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Two members of the Chilean national police viewing their customized POTI webpage, available at <https://www.peaceopstraining.org/programs/ntcelp/latin-america/cenpecar/>. Photo by CENPECAR.

POST Certificate Programme and Student Feedback

The Institute offers the Peace Operations Specialized Training (POST) Certificate programme as a means for students to specialize in one or more professional areas by passing a prescribed set of courses and a Comprehensive Examination. Students deepen their knowledge base and improve their professional competency by earning one or more of the five certificates available. The areas of speciality are Military Studies, Police Studies, Civilian Service, Gender Awareness, and Human Rights. Students may enrol in courses to earn a POST Certificate through any POTI programme for which they are eligible.

During the first nine months of 2022, POTI students earned more than 200 POST Certificates. Many students completed the certificate programme while working full-time, serving in the field, or preparing for deployment.

POTI recently solicited feedback from graduates of the POST Certificate programme. The following

endorsements were selected and have been lightly edited for spelling and grammar:

“As a career diplomat, I found it useful to do the certificates so that I could demonstrate my skills in the field in the future.”

“The main reason to obtain the POST certificate is to endorse the knowledge obtained in a specific area of UN competence, in my case, in Police Studies.”

“It was gratifying to take this excellent course and acquire knowledge.”

“I am a military officer, and as such, I can be deployed in any country for a UN mission. So, better to be ready for any position I may be assigned to.”

The Institute would like to thank all participants for their feedback.

POTI Welcomes New NTCELP Partners

Thus far, in 2022, POTI has gained two new partners through the National Training Centre E-Learning Platform (NTCELP) programme. This programme provides a customized online platform for e-learning on peace operations, in which students at the centre have access to the 31-course curriculum at no cost.

The two newest partners are Bangladesh's Police Training Centre in Tangail (PTC, Tangail), established on 13 June 2022, and Chile's National Police Training Centre (CENPECAR), established on 10 August 2022. Since joining as NTCELP partners, CENPECAR has garnered 1,033 enrolments and PTC, Tangail has garnered 80 enrolments. The top course at both centres is *An Introduction to the UN System and Its Role in International Peace and Security*.

PTC, Tangail is the institution designated for training Bangladesh Police personnel for United Nations peace operations. The centre organizes training courses for potential peace operations personnel from the Bangladesh Police and conducts pre-deployment training for Individual Police Officers (IPOs) before their deployment in peace operations. You can learn more about PTC, Tangail here: <<https://www.peaceopstraining.org/programs/ntcelp/south-asia/ptc-tangail/>>.

CENPECAR is the National Center for Improvement and Training for the Police in Chile. Recently, training personnel at CENPECAR have shown renewed interest in matters of peace operations, leading to their partnership with the Institute. You can view the customized CENPECAR webpage here: <<https://www.peaceopstraining.org/programs/ntcelp/latin-america/cenpecar/>>.

Through these partnerships, PTC, Tangail and CENPECAR join national peacekeeping training centres in Africa, the Americas, Asia, Australia, and Europe that subscribe to NTCELP. Under NTCELP, these training centres provide students with a blended learning curriculum that combines their classroom courses with the Institute's e-learning. Centres use the e-learning courses for a variety of purposes: as prerequisites or primers for classroom courses, as enhancements to the existing curriculum, and as continuing education after formal training at the centre is complete. Students earn a personalized Certificate of Completion jointly issued by the participating centre and POTI upon successfully completing of each course.

POTI looks forward to working with these centres in the service of peace.



POTI meeting with officials from CENPECAR, including the Director of CENPECAR, Lieutenant Colonel Francisco Guzman Muñoz, the Head of Education and Training, General Mardones, and another representative of the Education and Training Department. 16 August 2022. Photo by CENPECAR.

Partnership for E-Learning on Peace Operations (PELP) Biannual Meeting

On 13 July 2022, the Partnership for E-Learning on Peace Operations (PELP) held its biannual meeting in New York. PELP is a forum of key Member States that provides aegis and oversight for e-learning on peace operations. This meeting was hosted and chaired by the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the United Nations. Several military advisers and select commandants and directors of national peacekeeping training centres attended. This meeting followed the recent handover of the role of Executive Director from Dr. Langholtz to Ms. Taheri. Representatives of the Integrated Training Service and United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) also attended as observers. This was also the first meeting that included national training centre participation, which was a recommendation from the previous PELP meeting.

Representatives from the Bangladesh Institute of Peace Support Operation Training (BIPSOT), the Birendra Peace Operations Training Centre (BPOTC) in Nepal, the National Peace Operations Training

Institute of Uruguay (ENOPU), and the International Peace Support Training Centre (IPSTC) in Kenya participated. POTI was honoured to have these training centres present and appreciates their time, support, and valuable feedback.

During this meeting, there were several inquiries about upcoming course topics, some of which are already in production. POTI was encouraged to hear that subjects such as health and stress management are of interest to the centres, as a course on these topics is in development in cooperation with the World Health Organization (WHO). POTI appreciates the feedback received during this meeting and plans to work continuously to ensure the community's needs are met, and our courses are relevant to those in the field. The next PELP meeting will take place on 18 January 2023. You can learn more about PELP here: <<https://www.peaceopstraining.org/pelp/>>.



The Institute Welcomes New Deputy Director

POTI is pleased to announce Ms. Elisabeth Rosenbaum has joined our team as Deputy Director. She joined POTI after nearly five years at the United States Institute of Peace (USIP), where she worked to develop and implement their online learning platform for peacebuilders. Ms. Rosenbaum collaborated on developing and designing more than twenty online courses and managed the programme's budget, monitoring and evaluation strategy, and multiple global partnerships. Prior to her time at USIP, Ms. Rosenbaum worked for a community development organization in Managua, Nicaragua, where she directed four programs focused on health and education. She also worked as an analyst for Bulletin Intelligence, where she conducted analyses of breaking news to provide highly customized daily news briefings for clients, including the White House and top U.S. government officials. Ms. Rosenbaum received an M.A. in International Affairs from the George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs and a B.A. in International Studies from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

From the desk of the Executive Director, Ramona Taheri

With continued support from the former Executive Director of POTI, Dr. Harvey Langholtz, our esteemed Board of Directors, and the Partnership for E-Learning on Peace Operations, the Institute continues to provide e-learning on peace operations to our dedicated student population. The guidance we receive allows us to serve this community to the best of our ability, respond and adapt to current needs, and provide valuable and up-to-date training materials.

As explained above, the POST Certificate programme continues to be popular amongst students, as they use this tool to specialize in various peace-related topics. We commend Ecuadorian personnel for their impressive completion of these certificates and their unyielding pursuit of knowledge.

We remain ever grateful to the national and regional peacekeeping training centres that partner with us to bring our e-learning to their students, and we hope to continue to make more of these partnerships moving forward. Training centres are able to use our e-learning curriculum in a variety of ways, including as prerequisites to classroom courses, resources for continued education, and classroom supplements.

Representatives from POTI will be present at this year's International Association of Peacekeeping Training Centres (IAPTC) annual conference in Bangladesh from 31 October to 4 November 2022. We hope to see many partners there and share our experiences. This invaluable forum allows peace operations training providers and United Nations entities to collaborate and share best practices, new policies and guidance documents, training initiatives, and opportunities for synergies between entities.

Lastly, it is my deepest honour to welcome our new Deputy Director, Ms. Elisabeth Rosenbaum, to the POTI team. Her many years of experience in e-learning on peace-related topics will allow us to grow and adapt to ever-changing technological and



Sole founder of POTI and Special Adviser to the BOD, Dr. Harvey Langholtz, and Executive Director Ramona Taheri stand outside the United Nations Secretariat Building in New York in July 2022.

pedagogical realities. We hope her expertise will help provide our students with the resources they need to serve in the interest of peace.

My sincerest thanks to our students, partners, and sponsors.

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