



INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

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- In 2003 the IICI established its Headquarters in The Hague, The Netherlands.
- The IICI is comprised of the Institute for International Criminal Investigations (IICI) and the Institute for International Criminal Investigations Foundation (IICIF). They are non-profit, international organizations dedicated to the training of international criminal investigators and related professionals in the techniques of investigation of genocide and other serious violations of international humanitarian law (IHL).
- IICI is an American 501 c (3) tax-exempt corporation incorporated in the State of California. IICIF is a Dutch charitable foundation based in The Hague, The Netherlands.
- The IICI is designed to support all international criminal justice mechanisms and truth commissions with training and the rapid deployment of professional, multi-disciplinary investigative teams.
- The IICI was conceived in 1999 by Raymond McGrath and Nancy Pemberton, professional criminal investigators from San Francisco, who currently serve as the President and Secretary/Treasurer of the IICI(F). The IICI was developed with the advice and participation of staff members from the International Criminal Tribunals for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) and Rwanda (ICTR), the former Chief of the Irish Defence Forces, the Irish Centre for Human Rights, the Royal Netherlands School for Peacekeeping and Physicians for Human Rights.
- Members of the IICI Board of directors and Council of Advisors originate from Australia, Britain, Cambodia, Canada, Denmark, Egypt, India, Ireland, Pakistan, South Africa, Sudan, Trinidad and Tobago, and the United States.
- William Schabas, OC, a distinguished expert on international law and director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights, is the Chairman of the Board. Justice Richard Goldstone, first prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunals for Rwanda and the Former Yugoslavia, is a leading member of the Council of Advisors.
- John Ralston, the immediate past Chief of Investigations of the ICTY, is the Executive Director.
- Anna Coulouris is the Institute's Head of Office in The Hague. She joined the IICI in June 2008 and is responsible for all Institute administration and liaison in Europe. Ms Coulouris has worked in the field of human rights for more than 12 years and participated in the 5th International Investigator Course.

Achievements

International Investigator Courses

- The IICI has conducted thirteen International Investigator Courses with students from all over the world. In total over 260 people from many of the

world's trouble spots including the global south, working for tribunals, courts, war crimes units, human rights organisations and the United Nations have attended the International Investigator Courses. Two such courses are now held annually.

Investigations

- Beginning in late 2008 the IICI participated in a project with the Irish Centre for Human Rights (ICHR) to focus on the situation of the Rohingyas, a Muslim ethnic minority group in Western Burma (Myanmar). The IICI assisted in the planning and field interviews for this project and provided investigation guidance. The subsequent [report](#) and [press release](#) highlight widespread Crimes Against Humanity committed against the Rohingyas.
- In January 2008 at the request of the organisation “No Peace Without Justice” the IICI provided assisted the Kenya National Commission for Human Rights in establishing its investigation of post-December 2007 election violence.
- In March 2007 the IICI mentored staff of the *Auditeur Militaire* in the Democratic Republic of Congo in an investigation of 17 murders in Muramba, north of Goma that had occurred in March 2007.
- In 2002 Physicians for Human Rights (PHR), asked the IICI to recommend a senior investigator to assist with a preliminary forensic assessment of events at the Jenin Refugee Camp. Subsequently a joint PHR-IICI of Col. Brenda Hollis, currently the Prosecutor of the Special Court for Sierra Leone and previously a senior prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, and a retired United States Air Force officer; Dr. Bill Haglund, an IICI Director and well-known forensic expert who at the time was Director of Forensic Programs at PHR; and Dr. Nizam Peerwani, Chief Medical Examiner of Tarrant County, Texas. The PHR report is available for reading at <http://www.phrusa.org>.

Capacity Building for National Justice Mechanisms and ICC Complementarity

- In 2010 the IICI began implementation of a training programme for prosecutors, investigators, judges and civil society actors working with the War Crimes Division of the High Court of Uganda. The first training course, for investigators and prosecutors working with the War Crimes Division, was held in Kampala, Uganda in March-April 2010.
- In May 2009 the IICI in consultation with Rwanda's Institute for Legal Practice and Development (ILPD) and a Hague-based foundation International Criminal Law Services (ICLS), conducted a “Needs and Actors” assessment of Rwanda's genocide investigation and prosecution capacity. From this a joint capacity-building project was developed, which was carried out in Rwanda in August 2009 and included training in investigative skills delivered by IICI.
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- In November-December 2008 the IICI held its first specific skills courses in Investigative Interviewing (a standard and an advanced course) and Analysis Skills, for professionals in international criminal investigations, human rights and related fields. The same courses were repeated in October and December 2009.
- In September 2008 the IICI presented a three-day workshop on investigation skills for both national and international staff of the Human Rights Office of the UN Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (MONUC).
- In April 2008 an IICI team travelled to Darfur where it provided training to teams of UN human rights monitors in El Fasher and El Geneina.
- In January 2008 at the request of the organisation “No Peace Without Justice” the IICI provided assistance to the Kenya National Commission for Human Rights in establishing its investigation of post-December 2007 election violence. IICI Executive Director John Ralston assisted KNCHR Commissioners in the design and planning of their investigation and with training 80 staff members.
- In April 2007 the IICI conducted a three-day seminar at the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC) on comparative investigation strategies and practices.
- In March 2007 at the request of the Minister of Defence and the Minister of Justice of the Democratic Republic of Congo, and with assistance of the Human Rights Division of the UN Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (MONUC), the IICI conducted a two week training program in Kinshasa for staff of the office of the *Auditeur Militaire* and the Justice Department. While in Kinshasa the IICI also provided a two day training seminar for staff of the Human Rights Division of MONUC.
- In February 2007 the IICI conducted four, three day, Investigation Skills Seminars for 121 members of the Cambodian Judicial Police who will be called upon to assist the ECCC in its work.
- In 2006 the IICI designed a specific International Investigation Course for members of the Royal Netherland Police, International Crimes Unit. The first week of the course was held in December 2006. The second week in April 2007.
- In November 2006 the IICI presented a three-day “Investigation Skills Seminar” for staff of the ECCC.
- In March 2006 in conjunction with the OSCE the IICI conducted a four-day seminar, “War Crimes Investigators – Interview Techniques” in Serbia.
- In March 2004 the IICI and the United States Institute of Peace (USIP) organized and co-sponsored a conference to discuss issues pertaining to the requirements of the Iraqi Special Tribunal. Conference participants included thirteen experts on international criminal law and on the practical operations of special tribunals from nine countries, as well as eleven Iraqis involved in establishing the IST.