



VIIIth Seminar for Legal Advisors
Riga, Latvia, 25 – 30 May 2010

Provisional Programme
(ISMLLW 409 E 16)

TUESDAY, 25 MAY 2010

Arrival of participants

15.00 - 17.00 Registration

19.00 Official Opening by the Minister of Defence of the Republic of Latvia, H.E. Mr Imants Lieģis and the President of the International Society, Mr Arne Willy Dahl
Academic Address
Professor Dr. Iur. K.Strada-Rozenberga, Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Latvia.
Location: Latvian War Museum, Smilšu Street 20, Riga

20.00 – 21.30 Welcome Reception

WEDNESDAY, 26 MAY 2010

09.00-12.30 1st working session

Theme: Responsibilities of Commanders and Legal Advisors in Multinational/Coalition Operations

Session President: Brigadier General Jan Peter Spijk MA, Vice President of the Society, Director Manpower & Personnel Policy (NATO/SHAPE), Royal Netherlands Army

Speakers:

- HE Ambassador Roeland van de Geer (EU Special Representative for the African Great Lakes Region): Challenges in Joint Endeavours with the Host Nation
- Mr. Thomas Randall (USA, Chief Legal Advisor NATO/SHAPE): Responsibilities of Commanders and Legal Advisors

12.30-13.45 Lunch

13.45-17.15 2nd working session

Theme: Prosecution and Punishment of Crimes committed by Military Personnel in Operations
Session President: Colonel William A. Nott BL (Director Legal Service and Director of Military Prosecutions, Defence Forces Ireland, ret.)

Speakers:

- Brigadier General Pierre G. Boutet (Canadian Army, ret., fmr Judge, International Criminal Tribunal for Sierra Leone): International Criminal Tribunals
- Lt Colonel Harry Dempsey, (Dep. Director, Military Prosecutions, Australian Defence Force): Issues of Professional Investigative Capacity - How to obtain “Proof beyond Reasonable Doubt”?

18.00 Dinner (included in the registration fee)

19.15-22.30 Information session on the “Manual on International Humanitarian Law in Air and Missile Warfare”; Mr. Claude Bruderlein (Director) and Mr. Bruno Demeyere (Advisor IHL), Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research of Harvard University

THURSDAY, 27 MAY 2010

09.00-12.30 3rd working session

Theme: Roles and Responsibilities of NGO's

Session President: Brigadier General Jan Peter Spijk MA, Vice President of the Society

Speakers:

- Mr. Claude Bruderlein (Director, Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research, Harvard University): Roles and Responsibilities of NGO's
- Captain Arno Oosterveer (Legal Advisor, Royal Netherlands Army, CIMIC Centre of Excellence): A Legal Advisor's perspective

12.30-13.30 Lunch

13.30-13.45 Information Brief on the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War

13.45-17.15 4th working session

Theme: Roles and Responsibilities of Private Security Companies in International Armed Conflict

Session President: Prof. Dr. Stefan Oeter (Hamburg University; Director, Institute for International Affairs)

Speakers:

- Mr. Chris Sanderson MBE (Director Government Support, Control Risks Ltd., United Kingdom): A Private Security Company's Perspective
- Colonel Darren M. Stewart OBE (Army Legal Services, UK; Director, IIHL San Remo): A Legal Advisor's Perspective

18.00 Dinner (not included in the registration fee)

19.15 Guided City walk

FRIDAY, 28 MAY 2010

09.00-12.30 5th working session

Theme: New Developments for Legal Advisors

Session President: Mr. Raivo Raudzeps (Senior Associate, ZAB Sorainen, Latvia)

Speakers:

- Mrs. Eneken Tikk, (Legal Advisor, Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence, Tallinn, Estonia): Legal Aspects of Cyber Warfare
- Dr. Nils Melzer (Legal Advisor, International Committee of the Red Cross): Direct Participation in Hostilities

12.30-13.45 Lunch

13.45-17.15 6th working session

Theme: Operational Legal Challenges

Session President: Colonel Ben F. Klappe (Senior Judge, Military Court Arnhem, Royal Netherlands Army)

Speakers:

- Commander Ugo Causo, (Legal Advisor, Italian Navy): Legal Frameworks of Maritime Counter-piracy Operations
- Professor Michael Schmitt (USA, Marshall Centre): Air Targeting Issues

17.15 – 18.00 Evaluation and closing of the working sessions

Free evening

SATURDAY, 29 MAY 2010

08.30 Departure for Host Nation Programme

19.00 Official Closing Dinner

SUNDAY, 30 MAY 2010

Departure