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ASIL'S LIEBER SOCIETY SEEKS PRIZE APPLICANTS FOR 2008

WASHINGTON, DC – The American Society of International Law's (ASIL) Lieber Society on the Law of Armed Conflict is taking applications for two prizes which it will present at ASIL's 2008 Annual Meeting: the **Francis Lieber Prize** and the **Lieber Society Military Prize**.

Francis Lieber Prize

The Lieber Prize is awarded annually by the Lieber Society to an author under 35 years of age for outstanding scholarship in the field of the law of armed conflict. Entries may address such topics as the use of force in international law, the conduct of hostilities during international and non-international armed conflicts, protected persons and objects under the law of armed conflict, the law of weapons, operational law, rules of engagement, occupation law, peace operations, counter-terrorist operations, and humanitarian assistance. The author's work must be nominated by a third party, and the deadline for submission along with the letter of nomination is **January 15, 2008**.

Last year's award was given to Dr. **Laura Perna**, formerly of the University of Essex, for her book *The Formation of the Treaty Law of Non-International Armed*

Conflicts. The book was published by Martinus Nijhoff in 2006 as part of its International Humanitarian Law Series.

Lieber Society Military Prize

With its initiation last year, the Lieber Society Military Prize recognizes a paper or article that significantly enhances the understanding and implementation of the law of war. The award will be given annually for exceptional writing in English by a member of the regular or reserve armed forces, without regard to nationality or ASIL membership.

For the 2008 competition, papers addressing practical problems confronting members of armed forces in their operations throughout the world are preferred. Papers may address issues related to the use of force in international law, the conduct of hostilities during international and non-international armed conflicts, protected persons and protected objects, the law of weapons, rules of engagement, the treatment of detainees and occupation law. The deadline for applications is **January 2, 2008**.

The winner of the first Lieber Society Military Prize was Lieutenant Colonel **Eric Talbot Jensen**, U.S. Army, for his paper "**Combatant Status: It Is Time for Intermediate Levels of Recognition for Partial Compliance.**" LTC Jensen is currently the Chief of the International Law Branch, Office of the Judge Advocate General, U.S. Army. His article was originally published in the May 2006 issue of the *Virginia Journal of International Law*.

For more information about both prizes, including details on how to apply or nominate, visit <http://www.asil.org/pdfs/lieberprize.pdf>.

ASIL Interest Groups, such as the Lieber Society, are organized by ASIL members for focused activity in particular fields of international law. The Lieber Society

serves as ASIL's focal point for the study and dissemination of information about the law of armed conflict (international humanitarian law) and other public international law related to the conduct of military operations. The Lieber Society facilitates dialogue by bringing together academics and governmental and non-governmental practitioners, civilian and military, from the United States and throughout the world. In addition to its prize program, the group fulfills its mission by sponsoring panel discussions; publishing a quarterly newsletter; co-sponsoring symposia; and sharing and critiquing ideas, research, and papers.

ASIL is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, educational membership organization. It was founded in 1906, chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1950, and has held Category II Consultative Status to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations since 1993. ASIL's mission is to foster the study of international law and to promote the establishment and maintenance of international relations on the basis of law and justice. The Society's 4,000 members (from nearly 100 countries) comprise attorneys, academics, corporate counsel, judges, representatives of governments and nongovernmental organizations, international civil servants, students, and others interested in international law. For more information, visit www.asil.org.