

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Before most of us will probably enjoy at least a few days off this summer, we would like to give you a last update on the current state of affairs with regard to EPAC, the EACN as well as some other issues of potential common interest.

EPAC Annual Conference

As already announced in the previous Newsletter, the 9th EPAC Conference will take place in Nova Gorica, Slovenia, from 4 to 6 November 2009. Under the slogan "Continuing the Dialogue - Fighting Corruption with Integrity" the Conference will provide a platform to deal with developments in the comprehensive fight against corruption and important police oversight issues. Several renowned keynote speakers from Europe and overseas will present current topics in these fields, including recent findings on the links between corruption and human rights, for discussion with us. The conference will also focus on the *constitution of the European Anti-Corruption Network (EACN)* which EPAC was tasked to establish based upon its own existing structures by Council Decision 2008/852/JHA, OJ L 301/38. A more detailed programme, the registration form and further information concerning the conference can be downloaded on www.epac.at or on the website of the Slovenian hosts of this year's EPAC Conference, www.kpk-rs.si.

Police Oversight Conferences

CACOLE

The Annual Conference of the Canadian Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (CACOLE) took place in Ottawa, Ontario, from 8 to 10 June 2009. Delegates from civilian oversight agencies, police services boards, governments and police services came together to learn from each other and to forge working relationships. Topics such as "Police Oversight and Integration", "Civilian Oversight in an International Context" or "Integrated Policing" were highlights of the conference's programme. For further information see www.cacole.ca.

NACOLE

From 31 October to 3 November 2009, the 15th Annual Conference of the United States National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) will take place in Austin, Texas. The conference entitled "Focusing on the Future" is supposed to give an opportunity for citizens and practitioners of civilian oversight and law enforcement officials to discuss and exchange information about civilian oversight of law enforcement.

For more details, please visit the website www.nacole.org.



Anti-Corruption Conferences

GRECO

The 10th Anniversary Conference of the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) of the Council of Europe will be held in Strasbourg, on 5 October 2009.

The conference will provide an opportunity to take stock of achievements made at international and national level over the last ten years and to consider future challenges.

For more details see www.coe.int/greco.

UNCAC

The 3rd Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) will take place in Doha from 9 to 13 November 2009. It would be desirable if EPAC members could participate as experts in their national delegations in order to ensure practitioners' input and, thus, added value to the Conference.

For more information please see the UNODC website.



OLAF

Recognizing its continuous achievements in the fight against corruption, we would hereby like to sincerely congratulate OLAF, a true EPAC-Partner since day one, on its 10th anniversary.



EPAC Working Groups

EPAC Partners Working Group "Constitution" and EACN Constitution WG

The first informal meeting of the EPAC Partners Working Group "Constitution" and the EACN Constitution WG was held in Vienna from 20 to 21 April 2009. Nearly 30 heads and key representatives of 14 EPAC partner organizations from 10 EU countries successfully put together basic elements of a draft constitution, which should be adopted at the EPAC Annual Conference in Slovenia. Another informal meeting will probably take place in September or October 2009. As for the first informal meeting, all EPAC organizations and applicants for EACN will again be invited to participate in the second informal gathering.



Staff Exchange Working Group

In June, the Staff Exchange Working Group came together for its second meeting in Brussels. The participating colleagues developed a priority project: the exchange of all useful information and staff exchange. The results will be presented at the Annual Conference. The next meeting of this working group is planned for 6 October in Belgium.

Regional Cooperation

5th Regional Central European Forum

For the 5th time, the Regional Central European Forum of the Internal Protection Services under the overall umbrella of EPAC was held from 6 to 8 May 2009. Police oversight



**5th REGIONAL CENTRAL EUROPEAN FORUM
OF THE INTERNAL PROTECTION SERVICES**
Valbandon, Republic of CROATIA, 6th - 8th May 2009

bodies from 11 countries met in Valbandon near Pula, Croatia. The main topics of the forum entitled "The importance of complaints in the protection of human rights and suppression of corruption" were the rule of law, equality before the law and human rights. It was concluded, inter alia, that complaints should be treated as a way to enhance the capabilities of police and other public sector organizations. The results and findings of the conference were summed up in a declaration. The 6th Regional Central European Forum will be held in Vienna in 2010. For further information see: www.mup.hr/12806.aspx.

Educational Activities

IACSS 2009

This week, the 3rd International Anti-Corruption Summer School, IACSS 2009, once again under the proven format "Practice Meets Science" is starting.



The IACSS merges practical anti-corruption approaches with aspects of various scientific fields such as sociology, psychology, criminology, political science, law, political economics or business administration in an "experience-oriented" way, and, in particular, gives practitioners an insight into the conceptions and ideas of academics. Thus, the comprehensive dialogue of the anti-corruption community will be strengthened and the network of anti-corruption knowledge and experience will be "woven on". This years summer school will see its 150th participant, the number of countries involved will exceed 45 (including all 27 EU-MS, EPAC observer countries, new ENP-Countries, but also—inter alia—Afghanistan, Bolivia, China, Iraq et altera).

For further information please see http://www.bia-bmi.at/cms/bia_en/iacss/start.aspx

We are looking forward to seeing you, in a working group, regional, educational or other kind of meeting or at the latest at the Annual EPAC Conference 2009 in Slovenia.

We send you our best regards and wish you a pleasant summer!