



CIHC Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a happy holiday season.

We have a number of exciting recent developments. This year, we have a series of one-week programs held in Europe that we would like to tell you about. [IDHA 33](#) is currently taking place at the Chateau de Bossey in Geneva, Switzerland - led of course, by Larry Hollingworth. Our tutors for this course include Arancha Garcia del Soto, Angela Jackson, Tony Land and Roger Mburente.

We are also pleased to announce three new, engaging courses that have been added to the course catalogue: [Ethics in Humanitarian Action](#), [Civil Military Cooperation](#) and [Gender](#).

As you have already been informed, our new [Masters in International Humanitarian Action \(MIHA\)](#) is up and running. The program combines the experience of seasoned humanitarian professionals with the academic strength of Fordham faculty from the Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, the Graduate School of Business, and Social Service and the School of Law, who provide students with the political historical, legal and ethical contexts of past, present and future emergencies.

We have also made an [International Humanitarian Affairs Minor](#) available to undergraduate students at Fordham University. It is an interdisciplinary minor program that offers students a comprehensive understanding of issues central to contemporary humanitarian affairs, seen through the academic lenses of political science, international studies, history, sociology, philosophy, and theology. We hope this will lead them toward a career as humanitarian aid professionals.

We will host a symposium entitled **Haiti: One Year Later**, on February 23, 2011, at Fordham University. The panel discussion will convene experts from the United Nations, the NGO community, and the United States government to discuss, through first hand experience, the successes and challenges of the relief efforts in Haiti, a year after the devastating earthquake hit Port-Au-Prince. If you are available, or can suggest any speakers, please write to me.

Additionally, Larry Hollingworth, along with Arancha Garcia, Argentina Szabados, Gonzalo Sanchez-Teran, and I will present a panel on **Innovations in Humanitarian Practice at the Changing Realities of Conflict and Crisis** conference this summer held at Tufts University.

In partnership with Fordham University Press, the Institute has also released two books: [Sudan at the Brink: National Unity and Self-Determination](#), written by Francis Deng and [Even in Chaos: Education in Time of Emergency](#), edited by Kevin M. Cahill, which have been used in programs throughout the world. The Sudan book has been translated into Arabic, German and Spanish.

As always, please check the [CIHC's facebook page](#) for upcoming events and news.

Last, but not least, we wrote to you in our previous publication about our dear friend Marco Cannata's (IDHA 21) car accident. We are pleased to update you that he is on the road to recovery and we are extremely thankful for all of your generous support.

We look forward to a very exciting 2011, and to see you, or at least hear from you all.

Be safe and be well,

Brendan Cahill
Administrative Director, CIHC

Alumni Council

The strength and, indeed, the future, of our organization relies on our alumni. We are proud to announce the following new members of our Alumni Council, who joined us in October 2010:

Argentina Szabados, Chair

Argentina Szabados was born in 1963 in Romania. She studied history and languages and graduated in 1986 as a teacher with a specialization in English. She also speaks fluent Hungarian and Romanian and has a working knowledge of French, German and Italian.

Ms. Szabados joined the International Organization for Migration (IOM) from a career with the World Council of Churches (WCC) where she worked in the field of humanitarian emergency relief. She led Emergency Programs in Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe and the Caucasus including Chechnya between 1989 and 1998, establishing and managing emergency operations in the region.

She joined IOM in 1999. She has been the Regional Representative for Central and South Eastern Europe based in Budapest with overall regional responsibilities for coordinating policies, strategies, programs and administrative issues for IOM missions in Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, FYR of Macedonia, Hungary, Kosovo (Serbia), Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia until 2010. Currently she is Director of the IOM mission based in Berlin, Germany

Ms. Szabados has two decades of humanitarian assistance experience both in the field and in headquarter appointments. She has written for, and contributed to, many publications on various migration topics. She has received a number of awards acknowledging and appreciating her contribution to International Migration issues from governments, key civil society players and academic institutions.

She has been affiliated with the IDHA since 1998. First as a student, then as a tutor and lecturer and latterly as a course co-director.

Lejla Hrasnica

Lejla was born in 1969, in Sarajevo, where she studied economics at the Sarajevo University. She joined the UNHCR in Sarajevo at the beginning of the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in July 1992. She continued to work with the UNHCR in her hometown until early 2009, experiencing the full span of humanitarian response - from the onset of the emergency, to post conflict return and reconstruction, refugee influx and scaling down of assistance programs bridging the gap to emerging development initiatives.

In April 2009, Lejla moved to Peshawar in Pakistan as the Program Officer for the emergency operation responding to the needs of internally displaced persons. Since late 2010, Lejla is based at the UNHCR headquarters, working as the program analyst.

Lejla's relationship with IDHA dates back to 1998 when she was a student of IDHA 2. Since then Lejla has tutored and lectured at the IDHA and is now also a member on the Alumni Council.

Mark Little

Mark Little attended school and university in Perth, Western Australia. After graduation he spent four years in the Australian Army and was deployed to Iraq in 1991, being involved with the Kurdish relief operation.

He has completed a Diploma in Tropical Medicine from London, and a Masters in Public Health and Tropical Medicine. He is a consultant emergency physician and toxicologist at a major city hospital and a member of the Western Australian disaster medical team, with deployments to Nias and Yogyakarta earthquakes in Indonesia. Mark is involved in disaster planning for his state.

He attended IDHA 27 in Geneva, Switzerland.

Peter Ophoff

Peter's interest in traveling, exploring and helping led him to make a professional change to the humanitarian sector, where his very first job in the Red Cross was as a handy man in a center for asylum seekers in his country of birth, Belgium. After four months, he was selected to go overseas for the Red Cross.

In 1993, Peter went to Malawi for the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent (Federation). The operation in Malawi assisted the Mozambican Refugees who stayed there for more than a decade. His responsibilities were to make sure that the food and non-food distribution were organized and he coordinated with the government and the UNHCR.

While working in the same field, his places of assignment spread mainly over two different continents. Most of the time was spent in Africa, with Red Cross missions in Tanzania, Kenya; covering 15 countries in East Africa, missions in Congo Brazzaville; covering 7 countries in Central Africa. But Peter also worked in Asia; Vietnam, Sri Lanka and more recently as Head of the Delegation in India.

Recently, Peter moved away from the Federation, while staying within the Red Cross world, and moved to Namibia as Country Representative for the Belgian Red Cross. His work was primarily in the area of emergencies, relief, logistics and program management, while being given responsibility for both implementation and coordination in headquarters, regional offices and various field operations for the Federation.

Peter joined CIHC family in 2008, when he participated in the IDHA course. The IDHA course was followed by the "Humanitarian Negotiation Training Course" held in Barcelona in 2009, and the "Forced Migration" course in Budapest in 2010.

Florian Razesberger

Florian Razesberger studied law at the Universities of Vienna, Copenhagen and Innsbruck (Magister iuris 2001, Doctor iuris 2005). After having worked as a Law Clerk for different courts in Austria and as an Assistant Legal Officer at the International Criminal Court in the Hague, he worked as a Pro Bono Legal Adviser for Africa Middle East Refugee Assistance (AMERA) in Cairo.

From 2005 to 2010, Florian worked for the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) with its Missions in Macedonia and Bosnia, focusing on human rights issues, judicial reform and war crimes. In 2011, Florian joined the United Nations and currently works as a Human Rights Officer in Afghanistan.

Florian is a graduate of IDHA 20 and the HNTC 3.

Gonzalo Sánchez Terán

Gonzalo Sanchez-Teran worked for the Jesuit Refugee Service from 2001 to 2009 as Country Director in Guinea Conakry, Liberia and Côte d'Ivoire and as Program Officer in Chad. During this time he organized, managed and implemented emergency projects in refugee and IDP camps in the four countries.

He is now a consultant for international NGOs and since September 2010 he is the Director of the book collection of Oxfam Spain.

He has published extensively on African Geopolitics and Humanitarian Assistance through articles and books.

Gonzalo is a IDHA 16 graduate and a regular tutor and lecturer for the International Diploma on Humanitarian Assistance at Fordham University, New York, and for the Humanitarian Cooperation Masters at Comillas University, Madrid.

2011 Course Calendar

International Diploma in Humanitarian Assistance (IDHA) 33 – IDHA 33 starts off the new year at the Chateau de Bossey in **Geneva, Switzerland**. Course tutors include Arancha Garcia del Soto, Angela Jackson, Anthony Land and Roger Mburente.

Humanitarian Logistics: February 6 – 12 – Held in **Rome, Italy**, this course will explain logistics, explore the ways that logistics can affect humanitarian support, and give students an opportunity to analyze case studies and develop methods that will improve their delivery of

support.

Ethics and Advocacy in Humanitarian Action: February 13 – 19 – This course is newly introduced to our course catalog and will take place in **Rome, Italy**. Students will explore ethical questions, examine alternative ethical grounds for action, and seek to provide humanitarian professionals with a framework for evaluating practical ethical issues that arise, especially through past and current case studies.

Civil Military Cooperation: March 13 – 19 – Held in **Stuttgart, Germany**, this course is designed to teach students the foundations of successful military operations and explore the relationship of strategic integration between civilian and military power.

Gender: March 27 – April 2 – In **Barcelona, Spain**, participants will learn a theoretical and practical framework for understanding and integrating issues of gender relations in emergencies and conflict situations.

Community Participation in Emergency Response: April 3 – April 9 – This course will provide advanced knowledge on community structures, resources and skills, participatory models of intervention, and the technical requirements for the infrastructure needed in humanitarian emergencies. The course will be held in **Barcelona, Spain**.

Humanitarian Negotiators Training Course (HNTC) 8: April 10 – April 16 – This course prepares aid workers, who are often faced with the need to negotiate access to prisoners, refugees, and internally displaced persons (IDPs), as well as negotiate in a hostile and dangerous environment for the delivery of food, medicine, and personnel. The course will be held in **Barcelona, Spain**.

Forced Migration: April 17 – April 23 – The objectives of the course are to provide participants with the framework and fundamentals of migration, the legal tools, and the knowledge of its practical aspects. The course will be held in **Barcelona, Spain**.

International Diploma in Humanitarian Assistance (IDHA) 34 – This course will be hosted at Fordham University in **New York, NY**. Course tutors include Mark Little, Angela Jackson, Arancha Garcia del Soto, Gonzalo Sánchez-Terán.

Note: The course locations and dates are subject to change. For the most recent updates, please visit our website.

Recent Publications

Sudan at the Brink: Self-Determination and National Unity

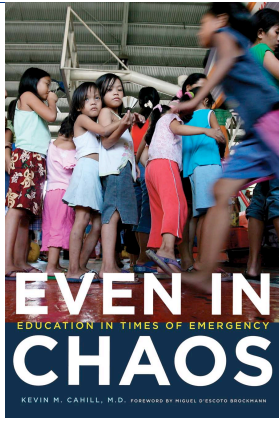
By Francis Mading Deng. Forward by Kevin M. Cahill

A joint publication of Fordham University Press and The Institute for International Humanitarian Affairs, *Sudan At the Brink: Self-Determination and National Unity* offers keen insight into the trials and tribulations that confront a nation torn apart by sectarian violence and deeply wrangled in the complexities of devastating political disputes. Voices of reason and diplomacy in such hostile climates are needed more than ever, but remain muted by the cyclical threats of forthcoming humanitarian crises.

Francis Deng's views break the pattern, providing "penetrating" insight, according to President Thabo Mbeki, and "will undoubtedly contribute to the debate on these issues of vital importance to the destiny of Sudan and Africa." Kofi Annan, former Secretary-General of the United Nations and Nobel Peace Laureate, lauded the book as a highly competent guide through the complexities of the forthcoming referendum.

The Institute of International Humanitarian Affairs has translations of select titles available in Spanish, and Arabic on our [IIHA website](#) in pdf. format. Additional translated titles will continuously be made available.





Even in Chaos: Education in Times of Emergency

By Kevin M. Cahill, M.D. Foreword by Miguel D'Escoto Brockmann

A publication of Fordham University Press, *Even in Chaos: Education in Times of Emergency* is a collection of essays that highlight the fact that both governmental and non-governmental organizations have failed to place the education of children—in disruptive circumstances of man-made conflict and natural disasters—at the forefront of their policy agendas. Children have a fundamental right to education, and to the protection provided by schools in times of chaos that often characterizes life for refugees and internally displaced persons.

The book juxtaposes the first-hand accounts from school children, aid workers and national leaders. The book points to the scope of the problem as well as the tools needed to address the crises.



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