



## SUPPORTING TRIBUNAL STAFF

30 January 2012



## ICTY Staff Union launches unique training project

The ICTY Staff Union, in cooperation with several European partners, has launched an unprecedented EU Commission project designed to support and educate vulnerable staff members.

Vulnerable staff members may include those approaching retirement age, re-entering countries with high unemployment rates, or with particularly specialised sets of skills. The project will be known by its acronym, SNOVE (Supporting the Needs of Vulnerable Employees).

The launch saw the ICTY's Registrar, Mr John Hocking, open the project at a gathering attended by staff, the project's partner organisations, and representatives from the Bosnian, Macedonian and Finnish embassies.

To ensure the success of the project, the ICTY's Staff Union has joined forces with four other institutions known for their extensive experience in employment issues and vocational training: The General Federation of Trade Unions (UK), Työvaen Akatemia (Finland), the Toulouse Business School (France), and the Balkan Institute for Labour and Social Policy (Bulgaria). These partners will assist in the planning, coordination and implementation of the project in their own countries.

“In normal times, vulnerable employees need support to re-enter the labour market and in this current context of profound restructuring associated with the global crisis, the number of people facing precarious employment is increasing,” said Jonathan Winterton of the Toulouse Business School. “The SNOVE project has considerable potential to develop materials adapted to the needs of those at risk of being made redundant and to promote a more socially-responsible approach to restructuring. Given medium-term demographic trends in Europe, employers need to explore recruitment strategies that can also

serve to combat social exclusion and promote diversity. SNOVE can be part of a win-win solution for all stakeholders.”

Together, the ICTY Staff Union and its partners will identify the most vulnerable staff members, determine exactly which kind of training will be able to help them the most, and then run closely monitored training sessions, fully accredited by the pertinent Dutch authorities. Following ‘graduation’ from SNOVE, participants will be asked to determine the effectiveness of the project as it proceeds over the next two years. The project's final outcomes will be gathered into a report, which is intended to provide a possible template for implementation of the findings across the wider UN, helping to raise standards in this important area.

## REGIONAL WAR CRIMES TRIALS

23 January 2012



## Prosecutor Brammertz welcomes Stanković's arrest

Prosecutor Brammertz welcomed the arrest of Radovan Stanković in Bosnia and Herzegovina on Saturday and said: “We are satisfied that Radovan Stanković, initially indicted by the Tribunal and transferred to Bosnia and Herzegovina where he was convicted, has finally been apprehended, more than four years after he escaped from the prison in Foča.

The Office of the Prosecutor has repeatedly called for the arrest of Radovan Stanković. In the last report to the UN Security Council, he emphasized the importance of apprehending Stanković, which remained a critical challenge for Bosnia and Herzegovina and other States of the former Yugoslavia. “Today's apprehension of Stanković is significant for the victims of the grave crimes he has been convicted for. I hope that this

arrest reflects an increased commitment of the authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina to support the process of bringing to justice those responsible for the grave crimes committed on their territory in the early 1990s.”

Radovan Stanković, a former member of Serb paramilitary forces, was indicted by the ICTY for crimes against humanity and war crimes, including rape committed in Foča, Bosnia and Herzegovina, in 1992. He was transferred by the Tribunal to Bosnia and Herzegovina in September 2005 pursuant to Rule 11bis of the Rules of Procedure and Evidence of the Tribunal. He was convicted by the State Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina to a 20-year sentence but escaped from prison in Foča in May 2007.

## CAPACITY BUILDING

25 January 2012



## ICTY Outreach Programme donates legal material to Montenegro

The Tribunal's Outreach Programme recently made a significant donation of international legal publications to Montenegro's Ministry of Justice, Central Library, Supreme Prosecutor's office and Youth Initiative for Human Rights (YIHR). The donation includes copies of the ICTY's Judicial Reports, the Commonwealth Law Reports, the Encyclopaedia of Modern Legal Systems as well as a number of publications of the European Court of Human Rights.

Ms Branka Lakočević, Deputy Minister for the Judicial Sector of the Ministry of Justice of Montenegro, said that the donation was an example of good cooperation between the ICTY and Montenegro: “I would like to express my gratitude for this donation of books which will greatly contribute to the further

reform of the Montenegrin judiciary, especially in terms of the implementation of the jurisprudence of the European Court for Human Rights.”

Ms Edina Hasanaga Cobaj, Executive Director of YIHR, said: “YIHR is very pleased to have received such a precious and sizeable donation of books. All the recipient institutions have shown gratitude for the books which will be very useful for their daily work and professional development. The books that have been donated to the Central library in Cetinje will be accessible to all citizens interested in the topics they cover.”



IN THE COURTROOMS

31 January 2012



**Chamber accepts plea agreement in Rašić contempt trial**

On 31 January, the Trial Chamber accepted the plea agreement filed jointly by the Prosecution and the Defence in the trial of Jelena Rašić for contempt of the Tribunal, at a hearing at which the accused pleaded guilty to all five counts of contempt.

Rašić was the case manager on the Defence team of Milan Lukić, a Bosnian Serb who was sentenced by an ICTY Trial Chamber to life imprisonment for crimes committed in the eastern Bosnian town of Višegrad.

Rašić pleaded guilty to knowingly and willingly interfering with the Tribunal's administration of justice by procuring a

false witness statement from Zuhdija Tabaković from Višegrad in exchange for €1,000 in cash. She also pleaded guilty to inciting Tabaković to offer bribes and to procure false witness statements from two other individuals. Tabaković was convicted of contempt of the Tribunal on 15 March 2010 and was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

The sentencing hearing in the Rašić case will be held on Tuesday, 7 February 2012.

VISITS

31 January 2012



**Tribunal welcomes representatives of Bosnian associations in the Netherlands**

The Tribunal's Outreach Programme recently welcomed a group of representatives from Bosnian-Herzegovinian associations based in the Netherlands. The group met with Tribunal officials and attended the trial of Radovan Karadžić.

The visit, comprising refugees from Bosnia and Herzegovina who left their country as a result of the 1992-1995 war, formed part of the Outreach Programme's efforts to create a better understanding of the work of the Tribunal among

those directly affected by crimes that have taken place in the former Yugoslavia.

Commenting on the visit, Fahrudin Alić, President of the Association of Survivors of the genocide of Srebrenica, 'Srebrenica 1995', said: "As survivors of the Srebrenica genocide, we are very much interested in learning more about the details of the Karadžić case and the other cases regarding Srebrenica."

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

31 January 2012



**Outreach Programme documentary on sexual violence premieres in The Hague**

On 31 January, the Tribunal's Outreach Programme organised the premiere of its feature-length documentary "Sexual Violence and the Triumph of Justice" at the Humanity House in The Hague. The event was attended by some 100 guests, among whom were diplomats, journalists, NGO representatives, and senior officials from international courts in The Hague.

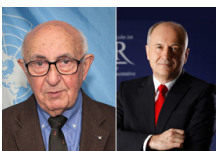
The documentary depicts the Tribunal's historic role in the prosecution and adjudication of wartime sexual violence, and includes interviews with former and current senior staff members of the ICTY, as well as testimonies from witnesses

and survivors of sexual violence, who bravely gave evidence at trials. The screening was followed by a roundtable discussion. The panelists spoke about the challenges of prosecuting crimes of sexual violence, the role of the ICC in further combating impunity for these crimes, and the challenges of securing witness testimonies and providing them with the necessary support.

Available in English and Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian (BCS), the documentary will be screened at special events in the countries of the former Yugoslavia in coming weeks.

VISITS

1 February 2012



**President and Prosecutor meet with Valentin Inzko**

On 1 February, the ICTY's President and the Prosecutor both met with Valentin Inzko, High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina.

of cases involving grave war crimes would continue with its current composition and competence.



During his meeting with the President, the High Representative expressed his strong support for the work of the War Crimes Chamber of the Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina in Sarajevo in its current composition and competency. President Meron recalled his own involvement in the establishment of the War Crimes Chamber, which began operations in 2005. He commended the Chamber for its role in ending impunity and its work in the pursuit of justice and in the promotion of the rule of law in the former Yugoslavia, and expressed his strong hope that the work of the Chamber in the adjudication

The Prosecutor and the High Representative discussed, among other issues, the challenges of the prosecution of war crimes in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Prosecutor Brammertz used the opportunity to thank the High Representative for the support of his Office in relation to the implementation of the ICTY's mandate in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Prosecutor stressed that 'strong support of the international community for the State Court and Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina is still needed'.

## COURTROOM SCHEDULE: 6 FEBRUARY - 17 FEBRUARY

Public proceedings are broadcast with a 30-minute delay on the ICTY website. The Court Schedule is subject to last minute changes. Time used is CET (Central European Time).

Monday 6 February	Courtroom III	14:15 - 19:00	Tolimir	Trial
Tuesday 7 February	Courtroom I	09:00 - 13:45	Karadžić	Trial
		14:15 - 19:00	Rašić	Sentencing hearing
	Courtroom II	09:00 - 13:45	Stanišić & Simatović	Trial
	Courtroom III	09:00 - 13:45	Tolimir	Trial
			14:30 - 16:00	Šešelj
Wednesday 8 February	Courtroom I	09:00 - 15:00	Karadžić	Trial
	Courtroom II	09:00 - 13:45	Stanišić & Simatović	Trial
	Courtroom III	09:00 - 13:45	Tolimir	Trial
Thursday 9 February	Courtroom I	09:00 - 15:00	Karadžić	Trial
	Courtroom II	09:00 - 13:45	Stanišić & Simatović	Trial
	Courtroom III	09:00 - 13:45	Tolimir	Trial
Friday 10 February	Courtroom I	09:00 - 15:00	Karadžić	Trial
	Courtroom III	11:00 - 12:30	Popović <i>et al.</i>	Status conference
Monday 13 February	Courtroom I	09:00 - 13:45	Karadžić	Trial
		14:15 - 19:00	Haradinaj <i>et al.</i>	Trial
	Courtroom III	14:15 - 19:00	Tolimir	Trial
Tuesday 14 February	Courtroom I	09:00 - 13:45	Karadžić	Trial
		14:15 - 19:00	Haradinaj <i>et al.</i>	Trial
	Courtroom II	14:15 - 19:00	Stanišić & Simatović	Trial
	Courtroom III	09:00 - 13:45	Tolimir	Trial
Wednesday 15 February	Courtroom I	09:00 - 13:45	Karadžić	Trial
		14:15 - 19:00	Haradinaj <i>et al.</i>	Trial
	Courtroom II	09:00 - 13:45	Stanišić & Simatović	Trial
	Courtroom III	09:00 - 13:45	Tolimir	Trial
Thursday 16 February	Courtroom I	09:00 - 13:45	Karadžić	Trial
		14:15 - 19:00	Haradinaj <i>et al.</i>	Trial
	Courtroom II	09:00 - 13:45	Stanišić & Simatović	Trial
	Courtroom III	09:00 - 13:45	Tolimir	Trial
Friday 17 February	Courtroom I	09:00 - 13:45	Haradinaj <i>et al.</i>	Trial
		14:30 - 16:00	Hadžić	Status conference

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