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43rd Round Table on “New Dimensions and Challenges of Urban Warfare”

Sanremo Round Table 2020

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law, the Institute, in co-operation with the International Committee of the Red Cross, is pleased to announce the launch of its 43rd Round Table on “New Dimensions and Challenges of Urban Warfare” (working title) to be held from 9 to 11 September 2020 in Sanremo (Italy). The Sanremo Round Table on current issues of international humanitarian law, organised by the Institute every year in September in co-operation with the International Committee of the Red Cross, is an international gathering which is very much appreciated by the international community as it offers an opportunity for periodic dialogue and debate on crucial topics of international humanitarian law. More than forty years of meetings and intense academic activity addressing the main topics of humanitarian law, under the auspices of the Institute, have created what has universally become known as “humanitarian dialogue in the spirit of Sanremo”.

**100th Course on International Refugee Law
Special Edition on the Global Compact on
Refugees [English]**

Sanremo, 21st -25th October 2019

The 100th Course on International Refugee Law – Special Edition on the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) - was organised by the International Institute of Humanitarian Law

in Sanremo, Italy, from 21st to 25th October 2019. Training, which was delivered in English and was fully sponsored by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), benefitted 31 participants from 26 different countries worldwide. Among the audience were: representatives of the academia and national training institutions; government officials; practitioners of international organisations and the civil society. The 100th Course commemorated the centenary of the Refugee Law courses, first held by the Institute in 1982. The training focused on the key components of the GCR, including the legal framework, protection within the displacement cycle, access to education and the search of durable and sustainable solutions for refugees. Furthermore, the Course allowed participants to put into practice the skills and knowledge acquired during the workshop through practical activities, such as case studies, group discussions and simulation exercises. Prof Edoardo Greppi, President of the Institute, held the institutional remarks during the opening of the course along with Ms Grainne O’Hara, Director of the Division of International



Protection at UNHCR, who delivered the keynote address on current international protection challenges and opportunities. The training was enhanced by the presence of Mamadou Dian Balde, Deputy Director of the Division of Resilience and Solutions at UNHCR, who provided the audience with a deep understanding of the GCR and its application, and Annabel Mwangi, Senior Policy Advisor of the Division of Resilience and Solutions at UNHCR, who guided participants towards the consolidation of pledges to be presented at the Global Refugee Forum. The faculty also included: Claudio Delfabro, Director of the Institute's Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law; Ellen Maree Al Daqqa, Education Officer of the Division of Resilience and Solutions (Education Section) at UNHCR; Lobna Abdel Hadi, International Consultant on Refugee Protection; Gábor Gyulai, Director of the Refugee Programme at the Hungarian Helsinki Committee; and Melissa Amisano, Coordinator of the Institute's Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law.

The Institute launches its latest Handbook: "Integrating Gender Perspectives into International Operations"

The Institute has great pleasure in announcing the publication of its latest Handbook addressing the issue of "Integrating Gender Perspectives into International Operations". This publication represents the Institute's contribution to the promotion of gender perspectives with specific regard to the protection of groups of individuals in conflict areas. The Handbook - prepared by international civil and military experts convened in Sanremo by the Institute - provides a practical framework for gender mainstreaming in the training of the military, police officers and civilians who are involved in conflict scenarios. The Handbook which is actually available in English, will soon be translated into Arabic, French, Italian, Russian, and Spanish.

First Meeting of the International Group of Experts

Copenhagen, 30th September - 4th October 2019

The "San Remo Manual on International Law Applicable to Armed Conflicts at Sea" was adopted by the Institute on 12th June 1994. Since then it has increasingly gained a worldwide reputation as an assessment of the principles and rules of international law applicable to naval warfare. With a view to updating the Manual after 25 years of its adoption, a meeting of an international group of experts was convened in Copenhagen from 30th September to 4th October 2019, upon the invitation of the



Royal Danish Defence College, and with the support of the German Federal Foreign Office and the German Foundation for Peace Research. The Group of Experts, chaired by Prof. Fausto Pocar, Honorary President of the Institute, discussed several general issues concerning the process of updating the Manual and adopted a Plan of Action identifying the steps to be taken and the methodology to be followed in the revision of the existing rules and/or of the commentary accompanying them. The next session of the Group of Experts is expected to be held in Canberra, Australia, in June 2020.

Course on Naval Operations

Sanremo 14th-18th October 2019

Directed by Commodore (Retd) David Letts from the Centre for Military and Security Law of the Australian National University College of Law, this edition of the Course on Naval Operations, once again, shed light on the strong association

between the International Institute of Humanitarian Law (IIHL) and Maritime Law. The Sanremo Manual on International Law Applicable to Armed Conflicts at Sea was, in fact, elaborated by the IIHL and it is still recognized worldwide as a key reference for naval military operators and others.



During the course, the 25 participants from 14 different countries, were able to examine the legal regime affecting the planning and conduct of naval operations across the entire spectrum of conflict, focusing on rules of engagement, anti-piracy operations and naval warfare. Professor Wolff Heintschel von Heinegg, who is one of the foremost experts in maritime and naval operations law, as well as being one of the authors of the Sanremo Manual and a former member of the Council of the IIHL, was on the teaching staff together with Professor James Kraska, Chairman and Professor of International Maritime Law at the Stockton Center for International Law, United States Naval War College.

Targeting Course

Sanremo, 30th September – 4th October 2019

Thirty-eight participants from twenty-eight different countries gathered in Villa Ormond, headquarters of the Institute, to



attend this year's Targeting Course. The five-day training was organised under the joint supervision of the Course and Military Department Director, Col. Mark Dakers, and the Deputy Course Director, Maj. Peter Rasmussen. The teaching staff also included: Professor Françoise Hampson from the Law School and Human Rights Centre of the University of Essex, Lt Col. Richard Crawford, Royal Artillery, UK Army, and Major Gretchen Davenport from the US Army JAG Corps. Designed for military or civilian legal and policy advisors and operators, this intensive course, at the unclassified level, aimed at providing participants with an understanding of the legal considerations associated with targeting in military operations. To facilitate understanding, participants also conducted practical exercises and simulations which took them through a targeting process from planning and execution to battle damage assessment. The course had been redesigned by the Institute's Military Department using the same scenario as is currently used both for the military course on international humanitarian law (IHL) and the rules of engagement course.

43rd Advanced Course on IHL in Spanish

Sanremo, 30th September – 5th October 2019

This is an intensive course for people who have a solid knowledge of the principles and rules of International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights. It aims to offer a practical and contemporary approach, at an advanced level, to the issues inherent in International Humanitarian Law in both the universal and regional context, given the majority attendance of Latin American participants. The training focused on IHL challenges and other situations of violence;



deprivation of liberty; collective security; post-conflict and transitional justice; rules of engagement (ROEs); targeting; intelligence and emerging threats; sexual crimes and armed conflict; and command responsibility in the International Criminal Court. The course was co-ordinated by Professor Roberto Augusto Moreno (Argentina), Director of the Spanish and Portuguese training courses of the IIHL, Colonel Eduardo Bittencourt Cavalcanti (Brazil), Training Officer of the IIHL, and Lieutenant Colonel Mario Lanz Raggio (Spain) in the role of Deputy Director of Course. The lecturers included: General Angel Serrano Barberan (Spain); Colonel José Romero Muros (Spain); Commander Miguel Fernando Lizárraga Fernández (Mexico); Commander JT Juan Francisco Rivera Castro (Chile); Dr Eraldo Cassini (Italy); Dr Matteo Fornari (Italy); Dr Susana Morales (Spain); Dr Marcos Pablo Moloeznik (Mexico); Dr Pedro Páez Pirazán (Colombia); and Dr Alejandro Kiss (Argentina).

52nd Course for Directors and Instructors of Training Programmes in IHL (Spanish) *Sanremo 7th – 10th October 2019*

This course, held in Spanish, was directed by Professor Roberto Augusto Moreno (Argentina), Director of the Spanish and Portuguese training courses of the IIHL and was co-ordinated by Colonel Eduardo Bittencourt Cavalcanti (Brazil), Training Officer of the IIHL, Deputy Director. The course was conceived to make all the participants the main actors of the learning process. In particular, States are required to incorporate the study of International Humanitarian Law in their



military instruction programmes. States also require military leaders to take steps according to their degree of responsibility to ensure that members of the armed forces under their command are aware of their obligations in this regard. On the other hand, the States themselves undertake to have legal advisors to assist military commanders in the application of IHL and provide appropriate teaching practice. The different training modules addressed the general and legal obligations involved and offered guidelines for the armed forces. Furthermore, the course considered the way to conduct training needs assessments, define learning objectives and draft specific training modules. Communication, co-operation and working groups constitute the main features of the course.

Rules of Engagement

Sanremo 7th – 11th October 2019

Directed by Captain (N) Jean-Emmanuel Perrin, and supervised by Deputy Course Director Lt. Col. Ardan Folwajj, the Rules of Engagement (ROE) course aimed at providing participants with an understanding of the functions of ROE, their formulation, implementation, interpretation and management. During the week, the 38 participants from 24 different countries had the chance to examine the relationship between legal, political and operational parameters in the formulation of ROE and the inherent tensions between the competing concerns of risk to mission and risk to force. Carried out in an international environment, the Course is designed as core training for military officers and civilian personnel, staff advisors and operators,



placing ROE issues within the context of staff processes from operational design to mission execution by operators. The teaching staff was enriched by the presence of Maj. Gretchen Davenport, JAG Corps, and Lieutenant Colonel John Cherry from the United States Marine Corps, US Naval War College.

Course on Refugee Law for Latin America [Spanish]
Sanremo, 14th -18th October 2019



The Course on Refugee Law – Special edition for Latin America – was delivered in Spanish, and organised with the support of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration of the United States Department of State. A total of 30 participants from 15 different Latin American countries attended the five-day training, including: government officials from, among others, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Interior, and Ombudsman Office; members of National Commissions responsible for refugees; military officers; representatives of the civil society; and academia. The Course focused on the situation and protection needs of refugees and forcibly displaced persons in Latin America, and addressed a variety of topics, ranging from International Refugee Law instruments and regional protection mechanisms, to protection in the context of mixed movements, durable solutions and the regional application of the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (MIRPS) and the Global Compact on Refugees.

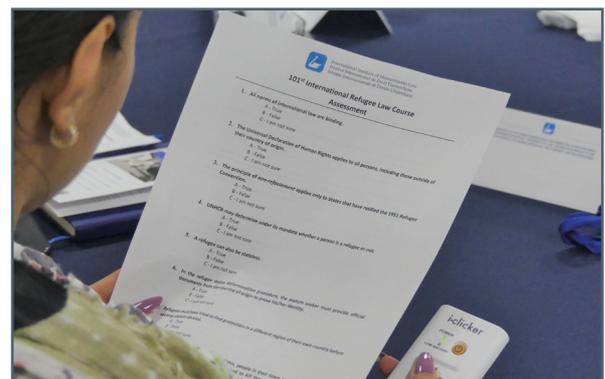
The course was opened by Ms Renata Dubini, Director of the Regional Bureau for

the Americas of UNHCR, who delivered the keynote speech focusing on the protection and asylum situation in the Latin American region, including current challenges and opportunities. The workshop was directed by Mr Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law at the Institute; and was honoured by the presence of a highly-qualified teaching staff, in particular: Mr Marco Formisano, Senior Protection Officer, Regional Bureau for the Americas, UNHCR; Mr. José Sieber Luz, Senior Staff Development Officer (Protection), Global Learning and Development Centre, UNHCR; Mr Ariel Riva, Legal Adviser, Division of International Protection, UNHCR; Ms Maddalena Pezzotti, Senior CRRF Coordinator, UNHCR; Ms Marisa L. Gómez Fernández, International Expert on Refugee Protection; Ms Eva García Bouzas, Head of the Global Protection Cluster Support Cell in Geneva; Ms Clara de Haro Arbona, Co-ordinator of the Course.

101st Course on International Refugee Law [English]

Sanremo 29th October – 2nd November 2019

The Course, which was organised in partnership with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and delivered in English, aimed to increase the knowledge and skills of government officials involved in the formulation and application of legislation and policies affecting people in need of protection. 42 participants from 25 different countries had the opportunity to interact with the practitioners and experts in the field of forced displacement, and develop a common understanding on how law, principles and policies relating to the protection of uprooted persons can be promoted and implemented at the



national level by a variety of stakeholders. The audience was mainly composed by government officials, legal advisors, judges, immigration officers, representatives of training academies, practitioners and representatives of international NGOs. During the five-day Course in Sanremo, different learning methodologies were used to encourage the participants to apply the knowledge and skills acquired in a practical and pragmatic manner. The training was directed by Mr Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Institute's Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, and co-ordinated by Ms Melissa Amisano, Co-ordinator of the same Department. The Course was also honoured by the presence of Mr. Stephan Jaquemet, Director of Policy of the International Catholic Migration Commission, who delivered the keynote speech, and by a variety of international experts, such as: Mr Jacopo Giorgi, Senior Staff Development Officer (Refugee Law) at the Global Learning and Development Centre, UNHCR; Mr Ariel Riva, Legal Officer, Protection Policy and Legal Advice, UNHCR; Ms Noura Altourky, Associate Protection Officer, UNHCR; Ms Nina Murray, Head of Policy and Research, European Network on Statelessness, and Ms Lucy Hall, Lecturer on International Relations and Human Rights at the University of Amsterdam.

177th International Military Course on the Law of Armed Conflict [English, Russian and Chinese]

Sanremo 4th -15th November 2019

The Course, directed by Colonel Andre Retief from South Africa, aims at providing military officers, including operators and military lawyers and civilians, with the opportunity to learn how to apply the principles and rules of the Laws of Armed Conflict



(LOAC). The teaching methodology used for this Course comprises a combination of central presentations and class work with classes being delivered in English, Russian and Chinese. A total of 74 participants representing 21 different countries took part in the training which largely consisted of a series of exercises conducted under the guidance of class leaders using current military planning and staff processes, leading the course through a series of IHL and other relevant legal issues arising during military operations at all levels of intensity. Colonel Mark Dakers and Colonel James Stythe from the United Kingdom and Major Gretchen Davenport from the USA facilitated the English-speaking classes, while Senior Colonel Xiaodong He from the People's Republic of China and Lieutenant Colonel Elena Milcenco from Republic of Moldova were the class leaders for the Chinese and Russian speaking classes respectively. The broad spectrum of nations and organisations attending the course offered a unique opportunity to exchange views, approaches and perspectives on IHL demonstrating the continued value of the "Spirit of Sanremo" which is central to the Institute's philosophy and culture. The Institute would also like to express its gratitude to the ICRC, the Association for the Promotion of International Development and Stability and the UK Ministry of Defence, which sponsored some of the participants who would otherwise not be able to attend to receive this vital training. The Military Department greatly values the financial support given by States and organisations by funding participants at courses throughout the year. The People's Republic of China provided interpreters which facilitated the Chinese language course as did the ICRC Moscow Office for the Russian language course.

17th Course on International Migration Law [English]

Sanremo, 19th - 23rd November, 2019

The Course, delivered in English, was organised in cooperation with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the Swiss State Secretariat for Migration, and the United Nations High

Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). It aimed to equip participants with a deep understanding and the necessary skills for the good governance of migration. Thirty-one participants from 20 different countries attended the training, which included the following topics: international legal framework; migration key concepts and migrants' systems of protection; forced displacement; human rights at international borders, detention and alternatives; protection at sea; environmental migrants; migrant workers, trafficking and smuggling of persons; the rights of migrant children; and the Global Compact on Migration and partnership. Mr Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department of International Refugee and Migration Law at the Institute, and Ms Melissa Amisano, Co-ordinator of the same Department, supervised and facilitated the five-day Course through different participatory methodologies (e.g. simulations, role-play, case studies and mapping exercises). The teaching staff also included: Ms Alice Sironi, Migration Law Specialist, International Migration Law Unit, IOM; Mr. Ariel Riva, Legal Officer, Protection Policy and Legal Advice, UNHCR; Ms Liliana Sorrentino, Independent expert on human rights, migration, and modern slavery; Ms Janeta Hanganu, Legal Adviser, Office of the Special Representative on Migration and Refugees, Council of Europe; Michele Cavinato, Senior Legal Officer and Head of Asylum & Migration, UNHCR.

17th Course on Internal Displacement [English] Sanremo 25th- 29th November, 2019

The Course, which commemorated the 10th anniversary of the Kampala Convention, was organised by the Institute in co-operation with the Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons, the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). This edition, which lasted five days and was conducted in English, welcomed 29 participants from 17 different countries. Among the participants were: government officials, members of the civil society, academics, humanitarian workers, as well as representatives of international organisations and lawyers.

Training focused on the understanding of internal displacement mechanisms and the applicable law, and encouraged the sharing of experiences and good practices among participants regarding the protection of internally displaced persons (IDPs) and the search for solutions. The Course was directed and facilitated by Claudio Delfabro, Director of the Department of International Refugee and Migration Law at the Institute, and was honoured by the presence of Cecilia Jimenez-Damary, Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of IDPs, who delivered the opening lecture of the training programme. The teaching staff also included: Sofia Khetib-Grundy, Deputy Co-ordinator at the Global Protection Cluster; Martina Caterina, Legal Advisor to the Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of IDPs; Merita Alma, Protection Officer at UNHCR; Jamila El Andellaoui, Durable Solutions Officer at UNHCR; Alexandra Ortiz, Legal Adviser (Advisory Service on International Humanitarian Law) at the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC); Michelle Yonetani, Independent Consultant and Expert on Forced Displacement, Humanitarian Action and Advocacy; Natalia Baal, Co-ordinator of the Joint IDPs Profiling Service (JIPS); and Julien Marneffe, Senior Humanitarian Policy and Protection Adviser at the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC).



18th Course on Internal Displacement [French] Sanremo 26th- 30th November 2019

The Course, which was delivered for the first time in French in order to respond to the increasing demand for capacity-

building from Francophone countries, was organised by the Institute in cooperation with the Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons, the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). Twenty-nine participants from 16 countries benefitted from the five-day training, which provided the class with a wide perspective on the protection of internally displaced persons (IDPs) and allowed the participants to interact with practitioners and experts in the field of internal displacement. Participants all had diverse profiles, and included: representatives of governments and academia, diplomats, practitioners and officials of NGOs and international organisations. The keynote speech was delivered by Cecilia Jimenez-Damary, the Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of IDPs, who addressed the main opportunities and challenges of IDPs' protection. The Course was directed and facilitated by Claudio Delfabro, Director of the Department of International Refugee and Migration Law at the Institute, and co-ordinated by Melissa Amisano, Co-ordinator of the same Department.



The facilitating staff included: Sofia Khetib-Grundy, Deputy Co-ordinator at the Global Protection Cluster; Christophe Beau, Protection Cluster Coordinator at UNHCR; Tiziana Bonzon, Migration and Displacement Global Lead, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC); Jamila El Andellaoui, Durable Solutions Officer at UNHCR; Alexandra Ortiz, Legal Adviser (Advisory Service on International Humanitarian Law) at the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC); Devora

Levakova, Profiling Adviser at the Joint IDPs Profiling Service (JIPS); Julien Marneffe, Senior Humanitarian Policy and Protection Adviser at the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC); Abdoulaye Sawadogo, Head of Operations Office (Regional Office of West and Central Africa) at the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA); and Natália Ferreira de Castro, Associated Human Rights Officer, at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).

51st, 53rd and 54th Courses for Directors and Trainers in International Humanitarian Law (Arabic, English and French)

Sanremo 2nd - 6th December 2019

The three courses took place simultaneously in Villa Ormond and were delivered in Arabic, English and French. The aim of each course is to enable officers at the Defence Staff, Service Headquarters and/or from other military organisations who are in charge of planning LOAC education, to analyse the needs, define the objectives, develop the teaching programmes and integrate them in the educational programmes of the different categories of personnel within the Armed Forces. Thirty-three participants from all over the world attended the training course, including military Officers, military lawyers and others responsible for planning LOAC education or who are involved in writing doctrine, determining training requirements, curriculum development, the design of course modules and materials for LOAC education within their Armed Forces (Directors), and military officers and military lawyers responsible for teaching LOAC (Instructors). The 51st Course in Arabic was directed by Senior Colonel Faouzi Aloui from Tunisia; the 53rd Course in English was directed by Brigadier General Karl Edlinger from the Austrian Armed Forces and the 54th Course was directed by Lieutenant-Colonel Philippe Frin, Armée de Terre, France in cooperation with Chef de Bataillon Jacques Corteggiani, Armée de terre, France.

102nd Course on International Refugee Law [English]
Sanremo, 10th – 14th December 2019

The Course, which was delivered in English, was organized in partnership with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the Swiss State Secretariat for Migration, and the US Department of State (Bureau of Population). The workshop was designed for government officials involved in the formulation and application of legislation and policies affecting people in need of protection, as well as for members of civil society who advocate for and/or contribute to the protection of migrants and refugees.



For this Course, the Institute welcomed 49 participants from 38 different countries, who had the opportunity to interact with the practitioners and experts in the fields of, among others, protection in mixed movements, internal displacement, statelessness, protection at sea and durable solutions. The training was directed and facilitated by Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Institute's Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law. The workshop also benefitted from the presence of: Erol Arduc, Chief of Mission at UNHCR Kosovo, who delivered the keynote speech; Ivana Jelic, Durable Solutions Officer at UNHCR Serbia; Alexandra Kaun, Staff Development Officer at UNHCR Global Learning and Development Centre, Hungary; Valeriia Cherednichenko, International Expert on Statelessness; Kim Mancini, Senior Consultant on Forced Displacement; and Melissa Amisano, Co-ordinator of the Course and of the Institute's Refugee Department.

103rd Course on International Refugee Law [Arabic]
Sanremo, 16th – 20th December 2019

This edition of the Course, the last of this year, was delivered in Arabic and organised by the Institute with the co-operation and support of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the Swiss State Secretariat for Migration and the U.S. Department of State (Bureau of Population). A total of 35 participants from 11 countries gathered in Villa Ormond to attend the course which focused in particular on: international legal framework for the protection of refugees, human trafficking and smuggling, refugee status determination, the protection of internally displaced persons, statelessness, sexual and gender based violence and durable solutions. The Course is designed primarily to benefit government officials who are involved in the formulation and application of legislations and policies affecting people in need of protection but it is also open to members of civil society and international organisations. Ms Lobna Abdel Hadi, International Consultant on Refugee Protection, directed the Course in co-operation with Shaheera Mobarak, the Assistant Co-ordinator for Courses in Arabic at the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law. The teaching staff also included: Ziad Ayoubi, Head of Livelihoods and Economic Inclusion Unit, Division of Resilience and Solutions at UNHCR HQ, Malak El Hassan, Programme Associate, UNHCR Lebanon and George Fahmy, Consultant on Refugee Protection and Internal Displacement.

Workshop on the Application of International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law in an Armed Conflict

Sanremo, 4th October 2019

The Workshop "Application of International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law in an Armed Conflict" jointly organised by the International and Comparative Law Research Center – a non-profit organisation based in Moscow and active in the field of research on different issues of international and comparative

law – and the Institute, took place in Sanremo at the Grand Hotel Londra on 4th October 2019. The purpose of the workshop was to take a closer look at the complex relationship between International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Law which may arise during armed conflicts. Eminent world-renowned experts focused on these delicate and complex issues by examining, in particular, the practice of the European Court of Human Rights and the possible extension of the European Convention on Human Rights provisions to cover situations of armed conflict. The work sessions were opened by Giorgio Battisti, Vice-President of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law, Victoria Manko, General Director of the International and Comparative Law Research Center, and Bakhtiyar Tuzmukhamedov, Professor of International Law and Member of the Council of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law.

The Institute's Presence during the First Nobel Week in Sanremo

Sanremo, 7th - 13th December 2019

Villa Nobel, former home of the famous Alfred Nobel, hosted the first edition of the Nobel Week in Sanremo, thus becoming an international venue during which conferences, meetings and charity events were organised with a view to strengthen the already friendly relations between Italy and Sweden. On this occasion, Secretary-General Stefania Baldini, as member of one of the panels displayed the major projects carried out by the Institute. Thanks to a live streaming service, it was also possible to follow the Nobel Prize Awarding Ceremony from Stockholm.



The Institute at the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement Conference

Geneva, 9th - 12th December 2019

The Institute took part in the 33rd International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement held in Geneva from 9th to 12th December 2019. The Conference provided the occasion for the Institute's delegation to attend several thematic sessions on different topics of IHL and meet representatives of the Movement. The International Conference is the highest deliberative body of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, which is convened every 4 years. The event is quite unique as it brings together the world's largest humanitarian network and governments to discuss the most important humanitarian challenges. The Institute participated in the Conference as an Observer. Prof. Greppi, President of the Institute, along with Mr Beruto, Assistant to the Secretary-General of the Institute and Michel Veuthey, former Vice-President of the Institute and currently in charge of the Institute's liaison office in Geneva, met Dr Gilles Carbonnier, Vice-President of the ICRC on Tuesday 10th December. The meeting provided an opportunity to discuss the consolidated partnership existing between the Sanremo Institute and the ICRC, which goes back to the very foundation of the Institute, and how to further enhance such collaboration, also in view of the coming celebration of the Institute's 50th anniversary. A formal session for members and observers to deliver statements was provided during the Conference. Indeed, Prof. Greppi made an official intervention to highlight the Institute's 50 year-



old commitment to the development, dissemination and implementation of international humanitarian law through its courses for military Officers coming from all regions of the world, and stressed its keenness to continue and strengthen collaboration with the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, as well as with the States Parties to the Geneva Conventions and the United Nations Agencies sharing the same mission and the same humanitarian values.

Updates from Upper and Child Up Projects

The Institute attended the fourth UPPER project meeting and its second multiplier event, organised by the Maltese Ministry for Education and Employment (MEDE) and held from 14th to 15th October in Malta. During the two-day event, all the tools developed by the project partners were analysed in view of the launch of the UPPER piloting phase in schools in 2020. On the following day, during the multiplier event, many Maltese education professionals were introduced to the project by the UPPER partners, through a detailed description of its different outcomes and a guided tour on the EIP Laboratory website. During the same month, on 22nd, the Education Inspiring Peace Laboratory (EIP Lab) was officially presented in Sanremo by the staff of the Institute, with the contribution of the Sanremo Municipality. The presentation was part of a wider initiative named “Ottobre di pace”, a one-month event review focusing on subjects related to the promotion of a peace culture and intercultural dialogue.

On 18th November 2019, the 3rd FREREF Day was organised by the Institute at Villa Ormond, in collaboration with the Fondation des Régions Européennes pour la Recherche, l'Éducation et la Formation (FREREF). The Conference focused on “An Active European Citizenship to Build Peace”, offering the opportunity to international education professionals and stakeholders to discuss the role of “citizenship” as one of the main positive driver of peacebuilding. Within this wider task, the event provided UPPER and CHILD-UP partners with a precious opportunity to showcase the innovative approaches and outcomes already developed by these two projects.

The Institute in Geneva at the Global Refugee Forum

Geneva, 16th -18th December 2019

The International Institute of Humanitarian Law was honoured to accept the invitation to take part in the First Global Refugee Forum (GRF), held in Geneva from 16th to 18th December 2019. Our Institute was represented by the Director of the Department of Refugee Law and Migration, Claudio Delfabro. The GRF is co-hosted by the UNHCR and the Government of Switzerland and co-convened by Costa Rica, Ethiopia, Germany, Pakistan and Turkey, with the result of mobilising a broad political gathering in support of the Forum. The event constitutes an outstanding occasion for the international community to advance the objectives of the Global Compact on Refugees by mobilising political will, broadening the base of support, and implementing arrangements that facilitate more equitable, sustained and predictable responsibility-sharing. In other terms, the Global Refugee Forum pursues the task of providing the international community with the opportunity to gather together around the shared objective of increasing co-operation and solidarity with refugees and affected host countries. Guided by the Global Compact on Refugees, the Global Refugee Forum represents a crucial opportunity to translate the principle of international responsibility-sharing into concrete action. The GRF shows the most impactful pledges and contributions from governments, international organisations and private companies in the field of refugee protection, as well as fosters the exchange of existing good practices implemented worldwide.



PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES 2020

Training Programme in International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and Law of Armed Conflicts

Foundation level

178 th International Military Course on LOAC	Arabic	24 February - 6 March, Sanremo
179 th International Military Course on LOAC	English	20 April – 1 May, Sanremo
180 th International Military Course on LOAC	French	4-15 May, Salon de Provence
181 st International Military Course on LOAC	Spanish (with Portuguese class)	14-25 September, Sanremo
182 nd International Military Course on LOAC	English (with Chinese & Russian classes)	2-13 November, Sanremo
International Military Course on LOAC	French	(G-5) 24 February – 4 March

Advanced level

44 th Advanced Course on IHL (LOAC)	English	4-8 May, Sanremo
45 th Advanced Course on IHL (LOAC)	French	4-8 May, Sanremo
46 th Advanced Course on IHL (LOAC)	Arabic	15-19 June, Sanremo
47 th Advanced Course on IHL (LOAC) Spanish		28 September-3 October, Sanremo

Specialised level

19 th Competition on IHL for Military Academies	English	23-27 March, Sanremo
55 th Course for Directors of Courses and Trainers in IHL	English	18-22 May, Sanremo
56 th Course for Directors of Courses and Trainers in IHL	Spanish	6-9 October, Sanremo
57 th Course for Directors of Courses and Trainers in IHL	English	30 November – 4 December, Sanremo
58 th Course for Directors of Courses and Trainers in IHL	Arabic	30 November – 4 December, Sanremo
59 th Course for Directors of Courses and Trainers in IHL	English	30 November – 4 December, Sanremo
Course on Peace Support Operations (PSO)	English	TBC 17-21 February, Jinja (Uganda)
Course on Peace Support Operations (PSO)	French	18-22 May, Sanremo
Detention and Captured Personnel (CPERS) Course	English	8-12 June, Sanremo
Targeting Course	English	28 Sep-2 Oct, Sanremo
Rules of Engagement Course	English	5-9 October, Sanremo
Course on Naval Operations and the Law	English	19-23 October, Sanremo

Emerging issues workshops

English 22-26 June, Sanremo

20th Summer Course on International Humanitarian Law

English 6-17 July, Sanremo/Geneva

43rd International Round Table on current issues of IHL

9-11 September, Sanremo

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

Refugee Law

105 th Course on International Refugee Law	English	16-20 March, Sanremo
Course on International Refugee Law for University of Nice	English-French	17-20 March, Sanremo
106 th Course on International Refugee Law	French	30 March-3 April, Sanremo
107 th Course on International Refugee Law	Spanish	31 March – 4 April, Sanremo
108 th Course on International Refugee Law	Russian	15-19 June, Sanremo
109 th Course on International Refugee Law	English	15-19 September, Sanremo
110 th Course on International Refugee Law	English	1-5 December, Sanremo
111 th Course on International Refugee Law	Arabic	7-11 December, Sanremo

Statelessness

9 th Course on Statelessness	Arabic	6-9 April, Sanremo
10 th Course on Statelessness	English	8-12 June, Sanremo

Migration

4 th Course on the Rights of Migrants	French	25-29 May, Sanremo
18 th International Migration Law Course	English	1-5 June, Sanremo
19 th International Migration Law Course	English	26-30 October, Sanremo

Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)

19 th Course on Internal Displacement	English	23-27 November, Sanremo
20 th Course on Internal Displacement	French	24-28 November, Sanremo

GCR for Training Institutions

2 nd Course on the GCR	English	20-24 October, Sanremo
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