Edlinger from the Austrian Armed Forces. Participants of 19 different nationalities took part including military officers, government officials, representatives of international organizations and academics. Catering for two English classes and one Arabic class, the two-week training offered participants an opportunity to analyze the rules and principles of the law of armed conflicts in different scenarios. Senior Colonel Faouzi Aloui led the Arabic class while Colonel (ret.) James Stythe (UK), Lieutenant Colonel Christian Walton (UK), and Major Ardan Folwaij (The Netherlands) were in charge of the English classes. The teaching methodology combined plenary presentations with practical exercises in class, aimed at offering a complete view of matters related to International Humanitarian Law and other legal issues concerning military operations at various intensity levels. The setting up of working groups facilitated high-quality debates that benefitted from a world-wide range of perspectives and experiences. The programme covered the main IHL topics, such as: applicability of LOAC; law of the sea and naval warfare; conduct of hostilities; legal framework for non-international armed conflicts; rules of engagement; legal framework for peace support operations; belligerent occupation; role of the International Committee of the Red Cross; role of the International Criminal Court; and detention operations.



170th International Military Course on the Law of Armed Conflict

Salon-de-Provence (France), 9th – 20th April 2018



Mr. Fausto Pocar, President of the Institute

This French Foundation Course on LOAC, held in Salon-de-Provence, was organized by the Institute in collaboration with the Ecole des commissaires des armées (ECA). Participants from French-speaking countries all over the world, including officers from the ECA, attended the lectures during this two-week course. The main objective of the programme was to train participants on the application of the fundamental principles and rules of LOAC, by engaging them in discussion on specific LOAC issues and involving them in practical exercises. In fact, small groups were formed to assess different operational scenario procedures under the supervision of a member of the teaching staff that consisted of: Colonel Christian de Cock (Belgium), Major Nadine Fortin (Canada), Lieutenant Colonel Philippe Frin (France), Major Pieter Van Malderen (Belgium), CDT Arnaud Faure (France), CR1 Guillaume Liegeois (France), CDT Col. Juste Mauriac Ndhau (Democratic Republic of Congo). During the opening ceremony, the President of the IIHL, Prof. Fausto Pocar, addressed the Principle of Humanity applied to IHL.

Course on International Humanitarian Law and Transitional Justice

Bogotá, 9th – 11th May 2018

For the very first time, in cooperation with the *Corporación Defensoría Militar* of Colombia, the Institute promoted a Spanish Course on International Humanitarian Law and Transitional Justice, which was held in May in Bogotá, Colombia. During the three-day activities, 235 participants, including experts, professionals and military officers, took part in the seminars under the supervision of Prof. Roberto A. Moreno, Course Director, and Prof. Fausto Pocar, President of the

IHL. The different lectures successfully described the fundamental rules of IHL, providing in-depth information about Rules of Engagement; use of force and coercive instruments; command accountability within International Criminal Law, as well as in the Colombian national juridical framework; and transitional justice. Furthermore, during the course, relevant time was dedicated to the development of a juridical analysis of the operations conducted by the Colombian *Fuerza Pública* on the territory of its own country.

37th Advanced Course on IHL Sanremo, 7th - 11th May 2018



This course, organized by the Institute on an annual basis, was supervised by Col. Shawn McKelvy (US Air Force). The course gathered participants of 22 different nationalities, and provided specific tools to enhance the application of the rules of IHL in practical contexts. A mix between plenary lectures and empirical exercises constituted the structure of the course, which addressed specific issues such as: conflict classification; definition of military objective and military advantage; targeting; detention; weapons review; and interrelationship between Human Rights & IHL. The teaching staff responsible for the lectures included Prof. Yoram Dinstein (Tel Aviv University, Israel); Prof. Françoise Hampson (University of Essex, UK); Prof. Charles Garraway (University of Essex, UK); Air Commodore (ret.) William Boothby (Associate Fellow, GCSP Geneva); Dr. Janina Dill (University of Oxford, UK); Mr. William St-Michel (ICC Associate Legal Adviser, Canada); and Dr. Tilman Rodenhäuser (Legal Adviser, ICRC).

38th Advanced Course on IHL (French) Sanremo, 7th - 11th May 2018



Held in Villa Ormond, this edition of the French Advanced Course on LOAC gathered 14 participants

of many different nationalities to provide high-level training on particular topics of LOAC such as detention; new war technologies; the responsibility of the State for internationally illicit actions in the cyber context; fight against sexual crimes; relationship between Human Rights & IHL; and *jus in bello* and cyberspace. On this occasion the Institute collaborated both with the *Organisation internationale de la Francophonie* and 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, France) as course director; Major Anne Sophie Chagnon (JAG, Canadian Armed Forces); Prof. Françoise Hampson (University of Essex, UK); and Prof. Louis Balmond (Toulon University and IDPD Nice, France).

45th Course for Directors of Courses and Trainers in IHL 14th - 18th May 2018

Brigadier General Karl Edlinger (Austria) was in charge of coordinating the training activities of the 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 Georgia, Israel, Malaysia, Pakistan, Uganda, Rwanda and the United States attended the course.

Detention and Captured Personnel (CPERS) Course

Sanremo, 28th May - 1st June 2018

The main aim of this course is to investigate the crucial issues concerning the treatment of detainees during armed conflicts. This yearly course focused on specific issues arising in operations where detention is the final objective or it is, in other ways, related to the mission. Discussion on going beyond the legal analysis of detention; intelligence exploitation; detainee transfers; and detention in maritime operations, were also part of the course programme. The teaching staff included: Lieutenant Colonel Nancy Isenor (Office of the Judge Advocate General, Canadian Armed Forces) as course director; Prof. Françoise Hampson (University of Essex) and Prof. Chris Jenks (SMU Dedman School of Law) both acting as course co-directors; Mr. Pascal Turlan (ICC); Lieutenant Colonel Gavin Davies (UK Army); Lieutenant Commander Patricia Folwajj-Verkroost (Royal Netherlands Navy); Captain John Wharton (UK Army); and Captain Julien Eche (France).

Course on Peace Support Operations (PSO 2) Sanremo, 11th - 15th June 2018

Twenty participants from 13 different countries took part in the 2nd edition of the Peace Support Operations Course (PSO) to be run this year. The course provided an in-depth knowledge of several legal and operational issues related to the status of Peacekeeping Forces under international and host nation law including: the implementation of cease fire and peace agreements; the legal boundaries of UN Security Council authorizations; the relationship between mission objectives and basic agreements; the role of the UN in PSOs; and criminal responsibility in this context. The course was directed by Lt. Col. Jerry Lane (Ireland) with two deputies: Prof.

Christopher Jenks (SMU, Dedman School of Law, Dallas, USA) and Major Ardan Folwaj (The Netherlands, IIHL). In addition, during the week, lectures were also held by Dr. Gian Luca Beruto (IIHL), Dr. Mirko Sossai (Roma Tre University), Dr. Daragh Murray (University of Essex, UK), Lt. Col. Paolo Di Piazza (CoESPU, Italian Carabinieri), and Mr. Erol Arduç (UNHCR).



93rd Course on International Refugee Law (English)

Sanremo, 17th - 21st April 2018

This course was organized with the support of UNHCR, the Swiss State Secretariat for Migration, and the US Department of State. A total of 30 participants from 20 different countries, including government officials and representatives of international organizations and non-governmental organizations, attended the five-day course. The course Director was Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the International Refugee Law and Migration Programme at the Institute. The teaching staff included Mr. José Sieber Luz, Senior Staff Development Officer at UNHCR's Global Learning Centre; Ms Lucy Hall, Lecturer at the University of Amsterdam; and Ms Rewa El-Oubari, Coordinator of the Institute's International Refugee Law and Migration Programme.

4th Course on Statelessness

Sanremo, 8th - 11th May 2018

The course was organized with the support and collaboration of UNHCR. The main aims of the course were to increase the participants' ability to understand and address the phenomenon of statelessness and to encourage the sharing of good practices among participants on how to reduce and prevent statelessness and to protect stateless persons. A total of 35 participants from 29 different countries, including government officials and representatives of international organizations, attended. During the course, the participants also had the opportunity to benefit from the presence of a stateless person, namely Mr. Vladislav Novichkov who, reporting his life experience, gave added value to the course. The teaching staff included Ms Melanie Khanna, UNHCR Senior Legal Coordinator and Chief of the Statelessness Section; Ms Lena Haap, UNHCR Associate Protection Officer (Statelessness); Ms Valeriia Cherednichenko, UNHCR Associate Legal Officer (Statelessness) for Europe; Mr. Amit Sen, UNHCR Regional Protection Officer (Statelessness) for the Middle East and North Africa; Mr. Daniel Sziebert, Associate Staff Development Officer at UNHCR's Global Learning Centre; Mr. Benyam Dawit

Mezmur, Member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child and Vice-Chairman (2nd) of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child at African Unity.

2nd Workshop on "Enhancing Diversity Skills in International Operations"

Sanremo, 23rd - 25th May 2018

Within Italy's Third National Action Plan, the Sanremo Institute has designed a specific project, namely, "Enhancing training on women, peace and security (WPS): integrating gender perspective into international operations". This initiative aims at raising awareness by delivering specific training within the framework of the WPS agenda on gender, diversity and related issues for personnel of armed and security forces as well as civilian personnel engaged in armed conflict scenarios, with the main objective of further integrating the gender perspective into conflict prevention, peacekeeping, peace-making and peace-building. In the context of this project, directed by Colonel Gilles Castel and coordinated by Prof. Gabriella Venturini, the Sanremo Institute, in collaboration with the Carabinieri Centre of Excellence for Stability Police Units (CoESPU), organized the second workshop of a series of three on "Enhancing Diversity Skills in International Operations". This workshop, which was held from 23rd to 25th May 2018, focused on the integration of the gender perspective into international operations and was attended by military personnel and gender advisors from Finland, Italy, Malawi, Namibia, Slovenia, Uganda, the United Kingdom as well as the United States.

Course on the "Protection of the Rights of Migrants" (French)

Sanremo, 28th May - 1st June 2018

This course was organized by the IIHL International Refugee Law and Migration Programme with the support of the *Organisation internationale de la Francophonie* and the Swiss State Secretariat for Migration. The main objectives were to deepen the theoretical knowledge of governmental authorities and civil society on international standards related to migration, focusing on the practical implementation of these standards. A total of 38 participants from 21 countries including government officials, and representatives from civil society and the academia attended the five-day course in Sanremo. The course was directed by Mr. Jean-François Durieux, Senior Research Associate, Refugee Law Initiative, University of London. The teaching staff included Ms Catherine-Amélie Chassin, Lecturer at the University of Caen; Ms Anne Althaus, from the International Organization for Migration in Geneva; Ms Mariette Grange, from the Global Detention Project in Geneva; Ms Madeline Garlick, Head of Protection Policy and Legal Advice Section at UNHCR Geneva who gave a presentation through Skype; and Ms Rewa El-Oubari, Coordinator of the Institute's International Refugee Law and Migration Programme.

14th Course on Internal Displacement

Sanremo, 11th - 15th June 2018

This edition of the course was organized with the support of UNHCR and benefitted from the presence

and the collaboration of Ms Cecilia Jimenez-Damary, Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs). The course gathered 26 participants coming from 20 different countries; all of them represented different ministries and national institutions involved in the protection of IDPs. Participants were introduced to the legal framework of the protection of IDPs with particular attention to specific issues such as the prevention of displacement; development of national laws and policies; data collection and profiling; documentation; and sustainable solutions. The course was directed by Mr. Claudio Delfabro, Director of the International Refugee and Migration Law Programme of the Institute, and Ms Cecilia Jimenez-Damary. The teaching staff included: Ms Martina Caterina, Legal Officer in support of the Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of IDPs at UNHCR Headquarters in Geneva; Mr. Daniel MacGuire, Legal Officer on IDPs, Division of International Protection at UNHCR Headquarters in Geneva; Ms Lobna Abdel Hadl, International consultant on refugee protection; Ms Marilena Berardo, Displacement Programme Coordinator at the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies; Ms Dalia Aranki, Global Coordinator, Housing, Land and Property (HLP) at the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC); and Ms Laura Ronkainen, Deputy Coordinator at the Joint IDP Profiling Service (JIIPS).

94th Refugee Law Course (French)

Sanremo, 19th – 23rd June 2018

This course was organized with the support of UNHCR and in collaboration with the Swiss State Secretariat for Migration, and the US Department of State. A total of 43 participants from 17 different countries including government officials and representatives of international organizations and non-governmental organizations attended the five-day course. The course was directed by Ms Cynthia Petrih, member of the Institute. The teaching staff included Ms Seraina Eldada, Cultural Mediator at Doctors without Borders; Mr. Jacopo Giorgi, Senior Staff Development Officer (Refugee Law), UNHCR Global Learning Centre; Miss Stéphane Jaquemet, Policy Director, International Catholic Migration Commission; and Mr. Philippe Sacher, Coordinator of the Mixed Migration Working Group, UNHCR.



International Disaster Law Course

Sanremo, 18th - 22nd June 2018

The fifth edition of the International Disaster Law



Mr. Eduardo Valencia-Ospina Special Rapporteur on the Protection of Persons in the Event of Disasters

course was organized in cooperation with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), and Roma Tre University, within the framework of its International Disaster Law Project and the Jean Monnet Module on “International and European Disaster law”, with the support of the Italian Red Cross. Twenty-five participants from 15 different countries were engaged in a debate on a topic which continues to challenge the international

community, namely, the prevention, management and legal issues related to natural and man-made disasters. The teaching staff comprised Ms Isabelle Granger, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies; Ms Tessa Kelly, Senior Officer for Climate Change Coordination at the IFRC; Ms Alice Sironi, International Organization for Migration; Mr. Christophe Schmachtel, World Health Organization; Prof. Emanuele Sommario (Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna); Prof. Federico Casolari (University of Bologna); Ms Flavia Zorzi Giustiniani (UniNettuno University Rome); Prof. Giulio Bartolini (University Roma Tre); Mr. Eduardo Valencia-Ospina Special Rapporteur on the Protection of Persons in the Event of Disasters, International Law Commission; and Mr. Tommaso Natoli (PhD Research Fellow of International Law, Roma Tre University).

95th Course on International Refugee Law (English)

Sanremo, 26th – 30th June 2018

This course benefitted from the cooperation and support of UNHCR, the Swiss State Secretariat for Migration, and the US Department of State. A total of 42 participants from 26 different countries including government officials and representatives of international organizations and non-governmental organizations attended the course under the direction of Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the International Refugee Law and Migration Programme at the Institute, who was supported by members of the teaching staff: Mr. Jacopo Giorgi, Senior Staff Development Officer (Protection), UNHCR Global Learning Centre; Ms Lorenza Trulli, Protection Officer/Expert on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence in Displacement, UNHCR Lebanon; and Ms Reem Alsalem, Independent Consultant on Humanitarian and Refugee Issues.