



INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITIONS 2012, NATIONAL AND SOUTH ASIAN ROUNDS

THE ICRC

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is a private, independent humanitarian organisation, based in Geneva, Switzerland. The ICRC has been conferred a mandate by the international community to protect and assist persons affected by armed conflict. This mandate includes the promotion and development of International Humanitarian Law (IHL), including in time of peace.

In the fulfilment of this responsibility, the ICRC is active in disseminating and promoting IHL within academic circles. This includes developing IHL curricula for universities, conducting university teacher training programmes and organising events such as the Henry Dunant Memorial Moot Court Competition and Essay Competitions on Humanitarian Law

THE IHL MOOT COURT – NATIONAL ROUNDS

In 2001 the ICRC Regional Delegation for South Asia initiated the Henry Dunant Memorial Moot Court Competition, with the aim of promoting better awareness of IHL among law students at universities throughout India. This competition is named in memory of Henry Dunant, the co-founder of the ICRC and the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement in 1863.

The Moot Court Competition in India has grown steadily since its inception in 2001 and has included more than 64 teams, representing universities from across the country.

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Iran, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka also organise their own national rounds in their respective countries. All the countries share a common moot court problem for the national rounds and the regional competition.

THE SOUTH ASIA REGIONAL COMPETITION

The South Asia regional Moot Court competition will follow national competitions (as applicable) that will take place in each participating country. The winning teams from each of the respective countries will participate in the South Asia regional competition approximately one month after the completion of the national competitions. The winners of the regional Moot Court competition will represent South Asia in the Asia Pacific Moot Competition, which is usually held in Hong Kong.

THE OBJECTIVE

The principal objective of the Henry Dunant Memorial Moot Court Competition is to develop an increased awareness and interest in IHL in academic institutions throughout South Asia. A further objective is to promote academic excellence in the student community, and to develop their advocacy skills in an environment of friendly competition.

DATES AND WHOM TO CONTACT

The National Moot Court Competitions

The 2012 National Moot court competition in India will be held from 20 - 23 September 2012 in partnership between the ICRC and the Indian Society of International Law (ISIL), New Delhi. For more information please contact:
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For this year's Moot Court queries, problem and rules please visit www.isil-aca.org or <http://www.icrc.org/eng/resources/events/index.jsp>

The South Asia Regional Moot Court Competition

The Henry Dunant South Asia Regional Level Moot Court Competition 2012 will be held from 12 – 13th October 2012 in Dhaka, Bangladesh. For further information on the regional rounds, contact Ms Rumana Binte Masud, Communication Officer, ICRC Dhaka. Email: rmasud@icrc.org or Dr Sanoj Rajan, Academic Programmes Responsible, the ICRC Regional Delegation for South Asia, 47 Sunder Nagar, New Delhi- 110003 India. Tel: +91-11-42211000 Email : newdelhi@icrc.org