

## Joint Operation Center (JOCs)

LCDR Patricia Verkroost, NLD

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## Judges

CRC2 Julien Heggart, FRA

Col (Retd) Jerry Lane, IRL

Col (Retd) John Spierin, IRL

MajGen (Retd) Salvatore Lato, ITA

LtCol Giovanni D'Elia, ITA

Col Carl Marchand, CHE

Navy Capt Martin Fink, NLD

BGen (Retd) Jan Spijk, NLD

Col (Retd) James Stythe, GBR

Col (Retd) Robert James, USA

## COURSE ADMINISTRATION

The number of cadets is flexible and can range from 3 to 5. The registration fee changes based on the number of cadets, it costs € 800 per cadet and € 500 per team leader, and it should be remitted before the start of the course (or upon arrival in cash or credit card).

The registration fee covers:

- Transport from/to Nice Airport
- Lunches and coffee breaks Monday – Friday
- Closing Dinner Thursday night
- Course materials
- Course Photographs and Diploma
- Competition Prizes

Transfers from/to the Nice airport to Sanremo will be arranged. Details of timing for this service will be provided as part of the registration process.

The registration fee does not cover all other expenses incurred by the participant such as hotel accommodations, laundry or telephone calls, or meals in the evenings. Participants must ensure that they bring with them sufficient funds to pay for such expenses.

Queries on the course including registration and administrative questions should be directed to [military.department@iihl.org](mailto:military.department@iihl.org) or +393240468785/+39 0184541848 ext.201, for further information please consult our website [www.iihl.org](http://www.iihl.org).

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# *23rd Competition on International Humanitarian Law (IHL) for Military Academies*

*24th - 28th March 2025*

*Official Programme*

## Course Directors

BGen (Retd) Karl Edlinger  
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LTC (Retd) Shawn McKelvy  
USA

## Monday, 24th March 2025

- 08:30 - 09:00** Registration
- 09:00 - 09:10** Opening ceremony  
**LTG (Retd) Giorgio Battisti**  
President of IIHL  
**Admiral Flavio Biaggi**  
Maritime Interregional Command North  
**Mr. Alessandro Mager**  
Mayor of Sanremo  
**Col Nigel Heppenstall**  
Director of Military Department IIHL
- 9:10 - 9:30** Competition Information  
Co-directors of the Competition
- 9:30 - 10:00** **Coffee Break**
- 10:00 - 11:00** “Means and Methods of Warfare”  
BGen (Retd) Karl Edlinger
- 11:10 - 12:10** “Actors on the Battlefield” and “Command Responsibility”  
Col Nigel Heppenstall
- 12:15 - 14:00** **Lunch and Photographs**
- 14:00 - 15:00** “Law of the Sea”, LCDR Matt Hurtt
- 15:00 - 15:20** **Coffee Break**
- 15:20 - 16:20** “LOAC & Air Operations”  
LTC (Retd) Shawn McKelvy
- 16:30 - 17:00** Competition Discussion
- 18:00 - 20:00** **Cultural Evening (Green House)**  
Each Academy Team will be provided a table to decorate and showcase your home country. Please bring a sampling of national food and drink to share for a “potluck gathering.”

## Tuesday, 25th March 2025

- 08:30 - 9:00** Overview of JOC Instructions  
JOC In-Brief (Plenary Room)
- 9:20 - 11:00** Report to JOC to Receive Initial Tasking from JOC Commander – Cadets will then be released for Mixed Team Preparation (Assigned classrooms)
- 9:30 - 9:50** **Coffee Break**
- 11:00 - 12:30** JOC Session 1 (Issues 1 – 3)
- 12:30 - 14:00** **Lunch**
- 14:00 - 15:00** JOC Session 2 (Issues 4 – 5)
- 15:00 - 15:20** **Coffee Break**
- 15:20 - 16:20** JOC Session 3 (Issues 6 – 7)

## Wednesday, 26th March 2025

- 08:30 - 10:00** JOC Session 4
- 10:00 - 10:20** **Coffee Break**
- 10:20 - 12:15** JOC Session 5
- 12:15 - 13:45** **Lunch**
- 13:45 - 15:00** JOC Session 6
- 15:00 - 15:20** **Coffee Break**
- 15:20 - 17:00** JOC Session 7

## Thursday, 27th March 2025

- 08:30 - 10:00** JOC Session 8
- 10:00 - 10:20** **Coffee Break**
- 10:20 - 12:15** JOC Session 9
- 12:15 - 13:45** **Lunch**
- 13:45 - 15:00** JOC Session 10
- 15:00 - 15:20** **Coffee Break**
- 15:20 - 17:00** JOC Session 11
- 17:00 - 17:30** JOC & Judges Hot-Wash
- 20:00** **Closing Dinner**  
Morgana Restaurant

## Friday, 28th March 2025

- 10:00 - 11:00** Competition Evaluation Forms
- 11:20 - 12:00** Closing Ceremony  
**LTG (Retd) Giorgio Battisti**  
President IIHL  
**LTG Stefano Mannino**  
President of the Centre for High Defence Studies (CASD), ITA  
**Col Nigel Heppenstall**  
Director of Military Department IIHL
- 12:00** **Lunch - Dispersal**