

## **The International Institute of Humanitarian Law's leading role at the Tuesday literary meetings**

Within the framework of the "Tuesday literary meetings" and on the initiative of both the International Institute of Humanitarian Law and the Tourist and Cultural Board of Sanremo, a conference took place at the Opera Theatre of the Casino of Sanremo yesterday at 16.30. The topic addressed was: "*The Laws of Humanity and Humanitarian Diplomacy between Geneva and Sanremo: Italo-Swiss collaboration at Villa Ormond*". The purpose of the event was to present the activities of the Sanremo Institute and to celebrate the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Villa Ormond. Over the years, the Villa has become an important symbol of that special humanitarian dialogue conducted in the "Spirit of Sanremo", in a culture of peace and open mindedness, which the Institute promotes so well.

Shortly after the conference participants were invited on a guided tour of Villa Ormond, the seat of the Institute, followed by a cocktail. The following personalities took part: Dr. Hans-Ulrich Tanner, Consul General representing the Swiss Confederation; Teresa Verda Scajola, expert in the history of art; the architect, Arianna Reverdin, descendant of Emile Reverdin, designer of Villa Ormond; Ambassador Cornelio Sommaruga, former President of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva; Ambassador Boris Biancheri, President of the Institute of International Political Studies, Milan; together with Dr. Ugo Genesio, former Secretary-General of the Institute and author of the volume "*Le Leggi dell'Umanità: Quarant'anni dell'Istituto Internazionale Umanitario*", which relates the story of the Sanremo Institute. The event was opened by Ito Ruscigni, who is responsible for the Tuesday literary meetings.