



Tribunale Militare di Torino



**Conference on
International Criminal Justice**

Turin, 14 - 18 May 2007

The Conference

The Conference on International Criminal Justice was an initiative of the President of the Military Tribunal of Turin, Judge Roberto Bellelli.

It brought together experts and other relevant officials of States, International Organizations, and the civil society, including NGOs and Academia.

Works were conducted in plenary, and included keynote speeches, as well as debates for each session.

The Conference served as a forum for stocktaking, drawing on the practice and case-law of international and internationalized jurisdictions, as well as on the experience of the other major actors in the field.

The objectives were twofold : contribute to the understanding of issues related to the Legacy of international tribunals, and to the preparation for the Review Conference of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

Simultaneous interpretation was be provided in English, French, and Italian.

Written contributions submitted in advance were distributed to participants, while other documentation is posted on the web site www.torinoconference.com, which will be regularly updated.



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Monday, 14 May

08.30 – 09.00 Registration of participants

Presiding

Roberto Bellelli, President of the Military Tribunal of Turin

09.00 – 10.00 *Opening ceremony*

1. Welcome address & presentation
2. Opening Remarks
 - (a) Local Authorities,
 - (b) National Authorities,
 - (c) International Authorities.

10.00 – 10.30 Coffee break

10.30 – 13.00 *The foundation of International Criminal Justice*

- (i) *International and mixed jurisdictions* : means and achievements of mechanisms established by States and the U.N. - **Paola Gaeta**, Professor, University of Florence,
- (ii) *The experience of the ad hoc Tribunals and their completion strategies* - **Fausto Pocar**, President, ICTY; **Erik Møse**, President, ICTR; **Amelie Zinzius**, Senior Legal Officer, SCSL,
- (iii) *National jurisdictions and international assistance* : rule of law and Defence perspectives - **Chris Engels**, Director of the Criminal Defence Section, Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina,
- (iv) *The establishment of a permanent international Court* : scope and role of the ICC - **René Blattmann**, Vice-President, ICC,

Discussion

13.00 – 14.45 Lunch break

14.45 – 16.15 *Promoting International Criminal Justice*

- (i) *First achievements of the ICC and its opportunities*: Organization, operations and professional

perspectives in the ICC - **Bruno Cathala**, Registrar, ICC,

- (ii) *Implementing legislation of the Rome Statute : Regional experiences* - Ambassador **Allieu Kanu**.
- (iii) *The role of NGOs in the operational phase of international criminal justice* - **Alison Smith**, No Peace Without Justice,
- (iv) Defence and Victims issues:
 - a. *Defence and Victims basic issues and representation* - **Didier Preira**, Head of the Division of Victims and Counsel, ICC,
 - b. *Victims' assistance in the field* - **Mariana Pena**, FIDH
 - c. *The role of the representative bodies of counsel and legal associations* - **Fabio Galiani**, Counsel, International Criminal Bar,

Discussion

16.15 – 16.30 Coffee Break

16.30 – 18.30 *The Review Conference of the Rome Statute*

- (i) *The Rome Statute process, from its adoption to the Assembly of States Parties* - **Umberto Leanza**, Professor, University of Rome,
- (ii) *From the Rome Conference to the Review Conference : the principle of universality, or achieving momentum and consensus* - **Jürg Lindenmann**,
- (iii) *Amendments and revision : provisions, timing, real needs and procedure* - Ambassador **Rolf Fife**,
- (iv) *The object of the review mechanisms* - **Otto Triffterer**, Professor, University of Salzburg :
 - a. Statute, Elements of crimes and Rules of Procedure and Evidence,
 - b. Improving Cooperation with the Court : mechanisms to implement obligations,
- (v) *The role of NGOs in the lead-up to the review conference* - **William Pace**, CICC,

Discussion

Tuesday, 15 May

The crime of aggression

Chair : **Christian Wenaweser**, Chairman of the Special Working Group on the Crime of Aggression

09.30 – 11.00

- (i) *The State responsibility for acts of aggression under the UN Charter* : a review of cases - **Edoardo Greppi**, Professor, University of Turin,
- (ii) *Individual criminal responsibility for the crime of aggression* : a background perspective, from the Nuremberg trials to the consolidation of the subject matter international criminal jurisdiction - **Mohamed Aziz Shukri**, Professor, University of Damascus ,

Discussion

11.00 - 11.30 Coffee break

11.30 - 13.30

- (iii) *Policy issues under the UN Charter and the Rome Statute* - Ambassador **David Scheffer**,
- (iv) *The elaboration of the definition and procedure for accountability of the leadership crime of aggression before the ICC* - Ambassador **Christian Wenaweser** and **Claus Kress**, Professor, University of Köln,

Discussion

13.30 – 15.30 Lunch break

15.30 – 17.30

- (v) *National legislation on individual responsibility for conduct amounting to aggression* - **Astrid Reisinger Coracini**, Salzburg Law School on International Criminal Law,
- (vi) *The principle of complementarity under the Rome Statute and its interplay with the crime of aggression* - Counsellor **Pal Wrangé**,

Discussion

Wednesday, 16 May

*The experience of international criminal jurisdictions
and their contribution to the development of International
Criminal Law*

Investigation on International Crimes

Chair : **Carla Del Ponte**, Chief Prosecutor of the ICTY

09.00 – 10.30

- (i) **Carla Del Ponte**, Chief Prosecutor - ICTY,
- (ii) **Hassan B. Jallow**, Chief Prosecutor & **Alfred Kwende**, Investigation Unit - ICTR,

Discussion

10.30 – 10.45 Coffee break

10.45 – 12.40

- (iii) **Stephen Rapp**, Chief Prosecutor - SCSL,
- (iv) **Deborah Wilkinson**, Deputy Chief Prosecutor, Department of Justice - UNMIK,
- (v) **Chea Leang**, National Co-Prosecutor - ECCC,
- (vi) **Toby Cadman**, Counsel - OTP of Bosnia and Herzegovina,
- (vii) **Fatou Bensouda**, Deputy Prosecutor & **Alice Zago**, Investigator - ICC,

Discussion

12.40 – 13.30

- (viii) *Enhancing State-to-State and State-to-International Organisations cooperation*, **Nicola Piacente** - Deputy Prosecutor, District Anti-Mafia Direction, Milan,

Discussion

13.30 – 15.00 Lunch break

International prosecutions

Chair : **Hassan B. Jallow**, Chief Prosecutor of the ICTR

15.00 – 16.30

- (ix) **Hassan B. Jallow**, Chief Prosecutor & **Silvana Arbia**, Senior Trial Attorney - ICTR,
- (x) **Stephen Rapp**, Chief Prosecutor - SCSL,
- (xi) **Fatou Bensouda**, Deputy Prosecutor & **Alice Zago**, Investigator - ICC,

Discussion

16.30 – 16.45 Coffee break

16.45 – 17.40

- (xii) **Deborah Wilkinson**, Deputy Chief Prosecutor, Department of Justice - UNMIK,
- (xiii) **William Smith**, Deputy International Co-Prosecutor - ECCC,
- (xiv) **Toby Cadman**, Counsel - OTP Bosnia and Herzegovina,

Discussion

17.40 – 18.10

- (xv) *Human Rights Law compliance in international criminal procedure* - **Francesco Crisafulli**, Counsellor - Permanent Mission of Italy to the Council of Europe,

Discussion

Thursday, 17 May

International case-law (I)

Chair : **Carmel Agius**, Judge - ICTY

09.00 – 10.45 Genocide :

- (i) **Susanne Malmstrom**, Legal Officer - ICTY,
- (ii) **Silvana Arbia**, Senior Trial Attorney - ICTR,

Discussion

10.45 – 11.00 Coffee Break

11.00 – 13.00 Crimes against humanity :

(iii) **Don Taylor**, Associate Legal Officer - ICTY,

(iv) **Silvana Arbia**, Senior Trial Attorney,

Discussion

13.00 – 15.00 Lunch break

15.00 – 17.00 Crimes against humanity

(v) **Antoinette Issa**, Appeals Counsel - ICTY,

(vi) **Amelie Zinzius**, Senior Legal Officer, Appeals Chamber - SCSL,

Discussion

17.00 – 17.15 Coffee Break

17.15 – 18.00

(vii) *Protection of civilians in armed conflicts* :
Development of IHL, from the perspective of war crimes to crimes against humanity, Dr. **Anne-Marie La Rosa**, Advisory Service on International Humanitarian Law - ICRC,

Discussion

Friday, 18 May

International case-law (II)

Chair : **Carmel Agius**, Judge - ICTY

09.00 – 10.30 (a) War crimes :

(i) **Mooto Noguchi**, Professor - UNAFEI,

(ii) **Guido Acquaviva**, Legal Officer - ICTY,

(iii) **Alice Zago**, Investigator - ICC,

Discussion

10.30 – 11.45 Coffee Break

10.45 – 13.00

- (iv) **Antoinette Issa**, Appeals Counsel - ICTY/OTP,
- (v) **Amelie Zinzius**, Senior Legal Officer, Appeals Chamber - SCSL,
- (vi) **Tarik Abdulhak**, Senior Adviser to the Registrar of Bosnia and Herzegovina,
- (vii) **Melika Busatlic**, Legal Officer - War Crimes Chamber of Sarajevo,

Discussion

13.00 – 14.45 Lunch break

14.45 – 16.15 (b) War crimes

- (viii) *The Role of NGOs in documenting war crimes* - **Niccolò Figà Talamanca**, No Peace Without Justice,
- (ix) *International obligations on war crimes and their implementation : the practice of States* - Dr. **Anne-Marie La Rosa**, Advisory Service on International Humanitarian Law - ICRC,

16.15 – 16.30 Conclusions

Organisation



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