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END OF YEAR MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTORS

INHR grew by leaps and bounds in 2024 and we hope to further expand our contributions to peace, international stability, and human rights in 2025. Financially, our position stabilized with generous support from Founders Pledge and PAX sapiens. Our capabilities in Europe skyrocketed as graduates of Oxford, Johns Hopkins. The Geneva Graduate Institute and the Central European University joined our team as program officers. This allowed us to do new and important work on global counternarcotics and artificial intelligence governance. Moreover, the former UN special rapporteur for freedom of association and assembly brought his unique skills to INHR in Geneva to begin a program on policing of peaceful protests. We look forward to our former student legal adviser for the UN mission of Fiji Luke Wilson to join us as Deputy Director in Europe in just over a month's time.



At the same time, we were sad to say farewell to other program officers and the founding director of our Washington office Hans Hogrefe. Nonetheless, Eric (Geneva), John (New York) and Kumar (DC) soldier on with the welcome support of new Treasurer and Director of Operations Jeff Landsman (Chicago).

ERIC RICHARDSON
PRESIDENT



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

SEAN WISSING, AI PROGRAM OFFICER

Mitigating Risk of Emerging Technology Use in Weapons

INHR experts from Europe, Asia and the United States participate in international meetings to explain how best to mitigate the risk created by military systems that deploy Artificial Intelligence or are used in emerging domains like cyber and outer space. For example, INHR hosted workshops at the [Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence 2023](#) conference in Washington DC and the 2023 and 2024 Responsible AI in the Military (REAIM) conferences in [South Korea](#) and [the Netherlands](#). Our experts have designed a voluntary [Code of Conduct on AI-Enabled Military Systems](#), a [Model Practices Guide on Testing & Evaluation for AI Weapons Systems](#), and a [risk hierarchy](#) which maps extant AI-enabled weapons systems. Learn more at INHR.org/responsible-ai-standards.

Advocating Responsible and Coherent Regulation of Artificial Intelligence

INHR has played a leading role in advising clients about UN proposals to regulate artificial intelligence. We encourage the enormous potential of AI while respecting human rights and safety concerns, including data privacy, controlling for unpredictable behavior, and safeguarding inclusiveness. We have advocated in the International Telecommunications Union, the UN Human Rights Council, and the Conference of Disarmament that the UN approach to regulation of AI is too simplistic and disjointed. Each UN agency has its own interests, resulting in standards which are mutually inconsistent. We recently shared with the UN Secretary General's AI advisory panel our view that there is no "one-size-fits-all-solution" on artificial intelligence and hope that the Secretary General's High Level Panel on AI can bring some coherence to the disjointed UN efforts.

INHR proposals take into account the rapid developments in AI: we go beyond Large Language Models and generative AI to consider how AI is learning from images, words, works of art, and even biological protein sequences. We share this knowledge through training for diplomats and government officials, including participating at conferences in Europe, Asia, Africa and in the United States to articulate our viewpoints. See our [summary](#) of the UN system's strengths and weaknesses in AI for further ideas.




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Human Rights Council
 Fifty-seventh session
 9 September–11 October 2024
 Agenda item 3
 Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development

Armenia,* Chile, Colombia,* Costa Rica, Cyprus,* Gambia, Greece,* Guatemala,* Italy,* Kazakhstan, Luxembourg, Montenegro, Peru,* Portugal,* Romania and Switzerland*: draft resolution

57/... Social reintegration of persons released from detention and persons subjected to non-custodial measures

HUMAN RIGHTS AND SOCIAL REINTEGRATION

ASSEL ALIMBAYEVA, HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM OFFICER

Standards for Social Reintegration of Released Prisoners

As part of our support for civil society, INHR helped the REFORM Alliance and Perseus Strategies advocate for standards to improve the reintegration of prisoners into society after they are released. A resolution at the 57th session of the UN Human Rights Council calls for a study to gauge the benefits of guiding principles for social reintegration and fill a major gap in international law on criminal justice issues. The project requires using human rights lenses to consider challenges ranging from recidivism to employment to family reunification, and has documented global best practices showing how a small investment in prevention can produce huge social savings.

HUMAN RIGHTS IN AND BEYOND THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL

Education in the Human Rights Council

Small island and developing country UN Missions often lack the resources, manpower and time to engage effectively with over 40 UN institutions in Geneva, making it difficult for their voices to be heard. INHR trains student legal advisors from US law schools to help Missions from Afghanistan to Zambia. Students provide extra capacity, by drafting interventions, researching new legal and policy questions, negotiating UN resolutions and more. In 2025, we hope to expand the Student Legal Advisor program to allow more international students to support SIDS/LDCs in Geneva. This year, we started via a partnership with Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane, Morocco.

Policing Peaceful Protests While Protecting Human Rights

Senior Advisor Clement Voule is the former UN Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Assembly and Association who drafted the Model Protocol for Law Enforcement to Promote and Protect Human Rights During Peaceful Protests. INHR is now making security sector reform training available to law enforcement around the world about how to implement the protocol and protect both human rights and law and order.





Dr. Zhang Yong'an, Director of Shanghai University ICDPS & Mr. Eric Richardson, President of INHR

Mr Jack Johnson, U.S.-China Program Officer



PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMPREHENSIVE DRUGS DIALOGUE

JACK JOHNSON, CHINA-US PROGRAM OFFICER

Saving Lives Through Health Cooperation

Health advocacy is at the core of INHR's work as we have taken on reproductive health and rights issues, water and sanitation, and infectious disease issues in the World Health Organization and the UN Human Rights Council's Universal Periodic Review. More recently, we are working with the UN Office of Drugs and Crime to address the scourge of synthetic opioids like fentanyl. Our current lead project is a Comprehensive Drugs Dialogue involving Chinese and U.S. experts from drug policy, interdiction and treatment and prevention fields. They meet to bridge silos and consider how to address the spread of chemicals which produce the cutting edge of new synthetic narcotics that are killing more than 100,000 Americans and countless others around the globe each year.

INHR hosted two Comprehensive Drugs Dialogue conferences in Phuket, Thailand in May and Shanghai, China in November. We are looking forward to our next conference at the UNODC the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in March, 2025.

FINANCIAL REPORT

In 2024, INHR finances maintained a busy but healthy balance with the ongoing work on addressing the fentanyl crisis and the AI weapons project. We also took on support for various NGOs.

A snapshot of our progress follows:

Overall Financial Position	
Closing 2024 Ledger Balance	\$95,644.83
Opening 2024 Ledger Balance	\$126,766.79

2024 Income	\$280,870.90
Founders Pledge	\$40,000.00
PAX Sapiens	\$152,160.00
Support of NGOs	\$88,710.90

2024 Expenses	\$180,296.51
Staff Costs	\$139,147.42
Travel & Meal Expenses	\$39,922.71
Supplies and Administration	\$1226.38



We look forward to your
continual support for many
years to come



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