



International Counter-Terrorism
Academic Community

"It takes a network to beat a network"

Press Release

The International Counter-Terrorism Academic Community (ICTAC) is an International association of institutions, experts and researchers in fields related to the study of terrorism and counterterrorism founded in 2003 by Dr. Boaz Ganor, Executive Director of the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism in Herzlyia (ICT), Israel.

Between 4 – 6 March 2010, The Centre for High Studies for Combating Terrorism and political violence (Ce.AS), Italian founding member of ICTAC, hosted the fourth ICTAC conference at the University Campus "Selva dei Pini" in the city of Pomezia, organized in cooperation with the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT).

The conference's goal was to expand and strengthen the international reach of ICTAC. The new membership of ICTAC includes henceforth 14 institutes and think-tanks and 9 individual researchers from five continents.

The new organizational framework, based on a new constitution, consists of a President, Dr. Boaz Ganor (ICT, Israel), an Executive Director, Senator Maurizio Calvi (CeAS, Italy), an Academic Director, Prof. Fernando Reinares (Elcano Royal Institute for International and Strategic Studies – Madrid) and a five members Executive Committee: Prof. Arie Krunglaski (National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START), University of Maryland, USA), Prof. Robert Friedmann (Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange, USA), Prof. William Banks (The Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism at Syracuse University, USA), Dr. Anne Mandeville (Centre de Droit Pénal International et d'Analyse des Conflits, Université de Toulouse I, France) and Prof. Dragan Simeunovic (Centre for Security Studies and Terrorism Research, Belgrade University, Serbia).

The conference was attended also by representatives of two United Nations organizations, Dr. David Scharia, Legal Officer in the Counter Terrorism Executive Directorate (CTED) of the United Nations Security Council and Dott. Alberto D'Alessandro, UNICRI Liaison Representative to the Council of Europe. The conference was saluted by high level Italian officials.

ICTAC will open a head office at the Campus of Pomezia, and Dr. Alfredo D'Ascoli Graziano will be the coordinator of this office. CeAS, with the cooperation of ICTAC members will publish an annual Global Terrorism Report to be widely disseminated to national and international political entities and to the great public.

The conference served for some 30 world leading experts that participated at the meeting for a broad exchange of views and presentations on the situation of terrorism on the global, regional (Europe, Middle East, Africa, the Balkans, South America, Caucasus) and local levels (China, Afghanistan, Israel, South Africa ahead of the forthcoming World Soccer Cup).

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The discussions covered also specific issues such as new international laws in the asymmetric wars and the concept of proportionality; the fight against incitement to terrorism, extremism and intolerance, the de-radicalization process in Saudi Arabia, hologramatic terrorism, presentations of the CTED Global Implementation Survey 2009 Report and UNICRI's activities.

ICTAC is open to other institutional and individual members with a recognized professional record in the field of terrorism and counter-terrorism research and will be glad to positively respond to such applications.



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