

26th June campaign on early identification of torture victims within Asylum system as a compulsory step for ensuring respect of fundamental rights of victims of torture

Once a year, on 26 June, organisations and groups all over the world gather to send a message of support and hope to survivors of torture. One day a year thousands of people join this campaign to call out perpetrators for their crimes, and remind governments of their re-

Service for Refugees organised an information desk at the primary public square in the city. In the evening there was a lecture about psychotherapy with torture survivors and traumatised refugees as a rehabilitation measure at the MFH-Bo-



sponsibilities. That special day the world sees the growing strength and reach of the global movement against torture. In 2012, the campaign that has been launched by the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims (IRCT) was supported by 100 organisations, in comparison to 71 participants in 2011.

In Germany, the project partner MFH Bochum - Medical Care

chum and, furthermore, the right of torture survivors to rehabilitation. MFH carried out an event to discuss the topic and to explain the basics of psychotherapy with torture survivors. The aim was to explain why there exists an International Day in Support of Victims of Torture. Several local media covered the event.

What is ART-IP?

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The acronym ART-IP stands for "Awareness Raising and Training Measures for the Istanbul Protocol in Europe."

The purpose of this project is to increase the knowledge and actual usage of the Istanbul Protocol, an UN-adopted manual for the investigation and documentation of cases of alleged torture and other forms of ill-treatment, in European countries.

Under the lead of Vienna Medical University a series of educational material will be prepared to reach that purpose. Via a website and several dissemination events this material will further be provided and presented to a professional audience.

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