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Human rights institutes

The contribution of human rights institutes to the *Human Rights Information Bulletin* started in 1995. The institutes who contribute to the *Bulletin* do so on an annual basis, at the request of the Directorate General of Human Rights. These institutes are actively involved in human rights work: organisation of meetings, colloquies, round tables, training sessions, publications of human rights related books and other achievements. Owing to the growing number of institutes contributing, this report is issued as a supplement to *Human rights information Bulletin No. 60*.

The contributions are presented in the language in which they were received. The institutes are based in the countries listed below, displayed in alphabetical order:

- *Austria*
- *Belgium*
- *Bulgaria*
- *Finland*
- *France*
- *Germany*
- *Greece*
- *Italy*
- *Latvia*
- *Luxembourg*
- *Norway*
- *Poland*
- *Portugal*
- *Romania*
- *Spain*
- *Sweden*
- *United Kingdom*

Instituts des droits de l'homme

La contribution des instituts des droits de l'homme au *Bulletin d'information sur les droits de l'homme* date de 1995. Les instituts qui y participent le font sur une base annuelle, à la demande de la Direction générale des droits de l'homme. Ces instituts sont activement impliqués dans des activités liées aux droits de l'homme : organisation de réunions, colloques, tables rondes, sessions de formation, publication d'ouvrages relatifs aux droits de l'homme et autres réalisations. En raison du nombre croissant de contributions, ce rapport est publié en tant que supplément au *Bulletin d'information sur les droits de l'homme, n° 60*.

Les contributions sont présentées dans la langue dans laquelle elles ont été transmises. Elles émanent des pays suivants, présentés par ordre alphabétique anglais :

- *Autriche*
- *Belgique*
- *Bulgarie*
- *Finlande*
- *France*
- *Allemagne*
- *Grèce*
- *Italie*
- *Lettonie*
- *Luxembourg*
- *Norvège*
- *Pologne*
- *Portugal*
- *Roumanie*
- *Espagne*
- *Suède*
- *Royaume-Uni*



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Publications

ÖIM-Newsletter: a publication in German language that is published six times a year and gives precise and timely information on the decisions of the European Court of Human Rights. The *ÖIM-Newsletter* reports also on the judgments of the Austrian High Courts and those of the European Court of Justice and other international judicial and quasi-judicial organs. Additionally, it contains informations on recent events concerning the procedure before the European Court of Human Rights, short articles and commentaries on case law and legislation, book reviews and a calendar of events. (Annual subscription: 45 euros)

Activities

- On 15 November 2002, Prof. Bernhardt, former president of the European Court of Human Rights, gave a lecture on “The protection of human rights through international courts: experiences and perspectives”.
- The Institute also supported a discussion, organised on 22 January 2003 by a Student Union, with the provocative question “Human Rights: dream or reality?” Prof. Karl, the Institute’s Vice director, held a lecture on “The international dimension of human rights”.
- From 17 to 18 October 2003 the Institute, together with the Institute for International Law at the University of Salzburg, organised a symposium about “International law, European law and Austrian law relating to asylum and refugee matters”.
- From 28 to 29 November 2003, an International Symposium under the topic “International Courts and national legal order” was organised. It was dedicated to the Institute’s director, Prof. emeritus Franz Matscher, former judge of the European Court of Human Rights, who celebrated his 75th birthday in January 2003. Prof.

Matscher stepped down from office of his own wish at the end of the year 2003. His successor is Mr Wolfram Karl, Professor for International Law at the University of Salzburg.

Belgium / Belgique (bilingual)

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Présentation

Le Groupe pluridisciplinaire en matière de droits de l'homme a été créé en 1994 et est actuellement rattaché au Centre de Philosophie du Droit de la Faculté de Droit de l'Université Libre de Bruxelles.

Sa finalité est à la fois académique, scientifique et sociale, à savoir le développement de l'enseignement, de la recherche et des services à la collectivité dans le domaine des droits de l'homme. Il bénéficie d'un potentiel important de compétences universitaires et pluridisciplinaires, tant au sein de l'Université Libre de Bruxelles qu'à l'extérieur de celle-ci, par l'intermédiaire de ses collaborations régulières avec d'autres institutions, notamment universitaires.

The multidisciplinary Group concerning human rights was created in 1994 and is now attached to the Centre of Philosophy of the Law of the Law Faculty of the Free University of Brussels.

Its aims are academic, scientific and social, namely the development of teaching, research and services to the community in the domain of human rights. It has an important potential of academic and multidisciplinary expertises both within the Free University of Brussels and outside it, by means of its regular collaborations with others institutions, notably academic.

Réalizations / Accomplishments

Actuellement, en réponse à une demande de plus en plus régulière, le Groupe pluridisciplinaire en matière de droits de l'homme est particulièrement orienté vers la formation d'universitaires étrangers. C'est ainsi qu'il a organisé :



- des formations générales dans le domaine des droits de l'homme ;
- des formations sur l'organisation d'élections démocratiques ;
- des formations sur la prévention des conflits, notamment sur les droits des femmes et des enfants dans ces situations et sur le rôle des femmes dans la prévention, la gestion et la résolution des conflits ;
- des formations à l'intention des formateurs dans le domaine des droits de l'homme.

Ces formations sont, dans la majorité des cas, réalisées à l'initiative du Haut Commissariat aux Droits de l'Homme des Nations Unies à Genève et ont permis de former, à ce jour, plus d'une centaine de stagiaires – juristes et autres spécialistes en sciences humaines – de diverses nationalités. Elles comprennent un double volet : un volet académique – cours théoriques, suivis de discussions – et un volet pratique – séminaires et visites à des institutions et associations spécialisées.

Currently, in response to a more and more regular demand, the multidisciplinary Group concerning human rights is especially oriented toward the training of foreign university teachers. It has organised:

- *general training sessions in the field of human rights;*
- *training on the organisation of democratic elections;*
- *trainings on the prevention of conflicts, inter alia on the rights of women and children in these situations, and on women's role in the prevention, the management and the resolution of conflicts;*
- *training for trainers in the field of human rights.*

This training is, in most cases, carried out on the initiative of the High Commissioner for Human Rights of the Nations United in Geneva, and has so far made possible the training of more than one hundred trainees, including jurists and other specialists in social sciences, of different nationalities. They are made up of two parts: an academic part – theoretical courses followed by discussions – and a practical part: seminars, visits to institutions and specialised associations.

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Presentation

Founded in late 1989, the Centre for the Study of Democracy (CSD) is an interdisciplinary public policy institute dedicated to the values of democracy and market economy. The CSD is a non-partisan, independent organisation fostering the reform process in Bulgaria through its influence on policy and civil society. Its objectives are:

- to contribute to the success of the European integration process by providing an improved institutional and political framework;
- to promote institutional reform and the practical implementation of democratic values in legal and economic practice;
- to monitor public attitudes and serve as a watchdog of the institutional reform process in the country;
- to strengthen the institutional and management capacity of NGOs in Bulgaria, and reform the legal framework for their operation.

“Building bridges” is the old-fashioned way of bringing together social actors and cementing new alliances. Born as a think-tank, the Centre for the Study of Democracy has evolved into policy development through dialogue and partnership. Bringing cutting-edge solutions to transition problems is our way of keeping the middle ground between academia and social practice.

Activities 2002

Five years ago the CSD began to promote a new public-private co-operation approach to anti-corruption, one of the key areas of rule of law. In 2002, the main outcome of its leadership, Coalition 2000, one of the most successful anti-corruption initiatives in a transition country, looked back on a number of achievements. Having influenced government policy, enhanced public intolerance and helped Bulgaria improve over 20 points in its international corruption ranking, the Coalition laid out the strategy for its work for the next several years, covering a wide range of areas including the informal economy, judicial and administrative reform and corporate governance. A sign of its international impact has been the growing number of requests for exchange of best practices from countries from the NIS, Southeast Europe and other regions.

One of the crucial factors for the sustainability of anti-corruption measures is security sector reform. The CSD started to develop its expertise in this area a few years ago and now combines policy analysis with practical support measures. The Centre's seminal analysis of the origins of cross-border crime and corruption in Southeast Europe was carried out as part of its effort to promote public-private co-operation in the framework of the Southeast European Legal Development Initiative (SELDI).

Reducing the size of the grey economy is indispensable for establishing a functioning market economy and reducing the pressure of corruption. The CSD began building up a network of experts, policy-makers and think-tanks in Europe actively involved in studying and drafting policies to counter the informal economy. Two international conferences were held in April and November 2002 to strengthen the network and discuss the results of academic and policy research.

Since 1998, the CSD has been the main proponent of the establishment of an ombudsman institution in Bulgaria. Law drafting and public awareness have been among its key achievements in previous years. In 2002, the Centre focused on the development of ombudsman offices at the municipal level. As a result of awareness and advocacy activities, more and more representatives of civil society and local authorities



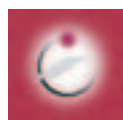
agree that the effectiveness of the existing local ombudsmen and the successful establishment of new ones will increase the transparency in the work of the administration and the decision-making process at the local level. The future national ombudsman is expected to work successfully for the protection of human rights, the prevention of misadministration and abuse of power and serve as a mechanism for combating corruption.

Another key CSD initiative in 2002 was the promotion of registry reform in Bulgaria. Aiming to improve the business environment in Bulgaria and prevent judicial corruption, a CSD task force developed a feasibility study on the opportunities for reforming the system of official registers in the country based on a comprehensive study and analysis of the situation in Bulgaria and the best practices implemented in other countries. The CSD's efforts are aimed at encouraging a wide public and expert debate to develop the overall concept of registration reform in Bulgaria.

The Centre continued its book donation programme started in 1990 when it established a partnership with the US Sabre Foundation. For 12 years it has continued to provide Bulgarian students and professionals, government and business with invaluable knowledge in a wide range of subjects. In 2002, the Centre received and prepared for distribution 10,000 books worth USD 428,000.

And last but not least, the Centre for the Study of Democracy has been hosting the Information Centre on the Council of Europe in Sofia since 1993. The Information Centre provides the Bulgarian public and institutions with information on the Organisation's activities and supports Council activities in priority areas.

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Seminars August 2002-July 2003

Responsibility To Protect (8-10 June 2003)

The Erik Castrén Institute in conjunction with the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Canadian Embassy in Finland organised the international seminar *Responsibility to Protect*. The Canadian Embassy took the initiative in organising the seminar based on Canada's proposal in the UN for further development of humanitarian intervention and

aid. The Finnish Minister of Foreign Affairs Erkki Tuomioja opened the seminar and a large number of representatives for the foreign ministries and universities in the Nordic countries and surrounding areas were present. Also Mohamed Sahnoun, Deputy Secretary General of the UN, participated in this three-day event.

Conference on Chechnya (28 February 2003)

Amnesty International Finland and the Erik Castrén Institute jointly organised the conference *How to solve the crisis in Chechnya? The role of European human rights mechanisms and the problem of impunity* at the University of Helsinki. Participants in the conference included Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly Rapporteur on Chechnya Lord Judd, the last head of the OSCE mission in Chechnya Mr Jorma Inki, the Finnish Foreign minister Erkki Tuomioja, Tatiana Kasatkina from Memorial and Maria Pulzetti from the Chechnya Justice Initiative. At the last minute, the Russian government confirmed the participation of the Special Representative of the President on Human Rights and Freedoms in the Chechen Republic Abdul-Khakim Sultygov. Nicola Duckworth and Jill Heine represented the International Secretariat of Amnesty International.

The 15th Helsinki Summer Seminar on International Law: The Enforcement of International Law (19-30 August 2002)

Enforcement has traditionally been regarded as the Achilles' heel of international law: the international legal order was characterised by a multitude of norms but a paucity of enforcement mechanisms. In this light, can the growing popularity of individual criminal responsibility in international law (exemplified by international tribunals as well as prosecution before domestic courts) and the pending completion of the work of the International Law Commission on state responsibility be regarded as the dawn of a new era? This event took stock of these developments and provided a platform for discussion.

Helsinki Summer School

The Erik Castrén Institute participated in the organisation of the international Helsinki Summer School for the second time. The theme "Imperfections of Governance – Challenges Posed by Environment, Economics and Globalisation" was intended to offer a general impression of the challenges of the globalising world, focusing especially on questions related to the environment, economics and development. The course lasted for three weeks and was held in August 2002.

Corporate Social Responsibility

In the autumn of 2002, a panel discussion on the theme "Corporate Social Responsibility" was organised together with the Canadian Embassy in Finland and the Erik Castrén Institute. The panel discussion was arranged during the visit of the Canadian Foreign Minister, Bill Graham.



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Conférences et colloques

- *Informatique et Libertés* : conférence organisée le 6 mars 2003 sur le thème de la Directive européenne 95/46 sur la protection des personnes à l'égard du traitement des données à caractère personnel : sa transposition en droit interne et ses conséquences. Une Table Ronde s'est tenue sur les thèmes : refonte du régime de déclaration des fichiers, données personnelles et anonymat sur Internet, protection des données personnelles en matière de santé, protection des données et procédure pénale.
- *Globalisation économique et universalisme des droits de l'homme* : conférence organisée le 23 avril 2003.
- *La réforme de la Cour européenne des Droits de l'Homme* : conférence organisée le 28 mars 2003.
- *Les nouveaux risques sanitaires* : conférence organisée le 23 octobre 2003 avec le concours de l'IFC, l'UJA et l'Ordre des Avocats sur les thèmes « Le renforcement de la sécurité sanitaire : aspects scientifique, économique et social. Les réponses juridiques apportées par les textes sont-elles pertinentes ? Les réponses apportées par la jurisprudence récente sont-elles satisfaisantes ? »
- *Les mesures relatives aux étrangers à l'épreuve de la Convention européenne des Droits de l'Homme* : conférence organisée au Barreau de Bruxelles avec l'Institut des Droits de l'Homme dudit Barreau, le 21 mars 2003.
- *Quelle justice pour l'Europe ?* : colloque organisé à l'Ecole Nationale de la Magistrature de Bordeaux, les 3 et 4 octobre 2003 avec l'Institut des Droits de l'Homme du Barreau de Bordeaux et l'Institut des Droits de l'Homme des Avocats Européens. Les thèmes traités ont été : la Charte des droits fondamentaux, les acquis de la coopération judiciaire, l'avenir de l'Europe après la Convention.

Activités de formation

Dans le cadre de l'Ecole de formation professionnelle des Barreaux de la Cour d'appel de Paris, l'Institut a assuré la formation des avocats stagiaires sur le module « Pratique du droit international des droits de l'homme », en collaboration avec *Avocats Sans Frontière*. Cette formation avait pour thème la Convention européenne des Droits de l'Homme, la jurisprudence de la Cour européenne, les autres instruments interna-

tionaux de protection des droits de l'homme, le TPY et le rôle de l'avocat, l'avocat défenseur des droits de l'homme hors de ses frontières.

L'Institut a également organisé la formation des élèves avocats sur le thème de la Convention européenne des Droits de l'Homme à l'Ecole de formation professionnelle des Barreaux de la Cour d'appel de Versailles.

Publications

- *Les mesures relatives aux étrangers à l'épreuve de la Convention européenne des Droits de l'Homme*, publié dans la collection « Droit et Justice » aux Editions Bruylant.
- *La réforme de la Cour européenne des Droits de l'Homme*, publié dans la collection « Droit et Justice » aux Editions Bruylant.
- *Sport et garanties fondamentales*, éditeur Institut des Droits de l'Homme du Barreau de Paris. (A commander à l'Institut : 35 euros + frais de port).



Prix international des droits de l'homme Ludovic Trarieux

Partenaire de l'Institut des droits de l'homme du Barreau de Bordeaux et de l'Institut des droits de l'homme des avocats européens pour la remise du Prix international des droits de l'homme Ludovic Trarieux. Ce prix a été décerné, le 4 octobre 2003, à titre posthume à M^{me} Jesus Ochoa, avocate des droits de l'homme au Mexique, assassinée en octobre 2001 dans l'exercice de ses fonctions, et à M^{me} Barbara Zamora-Lopez, avocate des droits de l'homme au Mexique.



Remise du Prix international des droits de l'homme Ludovic Trarieux, le 4 octobre 2003

Autres activités

Participation à des conférences sur la protection des droits fondamentaux, à des enseignements universitaires en droit européen des droits de l'homme, aux travaux pour la création du Barreau pénal international auprès de la Cour Pénale Internationale.



Suivi des travaux du Réseau des instituts francophones des droits de l'homme, de la démocratie et de la paix dans le cadre de l'Agence Intergouvernementale de la Francophonie.

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Le CREDHO, créé en 1990, fonctionne en réseau depuis 1995 avec deux composantes : le CREDHO-Paris Sud et le CREDHO-Rouen. Il entretient des relations avec différents Centres et Instituts des droits de l'homme en France et à l'étranger. Il collabore avec différents ministères français ainsi qu'avec la Croix-Rouge française et le CICR, le Conseil de l'Europe, l'UNESCO et l'Agence intergouvernementale de la Francophonie et avec différentes ONG.

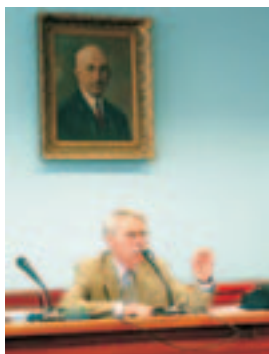
Sessions d'information

La 9^e session d'information du CREDHO sur *La France et la Cour européenne des Droits de l'Homme (jurisprudence en 2002)* s'est tenue le 23 février 2003, sous la présidence de M^{me} Renée Koering-Joulin, Conseiller à la Cour de cassation, et de M. Marc Fischbach, Juge à la Cour européenne des Droits de l'Homme.

Les Actes de cette Journée sont publiés aux Editions Bruylant, à Bruxelles, dans la collection du CREDHO (n° 5). Le programme et un compte-rendu détaillé peuvent être consultés sur le site du CREDHO.

Enseignements

Paul Tavernier, directeur du CREDHO, a participé au cours d'été organisé par l'Institut de droit international public et de relations internationales de Thessalonique. Dans le cadre du sujet général de la session, qui portait sur « la responsabilité de l'Etat et l'Individu », il a présenté une série de conférences sur « *Le régime particulier de la réparation dans le système de la Convention européenne des Droits de l'Homme* », lesquelles seront publiées ultérieurement dans la Série des Cours de l'Institut.



Paul Tavernier, directeur du CREDHO

Projets de recherche

Les projets de recherche du CREDHO s'ordonnent autour des quatre axes suivants :

- constitution de bases de données informatisées sur les droits de l'homme, les libertés publiques et le droit humanitaire ;
- aspects de la judiciarisation des droits fondamentaux en Europe ;
- mondialisation et universalité des droits de l'homme ;
- mondialisation et pénalisation du droit international.

Collaboration avec d'autres instituts des droits de l'homme

- Le CREDHO collabore avec le CRDH (Université de Paris II) et publie depuis plusieurs années, sous la direction de Paul Tavernier et d'Emmanuel Decaux, la Chronique de jurisprudence de la Cour européenne des droits de l'homme au *Journal du droit international*.
- Il coopère également avec le Centre for Human Rights de Pretoria pour la publication de la *Human Rights in Africa Series* (quatre volumes parus chez Kluwer ; une version consolidée est sous presse et constituera le volume 5). Il a préparé la version française publiée chez Bruylant (*v. infra*).
- Il a organisé avec l'Université d'Evry-Val d'Essonne (DESS Droit humanitaire et droits de l'homme) un colloque intitulé *Actualité de la jurisprudence pénale internationale à l'heure de la mise en place de la Cour pénale internationale*. Ce colloque s'est tenu le 24 octobre 2003 et les Actes seront publiés chez Bruylant (coll. du CREDHO n° 6).

Publications

- *Bulletin d'information du CREDHO* n° 13, contenant, notamment, une bibliographie des ouvrages, thèses et articles parus en français sur les droits de l'homme, les libertés publiques et le droit international humanitaire (parution en décembre sur papier et ultérieurement sur le site du CREDHO).
- *Liste des thèses de doctorat sur les droits de l'homme, les libertés publiques, les droits fondamentaux et le droit humanitaire* soutenues depuis 1984 dans les universités francophones (mise à jour 2002 sur le site du CREDHO).
- *Bibliographie des ouvrages et articles parus en français sur les droits de l'homme, les libertés publiques, les droits fondamentaux et le droit humanitaire* : années 1999, 2000, 2001 et 2002, disponibles sur le site du CREDHO.

Publications récentes (depuis 2002)

- Paul Tavernier (sous la direction de), *Recueil juridique des droits de l'Homme en Afrique (RJDHA)* (Human Rights Law in Africa Series, Christof Heyns et Paul Tavernier, éditeurs) (Bruxelles : Bruylant, 2002, XXIII-1312 p., coll. du CREDHO n° 2).
- Ana Peyro Llopis, *La compétence universelle en matière de crimes contre l'humanité* (préface de Paul Tavernier) (Bruxelles : Bruylant, 2002, VII-178 p., coll. du CREDHO n° 3).
- Laurence Burgogue-Larsen (sous la direction de), *La répression internationale du génocide rwandais* (Bruxelles : Bruylant, 2003, VII-351 p., coll. du CREDHO n° 4).



- Paul Tavernier (sous la direction de), *La France et la Cour européenne des droits de l'Homme. La jurisprudence en 2002 (présentation, commentaires et débats)* (Bruxelles : Bruylant, 2003, sous presse, coll. du CREDHO n° 5).
- Paul Tavernier et Emmanuel Decaux (sous la direction de), « Chronique de jurisprudence de la Cour européenne des Droits de l'Homme. Année 2002 » (*Journal du droit international* (Clunet), n° 2, 2003, pp. 505-580).
- Laurence Burgorgue-Larsen (sous la direction de), « Chronique de jurisprudence européenne comparée » (*Revue du droit public*, n° 4, 2003, pp. 961-1022).

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- *Le droit au respect de la vie familiale au sens de la Convention européenne des Droits de l'Homme*, sous la direction de F. Sudre, Actes du colloque de l'IDEDH des 22-23 mars 2002, Faculté de Droit de Montpellier, Némésis-Bruylant, coll. Droit et justice, n° 38, 2002, 410 p.
- Droit communautaire des droits fondamentaux. Chronique de la jurisprudence de la Cour de justice des Communautés européennes par l'Institut de Droit européen des droits de l'homme, sous la direction de C. Picheral et H. Surrel, *Revue trimestrielle des droits de l'homme*, juillet 2002, pp. 659-683, et juillet 2003, pp. 871-894.
- Chronique de jurisprudence de la Cour européenne des Droits de l'Homme : affaires françaises, par l'Institut de Droit européen des droits de l'homme, sous la direction de F. Sudre, *Revue du Droit Public*, 2002 n° 3, pp. 676-710, et 2003 n° 3, pp. 689-724.
- *La diffusion du modèle européen du procès équitable*, sous la direction de F. Sudre et C. Picheral, Mission de recherche « Droit et Justice », La Documentation française, coll. *Perspectives sur la justice*, 2003, 353 p.

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Présentation

L'Institut international des droits de l'homme, fondé en 1969 par René Cassin, Prix Nobel de la Paix, a pour but d'œuvrer en toute indépendance, par l'enseignement et la recherche, au développement et au respect des droits fondamentaux de l'homme et de la démocratie à travers le monde. Son tissu de relations couvre les cinq continents et son enseignement est multilingue (français, anglais, espagnol et arabe).

Enseignement

35^e Session annuelle d'enseignement
(Strasbourg, 5-30 juillet 2004)

Les sessions d'enseignement de l'Institut regroupent chaque année environ quatre cents participants – étudiants de niveau avancé, enseignants et chercheurs, membres de professions juridiques, fonctionnaires nationaux et internationaux, membres d'ONG – provenant d'une centaine de pays. Elles permettent une étude approfondie du droit international et du droit comparé des droits de l'homme sous la direction des meilleurs spécialistes en la matière, originaires de toutes les régions du monde.

La dernière Session a été consacrée au thème « La liberté d'information et le droit international ».

8^e Cours d'été sur les réfugiés
(Strasbourg, 21 juin-2 juillet 2004)

Les cours d'été sont organisés en collaboration avec le Haut Commissariat des Nations Unies pour les réfugiés.

Professé uniquement en français, ce cours se compose d'une approche universelle, puis régionale de la problématique de l'asile. Il adopte également une approche plus thématique du sujet en abordant les principaux thèmes de l'actualité dans ce domaine.

Ce cours est destiné à un public international francophone (50 participants maximum). Il est ouvert à des personnes ayant déjà une expérience pratique et/ou théorique en la matière, qui désirent approfondir leurs connaissances ou qui, par leur cursus universitaire ou leur profession, sont susceptibles d'entrer en contact avec les réfugiés ou d'avoir une influence quant à leur protection. Il accueille des participants originaires de tous les continents et provenant de secteurs divers : fonctionnaires nationaux et internationaux, ONG, militaires, journalistes, médecins, avocats, juges, étudiants et professeurs.



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Conferences

The Protection of Human Rights through Customary Law
(*Menschenrechtsschutz durch Gewohnheitsrecht*)
26-28 September 2002, Potsdam

UN-Conference 2003 (*Konferenz des Forschungskreises
Vereinte Nationen*)
27-28 June 2003, Potsdam

Bioethics and Human Rights
(*Bioethik und Menschenrechte*)
4-5 July 2003, Potsdam

Lectures

Presentation of Papers on the Protection of Human
Rights (Vortragsreihe ausgewählte Fragen des
Menschenrechtsschutzes); selection :

“Are Rights of Minorities Human Rights?”; “International
Criminal Court”; “Teaching Human Rights”; “Pre-
ventive Human Rights Policy”; “Biological Ethics –
Questions of current interest”
(„Sind Minderheitenrechte Menschenrechte?“; „Der
Internationale Strafgerichtshof“;
„Menschenrechtserziehung“; „Präventive
Menschenrechtspolitik“; „Bioethik – aktuelle Fragen“)

International Protection of Human Rights
(*Internationaler Menschenrechtsschutz*)

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- Tatjana Maikowski, States' Duties to Co-operate with
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Kooperationspflichten gegenüber dem Internationalen
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- Elisabeth Küttler, Human Rights Chamber for Bosnia
and Herzegovina (*Die Menschenrechtskammer für Bosnien-
Herzegowina*), 2003
- Eckart Klein (Hrsg.), The Protection of Human Rights
through Customary Law (*Menschenrechtsschutz durch
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- Wibke Dörre, The subject of litigation under the ECHR
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- Eckart Klein/Christoph Menke (Hrsg.), Human Rights
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- Eckart Klein und Kay Hailbronner (ed.), Refugees –
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tion (*Flüchtlinge – Menschenrechte – Staatsangehörigkeit;
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- Friederike Brinkmeier, Human Rights Violators before
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current developments in the international criminal law
(*Menschenrechtsverletzer vor nationalen Strafgerichten? Der
Fall Pinochet im Lichte aktueller Entwicklungen des
Völkerstrafrechts*), No. 8, April 2003
- Bernhard Schäfer, “Guantanamo Bay” Status of the
Detainees and Habeas Corpus („Guantanamo Bay”, *Status
der Gefangenen und habeas corpus*), No. 9, Mai 2003
- Obasi Okafor-Obasi, The Enforcement of State Obligations
to Respect and Ensure Human Rights in Interna-
tional Law, No. 10, June 2003

Human Rights Magazine (*MenschenRechtsMagazin*)

- No. 3/2002: Teaching Human Rights and NGOs; Judgement
of the European Court of Human Rights: *Pretty v. UK*; New
Partnership for Africa's Development; The Commissions of
the Human Rights Council/Austria
(*Menschenrechtserziehung und Nichtregierungsorganisa-
tionen; Recht auf den Tod? Der Fall Pretty gegen das
Vereinigte Königreich; Die Kommissionen des Menschen-
rechtsbeirates*)
- No. 1/2003: Report on the Activities of the Human Rights
Committee (United Nations) in 2002/I; The Non-Aligned
Movement – Engagement for Human Rights?; Half-time of
the term of office: The Commissioner for Human Rights of
the Council of Europe – a successful prototype?
(*Bericht über die Arbeit des Menschenrechtsausschusses der
Vereinten Nationen im Jahre 2002 – Teil I; Die Blockfreien-
bewegung – Einsatz für die Menschenrechte?; Halbzeit der
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Vereinten Nationen im Jahre 2002 – Teil II; Allgemeine Be-
merkung Nr. 29 mit Erläuterungen; Der Stabilitätspakt für
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Presentation

The Marangopoulos Foundation for Human Rights (MFHR) was established in 1978, by its current President, Professor em., Alice Yotopoulos-Marangopoulos, former Rector of Panteion University and President of the Hellenic Society of Criminology.

The MFHR has acquired consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the Department of Public Information, with UNESCO and with the Council of Europe. It also has Observer status with the African Commission for Human and Peoples' Rights. The MFHR has been a member of the National Commission for Human Rights (NCHR) of Greece (a consultative organ to the Prime Minister and to other authorities on human rights issues) since its establishment in 2000. The President of the MFHR has also been President of the NCHR since its foundation.

The Director of the MFHR, L.-A. Sicilianos, Ass. Professor at the Law Faculty of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, is a member of the U.N. Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination as well as President of the Committee of experts of the Council of Europe for the improvement of procedures in the field of human rights.

Conferences and Meetings

After the World Summit in Johannesburg: Where Are we Today? (Athens, 11 September 2002)

Press Conference on the occasion of the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg

11th September Aftershock: the Case of Human Rights Defenders (Crete, 18-21 September 2002)

Retreat in collaboration with the Martin Ennals Foundation, Orthodox Academy of Crete, E.C., NOVIB, the Human Rights Defenders Office of the International Service for Human Rights and the Observatory for Human Rights Defenders, a joint project of the FIDH and OMCT

Antiterrorist Measures and Human Rights
(Vienna, 30-31 October 2002)

Colloquium organised in co-operation with the University of Graz European Training and Research Centre for

Human Rights and Democracy and the Vienna Diplomatic Academy. Conclusions by Mr Walter Schwimmer, Secretary General of the Council of Europe.

Cyprus ante portas of the European Union
(Athens, 6 November 2002)

Meeting in collaboration with the Universities of Piraeus and Panteion

Population Problems – Family Planning – Artificial Insemination (Athens, 28 November 2002)

Round table discussion in collaboration with the Greek League for Women's Rights, in the framework of the World Population Institute Awareness Week.

54th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (Athens, 9 December 2002)

Event organised on the occasion of the 54th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (10 December), comprising a lecture and the projection of two films: *The Story of a Refugee* and *The Woman Refugee*.

War News and War against News
(Athens, 18 February 2003)

Public presentation of the MFHR book *War News and War against News*

Immigration and Human Rights (Athens, 4-5 April 2003)

International meeting of experts, in collaboration with the Office of the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

The ILO International Convention 182 on the Worst Forms of Child Labour: Where Do we Stand – Which are the Next Steps to Take? (Athens, 12 June 2003)

Press Conference on the occasion of the International Day against the Worst Forms of Child Labour in collaboration with the Greek General Confederation of Labour

Resolutions and Appeals

What Are We Going to Do About the United States? A Call for US Leadership on Sustainable Development
(Athens, August 2002)

An appeal signed by Greek NGOs on MFHR initiative and submitted to the Johannesburg World Summit on Sustainable Development

MFHR Intervention
(Johannesburg, 26 August-4 September 2002)

Address at the Johannesburg World Summit on Sustainable Development by Dr Apostolos Panagiotou (Professor and Director of the Nuclear Physics Laboratory, Athens, and Associate of the European Centre for Nuclear Research, Geneva), focused on the catastrophic use of depleted uranium weapons



ECHR: Proposals on the Reform of the European Court of Human Rights (Athens, 17 February 2003)

Declaration on the Agreements on Extradition and on Mutual Legal Assistance between the EU and the USA (Athens, 12 June 2003)

Press Release on the International Day in Support of Victims of Torture (Athens, 26 June 2003)

Appeal to the UN Secretary-General (Athens, July 2003)

Appeal of the Greek NGOs to the UN Secretary-General for reconsideration of the decision to close the nine United Nations Information Centres in W. Europe, including the Athens UNIC. The MFHR lead the initiative and collected the signatures of the 71 appealing NGOs' representatives

New Publications

War News and War against News

V. Vogiatzi (ed.), A.A. Livanis, Athens, 2002, 285 pp. (in Greek)

Still Burning Witches: Violence on the Basis of Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity, the Facts the Laws and the Question of Protection

Nicolaos Tsinonis, Sakkoulas/Bruylant, Athens-Brussels, 2003, 173 pp. (in English)

The Agreements on Extradition and on Mutual Legal Assistance: Human Rights Concerns

Epameinondas Spiliotopoulos, Sophia Koukoulis-Spiliotopoulos, Alice Yotopoulos-Marangopoulos, MFHR, Athens 2003, 15 pp. (in Greek; translations into English and French in separate issues)

Contributions to law reviews and collective volumes by the Foundation's research staff

Is the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia competent to try Slobodan Milosevic? (The ICTY Decision on Preliminary Motions by the former Yugoslav President)

Christiana Bourloyannis-Vrailas, in *Penal Annals*, vol. 10 (2002), pp. 876-881.

Review of the Jurisprudence of the Human Rights Committee: 2000-2001

Christiana Bourloyannis-Vrailas, in *Nomiko Vima* (monthly legal review issued by the Athens Bar Association), vol. 51 (2003), issue 6, pp. 1137-1150.

Education

In 1989, the Marangopoulos Chair was established at the International Institute of Human Rights in Strasbourg. Since then, distinguished professors and experts teach courses focused on a topical issue during the summer session of the Institute. Ms Françoise Tulkens, Judge at the European Court of Human Rights, taught a course during the 34th session.

Seminars

Human Rights' International Monitoring Mechanisms (Heraklion, 22-23 November 2002)

A seminar organised in Crete in collaboration with the Heraklion Bar Association and the International Relations Institute of Panteion University

Financial Aid – Awards

Scholarships

- The MFHR granted two scholarships to Greek students among the group of ten representing the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Law Faculty, Department of International Studies, who distinguished themselves in the framework of the UN Model, a simulation organised by the Harvard University in Heidelberg.
- The MFHR has granted two scholarships: one for the attendance at the 34th session of the annual summer courses on human rights (NGOs and International Law on Human Rights) at the International Institute of Human Rights in Strasbourg, as well as a second one for the attendance of the training seminar by the International Centre for University Human Rights Teaching, Strasbourg, during the same period.

Financial Contributions

Financial contributions were made to the following:

- the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Athens Branch Office, in awarding prizes to distinguished students during the Pan-hellenic written examinations on 5 April 2003
- the humanitarian assistance tele-marathon for the Iraqi children organised by the Hellenic Commission for UNICEF
- the Eleusina Centre of Love for Children
- the Society for the Preservation of the Greek Heritage, Washington, D.C.
- the UN Information Centre, Athens, for organising a UN Model High School competition

Library – Documentation Centre

The Marangopoulos Foundation for Human Rights has, since 1979, made a great effort to provide professors, scholars, judges and lawyers or even the average citizen with updated information concerning human rights law in general and specific topics, as well as to assist undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate students to prepare their theses and to carry out research. The MFHR library is considered to be one of the first well-documented centres ever established in Greece on human rights issues. The public has easy access to library services through computer facilities, operated year-round by a special librarian.

The Foundation library has books in five languages: Greek, English, French, German and Italian. It comprises more than 4,000 books, yearbooks and periodicals on international law and the protection of human rights as well as the deci-



sions of the European Court and European Commission of Human Rights in Strasbourg, case law of the Court of Justice of the European Communities in Luxembourg, UN conventions, reports and resolutions, reports and publications of UN agencies, the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), the Council of Europe and NGOs.

Judicial and Extra-judicial Assistance

The Marangopoulos Foundation for Human Rights has offered free legal aid to several people (without any discrimination as to race, religion, sex, language, national or social origin) whose fundamental human rights and freedoms have been infringed on and who are unable to pay for legal counsel (mainly immigrants and detainees).

Youth Group

In May 2003, the MFHR Youth Group was founded. The Youth Group, which consists mainly of University students, organises several activities in the field of human rights. The same team under the supervision of MFHR and the Panteion University (Prof. Manganas) has launched a study on the subject Child Pornography on the Internet.



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Presentation

The UNESCO Chair on Education for Human Rights and Peace of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (A.U.Th.), Greece, was founded in 1997 by a bilateral Agreement between UNESCO and the Aristotle University. The "Chair" is attached to the A.U.Th., which is the largest University of Southeast Europe.

The purpose of the UNESCO Chair is, according to Article 2 of the Agreement, "to promote an integrated system of research, training, information and documentation activities in the field of human rights, peace and democracy at local, sub-regional and regional level".

Main Activities

The UNESCO Chair of the A.U.Th. organises a series of academic-educational and community-oriented activities. Academic activities include an undergraduate and a graduate course; community-oriented activities involve specific actions ranging from training courses, conferences and seminars to cultural events (art exhibitions, concerts, theatre, etc.).

Since 1997, the UNESCO Chair has focused its energies on introducing and promoting the concepts of human rights and peace, as well as the values of the culture of peace, in the University, as well as in primary and secondary education curricula. The aim of these activities is to sensitise various target groups or the public at large to issues of human rights, peace, non-violence, democratisation, etc.

Academic Activities

The academic activities of the UNESCO Chair constitute an essential part of its work at the A.U.Th. It runs two academic programmes on Education for Human Rights and Peace.

Contemporary World Problems and the Scientist's Responsibility: an Interdisciplinary Approach

This is an interfaculty, interdisciplinary academic programme on Education for Human Rights and Peace. The UNESCO Chair offers the above Programme to undergraduate students of almost all the A.U.Th. schools.

In total, 60 lectures have been given over the 13 semesters of the programme's existence on a variety of subjects, including the rights and protection of political refugees; new biotechnologies and bioethical questions; violence against children: protection of their rights; the right to religious freedom and equality; xenophobia, racism, social exclusion; underprivileged groups: refugees and migrants; terrorism and asymmetrical warfare; education for human rights, democracy and peace: towards a culture of peace; women's rights and democratic education: discussing about gender, democracy and citizenship.

European Master's Degree in Human Rights and Democratisation

The UNESCO Chair has participated in this programme at post-graduate level since 1998. It is organised with the co-operation of 29 Universities in the member states of the European Union.

The lectures given in Thessaloniki focus on the following three thematic areas:

- a. Issues of Peace and Human Rights Education. Towards a Culture of Peace
- b. Contemporary World Problems and the Scientist's Responsibility
- c. Human Rights, Issues of International Law and International Relations

Educational Activities

The UNESCO Chair has also developed a wide range of activities regarding education for human rights and peace in schools. These activities include:

1. A joint activities programme with schoolteaching at all levels of education, with a view to promote the principles of Education and the Culture of Human Rights and Peace in primary and secondary schools throughout Greece.
2. A programme for the sensitisation of youth to human rights and peace, implemented by the UNESCO Chair, in collaboration with the Institute of Education for Peace (launched in 1998).



As a result of these educational interventions, a teacher's book entitled *The Alphabet of Human Rights Education and Peace* was published by the UNESCO Chair, A.U.Th., Thessaloniki, December 2001.

Other Activities

The UNESCO Chair has been collaborating with the National Armed Forces since 1998. The collaboration consists in the delivery of lectures and documents concerning issues of education for human rights and peace, as well as the culture of peace, to Armed Forces personnel, soldiers and the public. A number of lectures have been delivered by the UNESCO Chair at the School of National Defence (Athens) and the Higher School of War (Thessaloniki) on issues including UNESCO and Education for a Culture of Human Rights and Peace, the Contribution of UNESCO in Peace Building Processes, etc.

Conferences and Symposia

50 Years of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948-1998 (14-17 May 1998, Thessaloniki, A.U.Th.)

International Conference, in co-operation with the Institute of International Law and International Relations and the UN Information Centre (Athens).

Towards a Culture of Human Rights and Peace. The Role of Universities (2-4 December 1999, Thessaloniki, A.U.Th.)

The Role of Teachers in the Culture of Human Rights and Peace (14-16 December 2001, Thessaloniki, A.U.Th.)

National Interdisciplinary Conference in co-operation with the Institute of Education for Peace.

Youth for a Culture of Peace (7 May 1998, Thessaloniki, A.U.Th.)

Symposium organised in co-operation with the Institute of Education for Peace dedicated to the 50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

2000 – International Year for a Culture of Peace (20 April 2000, University of Thessalia, Larissa)

Symposium organised in co-operation with the School of Medicine (Paediatric School) of the University of Thessalia and the Institute of Education for Peace

Cultural Events

Recognising the eminent role of art in the promotion of human rights and peace and the importance of NGOs for the dissemination of these concepts in society, the UNESCO Chair, in co-operation with the Institute of Education for Peace has organised a series of cultural events.

A Documents Exhibition (14-16 December 1998)

Photographs, posters, publications, etc., concerning children's rights and their violations.

Athens Saxophone Quartet (16 December 1998)

A concert dedicated to the rights of children.

Children Write and Draw their Rights (15-19 May 2000)

A Panhellenic Painting Exhibition organised in co-operation with UNICEF and the Ministry of National Education and Religions.

International Meeting of Folk Dance Groups (17-22 August 2001)

Meeting organised by the UNESCO Chair in co-operation with the Cultural Organisation of the Sykies Municipality/Thessaloniki

Development Prospects

All the activities of the UNESCO Chair of the A.U.Th. are conceived and organised within a long-term framework, in accordance with the UNESCO Chair's aim to constantly deepen and expand the promotion of a culture of peace and human rights. Based on such principles, the UNESCO Chair continues its present activities and also plans its future ones. The Chair's plans for the near future include the following:

- Establishment of an Interfaculty Post-Graduate Programme on Education for Peace and Human Rights/Peace Studies, to be offered to students from all Faculties of Greek and foreign universities.
- Deeper and wider co-operation with the National Network of Schoolteachers for a culture of peace and non-violence to further promote the values of the culture of peace in schools all over Greece.
- Launching of a Summer University Course to educate teachers on education for human rights and peace issues.

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Presentation

The International Institute of Humanitarian Law was created in San Remo, in September 1970, by a group of eminent international lawyers and other experts from all regions in the world. It is a private, independent and non-profit organisation whose fundamental objective is to promote the development, application and dissemination of international humanitarian law in all its dimensions, and thus contribute to the safeguard and respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms throughout the world.

The Institute offers a forum for reflection, discussion, exchange of views and experiences to promote new approaches, research and legal analysis concerning situations such as armed conflicts and those involving refugees and displaced persons.

As an independent organisation, the Institute especially encourages dialogue between governments, organisations, institutions and experts concerned with humanitarian issues. For more than thirty years, the Institute has dealt with a broad range of subjects regarding humanitarian law and action. It has also shown how the law of human rights, humanitarian law and refugee law are all interrelated.

The Institute is officially recognised by the United Nations as a non-governmental organisation having consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). It also has operational relations with UNESCO, consultative status with the Council of Europe and close contacts with various regional organisations.

Given its objectives, the Institute conducts its different activities in co-operation with international organisations, particularly those mandated by the international community to engage in humanitarian action, such as the International Committee of the Red Cross, the whole International Movement of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. In addition, the Institute co-operates with various non-governmental organisations and academic institutions.

Currently the Institute consists of about 150 members, mainly lawyers, coming from more than forty countries of all regions in the world. The structure of the Institute is based on the General Assembly of the Members, the Council, the Executive Board and Academic Commissions.

Overview 2002-2003

In the period August 2002-July 2003 the International Institute of Humanitarian Law finalised a programme of activities, which confirmed the tendency of a general development and introduced several new elements.

The strengthening of the structure of the Military Department led to a generally improved organisation of the international courses on the law of armed conflict, which again provided the main activity of the Institute.

Courses on refugee law also showed an increase, not only in the number of participants, proof of the ever-increasing interest in this subject, but also in the organisation of a course in Spanish. In fact, thanks to the support of the Spanish Organisation "España con ACNUR", the 22nd Course was held in Spanish and attracted officials from various countries of Latin America.

The serious phenomenon of terrorism, particularly in relation to the application of humanitarian law, was analysed at two different meetings organised in San Remo in the course of the year. As a result of these meetings a publication will soon be published containing the different interventions made by the participants.

Teaching and Training

Activities of the Military Department (General)

Six basic courses on the law of armed conflict were organised in 2002: four courses in English, one in French and one in Spanish. Classes in Russian and Arabic were also organised.

In addition, the following events were organised: the 4th Seminar for Medical Officers; the 8th and 9th Course for Training Managers on a national level; the 2nd Course on Human Rights, the Armed Forces and the Police; the 4th Advanced Military Course.

The Seminar, which was linked with the 4th Advanced Course, dealt with the currently crucial issue, of "Terrorism and International Humanitarian Law", and was organised in collaboration with the "George Marshall Centre of Security Studies" of Garmisch-Partenkirchen (Germany).

Military Courses on the Law of Armed Conflict

In order to assist governments to come to terms with their obligation of ensuring respect for the law of armed conflict within their armed forces, the Institute started a regular programme of military courses in 1976.

The courses are organised and conducted as military courses. They address military officers of all services, normally of senior rank, along with legal officers and civilians responsible for the implementation and dissemination of the law of armed conflict.

Since their creation, the courses have been developed over the years and, due to increasing interest and demand,



several courses a year are now run in English, French and Spanish with special classes in some courses for Portuguese, Russian and Arabic speaking officers.

The basic principle of the courses is to provide officers with the opportunity to learn in an international context how to behave in operational situations, taking into account the humanitarian rules of armed conflict.

This international attendance is useful for all the participants, as it gives them a unique opportunity to increase their knowledge and broaden their horizons by comparing different attitudes, backgrounds and perceptions on an issue as sensitive as the law of armed conflict. The officers are reassured to find that their counterparts in other countries face similar problems, that they have a similar moral code and the same need for clear rules and unambiguous instructions.



Until now, more than 100 courses have been held, catering for more than 3500 participants – officers, government officials and academics – from over 160 countries.

Courses on International Refugee Law

The programme of Courses on International Refugee Law began in 1982. The Courses are organised in co-operation with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Over the years, the Institute has enjoyed the financial support of the Swiss Federal Office for Refugees and more recently of the US Government.

The Courses are open to all government officials and NGO personnel responsible for and involved in the protection of refugees and displaced persons. The courses last five days and are conducted in English, French and in Spanish thanks to the support of the organisation “España with UNHCR”.

The objectives are:

- to promote and disseminate knowledge of international and regional instruments on the protection of refugees and displaced persons;
- to improve and harmonise their practical application and implementation at national level;
- to train government and NGO officials responsible for the organisation of national refugee law courses.

Since 1998, in order to improve the profile of the courses, which should reflect new necessities and demands, the programme has not only concentrated on general subjects of refugee law, but it has also addressed specific topics, chosen among the most current and stimulating ones, such as the detention of asylum seekers and refugees, the “exclusion clause”, agents of persecution, temporary protection, gender-based violence, and protection in situations of mass-influx.

Summer Course on International Humanitarian Law

Following the success of the first edition of the Summer Course on International Humanitarian Law in 2001,

the Institute organised a second and third edition in July 2002 and 2003, respectively.

Both courses began in San Remo and came to a close in Geneva. Over 95 people from more than 20 countries took part, including students, officials, experts and professionals in the field of humanitarian law.

The following subjects were among those of a general nature which were presented and discussed: an introduction to human rights and their relationship with humanitarian law; military necessity and humanitarian considerations; prohibited weapons in the conduct of hostilities; principle of distinction between combatants and civilians; and other more specific issues of great relevance such as terrorism and international humanitarian law; protection of refugees and displaced persons; peace-keeping operations; non-international armed conflict; the International Criminal Court.

Round Tables and Meetings of Experts

Annual Round Tables are organised in San Remo on current problems of international humanitarian law. These events are important for the members of the international community as they allow diplomats engaged in multilateral diplomacy, representatives of the United Nations and other organisations, members of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, representatives of various NGOs, scholars and researchers, the opportunity to define humanitarian problems, examine the relevant legal instruments, assess the action taken, and suggest new ideas for future development.

XXVIth Round Table on Current Problems of International Humanitarian Law (5-7 September 2002, San Remo)

Twenty-five years after the adoption of the Additional Protocols to the Geneva Conventions, the Institute decided to dedicate its XXVIth Round Table to a thorough and detailed



analysis of the two Protocols and above all their impact on the conduct of hostilities, by examining, in particular, all the challenges still existing today and the possibilities of obtaining greater protection for victims of conflicts.

Four basic issues were chosen which served as a frame for the more detailed interventions:

- The Conduct of Hostilities and the Protection of the Civilian Population;
- Threat caused by old and new weapons;
- The repression of war crimes;
- Looking at the future of International Humanitarian Law;

Over 220 experts from all over the world and representatives of diplomatic, academic, governmental and non-governmental circles participated in the Round Table. Many National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies were also represented,

Publications

The Institute's quarterly Newsletter was regularly published and provided a useful tool, along with its website, for disseminating information concerning the activities that have taken place, are in progress and are planned.

The proceedings of the XXIVth and XXVth Round Tables concerning, respectively, the "Humanitarian Action and State Sovereignty" and "Refugees: a continuing challenge", were published in March 2003.

Moreover, in July 2003 the Institute published a book on "Terrorism and International Law, challenges of responses", a collection of interventions, articles and contributions of experts who participated at the meetings and seminars organised by the Institute on this topic.

Programme of Internships

From August 2002 to July 2003 the Institute hosted eight interns from France, Italy, USA and Czech Republic. Apart from concentrating on their specific research on an aspect of humanitarian law, the interns also contributed to the Institute's activities.

Other Activities

A group of Dutch University students visited the Institute in spring for a special two-day programme dealing with humanitarian law, human rights and refugee law.

The visit of the MSOI (Students' Movement for International Organisation) from Turin has almost become a tradition now. This year they attended some of the working sessions during the 99th military course.

A UNESCO Club was created in San Remo in 2002. A letter of agreement was signed with the Institute which agreed to offer its premises as the legal seat of the Club. The objective of the agreement was the elaboration of projects aimed at stimulating knowledge and training of teachers and students, as well as the local population, in the field of humanitarian law, human rights, culture, protection of the environment.

Conferences and Meetings

The Institute participated in many meetings in Geneva organised by the United Nations bodies such as the Human Rights Commission and Sub-Commissions, and the UNHCR annual session of the Executive Committee and the sessions of the Standing Committee.



International Congress on Humanitarian Action

The Institute was represented at the International Assembly of the francophone Institutes of Human Rights, Democracy and Peace held in Beirut on 12 and 13 October 2002.

The Institute was permanently represented by its member, Dr Giuseppe Guarneri, at the Council of Europe meetings held in Strasbourg, and by Prof. Michael Herman, another member, at the OSCE meetings in Vienna.



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Presentation

Established in 1982, thanks to the initiative of the Faculty of Political Sciences of the University of Padua, the Interdepartmental Centre on Human Rights and the Rights of

Peoples is an autonomous structure in the University framework, governed by the Director and a Technical-Scientific Committee composed of representatives of the following Departments: International Studies, Sociology, Comparative Law, Economical Science, Geography, Surgical Science and Gastroenterology, Mechanical and Managerial Innovation, Pedagogy.



Professor Antonio Papisca, Director of the Interdepartmental Centre on Human Rights and the Rights of Peoples

The UNESCO Chair in Human Rights, Democracy and Peace was established at the Interdepartmental Centre in July 1999. The Chairholder is the Director of the Centre, Prof. Antonio Papisca.

Events

The main event of this last year was the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the institution of the Interdepartmental Centre on Human Rights and the Rights of Peoples. In the first twenty years the Centre organised, among other activities, 14 Post-Graduate Courses in Human Rights and the Rights of Peoples, it supervised the functioning of the Post-Graduate School in Institutions and Techniques for the Protection of Human Rights and of the European Master's Degree in Human Rights and Democratisation involving 29 Universities of the European Union.

Activities

The Centre has pursued the following primary goals over the period 2002-2003:



- High school students education
- Teachers education on human rights and peace
- Conference/Events/Seminars organisation
- Post-Graduate Courses
- Creation of an NGOs Database upon request of the Government of the Region of Veneto
- Human Rights Archive updating
- Human Rights Education Publications

Academic programmes

New degree courses

The Centre is fully involved in the organisation of the new degree courses at the Faculty of Political Science, University of Padua. In particular, the three-year Course on Political Science and International Relations – Human Rights and the new post-graduate Course on Institutions and Politics of Human Rights and Peace.

European Master's Degree in Human Rights and Democratisation (EMA)

This multidisciplinary and intensive one-year academic programme that reflects the indivisible links between human rights, democracy, peace and development aims principally to train high-level professionals in the field of human rights and democratisation qualified to work as academics, staff members or field workers for inter-governmental, governmental, and non-governmental organisations; to provide its graduates with practical work experience; and to create a European network of curriculum development and staff exchange among universities in the field of human rights and democratisation.

The year 2002-03 has been decisive for the EMA Programme for two reasons:

- the extension of the EMA membership to 29 European Universities;
- the creation of the European Inter-University Centre in Human Rights and Democratisation (EIUC);
- the creation of the European Joint Degree in Human Rights and Democratisation

Post-Graduate Course on Human Rights and the Rights of Peoples

The XIVth annual post-graduate course (2002-2003) was devoted to "Human Rights and Intercultural Dialogue" and was attended by 40 students, coming from different academic backgrounds and countries.

National Programme in Educational Training

The second intensive course for teachers of the Region of Veneto on "Education on citizenship and solidarity: human rights and peace culture" was carried out from October to June 2003 jointly by the Interdepartmental Centre, in co-operation with the UNESCO Chair, the Ministry of Education and the Region of Veneto.

Two CD-ROMs have been issued containing the educational projects resulting from the work of the teachers attending those two courses:

1. "Abccdiritti umani (Abc human rights) – Human Rights, Peace, Development, Interculturality and Solidarity in School" (2001-2002 course)
2. "Education for Human Rights and Solidarity" (2002-2003 course)

Human Rights and Solidarity

Upon formal agreement signed with the Province of Rovigo, the Interdepartmental Centre organised a course on human rights and solidarity for high schools students of the entire province (around 300 students from 14 to 19 years), in the years 2002-2003 and 2003-2004.

Other Activities

NGO database

In the framework of the Regional "Peace Human Rights Archive", the Centre has compiled a comprehensive NGO database collecting all data, contacts, description and activities of any NGO in the Veneto Region dealing with human rights, co-operation and development. All records can be consulted on the web site of the Centre.

Tavola della pace

The Centre has continued to support the Peace Table in Perugia (a network gathering hundreds of NGOs and local authorities) with scientific advice. The fifth edition of the "UN Peoples Assembly" was organised 7-11 of October 2003, followed by the traditional Peace March from Perugia to Assisi with the participation of around 300,000 people. The main topic of this year edition was "Europe for Peace" (Art. 1 of the European Constitution and war repudiation) (see also: www.tavoladellapace.it).

Music for a profession of peace

A formal musical event was organised 14 September 2003 in Venice at the St Mark's Basilica with music by Wolfango dalla Vecchia from the text of Anonimus Patavinus and final invocation of Francis of Assisi, in memory of Sergio Vieira De Mello, Nadia Younes, Chris Klein-Beekman and of the other UN civil servants killed in Baghdad on 19 August 2003.

Special Agreements/Contracts

The Centre has signed formal agreements with the Region of Veneto, the Municipality of Padua and the Province of Rovigo to support their respective policies in the field of human rights, peace, international solidarity and intercultural dialogue:

- Region of Veneto: the fields covered by the agreement refer to the Regional Ombudsman, the Children Ombudsman, the Regional Department on Human Rights, Peace and Development Co-operation and the Regional Archive on Human Rights.
- Municipality of Padua: co-operation with the recently established "Bureau for Peace, Human Rights, International Solidarity" under the supervision of a City Councillor. Accordingly, a training course on "Human Rights in the City" was carried out in three different

places of the town. In the framework of the agreement, two new Chairs are being created in connection with the Human Rights and Peace Degree Courses at the University: the Chair "Harmonia mundi" and the "Chair on Intercultural Dialogue". The UNESCO Chair will be the umbrella for both.

Conferences and Seminars

Conference on the Region of Veneto for Human Rights, Peace and Co-operation for Development (University of Padua, 8/9 November 2002)

International Symposium in occasion of the XXth anniversary of the Centre on Human Rights, Citizenship, Good Governance (University of Padua, 30 November-1 December 2002)

Conference on Child Rights between protection and guarantees. After the Strasbourg Convention Ratification (University of Padua, 28 March 2003)

International conference on World Order and Security: the Human Dimension (University of Padua, 17 June 2002)

Conference on The Ombudsman in the National System of Human Rights Institutions (19-20 June 2002)

Publications

- The Interdepartmental Centre continued the publication of its collection of books *Quaderni* with the fifth issue *Il sapere dei diritti umani nel disegno educativo* (Human Rights vision in formational strategies) by Antonio Papisca.
- Two new pocketsize books were published: *Codice internazionale dei diritti umani* (Human Rights International Code) and *Educare alla pace e ai diritti umani: il mandato* (Educating to Peace and Human Rights: the Mandate).
- The *Bulletin Archivio Pace Diritti Umani* (Peace Human Rights Archive) continues to be published every six months.
- The quarterly *Pace, Diritti della persona, Diritti dei Popoli* (Peace, Human Rights, Rights of Peoples) has been resumed, with the active support of the Region of Veneto and published by Marsilio, Venice.

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Teaching and Training

Summer School "Human rights and their implementation: European and Baltic experience" (2-23 August, 2002)

The third human rights summer school was organised with the assistance of the Council of Europe, the Institute for Human Rights of the Åbo Akademi University (Finland), the University of Latvia and the Riga Graduate School of Law (Latvia). Its aim was to give basic insight into international standards and mechanisms for the protection of human rights with emphasis on minority issues and problems existing in the former USSR member states. The course was held in Russian and it was restricted to lawyers and graduate law students from the former USSR member states only. Twenty participants representing ten countries were admitted. For the first time the programme of the summer school included a moot court – a hypothetical case hearing before the European Court of Human Rights.

International Protection of Human Rights

The Human Rights Institute offered an Internet course on this topic in the autumn semester, 2002, to the 4th year law students of the Faculty of Law, University of Latvia. This course was organised by the Institute for Human Rights at the Åbo Akademi University (Finland) and it is the result of Finnish-Baltic co-operation between the Åbo Akademi University, the Tartu University (Estonia), the University of Latvia, Vilnius University (Lithuania) and the Law University of Lithuania. The course language was English.

The course was intended to deepen knowledge in human rights law, improve understanding of the relationships between international human rights law and national law and develop skills in using human rights resources. It covered primarily questions relating to the procedure under the European Convention on Human Rights, freedom of expression, the right to fair trial, non-discrimination and minority rights, economic and social rights and the right to liberty and non-refoulement.

Basic Human Rights Course

"Basic Human Rights", offered during the spring semester, 2003, was an optional course offered by the Human Rights Institute to the non-law students of the University of Latvia. It aims at giving the students a general understanding of human rights, the role of human rights in a



democratic society and the contents of selected rights in more detail.

Human Rights for the Judiciary Workshop

In co-operation with the Latvian Judicial Training Centre, the judiciary training program continued in February 2003 with the aim of training judges who would continue training the rest of judiciary in human rights issues. Fifteen judges are involved in this program.

The judgment of European Court of Human Rights in the case *Lavents v. Latvia* and problems of Latvian legislation

The seminar was held on 4 February 2003 and was organised for the representatives of the Prosecutor General's office and the Ministry of Justice in charge of drafting amendments to legislation to comply with the above-mentioned judgment. The purpose of the seminar was to analyse the judgment and identify problems in Latvian legislation and to propose solutions.

The right to liberty and security of person: Latvian legislation and practice in the light of the European Human Rights Convention

In co-operation with the Riga Graduate School of Law and with the financial support of the Council of Europe the seminar, which took place on 25 May 2003, was organised to analyse the requirements of Article 5 of the European Convention on Human Rights, the existing situation in Latvia and the changes needed in Latvian legislation in order to comply with the judgment of the European Court of Human Rights in the case *Lavents v. Latvia*.

The strategies of parties in the European Court of Human Rights theory and Practice

This training course for practising attorneys, held on 9-12 June 2003, was the first course in Latvia ever offered to practising attorneys. The issues of admissibility, substance of rights and strategies were covered.

Research

Problems of the Quality of Court Judgments in Latvia

This study concentrates on how the requirements of the law regarding the descriptive and motive part of court judgments are observed. In addition, it considers factors that may affect the quality of court judgments in Latvia, in particular analysing the role of legal education, the requirements of legal practice for a candidate to be appointed as a judge, the training of judges and the mechanism for controlling the work of judges.

Implementation and Dissemination of International Humanitarian Law in Latvia

At the request of the regional delegation of the ICRC, the Human Rights Institute conducted a study on the compliance of Latvia with its obligations under international humanitarian law. The aim of the study was to point out the areas in which governmental action is needed to ensure full compliance, and to suggest the steps to be taken.

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- le rôle joué par la Convention européenne des Droits de l'Homme dans l'ordre juridique communautaire ;
- « Droit communautaire, charte des droits fondamentaux et Convention européenne des Droits de l'Homme » ;
- les droits fondamentaux en Droit communautaire ;
- le règlement amiable devant la Cour européenne des Droits de l'Homme ;
- l'approche jurisprudentielle de la Cour européenne des Droits de l'Homme dans le cas d'erreurs judiciaires dans le cadre du contentieux civil ;
- les droits sociaux et le Conseil de l'Europe ;
- le Commissaire aux droits de l'homme du Conseil de l'Europe ;
- l'évolution de la charge de travail de la Cour européenne des Droits de l'Homme ;
- le médiateur européen ;
- la procédure de régularisation de certaines catégories d'étrangers séjournant sur le territoire du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg au regard des principes généraux du Droit ;
- le droit de l'accusé au défenseur de son choix.

Il contient également des articles sur l'évolution de la jurisprudence de la Cour européenne des Droits de l'Homme entre 10/2000 et 10/2001 et sur la jurisprudence luxembourgeoise relative à la Convention européenne des Droits de l'Homme et à d'autres traités en matière de droits fondamentaux.

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The Norwegian Centre of Human Rights (NCHR) was known as The Norwegian Institute of Human Rights until 31 December 2002. As of January 2003, the Institute has



become a Centre, emphasising its function as a multi-disciplinary research centre and as a national human rights institution.

The Centre was established in 1987, and is a founding member of the Association of Human Rights Institutes.

Research

The NCHR is a university centre at the Faculty of Law, University of Oslo, composed of approximately 25 researchers, among those 15 Ph.D. students. In addition to studies of legal aspects of human rights, research is also directed towards political, economic, social and cultural conditions for the realisation of human rights. Researchers are partly organised into discipline-based groups (law, social sciences, and the humanities) and partly into interdisciplinary research projects.

Courses

The Norwegian Institute of Human Rights has implemented higher education and training initiatives, primarily at the University of Oslo. At present, the Institute offers the following educational programmes:

- *Master of Arts in the Theory and Practice of Human Rights*: an international, 12-month Master's degree programme; from 2004 on it will become a two-year programme under the title Master's Degree in The Theory And Practice Of Human Rights;
- *Human Rights, Ideologies, and Political Regimes*: a graduate degree course at the Institute of Political Science;
- *International Human Rights*: an elective course at the Faculty of Law;
- *Introduction to Human Rights Law*;
- A new continuing education course for teachers at universities and colleges;
- An Internet-based course for employees of the Norwegian Foreign Service.

NCHR as a national human rights institution

Having been granted status by the Norwegian government as a national human rights institution in 2001, the NCHR is ensured a status equal to other national institutions within the UN framework. As a national institution the NCHR fosters greater awareness and monitors the fulfilment within Norway of internationally adopted human rights standards. Further, it provides consultation, education and information on matters concerning human rights, and initiates independent human rights related research activities.

Promotion of rights-based development

The Centre is involved in a number of projects in order to strengthen human rights within Norwegian development assistance and international co-operation. This involvement is based on the Centre's own research and that of partner institutions. The projects span widely both geographically and thematically, and contribute to strengthening basic competence levels in Norway in several areas.

NORDEM

The objective of NORDEM (Norwegian Resource Bank for Democracy and Human Rights) is to make Norwegian personnel available for international assignments which promote democracy and respect for human rights.

Library

The NCHR library holds a highly updated and extensive collection of human rights literature – probably the best in Norway. It is open to the public, and the main parts of its collection may be consulted in the national library system BIBSYS (online at <http://wgate.bibsys.no>).

Publications

- NCHR offers three publication series:
- *Human Rights Reports*, which offers thorough essays and papers of human rights interest;
 - *NORDEM Report*, which covers the NORDEM (Norwegian Resource Bank for Democracy and Human Rights) activities;
 - *Research Notes*, which is a series of essays, articles and research works in progress;
- Additionally, the NCHR publishes the journal *Mennesker og rettigheter* (Nordic Journal on Human Rights) jointly with the other Nordic human rights institutes and a number of NGOs.

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Activities

Summer Course – International Protection of Human Rights

Since 1992, the Centre has organised a two-week summer course. Originally it was a part of the Tempus project conducted jointly with the Maastricht University in the Netherlands. Recently the Netherlands Institute of Human Rights (SIM) in Utrecht and the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law in Lund, Sweden have offered their co-operation. The Course is shaped to cover the needs of young lawyers, law students, students of European studies and international affairs as well as persons who have contact with human rights on a daily basis, such as activist in non governmental organisations. The Course is international not only in name. Lecturers and participants come from various European countries. Lectures and working groups are conducted in English. In the process of selecting participants, organisers try to ensure that at least 50% of students come



from post-communist countries, in particular from the former Soviet Union. The 11th edition of the course took place in Poznań on 16-25 September 2002. The course was organised by the Poznań Human Rights Centre and the Foundation Human Rights Promotions – Research and Teaching with financial support from the Council of Europe and co-operation with the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law in Lund, Sweden. The course was completed by 25 students.

Seminars

The Seminar on Parliamentary Commission of Inquiry took place in Poznań on 14 May 2003.

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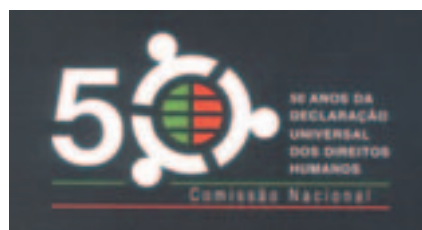
Le Bureau de Documentation et de Droit Comparé de l'Office du Procureur Général de la République est spécialisé en droit international, et plus particulièrement en droits de l'homme.

Activités

- Le Bureau assume, entre autres, les fonctions suivantes :
- Il diffuse l'information provenant d'organismes internationaux ou de pays étrangers et assume la traduction en portugais, anglais ou français de certains de ces textes ;
 - il assure la diffusion du système juridique portugais à l'étranger, notamment par l'élaboration de rapports périodiques destinés à des organismes internationaux ;
 - il assure, sur demande, une contribution systématique dans le domaine des actions de coopération juridique internationale du ministère de la Justice avec l'Union européenne et autres organismes internationaux, ou avec d'autres pays, notamment des pays africains de langue officielle portugaise ;
 - il procède à l'élaboration, au nom du Gouvernement portugais, d'un vaste ensemble d'informations (rapports, études, réponses à des questionnaires, etc.) destinés à des organismes internationaux – notamment les différents organes de contrôle des Nations Unies –, participe

- à des réunions internationales promues dans le cadre d'organisations internationales et collabore à la préparation de traités en matière de droits de l'homme ;
- il développe de nombreuses activités dans le but d'aider les juristes à utiliser pleinement les systèmes informatiques (notamment par l'accès à des banques de données propres, la création de sites Internet et le développement d'applications de bureautique) ;
- il a constitué une importante bibliothèque spécialisée, qui complète celle de l'Office du Procureur Général de la République (la plus importante bibliothèque juridique du Portugal après celle de la Faculté de Droit de l'Université de Coimbra) ;
- il prend en charge tout le processus d'édition et de diffusion du Bulletin du ministère de la Justice et des publications supplémentaires.

Actuellement, le Bureau diffuse sur Internet, en texte intégral, en français, plusieurs banques de données sur, notamment, la jurisprudence de la Cour européenne des Droits de l'Homme, certains textes officiels du Conseil de l'Europe et des Nations Unies et les traités et conventions signés et ratifiés par le Portugal.



Sur le site Internet du Bureau un espace est réservé à la commémoration du 50^e anniversaire de la Déclaration universelle des Droits de l'Homme.

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Conférences et séminaires

- Parmi les nombreuses activités de l'Institut dans ce domaine, on relève :
- août 2002, dans le cadre de la Troisième Décennie de la lutte contre le racisme et la discrimination raciale : VIII^e édition des cours d'été de l'Université internationale des droits de l'homme ;
 - plusieurs cours sur « les droits de l'homme et l'activité des forces de l'ordre public » et des cours à l'intention des formateurs en droits de l'homme ;

- septembre 2002, à l'occasion de la Journée internationale de la Paix : Table ronde sur « le droit à la paix – un autre droit de l'homme » ;
- septembre 2002 : V^e édition du symposium international « les droits de l'homme – dimension spirituelle et action civique » ;
- novembre 2002, à l'occasion de la Journée internationale pour l'élimination de la violence à l'égard des femmes : Table ronde sur « l'élimination de la violence à l'égard des femmes – garanties judiciaires et extra-judiciaires » ;
- décembre 2002 : symposium sur « les droits de l'homme – science, instruments et méthodes », à l'occasion de la Journée internationale des droits de l'homme ;
- décembre 2002 : débat sur « les droits de l'homme – indivisibilité et interdépendance » ;
- janvier 2003 : Table ronde sur « la prévention et la répression du crime de génocide en conformité avec les réglementations de l'ONU ».
- janvier 2003 : débat sur « les standards internationaux pour la protection des droits de l'homme 56 années après la création de la Commission des Nations Unies pour les droits de l'homme » ;
- février 2003 : débat sur la protection des minorités et la liberté de presse en conformité avec les réglementations internationales et la jurisprudence européenne ;
- février 2003 : débat sur la dimension spirituelle des droits de l'homme ;
- février 2003 : débat sur « le cadre juridique national et international pour les minorités nationales de la Roumanie », avec la participation de jeunes de la République de Moldavie et autre pays voisins ;
- mars 2003 : Table ronde sur « des approches intégrales de l'égalité de chances et de traitement », organisée à l'occasion de la Journée internationale de la Femme ;
- mars 2003 : débat sur « les droits de l'homme dans le monde contemporain – philosophie et histoire des droits de l'homme » ;
- mars 2003 : colloque à l'occasion de la Journée internationale pour l'élimination de la discrimination raciale « Penser au niveau global, agir au niveau local » ;
- mars 2003 : colloque international sur les droits de l'homme et la justice européenne ;
- mai 2003 : symposium sur « les méthodes interactives d'enseigner l'éducation civique : les droits de l'homme, les droits de l'enfant » ;
- juin 2003 : débat sur la législation interne en matière de droits des réfugiés ;
- juillet 2003 : cours d'été de la IX^e édition de l'Université internationale des droits de l'homme sur le thème « les artisans des droits de l'homme modernes ».

Publications

- *Revue des droits de l'homme* : n^{os} 3, 4/2002 et 1, 2/2003
- *Bulletin d'information mensuel* : n^{os} 8-12/2002 et 1-7/2003
- *Les droits de l'enfant et des jeunes – instruments nationaux* (2^e édition)
- *Pour une culture de la paix, de la démocratie et de la tolérance* (édition anglaise)

- *Documents internationaux sur la lutte contre la torture et les traitements inhumains ou dégradants* (3^e édition)
- *Les principaux instruments internationaux concernant les droits de l'homme auxquels la Roumanie est Partie* : – *Les instruments régionaux* (5^e édition) – *Les instruments internationaux* (6^e édition)
- *Rapport sur l'évolution de la protection et de la promotion des droits de l'homme en Roumanie en 2002*
- *L'histoire des droits de l'homme*.

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Sensibilisation et promotion des droits de l'homme

Prix solidarité

L'Institut a octroyé, en 2002, le XV^e Prix Solidarité, destiné à récompenser les personnes ou institutions qui se sont distinguées par leur lutte pour la défense des droits de l'Homme en Catalogne. Il a été décerné à l'Association pour la réinsertion des femmes (ARED), qui œuvre pour la réinsertion sociale et professionnelle des femmes qui ont été privées de liberté.

Parallèlement à ce Prix, l'Institut a créé une récompense spéciale « Médias », laquelle est revenue, en 2002, à la Revue *El ciervo*, qui, depuis sa création, il y a cinquante ans, n'a cessé de servir les grandes causes démocratiques.

Paix et médiation de conflits : « Commission pour la paix ; normalisation institutionnelle et entente civile en Euskadi »

Tout au long de l'année 2002, l'Institut a coordonné les activités d'une commission de personnalités politiques et d'intellectuels catalans avec pour objectif d'avancer des propositions de dialogue pour trouver une solution à un conflit qui affecte toute la société. La méthodologie de travail a consisté à organiser des réunions mensuelles, tenues dans la plus stricte confidentialité, regroupant deux groupes puissants, l'un basque, l'autre catalan, sur différents thèmes de la réalité du conflit en Euskadi et à rédiger diverses conclusions. Le 3 juin 2002, la « Déclaration pour la paix, la normalisation institutionnelle et l'entente civile en Euskadi » a été présentée aux représentants institutionnels les plus importants en Euskadi : le *Lehendakari Ibarretxe*, le Président du Parlement et les représentants de toutes les forces politiques parlementaires.

Expertise en droits de l'homme

L'Institut travaille dans l'idée qu'une bonne expertise scientifique en matière de droits de l'homme, destinée aux



institutions privées et publiques, est nécessaire à la création d'une société et d'un espace public où chacun jouisse de la garantie de ses droits fondamentaux. D'autre part, il offre formation et expertise aux questions individuelles à propos des droits de l'homme qui lui arrivent, en adressant et orientant les particuliers vers les instances susceptibles de les aider.

Deux projets se distinguent plus particulièrement :

Coopération internationale en matière de développement des droits de l'homme

Maghreb

L'objectif est de créer et de renforcer, dans d'autres zones géographiques, les contacts et la collaboration avec des organismes locaux travaillant pour les droits de l'homme et de les coordonner avec les travaux d'autres organisations ne s'occupant pas spécifiquement de droits de l'homme mais susceptibles d'incorporer cette perspective dans leur action. L'Institut a pour objectif de consolider et de fédérer, à moyen terme, un réseau méditerranéen d'instituts de droits de l'homme.

Amérique Latine

L'Institut a participé à un projet de réforme institutionnelle au Paraguay.

Ombudsman local

Depuis 1998, l'Institut travaille directement avec les gouvernements locaux en vue d'intégrer la dimension droits de l'homme dans les politiques publiques locales. C'est dans cette optique qu'il a travaillé au renforcement de l'institution de l'ombudsman local.

Formation en droits de l'homme

**XX^e cours en droits de l'homme
(Barcelone, 25 février-22 mars 2002)**

Ce cours annuel s'adresse à des étudiants et à des professionnels. L'édition 2002 a rassemblé 30 intervenant et 130 élèves.

Echanges de personnes en formation

L'Institut alloue des bourses permettant à leurs bénéficiaires de se rendre au Conseil de l'Europe durant quinze jours et au Bureau des Droits de l'Homme des Nations Unies à Genève durant trois mois.

Il accueille aussi, chaque année, un boursier de l'Université Torre Vergata de Rome.

Gouvernements locaux : des Villes pour les droits de l'homme

A l'occasion de la célébration du 50^e anniversaire de la proclamation de la Déclaration Universelle des Droits de l'Homme, la mairie de Barcelone a organisé la 1^{ère} Conférence européenne « Villes pour les Droits de l'Homme » destinée à dessiner une nouvelle stratégie pour rendre réels les droits fondamentaux en prévoyant l'intervention des villes dans la

sauvegarde de ces droits. Elle a été suivie d'une 2^e, puis d'une 3^e, cette dernière ayant eu pour objectif d'avancer dans la réflexion et la concrétisation du rôle des villes dans le cadre de la Convention sur le futur de l'Europe et des possibilités d'extension de la Charte à des réalités extra-européennes.

En tant que secrétaire scientifique, l'Institut a été un ardent participant au projet et travaille actuellement à la préparation de la 4^e conférence.

Du 5 au 15 mars 2002, une délégation de l'Institut a présenté le travail de la Charte des Droits de l'Homme dans la ville de Mexico afin de démarrer le réseau latino-américain de « Villes pour les Droits de l'Homme » et d'internationaliser la Charte.

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Presentation

The Pedro Arrupe Institute of Human Rights (IDHPA) is located in Bilbao, in the Basque Country, and is a part of the University of Deusto. The Institute was created in 1997 as a response of the University to the social demand for critical reflection based on a culture of human rights and peace in a democratic society.

Academic Programme

Since 1994 the Institute, following its international vocation, has taught the NOHA Master/Expert programme in International Humanitarian Assistance, and since 1997 the European Masters in Human Rights and Democratisation.

NOHA Master/Expert programme in International Humanitarian Assistance

The increase of poverty, socio-economic inequalities and political and ethnic tensions sets a stage on which humanitarian crises multiply and become graver and more complex.

To respond to these challenges, the organisations managing humanitarian aid need personnel committed to and trained in these issues and the efficiency and effectiveness of aid requires a greater and better professionalisation of its actors and agents. In response to these needs, seven universities of the European Union have offered a series of inter-university postgraduate programmes since 1994-95, specialised in training experts in international humanitarian assistance. It is the first such initiative worldwide.

European Masters in Human Rights and Democratisation (EMA)

The EMA was set up in October 1997. As an interdisciplinary programme, it reflects the indivisible links between human rights, democracy, peace and development. The

students have met and received classes from some of the most outstanding experts in law, international relations, political science, sociology and philosophy, in an international environment.

The spirit of the programme is to train high level professionals in the field of human rights and democratisation. The graduates in this programme will be prepared for employment as academics, managers and representatives in the field of inter-governmental, governmental and non-governmental organisations.

Ongoing Research

The Economy of Solidarity and its Inclusion in University Education

The main purpose of the project is to make a plan, at university level, to introduce the economy of solidarity into present university studies, both as an educational subject and as a subject that demands reflection and clearly contributes to greater welfare and justice in Basque and Spanish society.

Systematisation of Experiences in Human Development

This research work is being carried out in conjunction with the Fundación Alboan and Hegoa. The aim is to improve practice work in Human Development by drawing on the experience of different organisations and groups in order to draw up a methodology for the systematisation of experiences.

Crisis and Humanitarian Action in Guatemala

In this first stage, the research project of the Crisis and Humanitarian Aid group will focus on Guatemala. This project will be dealt with from the point of view of human rights (Human Rights Approach) and sustainable livelihoods (Sustainable Livelihoods Approach).

Humanitarian Studies Unit

The third and fourth stages of this initiative are carried out jointly with the Instituto de Estudios sobre Conflictos y Acción Humanitaria and the NGO Médicos sin Fronteras. The aim is to study the main humanitarian crises of the moment, their consequences, the performances of the humanitarian organisations and the lessons learned. The results of the third stage will soon appear with the publication of *Movimientos de población: consecuencias humanitarias*, and those of the fourth stage will appear in a book concentrating on humanitarian action and the situations in Angola, Palestine and Afghanistan.

The first two stages of the project are finished and the results have been published in book-form by Icaria Publishers under the titles *Los desafíos de la acción humanitaria* and *Closed Doors: reaching the victims in humanitarian aid*.

Completed Projects

Human Rights at present in the Basque Country

The aim of this research work was to define the present-day situation in regard to human rights in the Basque

Country, from a twofold point of view, legal and sociological. It also hopes to provide support to Basque institutions in the promotion and defence of human rights in the Basque Country.

The Right to Self-Determination and the Basque Situation

The theme of the right to self-determination was tackled from legal, ethical and philosophical viewpoints and a comparative study of how this right relates to other national conflicts or conflicts of identity was carried out.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights

The 50th Anniversary of the signature at the United Nations of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was a key moment to research the origins and framework of the Declaration. The final study, published in 1999, analyses the gestation and content of the Declaration.

The Situation of Illegal Immigrants in the Spanish State

This study aimed to determine the social and legal situation of illegal immigrants in Spain. The study's findings were published in 1999.

The Conflict in the Great Lakes Region

This study sought to analyse the reasons, development and current situation of the conflict of the African Great Lakes region. The results were published in 1999.

Theory and Practice of Human Rights in Africa

This project, developed by Dr Mbuyi Kabunda, assessed the human rights situation in the African continent, not only in terms of violations, but also with regard to a possible African conception of the theory of human rights. It was completed and published in 2000.

Pedro Arrupe Chair

In the 1980 charter laying the foundations of the JRS foundation, Father Arrupe encouraged "renewed determination to investigate – through our educational publications and institutions – the ultimate causes of the refugee problem so that preventive action can once more be implemented."

This research area is all the more relevant today because of the growing phenomenon of enforced migrations, which carries serious consequences for the states involved, relating to ethnic and cultural identity and national and international politics.

In view of this dire situation, the University of Deusto, on 5 April 2000, through the IDHPA, the JRS and the Society of Jesus, signed an agreement to create the Pedro Arrupe Chair, which would be part of the Pedro Arrupe Human Rights Institute, and established the 2002-2003 course.

For the Pedro Arrupe Chair, the four priority functions of the Institute's programmes are teaching, research, publicising these activities and reporting.



Programme of dissemination-sensitisation

This programme comprises three basic lines of dissemination.

1. Publications

Basic Texts in International Humanitarian Assistance and Development

The Masters Programme in International Humanitarian Assistance is composed of a series of principal areas whose basic teaching material is collected in a few texts known as Blue Books or Modular Books, produced by the teaching staff of the European universities of the Network on Humanitarian Assistance (NOHA), and which offer relevant original materials that develop the different aspects of international humanitarian assistance.

Monographs

This collection gathers the fruit of specific research teams on topics related to human rights and their fulfilment in social reality, as well as the result of doctoral theses that have centred equally on this type of questions.

Deusto Notebooks on Human Rights

With an approach more oriented to current affairs than the previous lines of publications and in a smaller format, texts on relevant and current matters in the area of human rights are edited as periodic publications.

Collaborations with the Deusto Forum

The Deusto Forum collection gathers specially the cycles of conferences that this Forum of the University organises on the most relevant social questions. Some of the contents of this collection are issued in collaboration with the Pedro Arrupe Institute of Human Rights.

Publications in these series can be consulted on the Internet site www.idh.deusto.es/.

2. Documentation

The Institute has in its headquarters a room for documentation and research equipped with computers to consult a database that contains all the existing volumes in the library of the University on the subjects of human rights and co-operation.

3. External Divulcation Activities

The Institute organises conferences, seminars and meetings. In this respect activities have been organised on the situation in Kosovo, the commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, biodiversity and development in indigenous territories and the rights of the child, among many others.

Programme of action-intervention

Besides its educational and research activities, the Pedro Arrupe Institute of Human Rights understands action as the possibility of informing or developing projects of co-

operation in the area of human rights within the priority areas of the Institute.

In this respect, the IDHPA takes part as a co-organiser of courses and seminars on human rights along with IPES (Institute of Promotion of Social Studies) in Pamplona and its members offer workshops, seminars and teaching in diverse centres and NGOs.

Teaching programme in human rights for indigenous peoples of Latin America

For the fourth consecutive year the Programme of Training in Human Rights for Peoples Indigenous to Latin America is taking place in the University of Deusto, through the Pedro Arrupe Institute of Human Rights. This is the only such programme in the world.

The essential contents of the programme are:

- Introduction to the current challenges of human rights and indigenous peoples.
- The United Nations and the protection of human rights.
- The protection of rights of indigenous peoples in the United Nations.
- Experiences of work in the area of political autonomy.
- Tools for work in defence of the rights of indigenous peoples.

Co-operation Project with the Rafael Landívar University (Guatemala)

Close co-operation has begun to develop with the University Rafael Landívar (URL) of Guatemala, Verapaz headquarters. The situation of human rights in Guatemala is precarious and the educational institutions, such as in this case the University, try to improve the knowledge and training in the field of human rights, with the ultimate aim of attending to suitable models of development for the country.

Other activities

In brief, other experiences developed in the programme of action of the Pedro Arrupe Institute of Human Rights include:

- the Bizkaia Declaration on the Right to Environment;
- Systematising experience on Human Development, a three-year project for the period 2002-2004;
- participation in legal advice to the project International Court of Opinion of Sur de Bolivar of Colombia;
- development of the Agreement signed between the Intercultural University of the Indigenous Nationalities and Peoples "Amauti Wasi"-UIMPI (Ecuador) and the Institute from the year 2001.

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Activities

The Stockholm Institute of Public and International Law continued its pedagogical activities over the last year in accordance with its co-operation agreements of 1993 and 1995 with the Stockholm University.

The Institute hence runs courses in European Procedure, *i.e.*, the procedure before the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg.



Participants in the Sporrang Lönnroth Moot Court Competition

During the Spring Term 2003 the Institute organised another session of the *Sporrang Lönnroth Moot Court Competition*. The finals took place in the Chambers of the Supreme Court of Norway, Oslo, on 14-15 June 2003. The panel of judges included three members of the European Court of Human Rights, the President of the Court of First Instance of the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg, the President of the Supreme Court of Finland, the President of the Svea Court of Appeals in Stockholm, and a number of members of the Supreme Courts in the five Nordic countries. The competing teams of law students represented ten Nordic Universities from all five countries. The winning team belonged to Club Bergen (Bergen, Norway).

Publications

No. 134 Jacob W.F. Sundberg,
Årsrapport. Tävligen om
det Sporrang Lönnrothska
Priset XVIII. Wrangelska Palaset,
Stockholm 8-9 juni 2002.



No. 135 Jacob W.F. Sundberg, Om
xenofili och xenofobi och
risken för fnatt. En vitbok.

The Institute also authored a number of legal opinions over the last year.

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June 2002

Third Symposium on Human Rights

The Symposium considered economic, social and cultural rights and heard from Brian Burdekin, UN Human Rights Committee, on how these could be incorporated into the work of a human rights commission.

AGM

The AGM noted with grave concern the situation of asylum seekers in Scotland and the proposed reforms to the European Court of Human Rights which would remove the automatic right to bring cases before that court, and mandated SHRC to work on these issues.

RIGHTS

The June edition of *RIGHTS* highlighted issues such as the proposed Mental Health (Scotland) Bill, children's rights to education, the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill and the prison estates review. Other issues in the media included ID cards, credit card fraud, cross-examination in rape trials and mental health issues.

Consultation, meetings, training

We also submitted responses to Scottish Executive consultations on Gender Equality, Vulnerable Witnesses and the Prison Estates Review. We attended a reception held by Scottish Executive Justice Department in honour of the Westminster Joint Committee on Human Rights' visit to Scotland and met with the Joint Committee on Human Rights the following day to discuss human rights commissions.

Rosemarie McIlwhan also spoke at the Poverty Alliance AGM on using the human rights framework to further the poverty agenda and presented training to Mediation Scotland and Homestart UK on behalf of the Scottish Human Rights Trust.

July 2002

Meetings, seminars, training

SHRC convened a meeting with the Scottish Human Rights Forum and the Scottish Executive to discuss the human rights commission campaign, as well as attending a Commission for Racial Equality seminar on promoting racial equality in public service and a Centre for Scottish Public Policy seminar on the Single Equalities Commission and Bill. SHRC also attended its first meeting of the Equal Opportunities Commission (Scotland) Advisory Group, which provides feedback to



the EOC on Scottish issues. SHRC also presented the first of three trainings on the Human Rights Act to Fife Council Social Work Department.

August 2002

Conferences, meetings, consultation

SHRC was represented at the Commission for Racial Equality conference on the Duty to Promote Racial Equality, which considered the new obligations under the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 1999, as well as having a stand at the Citizen's Advice Scotland Annual Conference. SHRC also met with the newly established Scottish Public Concern at Work campaign, which aims to support whistleblowers in Scotland.

SHRC also submitted consultation responses on the Rehabilitation of Offenders and Alternatives to Custody, as well as responding to media enquiries covering privacy and surveillance, mental health and tagging children.

September 2002

Debates, consultation

SHRC was represented at the consultative debate on the Future of the European Union and was able to make representations pursuing our human rights agenda and the need for a constitution to protect those rights. SHRC also provided written and oral evidence to the Scottish Parliament Education, Culture and Sport Committee on the Protection of Children Bill. We gave written evidence to the Public Petitions Committee regarding the Police Federation Petition asking for powers to impose compulsory blood tests on those suspected of having a blood-borne infection and who have come into contact with a police officer. Also in relation to the Scottish Parliament, SHRC chaired a very successful meeting of the SCVO Policy Officers Network, looking at how to petition the Parliament and using the petitions process as a campaign tool.

RIGHTS

The September edition of *RIGHTS* highlighted racism and sectarianism, whistle-blowing in Scotland, the need to abolish short-term sentences and the proposed Single Equality Body. Also in the press were the issues of the introduction of baton rounds/plastic bullets, privacy, the testing of pesticide on humans and the Protection of Children Bill.

Training

SHRC presented the second of three tailored trainings to Fife Council Social Work Department, as well as providing tailored training to Shetland Council Social Work and Legal Departments and private practice solicitors. SHRC additionally provided training on behalf of the Scottish Human Rights Trust to Dundee Poverty Alliance, Shetland Volunteer Centre, Renfrewshire Carers Association and Renfrewshire Volunteer Centre.

October 2002

Consultation, forums, meetings

SHRC provided written evidence to the Justice 1 Committee on the Protection of Children (Scotland) Bill and written evidence to the Health Committee on the Mental Health (Scotland) Bill. SHRC was particularly concerned about the lack of appeal mechanisms in both pieces of legislation and the lack of choice regarding treatment created under the Mental Health (Scotland) Bill. SHRC attended the second meeting of the Lord Chancellor's Department NGO Human Rights Forum and the Equal Opportunities Commission Scotland Advisory Group meeting. SHRC also met with Sense over Sectarianism to discuss a potential research project application in conjunction with SHRC Executive Committee Secretary, Elinor Kelly. We provided a speaker for the Maryhill Labour Party to discuss ID cards with regard to the UK Home Office consultation on the issue. SHRC was also visited by Jenny Lee Spencer from the Institute on Religion and Public Policy to discuss work within the European Union.

Training

SHRC presented two days of tailored training to the Scottish Executive, arranged by the Scottish Executive Justice Department and attended by senior staff. SHRC also presented the final tailored training to Fife Council Social Work Department and presented four days of training to Turning Point Scotland on behalf of the Scottish Human Rights Trust.

November 2002

RIGHTS

The November issue of *RIGHTS* launched a new format. It was a bumper eight-page edition covering issues such as UK compliance with the UNCRC, the use of plastic bullets/baton rounds in Scotland, water fluoridation, smacking children and racism and fascism.

Campaigns, seminars, conferences, meetings

SHRC also took action on a number of these issues by participating in the Children are Unbeatable Campaign, marching in the STUC St Andrews Day March against Fascism and Racism, and attending a seminar on plastic bullets hosted by our sister organisation, the Committee for the Administration of Justice, in Belfast. SHRC also wrote to all Chief Constables in Scotland and the Association of Chief Police Officers in Scotland and met with MSPs to discuss the issue of plastic bullets/baton rounds. Also in the media were the issue of entitlement cards, freedom of information, data protection and the corporal punishment of children.

SHRC was able to further address the issue of freedom of information at a seminar organised by the Legal Services Agency. We also provided speakers on Human Rights and the Care Professions at the Care Providers Scotland Conference in Dunblane, on the Interaction between a Single Equality Body and a Human Rights Commission at the Centre for Scottish Public Policy Conference in Edinburgh, and on rights of

children who are asylum seekers at a meeting of the Student Action for Refugees group in Glasgow.

SHRC also attended many meetings in November, including a meeting to discuss the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission, the LCD NGO Forum and the EOC Scotland Advisory Group, the Cross Party Group on Human Rights and a reception hosted by Secretary of State, Helen Liddell.

December 2002

SHRC in Europe

The start of December saw the SHRC Director in Brussels to meet with UK MEPs and European Commission staff. This meeting was convened by the British Irish Panel to discuss how better to further our interests within Europe.

Advice line

The SHRC telephone advice line resumed after a short break to again take up a hectic caseload and a collection of enthusiastic and interested potential volunteers.

Lectures, conferences

SHRC staff members attended a very informative lecture on the de-humanising aspects of incarceration and the future of prisons. Staff also attended the Association of Chief Officers of Scottish Voluntary Organisations annual conference, which considered the professionalisation of the voluntary sector.

January 2003

Meetings, forums

SHRC launched straight into the new year with a meeting with Ian Gordon, Deputy Chief Constable Tayside Police, regarding our concerns over the introduction of baton rounds/plastic bullets in Scotland. This meeting was closely followed by a meeting with Andrew McLellan, Her Majesty's Inspector of Prisons. Prisons were also on the agenda with the Information and Advice service receiving a high number of calls about conditions at HMP Peterhead, in addition to queries on planning disputes and Disclosure Scotland checks.

SHRC once again attended the Lord Chancellor's Department Human Rights Forum. This meeting considered children's rights, UK government derogations from international treaties and treaty reports about to become due or overdue. SHRC also attended a meeting of the British Irish Panel in London discussing the need to work more strategically at a European level, particularly with regard to asylum and criminal justice issues.

RIGHTS

The January edition of *RIGHTS* saw the launch of the SHRC Manifesto for the next term of the Scottish Parliament as well as SHRC's 2003 seminar series. *RIGHTS* also covered the review of the High Court, LGBT issues, the need for a Scottish Human Rights Commission and the need for the Scottish Parliament to stand up and show what it's made of.

February 2003

Conferences, meetings, forums, seminars

SHRC addressed a major conference on Human Rights Commissions and raised a number of issues with the speakers, including the Deputy First Minister, during question time. The SHRC Director met with the Chief Commissioner of the New Zealand Human Rights Commission, who made many helpful suggestions regarding the creation of a Scottish Human Rights Commission. SHRC also convened a meeting of the Scottish Human Rights Forum to consider the Scottish Executive consultation on the establishment of a Scottish Human Rights Commission.

SHRC met with Catherine Stihler, MEP, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and attended the Scottish Consortium on Crime and Criminal Justice. SHRC also provided speakers at the launch of the Social Welfare Legal Practitioners Association, and the SCVO Equality Forum. We attended a speech by Pat Cox (President of the European Parliament) at the Scottish Parliament as well.

SHRC organised a public seminar on "Human Rights for Policy Officers – how to use human rights to further your agenda". This was an informative and well-received seminar.

Advice line

The SHRC Information and Advice service was kept busy with issues such as people suffering from false allegation of child abuse, the use and storage of DNA samples and lack of legal aid preventing access to the courts.

March 2003

Conferences, seminars, meetings

SHRC addressed a number of conferences: the YWCA Conference about "Being a young, female director"; the Policy Officer's Network Annual Conference on "Writing consultation responses"; the Prisoners and Families Conference.

The successful SHRC seminar on "Policing and Human Rights" was organised. It considered the issues of police complaints and the use of lethal weapons. There was extensive and heated discussion of these issues, interrupted only by the police helicopter hovering above as anti-war protesters blocked the motorway with their peaceful protest.

SHRC also hosted the British Irish Panel meeting which considered such issues as asylum, sectarianism and the legality of the war.

RIGHTS

This issue was also discussed in *RIGHTS*, highlighting the staff's first-hand experience of heavy-handed policing at the protests. It also highlighted the forthcoming Scottish elections and explained how the voting system works, as well as reviewing the progress the Scottish Parliament, Executive, media and SHRC have made over the past four years.



April 2003

Publications

The issues from March continued into April with SHRC taking up the concerns surrounding policing of protests with the forces involved. SHRC also published a briefing paper on *Your right to protest* which was widely disseminated and well received. With the creation of a Scottish Human Rights Commission still firmly on the agenda, SHRC published two briefing papers entitled *Why should a Scottish Human Rights Commission be established?* and *Powers and Functions of a Scottish Human Rights Commission*. SHRC also attended a conference hosted by the Royal Society of Edinburgh on this issue.

Conferences

Rosemarie McIlwhan presented papers on "Client Choice: Rhetoric, Reality or Fantasy in Penal Policy" (Cranstoun Drug Services Conference), "Human Rights Dilemmas" (Dilemmas in Care Conference) and "The Human Rights Act: A tool to prevent disability discrimination" (Partners in Policy Making Conference). She also represented SHRC at the Images of Ourselves Conference which launched a new training tool on anti-discrimination and at the Equal Opportunities Commission Advisory Group.

May 2003

Elections

Following upon the Scottish Parliamentary and Council elections on 1 May, SHRC produced a briefing for MSPs on human rights in the Scottish Parliament and highlighting SHRC's work and main issues.

Conferences, meetings, forums

SHRC jointly hosted a conference on Equality and Human Rights with the Equal Opportunities Commission and the Centre for Study of Human Rights at the Glasgow Law School. The conference was addressed by leading academics who considered the relationship between equality and human rights and the statutory mechanisms by which these can be protected.

This issue was also the main topic of discussion at the Lord Chancellor's Department Human Rights Forum and the UK Human Rights NGO forum.

SHRC also met with the Council of Europe Committee for the Prevention of Torture to discuss issues of concern in Scotland, including the continued practice of slopping out in Scottish prisons and the lack of accountability of private firms involved in any aspect of detention.

RIGHTS

The May edition of *RIGHTS* highlighted the need for a Scottish Human Rights Commission and looked in detail at its powers, remit and structure. Chair John Scott also took the opportunity to consider the potential role for SHRC once the Human Rights Commission is established.



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Key Case-Law Extracts European Court of Human Rights

(October 2003)

The first application to the European Commission of Human Rights was made in 1955 and the European Court of Human Rights delivered its first judgment in 1961. There are now several hundred published volumes of judgments and decisions – a huge body of case-law whose sheer

bulk can make it inconvenient to consult. The author of this book, a legal specialist, has condensed the case-law into a single volume.

For each article of the Convention, the book offers key passages from Court judgments and from some of the Commission's decisions, together with commentary on each passage. The aim is to provide as many quotes from judgments as possible in **one clear, easy-to-consult introduction to the Council of Europe's human-rights Court.**

A detailed table of contents and a comprehensive index are provided to aid the the reader, making this an essential tool for beginner and Convention specialist alike.

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Price: € 39 / US\$ 59

Extraits-clés de jurisprudence Cour européenne des Droits de l'homme

(Septembre 2003)

La première requête transmise à la Commission européenne des Droits de l'Homme date de 1955 et la Cour européenne des Droits de l'Homme a rendu son premier arrêt en 1961. La publication de tous ces arrêts et décisions représente plusieurs centaines de volumes, une abondance qui en rend la consultation parfois difficile. L'auteur du présent ouvrage – juriste – extrait l'essentiel de cette vaste jurisprudence pour la rassembler en un volume unique.

En effet, celui-ci **présente pour chaque article de la Convention, les passages clés d'arrêts de la Cour et de certaines décisions de la Commission, assortis de leurs commentaires.** L'objectif est de fournir, en un seul document, le maximum de citations d'arrêts en une consultation concrète et directe. Ce livre offre ainsi un accès «**pédagogique**», **synthétique et clair à la jurisprudence de la Cour du Conseil de l'Europe.**

Par ailleurs, une table des matières détaillée et un index donnent au lecteur différentes voies d'accès à cet ouvrage, qui devient ainsi un outil indispensable tant pour le néophyte que pour le spécialiste plus expérimenté de la Convention.

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The execution of judgments of the European Court of Human Rights

(Human rights files No. 19) (2002)

In this study, Elisabeth Lambert-Abdelgawad examines both individual measures and general measures taken by States in accordance both with the Court's judgments and with the supervisory proceedings of the Committee of Ministers, as published in its human rights (DH) resolutions.

These measures usually take the form of a change in legislation, or recognition of the Court's judgment in national case-law, or take the form of the appointment of extra judges or magistrates to absorb a backlog of cases, the construction of detention centres suitable for juvenile delinquents, the introduction of training for the police, or other similar steps.

A5, 54 pages, ISBN 92-871-5017-6, € 8 / US\$ 12

L'exécution des arrêts de la Cour européenne des Droits de l'Homme

(Dossiers sur les droits de l'homme n° 19) (2002)

Dans cette étude, Elisabeth Lambert-Abdelgawad présente une analyse des mesures individuelles et générales adoptées par les Etats pour se conformer aux arrêts de la Cour et aux procédures de contrôle du Comité des Ministres, rendues publiques dans des résolutions (DH) spécifiques.

Celles-ci impliqueront généralement des changements dans la législation ou la jurisprudence, mais aussi des mesures pratiques comme le recrutement de juges pour résorber le retard judiciaire, la construction de centres de détention adaptés aux mineurs, des mesures de formation pour la police.

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