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Abstract:	The aim of this workshop was to provide with the right questions to ask in the questionnaire which will be prepared for the Society's 20th Congress in 2015 on the same topic. Each speaker gave a fifteen minute speech about the current challenges the implementation of IHL faces and the progress currently being made: the lacking or defective implementation ; the fact that although big progress has been made in the field of repression through the development of international criminal law, it operates very slowly and not much progress has been made in the field of reparation and compensation ; the lessons to be learned from other areas of law ; the Swiss-ICRC initiative to increase compliance with IHL which has led to a consultation process, which concentrates on the following issues: (1) a regular Meeting of States; (2) a reporting system; (3) fact-finding ; specific responsibilities for countries not directly involved in the armed conflict; the whole set of distinct issues that non-state actors present when it comes to the enforcement of IHL ; and finally the fact that respecting IHL should be a moral obligation that we have internalized and it is the state's responsibility to transfer this moral apprehension to the individual actors.
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