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The International Institute of Humanitarian Law (IIHL) is an independent, non-profit organisation founded in 1970 in Sanremo, Italy. It is based in Villa Ormond, a classic turn-of-the-20th Century villa, generously provided by the Municipality of Sanremo.

The mission of the Institute is to promote the understanding and application of International Humanitarian Law (IHL), International Human Rights Law (IHRL), International Criminal Justice, Refugee Law and related issues.

The Institute's primary role in achieving this mission is to provide training in IHL and these associated topics to participants from around the world. This training is delivered not only in Sanremo but also in collaboration with our partners in other locations around the world. The IIHL prides itself on providing training which combines academic excellence with a practical relevance to current operations. Our participants include military personnel, lawyers, officials from governments and non-governmental organisations and other interested parties. Our expert instructors stimulate dialogue, reflection and the exchange of views and experiences capitalising upon the varied array of opinions and experiences derived from our multi-cultural participants.

As well as the delivery of training the Institute also promotes IHL through high level conferences such as the annual Sanremo Round Table as well as producing publications which provide practical advice to operators in areas of IHL including: International Law Applicable to Armed Conflicts at Sea, Non-International Armed Conflict and Rules of Engagement. Accordingly, through its multi-dimensional approach to International Humanitarian Law, the Institute demonstrates how Humanitarian, Human Rights and Refugee Law are all inter-related and inter-dependent.

The activities of the Institute are internationally renowned and as a result it enjoys consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), l'Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF), the Commonwealth Secretariat and UNESCO.

The IIHL is also a fully accredited North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) Partnership Training Education Centre (PTEC) and a member of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Network of Think Tanks and academic Institutions. In addition, the IIHL holds consultative status with the Council of Europe and regularly collaborates with numerous other international Organisations, including the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the European Union and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. The Institute has a Liaison Office in Geneva which interacts with the United Nations, diplomatic Missions and other humanitarian Institutions such as the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) and the organisation for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF). Finally, The IIHL also collaborates regularly with many other non-governmental Organisations, military and academic Institutions.

The international and impartial status of the IIHL provides a unique capacity to consistently attract participants from all corners of the globe. Such diversity encourages course attendees to join the debate and exchange views on IHL and its associated topics at many different levels. This unique environment created in our courses is highly conducive to superior learning and networking and has come to be known as "...The Spirit of Sanremo...".





## Training Structure, Ethos and Administration

The Institute provides an annual programme of courses in International Humanitarian Law (IHL), Refugee Law and associated subjects. These activities are designed for a diverse, international and multi-cultural audience with participation welcomed from military personnel, government officials, diplomats, experts, representatives of non-governmental Organisations and students from around the world. Our courses, often conducted in collaboration with interested international institutions and countries, are delivered in various languages (English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, Russian and Portuguese) either in Sanremo or in collaboration with partner institutions around the world.

### MILITARY COURSES IN LOAC/IHL AND ASSOCIATED SUBJECTS

To foster the development of knowledge in International Humanitarian Law also known as the Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC), the Institute structures its training at three levels or tiers, which develop progressively and all emphasise the practical application of IHL. This tiered approach is structured as follows:

Tier 1: LOAC Foundation Courses: Provide personnel with a practical introduction to the Law of Armed Conflict delivered from the perspective of military operations.

Tier 2: Specialised IHL Courses: Aimed at personnel who require an enhanced practical understanding of a specific area of IHL.

Tier 3: IHL Workshops: Directed towards participants with a good working knowledge of the given subject. These courses are usually of shorter duration with less formal training. The emphasis is on the exchange of views and experiences between participants and instructors in order to reach a deeper understanding of the subject and thus provide a cutting-edge perspective.

At all levels of training we aim to complement plenary presentations with interactive discussion, debate and exercises designed to enhance each participant's knowledge and facilitate the sharing of different national approaches and best practice.

### REFUGEE, IDPs, MIGRATION AND DISASTER LAW COURSES

Courses in these areas are equally interactive and designed specifically for practitioners with a particular focus on the applicable law in the context of current operations and international challenges. These courses are delivered in close collaboration with UNHCR and other key partners such as the Brookings Institute and the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

### TEACHING STAFF

Our Military Department is responsible for the design and delivery of all military courses in LOAC/IHL and is headed by the Director, Colonel James Johnston (British Army) and the Deputy Director, Colonel Xavier Périllat-Piratoine (French Air Force) who are both experienced military lawyers. In addition to these individuals, our instructors are all highly motivated, experienced persons who are currently serving/practicing Military Officers, field officers and academics teaching in the relevant discipline. Using a multi-disciplinary, interactive approach all courses aim to focus on the practical application of the subject matter. All military courses are subject to a regular review by a Training Advisory Board comprised of senior members of the Institute's teaching staff thereby ensuring the syllabus remains both relevant and up to date.

### ADMINISTRATION AND TUITION FEES

The Institute Secretariat is responsible for all administrative issues relating to the successful delivery of each course. A dedicated Administrator is allocated to each course and can assist participants with advice on flights, hotel bookings (including those hotels offering the Institute preferential rates), visa requirements and all administrative matters associated with our courses. Notwithstanding this assistance participants should be aware that accommodation whilst in Sanremo is the responsibility of each participant. Tuition fees are detailed for each course and vary depending upon length and the level of instruction provided. These fees cover all tuition, teaching materials, lunch and refreshments on all working days, two course receptions, a diploma, course photograph, Institute plaque and transfers to/from Nice airport. Whilst at the Institute, participants have free access to internet and Wi-Fi facilities.



## International Military Course on the Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC)

The International Military Course on LOAC was originally established in 1976 and provides the opportunity for participants to learn how to behave, in accordance with the principles and rules of the Law of Armed Conflict.

At the end of the course, participants have attained a sound knowledge of the principles and rules of LOAC and will be able to apply these in a practical manner across a range of operational scenarios. The course is designed for military personnel who have a direct professional interest in the application of LOAC in military operations. However, participation is also welcomed from government officials, academics and students interested in this subject.

The course programme is regularly updated to include greater consideration of the practical application of LOAC in the contemporary operating environment.

The following topics are covered during the course:

- General Introduction to LOAC
- Basic Rules and Principles of LOAC
- Applicability of LOAC
- Neutrality
- Conduct of Hostilities
- Means of Warfare
- Methods of Warfare
- Legal Framework for Non-international Armed Conflict
- Rules of Engagement
- Belligerent Occupation
- The Role of Organisations involved in Humanitarian Law
- Detention Operations
- Legal Framework for Peace Support Operations
- Criminal Responsibility
- Training of LOAC

**This course is held four times a year and it is conducted in seven languages: English, French, Spanish, Arabic, Portuguese, Chinese and Russian.**

*Course duration: two weeks. Course fee: € 1800*

*For further information on what the tuition fee covers please see page 4.*



Our specialised courses aim to allow participants to focus upon specific aspects of IHL in order to reach a greater level of understanding in these areas.

These week-long, intensive courses are designed for experienced Military Officers, government Officials and those from International Institutions or Non-Governmental Organisations who require an in depth knowledge of IHL. Academics and students with an interest in developing a deeper understanding of the subject are also very welcome to attend.

Given the relatively short length of the specialised courses it is assumed that participants will already have a sound knowledge of general LOAC/IHL principles and rules and will be able to apply these in a practical context.

Our instructors are drawn from experienced senior military legal officers, academics practicing in the field as well as experts from international organisations and those working in government. As well as plenary instruction, the IIHL places a strong emphasis on interactive discussion and practical exercises designed to test the participant's ability to find outcome oriented solutions through the application of the relevant IHL provisions.

Maximum participation is encouraged on the assumption that the sharing of differing national and cultural experiences and approaches will aid in a better understanding of the subject.

The following specialised courses are provided within the annual IIHL programme of activities. Specific details on timings, course fees and the course programmes can be found on the IIHL Website ([www.iihl.org](http://www.iihl.org)).

## Rules of Engagement

This popular course delivered in Sanremo and at the Asia Pacific Centre for Military Law (APCML) in Sydney, Australia, examines ROE in detail utilising the renowned Sanremo Handbook on Rules of Engagement which, since its publication less than 5 years ago, has been translated into more than 10 languages. We are fortunate to have as our Course Director, Professor Dennis Mandsager, the original project leader for the ROE Handbook.

The course examines the role ROE play in the planning and conduct of military operations across the entire spectrum of conflict providing participants a unique opportunity to consider in an unclassified context this crucial area of military operations. Topics covered include: briefings on various national and multi-national ROE systems, lessons learned from recent operations, the relationship between ROE and IHL/LOAC, ROE training, and investigation of ROE incidents. Attendees also participate in small group syndicate discussions and exercises to address current ROE and ROE-related issues using a series of case studies facilitated by the teaching staff using current examples of issues facing deployed military and civilian officials.

**This course is conducted in English. Course duration: one week. Course fee: € 900**



## The Advanced IHL Course

Our Advanced IHL courses are delivered in English, Spanish and French and are aimed at providing experienced IHL practitioners with a practical and contemporaneous consideration, at an advanced level, of specific IHL issues within the jus ad bellum and jus in bello.

World renowned academic experts and experienced military operators combine to cover each subject area thus ensuring the focus remains at the operational level. Each year emphasis is given to the most contemporary issues and those impacting on interoperability in multi-national operations.

**This course is conducted in English, French and Spanish.**

*Course duration: one week. Course fee: € 1200*

## Naval Operations and the Law

The Sanremo Manual on International Law Applicable to Armed Conflicts at Sea demonstrates the strong association of the IHL with maritime law. This text is globally recognised as a key reference book for naval practitioners and provides the foundation for this course which examines the legal regime affecting the planning and conduct of naval operations across the entire spectrum, from conventional maritime warfare to contemporaneous issues involving migration and piracy.

The course will include relevant case studies and lessons learned by Military Officers and legal advisers involved in such operations. There will also be a number of scenario-based exercises for participants to take part in.

Professor Wolff Heintschel von Heinegg, one of the foremost experts in Maritime Law and one of the authors of the Sanremo Manual, will be participating in this course together with other subject matter experts from around the world including Dr. Rob McLaughlin who is a co-author of the equally renowned Sanremo Rules of Engagement Handbook to which the course will also refer.

**This course is conducted in English.** *Course duration: one week. Course fee: € 900*

## The Conduct of Peace Support Operations

Given the increasing range and complexity of Peace Support Operations (PSO) the IHL has designed a course addressing the extent to which IHL and increasingly International Human Rights Law are applicable to PSO. The course comprises central presentations, case studies and syndicate work using past and current examples to develop the participant's knowledge and understanding of the applicable law and practice in this area through consideration of the following:

- The relationship between IHRL and IHL throughout the continuum of conflict
- The UN Charter and the Responsibility to Protect
- Legitimate Use of Force and Protection of Vulnerable Persons
- Mandated and Implied Tasks in PSO
- Conduct of troops and Command Responsibility
- Investigation and accountability for HR Violations

IHL Teaching Staff and Facilitators are drawn from experienced senior military legal officers, leading academics, practicing lawyers and senior government Officials practising in the field together with experts from international organisations and NGOs.

The course is designed for military and police Officers performing staff or operational positions and who may be called upon to serve in Peace Support Operations. However, the course would be equally beneficial to government officials and other persons who may be similarly deployed or those with a professional interest in the subject.

**This course is conducted in English.** *Course duration: one week. Course fee: € 900*

## Directors of Courses and Training in IHL/LOAC

International Humanitarian Law (IHL) places a duty on States to ensure knowledge of and respect for the Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC). This duty obliges States to ensure that all members of their armed forces are properly trained in LOAC according to the requirements of the various levels of responsibility. IHL/LOAC is a vast subject, requiring different training approaches according to the specific circumstances.

As an international, independent centre for excellence in the provision of IHL/LOAC training for over 40 years the IIHL is uniquely placed to provide expert tuition in this area.

This course, delivered in English and French, enables participants to analyse the needs of their troops, define the objectives and develop relevant teaching programmes to integrate into the continuous education programmes of the different categories of personnel within their own armed forces.

The course is designed for Military Officers and other individuals responsible for planning LOAC education, writing doctrine, determining training requirements, curriculum development or designing course modules and materials for LOAC education within their armed forces.

**This course is conducted in English.** *Course duration: one week. Course fee: € 900*



Our Contemporary Workshops, Symposia and Colloquia in IHL are designed to maintain a continuing dialogue in the most complex and challenging areas of International Humanitarian Law. Accordingly, these events are designed to bring together experienced practitioners from around the world to discuss and debate the key challenges in a specific area of IHL.

Our facilitators are drawn from experienced senior military legal Officers, academics, experts from international organisations and government officials practicing in the field. Plenary instruction is kept to the minimum necessary with the emphasis placed on question and answer panels, syndicate discussion and practical exercises which are designed to promote dialogue between all participants and facilitators with a view to identifying solutions to the issues considered.

Given the short length of these activities (2-4 days) it is assumed participants will already have a sound knowledge of general LOAC/IHL principles as well as the applicable law relevant to the subject of the Workshop, Symposia or Colloquium.

The following Tier 3 contemporary Workshops, Symposia and Colloquia are provided within the annual IIHL programme of activities. Specific details on timings, course fees and the course programmes can be found on the IIHL website ([www.iihl.org](http://www.iihl.org))

## Workshop on Detention Issues

Our Detention Workshop considers specific practical aspects which impact on military forces conducting operations which involve the capture and detention of individuals during armed conflict. This is a particularly complex area which often involves a mix of IHL/LOAC, Human Rights Law and policy considerations.

The 2014 Detention Workshop will consider the often controversial subject of Tactical Questioning and Interrogation of Captured Persons in the context of 1) Treatment of those subject to interrogation, 2) Questioning techniques employed and 3) Issues relating to the use of the subsequent intelligence product.

The workshop will provide an excellent opportunity for the sharing of experience and reflection on best practice for military forces and governments engaged in this sensitive area.

**This course is conducted in English.**

*Course duration: three days. Course fee: € 800*

*For further information on what the tuition fee covers please see page 4.*



## Targeting Workshop



The IHL Targeting Workshop is an intensive course which focuses on current challenges in IHL concerning both kinetic and non-kinetic targeting means in relation to all environments (Land/Sea/Air, Cyber and Space). The workshop will also take into account the exploitation of technological advancements for military purposes and whether the legal framework has maintained pace with these developments. In particular, we examine the increasing impact of International Human Rights Law (IHRL) on targeting operations.

Our 2014 Workshop will include Professor Michael Schmitt and Dr. Bill

Boothby, both renowned IHL experts in this field together with experienced military operators engaged in current operations with whom we will examine specific aspects of targeting in both old and new environments.

**This course is conducted in English.**

*Course duration: three days. Course fee: € 800*

*For further information on what the tuition fee covers please see page 4.*

## Non-International Armed Conflict (NIAC) Workshop

The Sanremo Manual on the Law of Non-International Armed Conflict, prepared by Professors Yoram Dinstein, Charles Garraway and Michael Schmitt, is recognised around the world as an invaluable aid in the teaching of this subject. Together with relevant case studies, this Workshop will explore the complex IHL and International Human Rights Law (IHRL) issues pertinent to the often ambiguous legal regime applicable to NIAC, and the impact this uncertainty has on the operations of the military, government, and non-government organisations (NGOs).

To guide the discussion, as well as experienced military operators, we are fortunate to have Professors Charles Garraway and Françoise Hampson in attendance, both of whom are considered experts in IHL and IHRL respectively. The wide range of national and cultural experiences of the participants attending will also ensure a superior understanding of the multi-national challenges involved in this problematic area of IHL.

The attendance of those with a military, policing, policy or legal background and other actors working in Non-International Armed Conflict and other situations of violence is strongly encouraged.

**This course is conducted in English.**

*Course duration: three days. Course fee: € 800*

*For further information on what the tuition fee covers please see page 4.*

## Africa Accountability Colloquium

This high profile event, delivered by the IHL in collaboration with United States AFRICA Command, has an AFRICAN focus (although the principles considered are universally applicable) and will consider justice and accountability issues over a period of 3 days.

The methodology for the Colloquium will comprise a combination of central presentations/panel discussions and syndicate work consisting of relevant, imaginative exercises designed to encourage participants to interact and to explore practical ways for military and civilian officials to successfully implement accountability models.

IHL Teaching Staff and Facilitators are drawn from experienced senior military legal officers, leading academics, practicing lawyers and senior government officials practising in the field together with experts from international organisations. The wide range of national and cultural experiences of the participants attending also ensures a superior understanding of the multinational challenges involved in this area of IHL.

The Colloquium is not only limited to those with an African perspective but is also a must for anyone who has an interest or is involved in implementation, regulation, accountability or Rule of Law and offers excellent opportunities to interact with senior officials operating in these areas. The Institute encourages participation from those with a military, policing, policy or legal background and the practical sessions are aimed at focusing on generating interactive discussion between participants and speakers on the important linkages between these various specialisations.

**This course is conducted in English.**

*Course duration: three days. Course fee: € 800*

*For further information on what the tuition fee covers please see page 4.*

## Competition on the Law of Armed Conflict for Military Academies



Every March the Military Department holds a prestigious week-long Competition on the Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC) for Military Academies. This event is considered by many to be the highlight of our annual programme of activities.

The Academies Competition provides teams of 3 Officer Cadets from the top military academies from around the world with an early appreciation of the critical importance of humanitarian law in multi-national military operations. This is achieved by dividing the cadets into multi-national mixed teams representing fictional countries involved in an escalating international military operation. Each team has to deal effectively with the reality of complex geopolitical situations while at the same time conducting an efficient military operation in accordance with the obligations of LOAC. Each team is required to provide advice to an experienced Joint Operations Commander (JOC) in the presence of IHL experts who continually evaluate the performance of the cadets both individually and as a team. At the conclusion of the Competition prizes are awarded to the best mixed teams and the best individual cadets according to their overall scores. A special "...Spirit of Sanremo..." prize is also awarded to the most deserving cadet.

Whilst the Competition is conducted in the English language the Organisers, Judges and JOCs place great emphasis on ensuring those cadets who speak English as their native language do not have an unfair advantage. The composition of each mixed team is also designed to ensure a level playing field.







Similarly, it is recognised that some military academies spend more time within their curriculum on teaching LOAC than others so at the beginning of the Competition our experienced instructors will provide a half day of instruction on various relevant LOAC topics. Whilst an enhanced knowledge of LOAC is useful this is only one factor assessed by our judges. Characteristics such as: teamwork, military appreciation, working under pressure and the ability to provide pragmatic solutions are also key qualities.

The Competition usually attracts between 20-30 Academy teams each of 3 cadets. We are very flexible in accepting entries in an effort to ensure all areas of the world are able to participate. Accordingly, individual service academies such as West Point (US Army) or joint service academies like the Indian National Defence Academy regularly attend the competition. Equally, we would also be delighted to welcome any academy team drawn from a region or grouping of military academies such as, for instance, in the Middle East or Africa. The only strict rules are that participants must be military cadets who have not attended the Competition before and who are not training to be Legal Officers.

This is not a mooted Competition in IHL but a uniquely military exercise designed to expose the military commanders of the future to the importance of LOAC in multi-national operations. It will provide them with an unforgettable experience they will retain throughout their careers.

**The Competition is held in English.**

*Duration of the Competition: one week.*

*Competition fee: € 2500 per team.*





## Summer Course on International Humanitarian Law



In recent years, interest in International Humanitarian Law has continued to increase and a variety of professionals and students have shown their readiness to devote more time to the study of this branch of law.

In response to this demand, the Institute conducts a popular annual Summer Course on International Humanitarian Law. The course takes place over a period of 2 weeks, the first in Sanremo and the second in Geneva, Switzerland.

Experts from around the world come to the Institute to share their knowledge with highly motivated students through lectures and lively workshops organised during the first week of the course in Sanremo.

In Geneva, meetings with top ranking officials and experts are organised at the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the United Nations Office in Geneva.

The closing ceremony of the course takes place in Geneva where all the participants are awarded a certificate of participation. The possibility for those who are interested in prolonging their stay, either in Sanremo or Geneva, to study a specific subject previously agreed upon, can be explored and arranged under certain conditions.

**The course is conducted in English and there are a maximum of 60 places available.**

*Course duration: two weeks. Course fee: € 1500*

*For further information on what the tuition fee covers please see page 4.*





# International Refugee Law Courses



The International Refugee Law Courses are organised by the Institute in co-operation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. They are supported by the Swiss Federal Office for Migration, the US State Department (Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration), the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The five general international refugee law courses aim to increase the knowledge and skills of government officials who are involved in the formulation and application of legislation and policies affecting people in need of international protection, and who have only a basic knowledge of international refugee law. This course is also open to members of civil society or students interested in refugee law, especially those involved in advocacy work for the protection of asylum seekers and refugees. The course covers refugee status determination, sexual and gender-based violence in refugee and displacement settings, security concerns, refugee protection in the context of mixed migration, internal displacement and durable solutions.

Participants in the courses have the opportunity to interact with practitioners and experts in the field of refugee and migration law, who facilitate various thematic sessions of the programmes. Different learning methodologies are used to encourage participants to apply knowledge and skills acquired in operations in a practical and pragmatic manner.

**These courses are conducted in English, French, Spanish and Arabic.**  
*Course duration: one week. Course fee: € 700*



## Course on the Law of Internal Displacement

This course responds to the increasing demand for up-to-date information on and understanding of internal displacement and the applicable legal framework. It includes lectures, case studies and role play led by experts from the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, including the Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of IDPs and the Brookings-LSE Project on Internal Displacement. This five-day event will be held for a maximum of 30 participants from all over the world, representing government agencies, IGOs, NGOs and academics dealing with IDPs issues. This course aims to increase understanding of the international legal norms underpinning the protection of IDPs, promote the use and implementation of the Guiding Principles of Internal Displacement and encourage governments to establish or improve existing legislation and policy relating to the protection of IDPs.

**Participants are selected directly by the co-organisers and will attend the course on a personal invitation basis. The Institute might nevertheless consider relevant applications made directly to the IIHL Secretariat.**

## Course on International Migration Law



The five-day course on International Migration Law (IML), organised by the Institute and the International Organization of Migration (IOM) is designed primarily for government officials, representatives of international and non-governmental organisations, as well as academics, members of the media and civil society. It focuses on the international legal framework governing migration, including the rights and responsibilities of States and migrants. The key objective of this course is to train government officials and those working in the migration context on international legal instruments in the management of migration.

Topics to be covered during the course include:

- Overview of International Migration Law Instruments
- Migration Terminology
- Authority and Responsibility of States: Nationality, Admission, Stay, Detention, Expulsion
- Rights and Obligations of Migrants
- Smuggling and Trafficking
- Labour Migration
- Migration and Security
- Forced Migration
- Developments in International Co-operation and Regional Legal Framework governing Migration

The course is conducted by way of lectures, case studies and practical exercises led by experts in International Migration Law (IML). Lectures highlight key legal issues in migration management at the international and national levels. The participants discuss migration law issues and explore legal solutions to current migration challenges. Case studies provide participants with the opportunity to use their acquired knowledge and enable them to suggest responses to real life situations in accordance with IML. During the course, IOM provides a comprehensive overview and analysis of the instruments related to the rights and obligations of migrants and States.

The course enables government officials to apply in their daily work the international instruments their countries have ratified as well as relevant principles deriving from customary law. Staff from international and non-governmental organisations and civil society groups will be able to use the acquired knowledge in their work, particularly where the rights of migrants are concerned. Persons working for the media will be provided with useful background knowledge for their research and reporting activities. The course also aims to facilitate the development of partnerships between governments and civil society. A certificate of attendance will be issued upon successful completion of the course.

**The course is conducted in English and there are a maximum of 50 places available.**

*Course duration: one week.*

*Course fee: € 900*



## International Disaster Law Course for Academics and Practitioners



Drawing on its past experience in the field, the Institute, together with the Universities of Bologna, Roma Tre, Uninettuno and Pisa, S. Anna and the IFRC Disaster Law Programme, will be organising the “International Disaster Law Course” for academics and practitioners.

The 5-day course aims at graduate and post-graduate students with a specific academic interest in international disaster law, as well as technical disaster management practitioners (eg. staff of civil protection departments, staff of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, NGOs) and other persons with an academic background in areas such as law, security studies, international relations, conflict studies or other related fields who want to expand their knowledge in this area.

The all-encompassing programme seeks to strike a balance between the legal, practical, diplomatic and military issues relating to the broad spectrum of international disaster law (IDL). It links different legal issues related to IDL, such as disaster response law, humanitarian assistance, protection of persons in the event of disaster, protection of cultural heritage, disaster risk reduction. Particular attention is paid to the most relevant regional initiatives launched to face disaster scenarios.

**Application forms and greater details will be posted on the Institute’s website as they are available. For any questions in the meantime, please write to: [sanremo@iihl.org](mailto:sanremo@iihl.org).**





## Bespoke Courses

As well as the wide range of courses and activities delivered through our annual programme in Sanremo the IHL also provides certain bespoke courses in collaboration with our international partners. The ability to deliver such courses around the world further enhances our mission to promote international humanitarian law, human rights, refugee law and related issues. Examples of bespoke courses delivered in the last 12 months include:

- Bosnia Herzegovina (Sarajevo): Legal Regime for Peace Support Operations for Balkan Armed forces, Police and Government Officials.
- Iraq, (Baghdad): International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights law for Government Officials in Iraq.
- Italy, (Sanremo): Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law for Afghan Government Officials and Members of the Armed Forces.
- Egypt (Cairo): Human Rights and Humanitarian Law.
- South Africa (Pretoria): Symposium on International Humanitarian Law, Human Rights Law and International Criminal Justice.
- Indonesia (Sentul): International Military LOAC Foundation Course.
- Tunisia (Tunis): Refugee and IDP Law Course.
- Australia (Sydney): Asia Pacific Rules of Engagement Workshop.

The funding and participant arrangements for each of these bespoke courses will vary though some courses are available for anyone to attend in which case details of the dates and registration fees for such forthcoming courses will be provided on the Institute's website at: [www.iihl.org](http://www.iihl.org)







## Round Tables, Meetings of Experts and International Conferences

The Institute pays particular attention to current trends and developments in International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and related subjects by convening meetings, working groups and seminars in areas where the promotion of IHL is relevant. These topics include the protection of refugees, the implementation and development of humanitarian law, migration problems, disaster relief, the law of armed conflict at sea, and more recently, terrorism, chemical weapons, customary international law, non-state actors and the deprivation of liberty in armed conflict and other situations of violence, IHL and new weapons technologies.

These important events allow participants from the international community the opportunity to define the humanitarian challenge, examine relevant legal instruments, assess action to be taken, and propose new ideas for future development.

In line with the Institute's objective to encourage open and transparent discourse, these Round Tables and International Conferences provide an informal forum for open and in-depth discussions. Over the years they have produced a number of important Resolutions and Declarations which have included:

- "Guiding Principles on the Right to Humanitarian Assistance"
- "Humanitarian Action and State Sovereignty"
- "Refugees: a Continuing Challenge"
- "International Humanitarian Law and Other Legal Regimes: Interplay in Situations of Violence"
- "Strengthening Measures for the Respect and Implementation of International Humanitarian Law and other Rules protecting Human Dignity in Armed Conflict"

Please see our website for details of upcoming Round Tables and Conferences.







## Prize for the Promotion, Dissemination and Teaching of International Humanitarian Law

The Institute has been awarding since 1980 eminent experts from all over the world with the IHL Prize for the Promotion, Dissemination and Teaching of International Humanitarian Law. In 2013 this Prize was handed to Ms Navanethem Pillay, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.



## Library

Shortly after the foundation of the Institute, a library was created to provide the appropriate literature and documents to support research and the activities of the Institute. Over the years, the library has gradually increased its resources, through both its own acquisitions and through donations from participants and certain international organisations, such as the United Nations, UNHCR, OHCHR, UNESCO, the Council of Europe, OSCE, International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and, in particular, the ICRC.

In addition, the library has an expanding collection of CD ROMs, videos and numerous periodicals which are used for didactic purposes. The library is open on weekdays from

09.00 to 17.00 and is run on a “consultation only” basis. Facilities are available for a limited amount of photocopying.

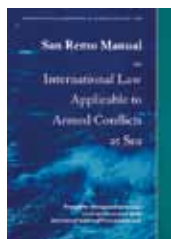
## Internships

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The “*Sanremo Manual on International Law applicable to Armed Conflicts at Sea*” (October, 1995)

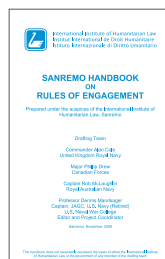
This Manual, compiled between 1988 and 1994, still remains the most consulted Manual in Naval Military Academies around the world and it is considered to be a reference work of world repute.



“*The Manual on the Law of Non-International Armed Conflict*” (March, 2006)

when the paradigm of classical warfare, as waged between States bound by The Hague Conventions and the Geneva Protocols, is increasingly being challenged.

This reflects the evolution of humanitarian rules and their application at a time



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a practical way, the complex procedures and methodology governing the development and implementation of Rules of Engagement.

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