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### ASIL 103<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL MEETING AWARD RECIPIENTS

WASHINGTON, DC – The American Society of International Law (ASIL) held its 103<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting, with the theme “International Law as Law,” March 25-28, 2009, in Washington, DC. The four-day event, with attendance of more than 1,200, included the awarding of several honors and prizes, as follows, for work in the field of international law.

#### **Honors**

The **Manley O. Hudson Medal**, first awarded in 1956, is given on an occasional basis in recognition of exceptional contributions to scholarship and achievement in international law. The medal is awarded, without regard to nationality, for pre-eminent scholarship and achievement in international law. ASIL’s 2009 Hudson Medal winner is past ASIL President **Charles N. Brower**, based on his contributions to the fields of public international law and international dispute resolution. Formerly of White & Case and now of 20 Essex Street Chambers, Brower serves as a Judge of the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal in The Hague and a Judge Ad Hoc of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

The **Goler T. Butcher Medal** has been awarded by the Society each year since

1997 in recognition of outstanding contributions to the development or effective realization of international human rights law. This year's award went to **Monica Pinto** of the University of Buenos Aires Law School, who was recognized for her work to strengthen international human rights law.

The Society bestows the award of **Honorary Member** on an occasional basis to non-US citizens who have rendered distinguished contributions or service in the field of international law. Former United Nations Under-Secretary General for Legal Affairs **Hans Corell** won that honor this year in recognition of his efforts in developing international law and diplomacy.

ASIL's Women in International Law Interest Group gives a **Prominent Woman in International Law Award** at its Annual Meeting luncheon. This year's honoree was Justice **Unity Dow**, the first female member of the High Court of Botswana, who spoke on her career and efforts to promote women's rights.

#### **ASIL Book Awards**

Each year a committee of the Society recognizes with a Certificate of Merit outstanding books in three specific areas. This year the late **Douglas M. Johnston**, Professor Emeritus at the University of Victoria, and his book *The Historical Foundations of World Order: The Tower and the Arena* (Martinus Nijhoff Publishers) won the ASIL Certificate of Merit for a preeminent contribution to creative scholarship. Professor **Mark Drumbl** of Washington and Lee School of Law received an honorable mention in this category for his book *Atrocity, Punishment, and International Law* (Cambridge University Press).

The Certificate of Merit in a specialized area of international law went to Dr. **Ralph Wilde** of University College London for his book *International Territorial Administration: How Trusteeship and the Civilizing Mission Never Went Away* (Oxford University Press). The editors of *The Oxford Handbook of International Investment Law* (Oxford University Press), **Peter Muchlinski**, **Federico Ortino**, and **Christoph Schreuer**, received an honorable mention in a specialized area of international law.

For high technical craftsmanship and utility to practicing lawyers and scholars, **Otto Triffterer** of the University of Salzburg won a Certificate of Merit as editor of *Commentary on the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, Second Edition* (Hart Publishing).

#### **Prizes**

The **Francis Deák Prize** is awarded annually to a young author for meritorious scholarship published in *The American Journal of International Law*. The prize was established in 1973 by Philip Cohen in memory of Francis Deák, former head of the international law program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and editor of *American International Law Cases, 1783-1963*, the first volume of which was published in 1971, the year before his death. The award is sponsored by ASIL Publishing Partner Oxford University Press. This year's winners of the Deák Prize are **Nicholas DiMascio** of the U.S. District Court of Arizona and **Joost Pauwelyn** of the Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva, for “**Non-Discrimination in Trade and Investment Treaties: Worlds Apart or Two Sides of the Same Coin**” (AJIL 102, 2008).

The **Lieber Prize** has been awarded annually since 2004 by ASIL's Francis Lieber Society on the Law of Armed Conflict to an author less than 35 years of age for outstanding scholarship in that field. For the first time, the Lieber Society selected prizes for two separate categories: book and article. The 2009 book award was given to **Guénaél Mettraux** of the International Criminal Law Bureau for his work **The Law of Command Responsibility** (Oxford University Press, 2009). **Grant T. Harris** of the U.S. Mission to the United Nations was awarded the Lieber Prize for his article "**Human Rights, Israel, and Political Realities of Occupation**" (Israel Law Review, Vol. 41, 2008).

The **Lieber Society Military Prize**, initiated with a prize in 2007, recognizes a paper or article that significantly enhances the understanding and implementation of the law of war. The prize is given for exceptional writing in English by an active duty or retired member of the regular or reserve armed forces, regardless of nationality. This year's Lieber Society Military Prize award went to Major **Jeffrey S. Thurnher** of the United States Army for his essay "**Drowning in Blackwater.**" Two other authors recognized with honorable mentions for their outstanding works were retired United States Navy Commander **David W. Glazier** for the essay "**If I Could Turn Back Time: Re-lawyering the 'War on Terror'**" and Commander **Andrew Murdoch** of the United Kingdom Royal Navy for his essay "**Forcible Interdiction of Ships Transporting Terrorists.**"

"ASIL's award selection committees considered many excellent candidates for the 2009 awards," said ASIL Executive Director Elizabeth Andersen. "We are proud to announce this exceptional group of honorees. The Society thanks the supporters of these

annual prizes and sincerely congratulates the individuals who received them.”

For more information about any of the above honorees or their work, please contact Sheila Ward, ASIL Director of Communications and Member Relations, at [sward@asil.org](mailto:sward@asil.org) or +1.202.939.6018.

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