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Webinar Series with Peacekeeping Training Officials from Latin America

POTI is pleased to present our first webinar series in Spanish. On 19 and 23 September the POTI Registrar, Vanessa Anderson, conducted a three part webinar series with commandants from Latin American peacekeeping training centres. The commandants offered a briefing about their centre, the courses each offers, and answered questions from participants in our social media communities. During their discussions with Vanessa all three training officials were able to provide valuable insight and perspective on the training that goes on at their centre, international conferences on peacekeeping held at their centers and Latin American peacekeeping training in general.

We encourage you to watch the webinar series:

- [Una conversación con Coronel Rodolfo Godoy Lemus \(Guatemala\)](#)
- [Una conversación con Coronel Orlando Berrú Marreros \(Perú\)](#)
- [Una conversación con Coronel Ricardo Vendramin Nunes \(Brasil\)](#)



Coronel Rodolfo Godoy Lemus answers a student submitted question during the webinar.

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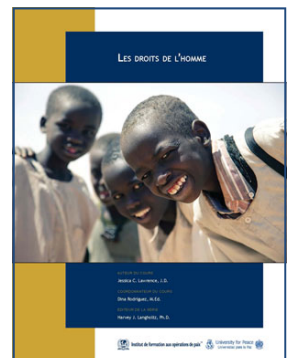


Newly revised:

Mine Action and Explosive Hazard Management
This course includes a new lesson on IEDs. :

Now available en français:

The *Human Rights* course has been thoroughly translated into French and is ready for study.



ALCOPAZ Honours POTI with Medal in Recognition of Training Support

The POTI Registrar, Vanessa Anderson, attended the 6th Annual General Assembly of the Latin American Association of Peacekeeping Training Centres (ALCOPAZ) 26 to 28 August 2014. The meeting was held in Cobán, Guatemala at the Guatemalan national peacekeeping training centre; the Regional Training Command for Peacekeeping Operations (CREOMPAZ).

The meeting began with a welcome address from General Carlos Estrada Pérez, president of ALCOPAZ. The main focus for the general assembly was to review and revise the ALCOPAZ statutes. All members and observer members in attendance convened into committees; police, military, or civilian, to review the statutes in groups as well as to define with more clarity the responsibilities of each committee. POTI participated in the civilian committee as an NGO that offers training to members of ALCOPAZ. As a group all proposals were reviewed, the statutes were edited, and all national members signed the final version. During the closing military ceremony a medal was presented by General Pérez to POTI in recognition of the peacekeeping training support provided to ALCOPAZ members through distance learning.



General Pérez presenting medal to Ms. Anderson

More than 4,500 POTI exams were passed during June, July and August.

Have you taken all your exams yet?

Notes from the Executive Director: IAPTC Conference in Indonesia

Each year it is my pleasure to attend the annual conference of the International Association of Peacekeeping Training Centres (IAPTC). The 20th annual conference of IAPTC was hosted 23-26 June 2014 in Jakarta, Indonesia by the Indonesia Defence Forces Peacekeeping Center, where leaders in the field of peacekeeping training got together, shared ideas, and discussed how to be prepared for future needs.

The Commandants of essentially every national peacekeeping training centre in the world attended IAPTC and many of these national training centers blend their classroom instruction with e-learning from POTI through the National Training Centre E-Learning Programme (NTCELP). So IAPTC provided an informal opportunity to discuss cooperation between classroom training and e-learning and how national training centres can best take advantage of this for the benefit of their own students. For more on NTCELP see <http://www.peaceopstraining.org/programs/ntcelp/>.

Also in attendance at IAPTC were training personnel from some of the peacekeeping missions. All UN, AU and hybrid missions use POTI's E-Learning for Mission Staff (ELMS) <http://www.peaceopstraining.org/programs/elms/>. Mission personnel spoke highly of the programme which provides over 1500 enrollments each month to their personnel.

It is always gratifying to see in person at IAPTC the leadership of the organizations POTI serves. For more on the IAPTC conference see www.iaptc.org.



L-R: Prof Ximena Jimenez, Gender expert, Dr Harvey Langholtz, POTI Executive Director, Ms. Julie Gwangmwa Sanda Principal Research Fellow, National Defence College of Nigeria, and Col Jose Ricardo Vendramin Nunes, Commander at the Brazilian Peace Operations Joint Training Center (CCOPAB).