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**EDITORIAL**

The General Secretariat is proud to announce that the Society has recently published an entirely revised website. You are kindly invited to visit this website at [www.soc-mil-law.org](http://www.soc-mil-law.org). Do not hesitate to contact the General Secretariat ([soc-mil-law@planetinternet.be](mailto:soc-mil-law@planetinternet.be)) to communicate your comments and/or suggestions to further improve and/or update this important instrument of communication.

Under the header “news” on our website, a section is restricted to members only. In this section you will find the latest approved Minutes of the General Assembly, Board of Directors and Managing Board as well as the latest newsletter. A username and password will be required to have access to this section. Please find hereafter the username and password required to have access to this section restricted to members under the header “news”:

Username: soc-mil-law-34

Password: societe

Our new website also offers a discussion forum that could turn into an interesting source of information on military law and international humanitarian law. You are all invited to take part in this discussion forum, by posting any article (or any reaction to an already existing article) that contributes to the association’s objective to research into military law and international humanitarian law. Please feel free to share your view on questions such as “What law is applicable to the American, British and other forces that are currently present in Iraq?”.

It is the General Secretariat’s desire to further enrich the header “National Groups”, by adding the titles and/or reports of past activities of the National Groups. The Belgian National Group has already started to forward us such information. Hereby I would like to ask the other National Groups to do the same, so that our website will enable to find and consult in an easy way the valuable work produced by the different National Groups within our association. Moreover this would contribute even more to the dissemination of military law and international humanitarian law.

Ludwig VAN DER VEKEN  
Secretary-General

## **NEWS**

The International Criminal Court (ICC) has published its first newsletter that provides updates on current issues before the ICC. You can find the first edition of the ICC newsletter at [www.icc-cpi.int/newspoint/news\\_letter.html](http://www.icc-cpi.int/newspoint/news_letter.html).

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, ETC.**

The Belgian National Group will organise an international conference under the auspices of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War at the Royal Military Academy in Brussels from 29 September 2004 to 1 October 2004. The title of the conference is "The Role of NGOs in International Problem Solving". The conference will be held in French and English (with simultaneous translation) and will deal with questions such as "How can NGOs influence foreign and security policies?" "What is their role in peace negotiations?" "What are the rights and duties of NGOs during an armed conflict?" "How do NGOs and Governments co-operate in the post-conflict phase to rebuild the legal system?" "How big is the role of NGOs with consultative status with the United Nations in creating legal instruments preventing the consequences of armed conflicts?". In attachment you will find the latest programme of this conference. For more information, please contact the General Secretariat ( [soc-mil-law@planetinternet.be](mailto:soc-mil-law@planetinternet.be) ). Registration forms will also be accepted after 1 July 2004, but from this date on, the General Secretariat can no longer guarantee to be able to make the necessary hotel reservations.

The International Criminal Law Network (ICLN) has announced its conference entitled "European Co-operation against Terrorism" which will be held in the Peace Palace in The Hague on 13 October 2004. Please consult the ICLN website at [www.icln.net](http://www.icln.net) for further information and registration or send an e-mail to [m.bierema@icln.net](mailto:m.bierema@icln.net).

The Joongbu University will organise the first UNITAR POCI classroom course in South Korea, from 6 through 17 December 2004. The course, "UN Operations in the new millennium" is recognised by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research Programme of Correspondence Instruction in Peacekeeping Operations (UNITAR POCI). Further information is available on [www.joongbu.ac.kr/english/education/education\\_index.html](http://www.joongbu.ac.kr/english/education/education_index.html).

The 3<sup>rd</sup> European Symposium on Non-Lethal Weapons will be held in Ettlingen (Germany) from 10 to 12 May 2005. One of the main topics will be the legal and public acceptability of non-lethal weapons. For more information see [www.non-lethal-weapons.com](http://www.non-lethal-weapons.com).

## **INTERESTING PUBLICATIONS**

The ISC-ICC Quarterly Summer 2004 can be downloaded in PDF format at [www.isc-icc.org/docs/ISC-ICC\\_Quarterly-Summer2004.pdf](http://www.isc-icc.org/docs/ISC-ICC_Quarterly-Summer2004.pdf).

Roberta ARNOLD, The ICC as a new instrument for repressing terrorism, 2004, 493 p., ISBN 1-57105-328-X

## **FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT**

In our efforts to economise, the newsletter is circulated electronically as an e-mail attachment, to the largest extent possible. If you have e-mail but have not yet notified us, please send your e-mail address to [soc-mil-law@planetinternet.be](mailto:soc-mil-law@planetinternet.be).

Issues of the newsletter are circulated by e-mail and fax only, except for specific members who requested and subsequently were granted a departure from this policy by the Secretary-General.

Please send us any information that could be useful for future newsletters and/or our website.

Do not hesitate to forward any of your articles that could be published in the Military Law and the Law of War Review to the Director of Publications. You may inform your colleagues that the Military Law and Law of War Review also publishes articles of non-members.

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