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**ASIL COSPONSORS DIALOG AND PRESS CONFERENCE WITH  
INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL PROSECUTORS**

WASHINGTON, DC – The American Society of International Law (ASIL), in cooperation with the Chautauqua Institution, The Robert H. Jackson Center, Washington University's Whitney R. Harris Institute for Global Legal Studies, and Syracuse University College of Law, will cosponsor a conference for current and past prosecutors of international criminal tribunals. Entitled *The International Humanitarian Law Dialogs*, the event will take place **August 29, 2007**, at The Chautauqua Institution in Chautauqua, New York. Members of the press are invited to attend the meeting and related press conference by registering with Carol Drake, Office Manager, Robert H. Jackson Center, at [cdrake@roberthjackson.org](mailto:cdrake@roberthjackson.org) or +1.716.483.6646.

Marking the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Hague Rules of 1907, the cornerstone of the laws regulating armed conflict today, former and current chief prosecutors from six international criminal tribunals will gather to discuss the current state of the law of war. Participants will include **Whitney Harris** (Prosecutor, International Military Tribunal,

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Nuremberg), **Henry King** (Prosecutor, International Military Tribunal, Nuremberg), **Louis Moreno-Ocampo** (Chief Prosecutor, International Criminal Court), **Stephen Rapp** (Chief Prosecutor, Special Court for Sierra Leone [SCSL]), **Hassan Jallow** (Prosecutor, International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda), **Robert Petit** (Co-Prosecutor, Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia), **David Tolbert** (Deputy Prosecutor, International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia), **David M. Crane** (former Chief Prosecutor, SCSL), and **Sir Desmond DeSilva** (former Chief Prosecutor, SCSL).

Conducted in a roundtable setting, the conference will allow participants, their guests, and the public to reflect on lessons learned and to consider future developments involving the law of war, also known as humanitarian law. Leading international criminal law experts and ASIL members **Ambassador David Scheffer**, **Professor Michael Newton**, and **Professor Leila Sadat** will moderate the event.

The discussions will be **off the record with the exception** of a **press conference** at **2:30 p.m. (August 29)**, at the Athenaeum Hotel (<http://www.athenaeum-hotel.com/maps.html>), Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, New York. As part of the news conference the prosecutors will issue a statement, “The Chautauqua Declaration,” summarizing their findings and offering recommendations for the future of humanitarian law. For the complete schedule and further details visit <http://www.asil.org/events/chautauqua.pdf>.

“It’s an honor for ASIL to cosponsor this meeting of the world’s top professionals in international criminal prosecution,” said ASIL Executive Director **Elizabeth Andersen**. “Their discussions will be rich with first-hand experiences, which – by being shared in the relaxed, inspirational setting for which Chautauqua is famous – could bring forth valuable

lessons learned as well as suggestions for prosecuting humanitarian law cases in the future.”

ASIL events, such as *The International Humanitarian Law Dialogs*, generally deal with one of the Society’s seven thematic focal areas: Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, International Institutions, International Law and Development, International Security, Science and Technology, Trade and Investment, and Transnational Litigation and Arbitration.

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