



## XVIII<sup>th</sup> Congress (Tunis, 5-9 May 2009)

### *Practice and Customary Law in Military Operations, including Peace Support Operations*

#### Programme for participants

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#### Tuesday 5 May 2009

- Arrival of participants
- 10.00 – 12.30 Meeting of the Managing Board (Board members only)
- 15.00 – 16.00 Press Conference
- 15.00 – 18.00 Registration
- 16.00 – 18.00 Meeting of the Board of Directors (Board members only)
- 19.30 Informal Cocktail (**open to accompanying persons**)

#### Wednesday 6 May 2009

##### Plenary session

- 08.00 – 09.00 Registration
- 09.00 – 09.10 Administrative remarks (Mr Ludwig VAN DER VEKEN, Secretary-General of the Society)
- 09.10 - 09.45 Opening Ceremony (**open to accompanying persons**)  
Opening speech of Mr Kamel MORJANE, Minister of National Defence of the Republic of Tunisia  
Opening speech of Mr Arne Willy DAHL, President of the Society
- 09.45 – 11.00 General Report and discussion based on part 1 of the Congress Questionnaire (Prof. Dr. Wolff HEINTSCHEL VON HEINEGG and Mrs Cecilie HELLESTVEIT, General Reporters of the XVIII<sup>th</sup> Congress)
- 11.00 – 11.30 Coffee/tea
- 11.30 – 12.30 General Report and discussion based on part 2 of the Congress Questionnaire (Prof. Dr. Wolff HEINTSCHEL VON HEINEGG and Mrs Cecilie HELLESTVEIT, General Reporters of the XVIII<sup>th</sup> Congress)
- 12.30 – 14.00 Lunch
- 14.00 – 15.00 General Report and discussion based on part 3 of the Congress Questionnaire (Prof. Dr. Wolff HEINTSCHEL VON HEINEGG and Mrs Cecilie HELLESTVEIT, General Reporters of the XVIII<sup>th</sup> Congress)
- 15.00 – 15.45 Keynote speech and discussion: General reflections on the relation between customary law and treaty law in the context of military operations (Mr Taoufik OUANES, Attorney-at-law and Member of the Tunisian Committee for International Humanitarian Law)
- 15.45 – 16.15 Coffee/tea
- 16.15 – 17.15 Panel discussion on State practice and customary law regarding the use and status of Private Military and Security Companies (Chair: Mr Alfons VANHEUSDEN, Assistant Secretary-General of the Society)
- 17.15 – 17.45 Presentation of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War (Mr Arne Willy DAHL, President of the Society)  
Presentation of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law at San Remo (Ambassador Maurizio MORENO, President of the Institute)
- 19.30 Formal Cocktail (**open to accompanying persons**)

#### Thursday 7 May 2009

##### Parallel Sessions of the Specialised Committees

- 09.00 – 10.30 **Committee for Military Criminology and Criminal Law** Part I: Military Justice and Discipline in Military Operations (Chair: Prof. Dr. Michael NOONE).  
**Committee for History of Military Law and the Law of War** Part I: The Law of Neutrality in Maritime and other Military Operations, from Historical Perspective (Chair Prof. Dr. Stefan OETER).

- 10.30 – 11.00 Coffee/tea
- 11.00 – 12.30 **Committee for Military Criminology and Criminal Law** Part II: Military Justice and Discipline in Military Operations (Chair: Prof. Dr. Michael NOONE)  
**Committee for History of Military Law and the Law of War** Part II: The Law of Neutrality in Maritime and other Military Operations, from Historical Perspective (Chair: Prof. Dr. Stefan OETER)
- 12.30 – 14.00 Lunch
- 14.00 – 15.30 **Committee for General Affairs** Part I: The Rule of Law in Failing States, Including Their Maritime Zone (Chair: Dr. Alexander PORETSCHKIN)  
**Committee for International Humanitarian Law** Part I: Practice and Customary International Humanitarian Law in Armed Conflicts against Non-State Actors (Chair: LTC Marc PHILIPPE)
- 15.30 – 16.00 Coffee/tea
- 16.00 – 17.30 **Committee for General Affairs** Part II: The Rule of Law in Failing States, Including their Maritime Zone (Chair: Dr. Alexander PORETSCHKIN)  
**Committee for International Humanitarian Law** Part II: Practice and Customary International Humanitarian Law in Armed Conflicts against Non-State Actors (Chair: LTC Marc PHILIPPE)
- Informal and optional consecutive consultation sessions
- 19.00 – 22.00 Informal and optional consecutive consultation sessions on two topics of the 2009 Alabama process meeting organised by the Harvard Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research  
Session 1: Responsibility of individual States in implementing international humanitarian law in coalition warfare  
Session 2: Implementing international humanitarian law in “failed” States

### **Friday 8 May 2009**

#### Plenary Session

- 09.15 – 10.00 Presentation of the Manual on the Law of Air and Missile Warfare Project (Speaker designated by the Harvard Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research)
- 10.00 – 10.45 Presentation of the San Remo Manual on the Law of Non-International Armed Conflicts (Speaker designated by the International Institute of Humanitarian Law at San Remo)
- 10.45 – 11.15 Coffee/tea
- 11.15 – 12.00 Presentation of the Project on Direct Participation in Hostilities (Speaker of the ICRC (TBC))
- 12.00 – 14.00 Lunch
- 14.00 – 14.45 General Report: Conclusions and Recommendations (Chair: Mr. Rolet LORETAN, Senior Vice-President of the Society; Prof. Dr. Wolff HEINTSCHEL VON HEINEGG and Mrs Cecilie HELLESTVEIT, General Reporters of the XVIIIth Congress)
- 14.45 – 15.15 Award of the Ciardi Prize 2009
- 15.15 – 15.45 Closing Session (**open to accompanying persons**)  
Closing speech of Mr Béchir TEKKARI, Minister of Justice and Human Rights of the Republic of Tunisia  
Closing speech of Mr Arne Willy DAHL, President of the Society
- 15.45 – 16.30 Coffee/tea
- 16.30 – 17.15 General Assembly (members only)
- 17.15 – 18.00 Meeting of the Board of Directors (Board members only)
- 20.00 Closing Dinner (**open to accompanying persons**)  
Speeches of Mr Béchir TEKKARI, Minister of Justice and Human Rights of the Republic of Tunisia and Mr Arne Willy DAHL, President of the Society

### **Saturday 9 May 2009**

- 09.00 – 18.00 Social-cultural activity (**open to accompanying persons**)

### **Sunday 10 May 2009**

Departure of the participants