

Special thanks

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The IDRL Programme would like to express its gratitude to the

Finnish Red Cross 

for its recent pledge of support.

We would also like to offer our appreciation and congratulations to **Victoria Bannon** (at left). Eight years ago, Bannon arrived at the IFRC in Geneva when the idea of IDRL was little more than a collection of good intentions and unanswered questions. Much of the success of the programme since then can be traced to her good sense, good humour and tireless effort.

For four years, Bannon was the IDRL programme's sole staff member, setting in motion its first research, including a full length book published in 2003, and shepherding consultations with National Societies, states, UN agencies, NGOs and other stakeholders. Since 2005, she has served as the IDRL programme's Asia Pacific Coordinator, tirelessly travelling across the continent to promote good legal preparedness through studies, technical support projects, speeches, workshops, articles and a signature line of fact sheets suitable for framing.

Bannon has accepted a position as the head of the Federation's delegation in Nepal where she will begin in January. We wish her all the best.

We also bid a fond farewell to Ivona Truscan, who completes her legal internship at our Geneva office this month and best of luck with the completion of her PhD.