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**The next Sanremo Round Table on “IHL, Humanity, and New Technology: 70 years on from the Geneva Conventions”
Sanremo, 4th – 6th September 2019**

The 42th Round Table on current issues of international humanitarian law (IHL), jointly organized by the International Institute of Humanitarian Law and the International Committee of the Red Cross, will take place in Sanremo from 4 to 6 September 2019. The Round Table will celebrate the 70th anniversary of the 1949 Geneva Conventions by addressing the topic: “IHL, Humanity, and New Technology: 70 years on from the Geneva Conventions”. On the occasion of such an important anniversary, cyber warfare, artificial intelligence and other contemporary legal challenges deriving from the use of new technologies in military operations will constitute the defining issues of the event. The Sanremo Round Table, the flagship activity of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law, is an international gathering which, for nearly 50 years, has encouraged members of scientific, diplomatic, institutional and military circles from all over the world to meet informally and to examine the more burning issues concerning the promotion, respect and development of IHL.



Targeting Course

Sanremo, 1st – 5th October 2018



This four-day course, organized by the Institute on an annual basis, was directed by the Col. Gilles Castel. It provided intensive training designed for experienced military and civilian legal advisers, military planners and officials from governmental or international organisations with an interest in operational targeting. The training focussed on the principles governing targeting and the targeting cycle in sovereign and joint-multinational operations. It examined the relationship between IHL and Human Rights Law in the targeting context. Other subjects covered, included deception, autonomous weapons, and the centrality of the positive identification in the targeting process. Current issues related to targeting in the Yemeni conflict were also discussed. A total of 21 participants, coming from 14 different countries, attended the course. The lecturers included: Major Peter Rasmussen, Military Legal Adviser, Danish Joint Operational Staff, Legal Section; Air Commodore (Ret'd) William Boothby; Professor Françoise Hampson; Squadron Leader Thomas Benson; Military Strategic Effects, UK MOD and Major Philip Maxwell, IIHL Training Officer.

46th Course for Directors and Instructors of Training Programmes in IHL (Spanish) *Sanremo, 1st – 3rd October 2018*

This course, held in Spanish, was directed and coordinated by Professor Roberto Augusto Moreno. Its objective was to allow staff military officers, civilian professionals and representatives of international



military institutions to engage with relevant issues concerning the organisation and provision of national training programmes within the armed forces. The different training modules addressed the general and legal obligations involved, and provided guidelines for the armed forces. Furthermore, the course considered the way to conduct training needs assessments, define learning objectives, and draft specific training modules. The course is designed for those who are responsible for planning IHL training programmes, determining training requirements, developing the curricula or designing course modules and training material.

Enhancing Diversity Skills in International Operations *Sanremo, 8th – 12th October 2018*



In 2000 the UNSC unanimously adopted Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security (WPS). For the first time ever, it was recognised that gender inequalities were exacerbated in situations of armed conflict. Due to the disproportionate impact of armed conflict, States and international organisations that conduct

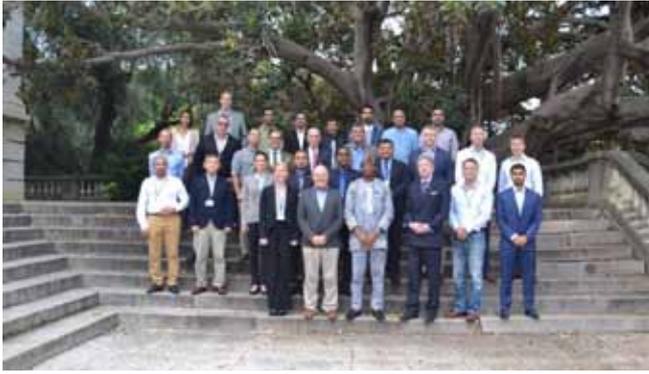
international operations should, therefore, introduce specific measures and actions to tackle this crucial problem. Since this recognition, Italy has strongly supported the WPS Agenda and has set up national action plans aiming at its implementation. The Third National Action Plan in accordance with UNSC Resolution, focuses on the condition of women and girls in conflict and post-conflict situations, as well as on fragile States, survivors and, overall, “agents of change”, with the objective of improving Italian capacity to support affected populations during all stages of peace operations. Within the framework of this Action Plan, the Sanremo Institute has designed a specific project entitled “Enhancing training on women, peace and security: integrating gender perspective into international operations”. Gender perspective is to be kept in mind throughout all phases of the operations planning process, analysis, planning, execution and assessment of operations; from indications & warnings to transition, at the strategic, operational and tactical levels. Accordingly, the main aim of this workshop, coordinated by Prof. Gabriella Venturini, was to raise awareness of the gender perspective and the application of a gender mainstreaming to international operations. Situations of sexual exploitation and abuse in international operations, as well as in situations of terrorism and detention, and issues relating to accountability were addressed during the workshop. A total of 29 participants coming from France, Italy, Malawi, Nigeria, Slovenia, Uganda and United Kingdom attended. This workshop was the third of a series of three.

Rules of Engagement Course *Sanremo, 9th – 12th October 2018*

The rules of engagement (ROE) course was directed by Colonel Mark Dakers (United Kingdom), the new Director of the Institute’s Military Department, supported by Lt. Col. Ardan Folwajij (The Netherlands) Deputy Course Director, until recently the Projects Officer of the Institute’s Military Department. The 38 participants from 23 different countries included experienced military officers and civilian legal advisers as well as members of intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations. The successful programme included the analysis of ROE topics in the single service, national, joint and multi-national environments, at the strategic, operational and tactical level. Among the participants, a group from the Nigerian Defence College attended the course, with a view to develop a ROE programme in Nigeria together with the Institute in the coming year.

Course on Naval Operations and the Law *Sanremo, 15th – 19th October 2018*

The International Institute of Humanitarian Law (IIHL) has a strong association with maritime law having elaborated the Sanremo Manual on International



Law Applicable to Armed Conflicts at Sea, which is recognised worldwide as a key reference for naval military operators and others. Professor Wolff Heintschel von Heinegg, one of the foremost experts in maritime and naval operations law, one of the authors of the Sanremo Manual, and a former member of the Council of the IHL, was a member of the teaching staff of this course. Capt. Gregory J. Smith, from the US Naval War College was also part of the staff. The director of this edition of the course was Commodore (Retd.) David Letts, Director, Centre for Military and Security Law at the Australian National University College of Law. The syllabus addressed subjects related to rules of engagement, anti-piracy operations and naval warfare. A total of 21 participants of 16 different nationalities attended the course.

6th Course on Statelessness

Sanremo, 16th - 19th October 2018

This 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 24 participants from 15 countries, including government officials and representatives of international organizations, attended the course. The participants also had the opportunity to take part in the live interview with Mr. Hajdar Osmani, a stateless person living in Macedonia, who reported his life experience, thus providing additional value to the course. The teaching staff included Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro, Director of the International Refugee Law and Migration Law Department at the Institute; Ms Melissa Amisano, Assistant Coordinator of Refugee Law and Migration Law Courses at the Institute; Ms Valeriia Cherednichenko, UNHCR Associate Legal Officer (Statelessness) for Europe; Ms Radha Govil, Senior Legal Officer (Statelessness) - Division of International Protection - UNHCR, Geneva; Mr. Gazmend Gudaci, Protection Associate Officer, UNHCR, Skopje; Ms Lena Haap, UNHCR Associate Protection Officer (Statelessness); Ms Lobna Abdelhadi, International Consultant on Refugee Protection.

47th Course for Directors and Instructors of Training Programmes in IHL (Arabic)

Sanremo, 2nd - 26th October 2018

This course was directed by Senior Colonel Faouzi Aloui from Tunisia and was attended by 9 participants responsible for planning IHL training programmes, determining training requirements, developing the curricula or designing course modules and training material. The objective was to allow military officers, civilian professionals and representatives of international military institutions to engage with the relevant issues essential for the organisation and provision of national training programmes within the armed forces. The training modules addressed general legal rules, and offered guidelines for the armed forces. Furthermore, the course examined how to identify learning needs, define learning objectives and draft specific training modules.

172nd International Military Course on LOAC (English with Russian and Chinese speaking Classes)

Sanremo, 29th October - 9th November 2018



The Course Director for the 172nd Course was Colonel André Retief (South Africa), and it was held in English, with Russian and Chinese speaking classes, involving a total of 93 participants. Besides Colonel Retief, the teaching staff included Colonel (Retd.) James Stythe and Major Philippe Maxwell, who all taught the English-speaking classes; Colonel (Retd.) Oleg Bondarenko (Russian Federation) and Major Elena Milcenco, (Republic of Moldova), taught the Russian-speaking classes, and Senior Colonel Xiadong He (People's Republic of China), taught the Chinese-speaking class. This course is widely recognised as providing an extremely good foundation education in IHL. The course aimed at providing the participants with a deep knowledge of the principles and rules of LOAC, with a view to enabling them to apply such rules in different scenarios. Participants came from 26 different countries, namely: Egypt, Finland, France, Gambia, Georgia, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Kyrgyzstan, Malawi, Nigeria, China, Armenia, Belarus, Moldova, Russian Federation, Sri

Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom and Uzbekistan. There were also 7 students from the University of Nice. They all attended plenary presentations and were also engaged in class work where fruitful dialogue and discussions enabled them to analyse from a global perspective, matters related to IHL along with other relevant legal issues concerning military operations across the mosaic of conflict. A significant portion of the course was spent in collaborative group working and allowed the participants to analyse significant legal problems. Participants were encouraged to learn by doing rather than by just listening. The diverse nationalities represented gave 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. A number of participants were sponsored by the ICRC, the Stichting International Foundation for Growth and Stability and the UK Ministry of Defence, thus allowing participants who would otherwise be unable 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.

96th Course on International Refugee Law (Arabic)

Sanremo, 13th-17th November 2018



The Course was organized in Arabic with the support of UNHCR, with the aim of responding to the increasing demand for International Refugee Law Courses from applicants of Arab countries. A total of 34 participants from 13 States attended the course, including government officials, legal researchers, lawyers, police officers, and members of international and non-governmental organizations. The course dealt with different topics on the international protection of refugees, such as the international legal framework, mixed migration, smuggling

and trafficking of people, security concerns, the protection of internally displaced persons, age gender and diversity in displacement, humanitarian negotiation, and durable solutions. The training also allowed participants to exchange best practices and experiences concerning their daily works and national asylum systems. The Course director and lead facilitator was Ms. Lobna Abdel Hadi, International Expert on Refugee Protection. The teaching staff also included Ms. Malak El Hassan, Protection Associate of UNHCR Lebanon; and Mr. George Fahmy, Expert on Refugee Protection and Internal Displacement. (do we have a photo of Lobna, to add here???)

Education Inspiring Peace Workshop – UPPER Project

Sanremo, 23rd November 2018



This international workshop on “Education inspiring peace, from fragments and silos to a systemic approach” was organized at Villa Ormond by the Institute within the framework of the project “UPPER - systemic UPscaling of Peace Education Practices”. The workshop was held under the auspices of the Municipality of Sanremo and the Liguria Region. This initiative gathered about 55 participants including policy makers at different institutional levels, school teachers, representatives of local communities and civil society, members of cultural institutions and international organizations, all committed to enhancing the positive role of education in creating the conditions for peace and respect for cultural differences. The workshop presented a synopsis of the good practices identified within the UPPER project and introduced the concept of “international collaborative benchmarking” by discussing strategies for capacity building and international networking to maximize the impact of existing educational initiatives. Furthermore, the workshop was the occasion to announce the creation of the “International Peace Education Laboratory”, a project spin-off, to be established in Sanremo on a permanent basis.

15th Course on the Law of Internal Displacement *Sanremo, 27th November- 1st December 2018*

This edition of the course was organized with the support of UNHCR and of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, and benefitted from the presence and the collaboration of the Special Rapporteur on the human rights of internally displaced persons (IDPs), Ms. Cecilia Jimenez-Damary. The course gathered 25 participants from 13 countries worldwide. Among the audience were government officials, representing different ministries and national institutions involved in the protection of IDPs, practitioners, solicitors, and members of international and non-governmental organizations. Participants were introduced to the legal framework of the protection of IDPs, with particular attention to specific issues such as the prevention of displacement, management and reduction of disaster displacement risk, protection within diversity and IDP participation, sexual and gender-based violence, housing, land and property and civil documentation, data collection for the protection of IDPs, durable solutions, transitional justice and reconciliation, humanitarian negotiation, and law, policy, governance and coordination. The Course was directed and facilitated by Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the International Refugee Law and Migration Law Department at the Institute, and Ms. Cecilia Jimenez-Damary. The teaching staff also included: Mr. Daniel Macguire, Legal Officer (IDPs), Division of International Protection, UNHCR Headquarters; Ms. Dalia Aranki, Global Coordinator, Housing, Land and Property (HLP), Norwegian Refugee Council; Ms. Natalia Baal, Coordinator (JIPS), Joint IDP Profiling Service; Mr. Atle Solberg, Head of Coordination Unit, Platform on Disaster Displacement; Ms. Wilma Isaboke, Staff Development Associate, UNHCR, Global Learning Centre; and Ms. Alexandra Ortiz, Legal Adviser, Advisory Service on International Humanitarian Law, ICRC.

48th and 49th Courses for Directors and Instructors of Training Programmes in IHL **(French and English)**

Sanremo, 3rd-7th December 2018

These two courses were held in French and English respectively, and were designed for those who are responsible for planning IHL training programmes, determining training requirements, developing the curricula or designing course modules and training material. Their objective was to allow staff military officers, civilian professionals and representatives of international military institutions to address the relevant issues essential for the organization and provision of national training programmes within the armed forces. The training modules covered general and legal obligations, and offered guidelines for the armed forces. Furthermore, the courses examined how to identify learning needs, define learning objectives, and draft specific training modules. The 48th Course in French was directed by Lieutenant

Colonel Philippe Frin (France) and co-directed by Chef de Bataillon Jacques Corteggiani, Armée de terre(France). The 49th course was directed by Brigadier General Dr. Karl Edlinger, Austrian Armed Forces.

1st G5 Sahel Course on the Law of Armed Conflict and Human Rights

Sanremo, 3rd-14th December 2018



As part of a gradual consolidation of the security and defense activities of the G5 (Mauritania, Niger, Chad, Burkina Faso and Mali) the G5-Sahel joint force was formed in June 2017 by national armed forces of the Sahel region, in the context of increasing violence, in the region. The joint force has a triple mandate: the fight against terrorism, cross-border organized crime and trafficking in human beings. As part of the international strategy of legal support to the G5 Sahel joint force, the Sanremo International Institute of Humanitarian Law provided this first specialized training course, within an initiative that has been implemented and coordinated by the IHL in a multilateral collaborative framework including contribution and financial support of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, of the French Ministry of Defense, the Austrian Ministry of Defence, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Mali, the Multilateral Integrated Mission of Nations for the Stabilization in Mali (MINUSMA), the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the Center For Civilians in Conflict (CIVIC).

The experienced multinational teaching staff included Colonel Gilles Castel, Deputy Director of the Military Department of the IHL and Director of the Course; Major Philip Maxwell, US Army JAG Corps, IHL Training officer; Lieutenant Colonel Christophe David, Chief of the French operational law Division; Lieutenant Pascale Tetu, Legal Adviser for the French Ministry of Defence; Ms Melissa Mujanayi from the Austrian Ministry of Defense; Colonel Philipp Ségur-Cabanac; Lieutenant Colonel Corrado Cisnetti and Major Gilberto Gagnone from the Italian Army; Ms Ritu Gambhir, Mr. Baptiste Martin, Lieutenant Colonel Augustin Hodali, Mr. Anthony Cardon de Lichtbuer, Mr. Jan Hessbruegge and Mr. Eric Mongelard from the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner

for Human Rights (OHCHR); Mr. Malik Papa Diaw and M. Emmanuel Colineau from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC); M. Thierry Kaiser from the MINUSMA; and Mme Beatrice Godefroy and M. Tom Sheperd from the Centre for Civilians in Conflict. The course brought together participants from all five member countries of the G5 Sahel joint force. The course consisted of two weeks with lectures and corresponding workshops and exercises mainly focused on fundamental principles and rules applicable in situations of armed conflict and other operations, related to the security and defense activities carried out by the joint force (targeting, rules of engagement, detention, protection of population, etc.). The training tackled on basic notions of the law of armed conflict, and concrete application of IHL principles on operation theatres, with a special focus on targeting cycle best practices in joint multinational operations. Other subjects, such as the mandate of the MINUSMA and G5 Sahel force, military responsibility, investigation best practices as well as the role of the legal advisor in operation were addressed. The intent of the programme was to create the basis for a pool of legal advisers able to act and intervene independently and effectively. The success of the course makes it likely that the initiative may and be renewed in the future.

15th International Migration Law Course (English)

Sanremo, 4th - 8th December 2018

This Course was organized in cooperation with the International Organisation for Migration (IOM), the Swiss Secretariat for Migration, and the UNHCR, and aimed to equip the audience with a deep understanding and necessary skills for the good governance of migration. 29 participants from 25 countries from all over the world attended the training, and discussed the following topics: the international legal framework, migration key concepts and introduction to a rights-based approach, migrants' systems of protection, forced migration, human rights at international borders, including principles surrounding entry, exit and return, detention and alternatives, protection at sea, environmental migrants, migrant workers, trafficking and smuggling of persons, the rights of migrant children, the principle of non-discrimination and economic, social and cultural rights, and the Global Compact on Migration and partnership. The course was directed and facilitated by Mr. Claudio



J. Delfabro D., Director of the International Refugee and Migration Law Department at the Institute. The teaching staff also included Kristina Touzenis, Head of the International Migration Law (IML) Unit of IOM; Ms. Alice Sironi, Migration Law Specialist of the IML Unit of IOM; Ms. Janeta Hanganu, Legal Adviser of the Office of the Secretary General's Special Representative on migration and refugees, Council of Europe; Mr. Ariel Riva, Legal Officer, Protection Policy and Legal Advice of UNHCR Headquarters; Ms. Baerbel Heide Uhl, Independent researcher on human trafficking; and Mr. José Sieber Luz, Senior Staff Development Officer at UNHCR Global Learning Centre, who joined the session on "Protection at Sea and Migration" through a videoconference.

97th Course on International Refugee Law *Sanremo, 11th - 15th December 2018*



The Course was delivered in English, and organized with the support of the UNHCR, the Swiss State Secretariat for Migration, and the U.S. Department of State (Bureau of Population). The main objective of the training was to promote laws, principles and policies relating to the protection of refugees, asylum seekers, stateless persons and internally displaced persons, and to enhance the skills of participants in developing and implementing such principles. A total of 48 participants from 33 States attended the course, including government officials, legal researchers, lawyers, judges, and members of international and non-governmental organizations. The course dealt with different topics on the international protection of refugees, such as the international legal framework, mixed movements, security concerns and refugee protection, refugee status determination (case study, procedures and interviewing techniques), statelessness, protection of internally displaced persons, protection within the displacement cycle, with focus on groups with specific needs, protection at sea, durable solutions, and humanitarian negotiation. The training also allowed participants to exchange best practices and experiences concerning their

daily works and national asylum systems. The course director and lead facilitator was Mr. Claudio Delfabro, Director of the International Refugee and Migration Law Department at the Institute. The course faculty also comprised: Mr. Martin Gottwald, Head of the Emergency Section at UNHCR; Mr. José Sieber Luz, Senior Staff Development Officer (Protection) at the UNHCR Global Learning Centre; Ms. Sophie Crozet, Consultant Specialized in Training and Forced Displacement; Mr. George Fahmy, International Consultant on Refugees and Stateless persons; and Ms. Melissa Amisano, Assistant Coordinator at the International Refugee and Migration Law Programme at the Institute.



The Institute opens its doors to young pupils *Sanremo, 3rd December 2018*

The International Institute of Humanitarian Law opened its doors to pupils from the local primary and secondary schools in Sanremo. Forty children from 10 to 11 years of age were welcomed by the President of the Institute, Professor Fausto Pocar, who had an informal conversation with them by

introducing them to basic notions about the respect for fundamental human rights and principles of international humanitarian law. The young students reacted actively by asking many questions based on their “genuine” vision of the world and on current events such as the armed conflict in Syria and the migration flows in the Mediterranean, expressing a keen interest in topics that the Institute has been addressing for almost fifty years now.

Christmas Wishes

Sanremo, 18th December 2018

On the occasion of Christmas festivities and the end of the end of this year of very intense activity, the President of the Institute, Professor Fausto Pocar, invited the staff to an official Christmas lunch, at Villa Ormond. During the lunch the President expressed his thanks to the Institute’s staff for the excellent work done and for the remarkable results achieved. He considered such a success as a source of pride and prestige for the Institute in the field of international humanitarian law, refugee and migration law. Almost all the staff members of the Institute were present: Ms Stefania Baldini, Secretary-General; Gian Luca Beruto, Assistant to the Secretary-General; Mr. Mauro Giancaterino, Treasurer; Livio Emanuelli, IIHL Foundation; Alessandra Armando, Secretary to the President; Patrizia Di Pietro, Project Assistant, Military Department; Maria Jonsson, Project Assistant, Military Department; Patricia Panizzi, Project Assistant, Refugee Law Department; Sara Rossi, Project Assistant; Sabina Ricci, Accountant; Shirley Morren, IIHL Library; Edoardo Gimigliano, Intern; Sara Reho, Intern; Isys Lam, Intern. The following Officers from the Military Department were also present: Colonel Mark Dakers, Director of the Military Department; Professor Roberto Moreno, Director, IHL Spanish and Portuguese courses; and Major Phil Maxwell, JAG corps, IIHL Training Officer.

The Sanremo Institute wishes you all a very happy festive season!