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IAPTC
International Association of Peace-keeping Training Centres
Second Annual Meeting
Pisa, Italy, 1-3 April 1996

Recent Challenges in Peace-keeping Training:
The Operations of the New Generation

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THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PEACEKEEPING TRAINING CENTRES (IAPTC)

RECENT CHALLENGES IN PEACEKEEPING TRAINING:
THE OPERATIONS OF THE NEW GENERATION

SUMMARY RECORD OF 2ND ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT
SCUOLA SUPERIORE S. ANNA, PISA, ITALY


1 - 3 APRIL 1996

General

The IAPTC, founded in 1995 at the Lester B. Pearson Canadian International Peacekeeping Training Centre, Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, Canada, provides an informal forum for the exchange of peacekeeping information.

From 1 to 3 April, 1996, 60 persons from 40 training centres, countries and organizations gathered at Scuola Superiore S. Anna in Pisa, Italy under the chairmanship of Professor Andrea de Gutry. The agenda for the meeting is attached to this Summary record.

The Founding Co-Chairs and Secretariat Directors, Alex Morrison and Stephanie A. Blair of the Pearson Peacekeeping Centre were in attendance.

Aims of the IAPTC

The Participants re-affirmed that the IAPTC should remain, in accordance with its founding principles, an open and voluntary association of various centres/institutions/programmes which deal with peacekeeping, and peacekeeping research, education and training.

The IAPTC is a forum for the exchange of personnel, information and experiences.

It provides a focal point both for specific projects and for open-ended discussions and debates.
The IAPTC constitutes a credible partner for international organizations either at the universal level or at the regional level. The establishment of a continuous and mutually beneficial relationship between the national centres and the international organizations remains a paramount goal of the Association. The relationship should be the channel to co-ordinate the needs of all in terms of teaching methods, programmes, timing, selection of trainers and of trainees.

Activities of the IAPTC

Exchange of Personnel

Participants envisaged an exchange of personnel among the various peacekeeping training centres. This exchange could involve:

- **teaching staff**: some teaching staff members could be at disposal of other centres for delivering lectures and seminars at other centres. To facilitate this a data bank could be created and put at disposal of the IAPTC members by the Secretariat. The data bank will provide information on the professional profiles of the faculty members and their availability (period and other conditions) for classes at other centres.

- **administrative staff**: some periods of internship at other centres could be envisaged for some members of the administrative staff. Arrangements in this sense could be negotiated bilaterally by the various centres;

- **students**: some students attending a course at one centre might be able to participate in courses and programmes of other centres on a reciprocal basis with the exemption/partial exemption of fees. Arrangements in this sense could be negotiated bilaterally by the various centres.

It was agreed that there should be a continuous exchange of information-sharing among the various peacekeeping training centres and related institutions, coordinated as appropriate by the Secretariat.

IAPTC Newsletter

Some information newsletters and lists of events on peacekeeping are already periodically reviewed and made circulating in the international community, but the creation of an IAPTC newsletter seems necessary. We recommend to create a Newsletter to cover the activities of the Association and of the various Centres. The newsletter would constitute an appropriate tool for making the Association known by other Centres. The newsletter would make the Association more visible to relevant international organizations, NGOs, academics and to the international community in general.

- **Content of the Newsletter**: The newsletter should include all the information of the activities of the Centres and of the Association, with the commitment of all to furnish this information. It will give information on any other peacekeeping events (academic lectures, diplomatic conferences, exhibitions,...). It must be stressed that the newsletter is not intended to become a peacekeeping journal with articles or commentaries.

- **Organization of the Newsletter**: The newsletter should be edited by the Secretariat with the contribution of all the members; the newsletter could take the following forms:
  - as electronic newsletter, managed by a listserver through the IAPTC mailing list;
  - as newsletter on paper (more visible).

Material for the newsletter should be submitted to the Secretariat, for the first instance, by 15 May 1996.
Exchange of Information

Participants noted that two initiatives could be taken in the context of the electronic exchange of information:

- an electronic mailing list, managed by a listserv (regulated or non-regulated) should be established through which all the relevant information, requests, contacts ... could circulate freely. It will also be available in print form;

- all present welcome the imminent establishment of an IAPTC Web site by the Secretariat. The site will feature a short description of the Association and will have virtual links with: the IAPTC members Web pages, the main international organizations Web pages, other centres and institutions Web pages.

International Community

- The Secretariat Directors undertook, with the cooperation of members to make the Association more known in the international community and to reach new potential members in all areas of the world. An IAPTC information sheet will be prepared to aid in this activity.

- Participants agreed that emphasis should be placed on the relationship, between the civilian and the military component, in peacekeeping missions and related operations. In this regard the IAPTC, which encompasses both civilian and military centres, and those which conduct both types of training could play a certain role in stimulating new/better forms of coordination among the two components. Some initiatives which could be envisaged include:

  - exchange of teaching staff between members. That would help to make the different realities better understanding each other;

  - organization of one/more seminar/s which could gather together civilian and military trainers and representatives of national and international organizations and academic institutions. The seminar should be specifically devoted to assess the needs in training for a better coordination between the military and the civilian component.

  - The principle of inviting representatives of international organizations to IAPTC meetings should be maintained and an open channel should be instituted between these institutions and the IAPTC. These organizations should be kept informed by the Secretariat of the IAPTC activities.

General Discussion

In general discussion sessions, many points were raised and suggestions advanced. The areas in which progress could be made with maximum benefit to peacekeeping and to members of the IAPTC are listed hereunder.

- Many felt that the area of establishment of clear training standards and guidelines required priority attention; due consideration must also be given to the desire to ensure that all who participate in peacekeeping adhere to those standards and guidelines. It was suggested that the training of military observers could be selected as an initial starting point. The IAPTC Secretariat should draw up plans for a short seminar and seek the facilitation aid of UNDPK0 and other relevant organizations. The seminar should be held as soon as possible.

- The need for professionalization in approach to, and conduct of all peacekeeping activities was stressed by participants.

- The subject of human rights monitoring in peacekeeping was discussed and members agreed that greater clarification of approach and responsibility could aid in achieving progress.
• Possible subjects for future research activity could include *inter alia*:
  
  • an examination of UN and non-UN peacekeeping operations to determine what are the significant similarities and differences in such areas as national contingent relations, chain of command and rules of engagement;
  
  • a possible system of accreditation of training centres and their curricula;
  
  • peacekeeping doctrine;
  
  • civilian, military cooperation;
  
  • the development of a peacekeeping training paradigm which might be useful in the design and conduct of training and which might also serve to reduce duplication of efforts;
  
  • regionalization of peacekeeping activities (peacekeeping by proxy);
  
  • national considerations versus international imperatives;
  
  • peacekeeping and international law;
  
  • various aspects of training of civilian police;
  
  • human rights;
  
  • challenges for international conflict resolution in the 21st century.

• It was agreed that the IAPTC should maintain its non-directive character.

• The Secretariat Directors undertook to establish and circulate a list of participants, centres, members, and other groups.

• The Secretariat Directors will receive and circulate all proposals for the 1997 gathering, both as to place and time and to agenda items. In principle, the meeting site should rotate on a geographical basis.

• The Secretariat Directors agreed to circulate a report to all members within six months of the annual meeting and to deliver a report at each annual meeting.

• Participants reaffirmed Alex Morrison and Stephanie A. Blair of the Pearson Peacekeeping Centre as Secretariat Directors.

Members expressed their sincere appreciation to Professor Andrea de Guttry, Mr. Fabrizio Pagani and Ms Barbara Carrai of Scuola S. Anna for the excellent arrangements they provided for participants.

Pisa, 2 April 1996
## HISTORY OF ANNUAL MEETINGS

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The Training Programme:
The Civilian Personnel of the Peace-keeping/Humanitarian Operations and the Election Monitoring Missions: Volunteers, Officers, Observers

held at
Scuola Superiore di Studi Universitari e di Perfezionamento Sant'Anna
Pisa, Italy. 1 April - 3 April 1996

Conference Schedule

The second meeting of the IAPTC was held at Scuola Superiore di Studi Universitari e di Perfezionamento Sant'Anna, Pisa, Italy, from April the 1st to April the 3rd, 1996. The Training Programme: The Civilian Personnel of Peace-keeping/Humanitarian Operations and Election Monitoring. Missions: Volunteers, Officers, Observers, with the following schedule:

- 31 March: Arrival of the participants and possible sightseeing activities
- 1-2 April: Registration and 2 days of meeting
- 3 April: Visit to the military airport of Pisa, to the 46° Aerobrigata and day trip to the UN Logistics Base in Brindisi, Italy (the schedule of the last day of the programme is still at a draft stage).

The meeting will be divided in three sessions. The first part will be on the training of the military component, and the second one on the training of the civilian personnel. Each of these two parts will be followed by an assessment in a general debate. The third part will be devoted to discuss the internal structure and some organizational matters of the Association. At the end of the meeting the adoption of a final declaration is foreseen.

The session on the training of the military component will consist in a short presentation of the national military peace-keeping training programmes and experiences and of their latest developments. In particular the exam will be focused on the new challenges in training (logistics, early deployment and rapid reaction force proposals, disarming warring parties).

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The second session on the training of the civilian component will be devoted, after a short presentation of each centre, to look for new forms of co-operation and specialization among the centres and between them and the interested organizations (United Nations, OSCE, European Union).

The third part will be devoted to discuss the internal structure and organizational matters of the Association.

Interventions of senior representatives of international organizations are foreseen.

In the course of the Meeting the North Atlantic Co-operation Council Peace-keeping Course Handbook will be presented.
Agenda

1 April

0845 Registration of the participants

0915 Welcome Address
Prof. Andrea de Gutry
Director of the Training Programme: The Civilian Personnel of Peace-keeping/
Humanitarian Operations and Election Monitoring Missions: Volunteers, Officers,
Observers

0930 Communication from the IAPTC Secretariat
Mr. Alex Morrison and Ms Stephanie Blair
The Lester B. Pearson Canadian International Peacekeeping Training Centre

1000 Opening of the Military Personnel Training Session
Presentation and news from the national Military Peace-keeping Training Centres
(10 minutes each)

1300 Lunch

1400 Opening of the discussion. The discussion will be focused on the new challenges in
military training: logistics, early deployment and rapid reaction force proposals,
dismantling warring parties. In the discussion the following interventions are foreseen:

Representative of the Italian Ministry of Defence

Admiral Michel d'Oléon
Institute for Security Studies, Western European Union
WEO and Peace-Support Operations

NATO guest speaker

Ms Virginia Gamba
DCR Project Director, UNIDIR
Disarmament and Peace-keeping Operations: An Appraisal

1630 Presentation of the North Atlantic Cooperation Council Clearing House
Peace-keeping Course Handbook

1700 General Discussion

2000 Typical Tuscan dinner

2 April

0900 Opening of the Civilian Personnel Training Session
Presentation and news from the Civilian Peace-keeping Training Centres (10 minutes
each)

1000 Opening of the discussion. The discussion will be focused on the new challenges in the
Training of the Personnel of the Humanitarian and Peace-keeping Operations: military
and civilian peacekeepers relations, white helmets, wider peace-keeping. In the
discussion the following interventions are foreseen:

Representative from the UN (UNDPKO/UNDHA)
Representative from the European Commission DG 1
Representative from the OSCE

1215  General discussion
1300  Lunch
1430  General Discussion on the organization and future activity of the IAPTC and adoption of a final declaration. In this part the following aspects will be discussed:
   • internal structure of the Association;
   • programme of information exchange and as far as it is possible of coordination of the Training Programmes;
   • exchange of faculties and teaching materials (exchange of participants could also be explored);
   • establishment of a peace-keeping events (conferences/seminars) database;
   • creation of a formatted protocol dealing with the mechanism of information exchange;
   • strengthening of the external visibility of the IAPTC with particular regard to the United Nations, NATO and OSCE.

1930  Cocktails
2000  Dinner

2 April

The agenda for the whole day is still at a draft stage. In any case we can already indicate the following features:
   • we are working on the organization of an early morning visit to the 46° Aerobrigata and to the Military Airport of Pisa with a short presentation of the activities of the Aerobrigata and of the facilities of the United Nations Supply Depot (UNDPKO) and of the United Nations Warehouse (UNDHA);
   • a visit to additional peace-keeping support facilities is under discussion.

Organizational Matters

The Meeting will be held at Scuola Superiore di Studi Universitari e di Perfezionamento S. Anna, via Carducci, 40.

The Registration rate for the Meeting is 200 USD, comprehensive of:
   • hotel accommodation for 3 nights (31 March - 2 April);
   • meals for 2 days (1 - 2 March);
   • the related social activities (e.g. programme for April the 3rd).

Additional nights will be charged around 70 USD.
All the extras will be directly charged to the participants.

All the participants are kindly requested to confirm their presence not later than the end of February '96.

The hotel reservation service will be directly provided to the participants.

Detailed practical information will be provided to participants.

Prof. Andrea de Guttry
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We are writing to bring you up to date on matters concerning the International Association of Peacekeeping Training Centres which was founded at the end of June 1995 at a meeting held at the Pearson Peacekeeping Centre. It was attended by representatives of approximately 15 organizations. A copy of the concluding statement and other relevant information of that meeting are attached.

At our meeting there was general agreement that such an organization would be of benefit to peacekeeping research, education and training endeavours. The IAPTC would promote understanding of peacekeeping, its goals, objectives and of the methods used in training for peacekeeping operations. This cooperative venture would broaden contacts between and among various international organizations, peacekeeping training centres and institutes, and other interested groups and has the potential to lead to more effective peacekeeping training and education.

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Those present agreed that the Pearson Peacekeeping Centre's offer to provide the Secretariat for the IAPTC on an interim basis be accepted. It was noted that it is not envisaged that there be any financial costs to the members associated with the conduct of the Secretariat services.

Professor Andrea de Guttry, Director of Dipartimento di Diritto Publico, Instituto di Diritto Internazionale of Pisa, Italy, has kindly offered to host the next meeting scheduled for 1-3 April 1996.

IAPTC is an apolitical nonprofit association which was envisaged as complimenting the formal coordination requirement that the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations maintains with UN Member States. One of the aims of the IAPTC is to provide an informal forum for peacekeeping centres, institutes, training centres, and research and academic organizations interested in peacekeeping. It is not a directive association, but a collaboration of interested agencies and associated individuals focused on improving the effectiveness and efficiency of research, education and training for peacekeeping.

The IAPTC will thus be able to provide and distribute information, facilitate the refinement of the conceptual framework for peacekeeping, broaden contacts between and among various international organizations interested in peacekeeping and support the means to develop and refine common education programmes, formal curriculum and training plans for peacekeeping operations.

Activities of the Secretariat 1995:

* report of first meeting written and distributed;
* establishment of site on PPC's homepage. An IAPTC homepage will soon be in operation;
* organization of next meeting.

Future aims/goals/objectives for 1996:

* to mature IAPTC and broaden membership to include all peacekeeping training centres and academic institutions;
* expand and broaden the NACC handbook (collection and distribution of curriculum plans for all IAPTC members to be available by mail or electronically via the internet);
* develop and oversee a schedule board that identifies date, location, purpose and point of contact for all peacekeeping related conferences;
* secure electronic copies of UNDPKO products.

As the IAPTC is still in a very nascent stage, we appreciate very much all of your suggestions and comments. Please forward them to us at the Pearson Peacekeeping Centre.

Enclosed are letter of invitation and agenda to attend the second meeting of the IAPTC. We hope that you will be able to join us. Please forward any inquiries concerning this event to Professor de Guttry at 011 39 50 56 21 78 or via facsimile at 011 39 50 55 13 92.
All of us here at the PPC look forward to continuing the work of the IAPTC and are confident that as the Association grows, its accomplishments will be increased, magnified and enhanced.

Alex Morrison

Stephanie Blair

Founding Co-chairs, IAPTC Secretariat Directors
Introduction:

The International Association of Peacekeeping Training Centres (IAPTC) was founded 1995 at a meeting held at the Pearson Peacekeeping Centre. There was general agreement at that inaugural meeting that the IAPTC would promote better understanding of peacekeeping, its goals, objectives and of the methods used in training for peacekeeping operations. This cooperative venture would broaden contacts between and among various international organizations, peacekeeping training centres and institutes, universities and other interested groups. Thus leading to more effective peacekeeping training and education.

The IAPTC is an apolitical non-profit association which was envisaged as complimenting the formal coordination requirement that the United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations maintains with UN Member States. One of the aims of the IAPTC is to provide an informal forum for peacekeeping centres, institutes, training centres and research and academic organizations interested in peacekeeping. It is not a directive association, but a collaboration of interested agencies and associated individuals focused on improving the effectiveness and efficiency of peacekeeping research, education and training.

The IAPTC will thus be able to provide and distribute information, facilitate the refinement of the conceptual framework for peacekeeping, broaden contacts between and among various national and international organizations interested in peacekeeping and support means to develop and refine common education programmes, formal curriculum and training programmes for peacekeeping operations.

Secretariat Services and Activities:

Those present at the inaugural meeting agreed that the Pearson Peacekeeping Centre’s offer to provide the Secretariat for the IAPTC on an interim basis be accepted. It was noted that it is not envisaged that there be any financial costs to the members associated with the conduct of the Secretariat services.

Participants at the second annual meeting held in Pisa, Italy, in 1996 reaffirmed Alex Morrison and Stephanie Blair of the Pearson Peacekeeping Centre as Secretariat Directors.

The Secretariat is responsible for:

- providing continuity to all aspects of IAPTC operations
- implementing decisions taken at annual meetings
- the conduct of one annual meeting per year

in the summary report of the second annual meeting the Secretariat Directors agreed to circulate all proposals for the 1997 gathering, both as to place and time and agenda items. In principle, the meeting site should rotate on a geographical basis.

- a bid has been received from MALTA to host the third annual meeting to be held in July 1997. Once details have been ironed out this application should be circulated and comments solicited from members.
• drafting of bi-annual report
  
  one to be delivered at annual meeting.

  the second of the two reports ought to be delivered to the members within six months of
  the second annual meeting. This will provide the opportunity to provide the association
  members with an update on the activities of the Secretariat, establish, circulate and
  confirm a list of participants, centres, members and other groups as directed in the
  summary record of the second annual meeting.

Direction from 2nd Annual Meeting:

• Creation of a Newsletter

  AIM to cover the activities of the Secretariat and the various Centres. The
  newsletter will attempt to increase the visibility of the Association to
  relevant international organizations, NGO's, academics and to the
  international community in general.

  CONTENT it will include information from of all the various Centres and of the
  Association. It will contain news concerning all peacekeeping
  related events, academic lectures, diplomatic conferences and
  exhibitions. It is not intended to become a peacekeeping journal with
  articles or commentaries.

  the newsletter will be edited by the Secretariat with contributions from
  members.

  FORMAT as an electronic newsletter managed by a listserv through the IAPTC
  mailing list

  as a traditional print newsletter.

Suggest that James, Peter, Steve and Jason offer format advice. Morrison and Blair to
make final decision, set target date and issue call for materials for inclusion from
members.

• Exchange of Information (electronically)

  an electronic mailing list, managed by a listserv (regulated or non-regulated) should be
  established through which all the relevant information, requests and contacts could
  circulate freely. It will also be available in print form.

  IAPTC web site, the site will feature a short description of the Association and will have
  virtual links with: IAPTC members web pages, the main international organizations web
  pages and other centres.

Suggest that James, Peter and Sandi offer comments about a print version of the mailing
list and Steve and Jason to draft report concerning a) the costs associated with a stand-
alone IAPTC home page and b) advice about IAPTC links and listserv.
• Exchange of personnel

TEACHING STAFF
a databank could be created to be at the disposal of the IAPTC members to facilitate the exchange of staff for lectures and seminars at other centres.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF
periods of internship could be arranged bi-laterally

STUDENTS
some students attending one course at one centre might be able to participate in courses and programmes of other centres on a reciprocal basis. Arrangements could be negotiated bi-laterally by various centres.

Suggest that Steve and Sandi discuss the establishment and maintenance of a databank to contain information about prospective teaching staff with CV’s and institutional/centre recommendations. Both the web site and the newsletter could used as a vehicle to solicit inclusions to the database and announce course vacancies and availability.

• Association Visibility

an IAPTC information sheet will be prepared to contain the maximum information about members, facilitate the enhancement of the reputation of the Association and will reach potential new members.

Suggest that following the example of the NACC Handbook, the IAPTC endeavour to include non-NACC IAPTC members. The recommended information sheet could be included in the inaugural edition of the newsletter.

• Organization of one/more seminars

with the aim to gather together civilian and military trainers and representatives of national and international organizations and academic institutions. The seminar should be specifically devoted to assess the needs in training for a better coordination between the military and the civilian component.

Suggestion that in inaugural edition of the newsletter and placed on the web site a call for location and theme be issued. Thus offering a democratic forum for the members to contribute.

• Establishment of Clear Training Standards and Guidelines

priority attention and due consideration must be given to ensure that all who participate in peacekeeping adhere to those standards and guidelines. It was suggested that the training of military observers could be selected as an initial starting point. The IAPTC Secretariat should draw up plans for a short seminar and seek facilitation aid of UNDPKO and other relevant organizations. The seminar should be held as soon as possible.

Suggest that as Colonel Harris, Pentagon seems to have this project well in hand, we follow-up, offer support, and include this as an event to be listed on web site and in newsletter.

• As a discussion point a list of possible subjects for future research activity were drawn up and included in the summary report.

• Chess Harris

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One Director's Recommendations

- follow-up on the directions from the second annual meeting. Most of the points are easily carried with some assistance from those suggested. With each, a target date ought to be established in order to facilitate easily identifiable and reachable goals.

- a broad campaign of information dissemination to include distribution of newsletter to all concerned with 'peacekeeping' as well as association members. This effort should be facilitated by a web site which will attract those with an interest in peacekeeping.

- the IAPTC should make use of the PPC's specialized peacekeeping library as a place to 'hold in trust' curricula from UNDPKO and all centres and institutes which could be available for distribution at the discretion of the donor and the PPC/IAPTC librarian. Liaison with UNDPKO's Training Unit for collection and dissemination will aid in the establishment of an organizational link.

Suggest that the PPC librarian consider and recommend a collection strategy, storage plan, possible distribution scheme and UNDPKO liaison.
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The IAPTC was created in its inaugural meeting held at the Pearson Peacekeeping Centre, Cornwallis Park, Nova Scotia (Canada) from 30 June through 2 July 1995. Among the participants of this meeting were: representatives of many peace-keeping training centres of different countries (Canada, Argentina, Czech Republic, Austria, Finland, Ireland, Italy, Sweden, United States) and representatives of the North Atlantic Co-operation Council Clearing House and of the NATO HQ. Its aim is to promote understanding of peace-keeping, its goals and objectives and of the method used in training for peace-keeping operations. This co-operative venture intends to broaden contacts between and among various international organizations, peace-keeping training centres and institutes, and other interested groups and has the potential to lead to more effective peace-keeping training and education.
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as you may know, in a meeting held in July 1995 at the Pearson Peacekeeping Centre, Cornwallis Park, Nova Scotia (Canada), the International Association of Peacekeeping Training Centres (IAPTC) was created. We attach a brief presentation of the Association.

In this context, it is with great pleasure that we inform you that the 2nd Meeting of the International Association of Peace-keeping Training Centres (IAPTC) is scheduled from April the 1st through April the 3rd, 1996, in Pisa, Italy.

This year the meeting is hosted by the Training Programme: The Civilian Personnel of the Peace-keeping/Humanitarian Operations and the Election Monitoring Missions: Volunteers, Officers, Observers, and it will be held at the Scuola Superiore di Studi Universitari e di Perresionamento S. Anna, Pisa, Italy. You will find here enclosed a short description of the hosting Training Centre and the draft agenda of the meeting.

In this context we foresee the participation of all the IAPTC Members, of representatives of other Military and Civilian Peace-keeping Centres, of UN agencies, WEU and NATO officers.

In this framework we would be extremely pleased by the participation of representatives of your Institution in order to exchange experiences and to study the development of future common activities.

We would be very grateful if you could give us a feedback on your participation in the meeting by the end of February, due to the fact that the beginning of April is peak season in Pisa. In this sense for those confirming later we cannot guarantee reservation in hotels close to the meeting place.

If you need any other information on the IAPTC or on our Training Programme, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Looking forward to hearing from you we remain,

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Scuola Superiore di Studi Universitari e di Perfezionamento Sant'Anna

Pisa, Italy, 1 April - 3 April 1996

Conference schedule

The second meeting of the IAPTC will be held at the Training Programme: The Civilian Personnel of Peace-keeping/Humanitarian Operations and Election Monitoring Missions: Volunteers, Officers, Observers, Scuola Superiore di Studi Universitari e di Perfezionamento Sant'Anna, Pisa, Italy from April the 1st to April the 3rd, 1996, with the following schedule:

- 31 March Arrival of the participants and possible sightseeing activities
- 1-2 April Registration and 2 days of meeting
- 3 April Visit to the military airport of Pisa, to the 48th Aerobrigata and day trip to the UN logistics Base in Brindisi, Italy (the schedule of the last day of the programme is still at a draft stage).

The meeting will be divided in three sessions. The first part will be on the training of the military component, and the second one on the training of the civilian personnel. Each of these two parts will be followed by an assessment in a general debate. The third part will be devoted to discuss the internal structure and some organizational matters of the Association. At the end of the meeting the adoption of a final declaration is foreseen.

The session on the training of the military component will consist in a short presentation of the national military peace-keeping training programmes and experiences and of their latest developments, in particular the exam will be focused on the new challenges in training (logistics, early deployment and rapid reaction force proposals, disarmament parties).

The second session on the training of the civilian component will be devoted, after a short presentation of each centre, to look for new forms of co-operation and specialization among the centres and between them and the interested organizations (United Nations, OSCE, European Union).

The third part will be devoted to discuss the internal structure and organizational matters of the Association.

Interventions of senior representatives of international organizations are foreseen in the course of the Meeting the North Atlantic Co-operation Council Peace-keeping Course Handbook will be presented.

Agenda

1 April

08.45 Registration of the participants

09.15 Welcome Address
Prof. Andrea de Guttry
Director of the Training Programme: The Civilian Personnel of Peace-keeping/Humanitarian Operations and Election Monitoring Missions: Volunteers, Officers, Observers
09.30 Communication from the IAPTC Secretariat
Mr. Alex Morrison and Ms. Stephanie Blair
The Lester B. Pearson Canadian International Peacekeeping Training Centre

10.00 Opening of the Military Personnel Training Session
Presentation and news from the national Military Peace-keeping Training Centres
(10 minutes each)

13.00 Lunch

14.00 Opening of the discussion. The discussion will be focused on the new challenges in military training: logistics, early deployment and rapid reaction force proposals, disarming warring parties. In the discussion the following interventions are foreseen:

Representative of the Italian Ministry of Defence
Admiral Michel d'Oléon
Institute for Security Studies, Western European Union
WEU and Peace-Support Operations
NATO guest speaker
Mr. Virginia Gamba
DGR Project Director, UNIDIR
Disarmament and Peace-keeping Operations: An Appraisal

16.30 Presentation of the North Atlantic Cooperation Council Clearing House
Peace-keeping Course Handbook

17.00 General Discussion

20.00 Typical Tuscan dinner

2 April

09.00 Opening of the Civilian Personnel Training Session
Presentation and news from the Civilian Peace-keeping Training Centres (10 minutes each)

10.00 Opening of the discussion. The discussion will be focused on the new challenges in the Training of the Personnel of the Humanitarian and Peace-keeping Operations; military and civilian peacekeepers relations, white helmets, wider peace-keeping. In the discussion the following interventions are foreseen:

Representative from the UN (UNDPKO/UNDHA)
Representative from the European Commission DG I
Representative from the OSCE

12.15 General discussion

13.00 Lunch

14.30 General Discussion on the organization and future activity of the IAPTC and adoption a final declaration. In this part the following aspects will be discussed:
- internal structure of the Association;
- programme of information exchange and as far as it is possible of coordination of the Training Programmes;
- exchange of faculties and teaching materials (exchange of participants could also be explored).
- establishment of a peace-keeping events (conferences/seminars) database;
- creation of a formatted protocol dealing with the mechanism of information exchange;
- strengthening of the external visibility of the IAPTC with particular regard to the United Nations, NATO and OSCE;

19:30  Cocktail
20:00  Dinner

3 April

The agenda for the whole day is still at a draft stage. In any case we can already indicate the following features:
- we are working on the organization of an early morning visit to the 48° Aerobrigata and to the Military Airport of Pisa with a short presentation of the activities of the Aerobrigata and of the facilities of the United Nations Supply Depot (UNDPKO) and of the United Nations Warehouse (UNDHA);
- a visit to additional peace-keeping support facilities is under discussion

Organizational Matters

The Meeting will be held at Scuola Superiore di Studi Universitari e di Perfezionamento S. Anna, via Carducci, 40.

The Registration rate for the Meeting is 200 USD, comprehensive of:
- hotel accommodation for 3 nights (31 March-2 April);
- meals for 2 days (1-2 March);
- the related social activities (e.g. programme for April the 3rd).

Additional nights will be charged around 70 USD.
All the extras will be directly charged to the participants.

All the participants are kindly requested to confirm their presence not later than the end of February '96.
The hotel reservation service will be directly provided to the participants.

Detailed practical information will be provided to participants.

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RECENT CHALLENGES IN PEACEKEEPING TRAINING: THE OPERATIONS OF THE NEW GENERATION

SUMMARY RECORD OF 2ND ANNUAL MEETING HELD AT

SCUOLA SUPERIORE S. ANNA, PISA, ITALY

1 - 3 APRIL 1996

General

The IAPTC was founded in 1995 to provide an informal forum for the exchange of peacekeeping information.

From 1 to 3 April, 1996, 60 persons from 40 training centres, countries and organizations gathered at Scuola Superiore S. Anna in Pisa, Italy under the chairmanship of Professor Andrea de Guttry. The agenda for the meeting is attached to this Summary record.

The Founding co-Chairs and Secretariat Directors, Alex Morrison and Stephanie A. Blair of the Pearson Peacekeeping Centre were in attendance.

Aims of the IAPTC

The Participants re-affirmed that the IAPTC should remain, in accordance with its founding principles, an open and voluntary association of various centres/institutions/programmes which deal with peacekeeping, and peacekeeping research, education and training.

The IAPTC is a forum for the exchange of personnel, information and experiences.

It provides a focal point both for specific projects and for open-ended discussions and debates.

The IAPTC constitutes a credible partner for international organizations either at the universal level or at the regional level. The establishment of a continuous and mutually beneficial relationship between the national centres and the international organizations remains a paramount goal of the Association. The relationship should be the channel to co-ordinate the needs of all in terms of teaching methods, programmes, timing, selection of trainers and of trainees.

Activities of the IAPTC

Participants envisaged an exchange of personnel among the various peacekeeping training centres. This exchange could involve:

- teaching staff: some teaching staff members could be at disposal of other centres for delivering lectures and seminars at other centres. To facilitate this a data bank could be created and put at disposal of the IAPTC members by the Secretariat. The data bank will provide information on the professional
profiles of the faculty members and their availability (period and other conditions) for classes at other centres.

- **Administrative staff**: some periods of internship at other centres could be envisaged for some members of the administrative staff. Arrangements in this sense could be negotiated bilaterally by the various centres;

- **Students**: some students attending a course at one centre might be able to participate in courses and programmes of other centres on a reciprocal basis with the exemption/partial exemption of fees. Arrangements in this sense could be negotiated bilaterally by the various centres.

It was agreed that there should be a continuous exchange of information-sharing among the various peacekeeping training centres and related institutions, coordinated as appropriate by the Secretariat.

**IAPTC newsletter**: Some information newsletters and lists of events on peacekeeping are already periodically reviewed and made circulating in the international community, but the creation of an IAPTC newsletter seems necessary. We recommend to create a Newsletter to cover the activities of the Association and of the various Centres. The newsletter would constitute an appropriate tool for making the Association known by other Centres. The newsletter would make the Association more visible to relevant international organizations, NGOs, academics and to the international community in general.

**Content of the newsletter**: The newsletter should include all the information of the activities of the Centres and of the Association, with the commitment of all to furnish this information. It will give information on any other peacekeeping events (academic lectures, diplomatic conferences, exhibitions...). It must be stressed that the newsletter is not intended to become a peacekeeping journal with articles or commentaries.

**Organization of the newsletter**: The newsletter should be edited by the Secretariat with the contribution of all the members; the newsletter could take the following forms:

- as electronic newsletter, managed by a listserver through the IAPTC mailing list;
- as newsletter on paper (more visible).

Material for the newsletter should be submitted to the Secretariat, for the first instance, by 15 May 1996.

Participants noted that two initiatives could be taken in the context of the electronic exchange of information:

- an electronic mailing list, managed by a listserver (regulated or non-regulated) should be established through which all the relevant information, requests, contacts ... could circulate freely. It will also be available in print form.
- all present welcome the imminent establishment of an IAPTC Web site by the Secretariat.

The site will feature a short description of the Association and will have virtual links with: the IAPTC members Web pages, the main international organizations Web pages, other centres and institutions Web pages.

The Secretariat Directors undertook, with the cooperation of members to make the Association more known in the international community and to reach new potential members in all areas of the world. An IAPTC information sheet will be prepared to aid in this activity.

Participants agreed that emphasis should be placed on the relationship, between the civilian and the military component, in peacekeeping missions and related operations. In this regard the IAPTC, which encompasses both civilian and military centres, and those which conduct both types of training could
play a certain role in stimulating new/better forms of coordination among the two components. Some initiatives which could be envisaged include:

- exchange of teaching staff between members. That would help to make the different realities better understanding each other;
- organization of one/more seminar/s which could gather together civilian and military trainers and representatives of national and international organizations and academic institutions. The seminar should be specifically devoted to assess the needs in training for a better coordination between the military and the civilian component.

The principle of inviting representatives of international organizations to IAPTC meetings should be maintained and an open channel should be instituted between these institutions and the IAPTC. These organizations should be kept informed by the Secretariat of the IAPTC activities.

In general discussion sessions, many points were raised and suggestions advanced. The areas in which progress could be made with maximum benefit to peacekeeping and to members of the IAPTC are listed hereunder.

Many felt that the area of establishment of clear training standards and guidelines required priority attention; due consideration must also be given to the desire to ensure that all who participate in peacekeeping adhere to those standards and guidelines. It was suggested that the training of military observers could be selected as an initial starting point. The IAPTC Secretariat should draw up plans for a short seminar and seek the facilitation aid of UNDPKO and other relevant organizations. The seminar should be held as soon as possible.

The need for professionalization in approach to, and conduct of all peacekeeping activities was stressed by participants.

The subject of human rights monitoring in peacekeeping was discussed and members agreed that greater clarification of approach and responsibility could aid in achieving progress.

Possible subjects for future research activity could include *inter alia*:

- an examination of UN and non-UN peacekeeping operations to determine what are the significant similarities and differences in such areas as national contingent relations, chain of command and rules of engagement;
- a possible system of accreditation of training centres and their curricula;
- peacekeeping doctrine;
- civilian, military cooperation;
- the development of a peacekeeping training paradigm which might be useful in the design and conduct of training and which might also serve to reduce duplication of efforts;
- regionalization of peacekeeping activities (peacekeeping by proxy);
- national considerations versus international imperatives;
- peacekeeping and international law;
- various aspects of training of civilian police;
- human rights;
- challenges for international conflict resolution in the 21st century.

It was agreed that the IAPTC should maintain its non-directive character.
The Secretariat Directors undertook to establish and circulate a list of participants, centres, members, and other groups.

The Secretariat Directors will receive and circulate all proposals for the 1997 gathering, both as to place and time and to agenda items. In principle, the meeting site should rotate on a geographical basis.

The Secretariat Directors agreed to circulate a report to all members within six months of the annual meeting and to deliver a report at each annual meeting.

Participants reaffirmed Alex Morrison and Stephanie A. Blair of the Pearson Peacekeeping Centre as Secretariat Directors.

Members expressed their sincere appreciation to Professor Andrea de Guttry, Mr. Fabrizio Pagani and Ms Barbara Carrai of Scuola S. Anna for the excellent arrangements they provided for participants.

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