

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

EPAC Annual Conference 2009

In less than two months, from 4 to 7 November 2009, the already announced 9th EPAC Conference, generously hosted by our EPAC Partners in Slovenia, will take place in Nova Gorica. Therefore we would like to once again invite you to take part in this important event, where renowned keynote speakers from Europe and beyond will discuss the latest developments in police oversight, anti-corruption and integrity with key players of European operational services fighting the abuse of power.



Another decisive part of the Conference will be the *constitution of the European Anti-Corruption Network (EACN)* which will be based upon the existing structures of EPAC according to Council Decision 2008/852/JHA, OJ L 301/38. In order to ensure a productive and fruitful meeting for all of us, we may remind you once again that participants are required to have a **full mandate of representation**.

If you have not applied for the Conference so far, you still have the possibility to download the registration form at <http://www.epac.at> or <http://www.kpk-rs.si> and submit it to the Slovenian hosts of the Conference, the Commission for the Prevention of Corruption.

Police Oversight Conference

NACOLE

As previously mentioned in the last Newsletter, the 15th Annual Conference of the United States National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) will take place in Austin, Texas, from 31 October to 3 November 2009, just before the Annual EPAC Conference.



Themed "Focusing on the Future", the conference will revolve around "Models of Oversight: Real-Life Examples of the Success (and Limitations) of Different Oversight Models" and will give citizens, practitioners of civilian oversight and law enforcement officials the possibility to discuss and exchange information. The conference agenda and more details are available at <http://www.nacole.org>.

Anti-Corruption Conferences

ICAC

The 4th Symposium of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) takes place from 15 to 17 December 2009 in Hong Kong SAR, China. Under the title of "Deals Under the Table – the Doing or Undoing of Business" the symposium aims to help focusing our minds on the impact of corruption in business on the global community. Experts from anti-corruption and related fields will share knowledge in the area of combating corruption and exchange views on the importance of ethics in the business place. The European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) will co-host this event.



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For further information see <http://www.icac.org.hk/symposium/2009/en/page.html>.

GRECO

On 5 October 2009, the 10th Anniversary Annual Conference of the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO) will be held in Strasbourg. The conference is designed as a high-level event bringing together ministers, secretaries of state as well as other important stakeholders in the fight against corruption, including members of many international organizations and bodies.



Renowned representatives will highlight achievements in three distinct areas: "Prevention of corruption – fighting corruption in public administration", "Contribution of criminal law to the fight against corruption" and "Transparency of political financing".

For more details see <http://www.coe.int/greco>.

UNCAC

Once again, we would like to remind you of the Third Conference of States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) taking place in Doha, Qatar, from 9 to 13 November 2009. It would be particularly important if EPAC members could participate as experts in their national delegations.



Further information is available at the UNODC website:

<http://www.unodc.org/>.

OLAF

From 7 to 9 October 2009, the 7th OLAF Conference of Fraud Prosecutors, entitled "Investigating and Prosecuting Corruption", will take place in Laxenburg near Vienna, Austria, within the framework of OLAF's 10th anniversary. Renowned keynote speakers from, inter alia, INTERPOL and UNODC will refer to legal bases, best practices and future developments. Representatives of OLAF will give an insight into their investigative work in the area of fighting corruption.



Further information will soon be available at the OLAF website:

http://ec.europa.eu/anti_fraud/index_en.html.

EPAC Working Groups

EPAC/EACN Constitution WG

The second meeting of the EPAC Partners Working Group "Constitution" and the EACN Constitution WG will be held in Vienna from 15 to 16 October 2009. The commonly elaborated draft constitution of the first informal meeting should be finalized in order to present it for adoption at the Annual Conference in Slovenia. As for the first meeting, all EPAC organizations and applicants for EACN are once again invited to participate in this informal working group, in order to ensure an efficient and successful Annual Conference.

For further details please contact the EPAC Secretariat at bia151@bmi.gv.at.

Staff Exchange Working Group

On 6 October 2009, the 3rd meeting of the Staff Exchange Working Group will be held in Brussels. Useful tools for staff exchange will be further developed and prepared for presentation at the Annual Conference.

If you have any questions concerning this working group, please contact astrid.bruls@comitep.be.

Police Oversight Working Group

On 19 October 2009, the 1st meeting of the Police Oversight Working Group will take place in Manchester/London, UK.

For further information please contact international.liaison@ipcc.gsi.gov.uk.

Educational Activities

IACSS 2009

From 9 to 18 July 2009, already for the 3rd time, the International Anti-Corruption Summer School (IACSS) took place under the motto "Practice Meets Science" in Hernalstein, Austria. This ten-day course gave participants the opportunity to attend multidisciplinary lectures held by internationally renowned professors, scientists and anti-corruption practitioners on the subject of corruption and the combating of corruption. High-ranking representatives of police forces, leading investigators, public prosecutors, judges, governmental advisors and functionaries of international organizations and NGOs from 32 countries, including from the EU, EU candidates, the Balkans, the "European Neighbourhood Policy" area, China, Afghanistan, Iraq, Bolivia and others, took part in the summer school. The IACSS was supported by three EPAC Partners from Latvia, Lithuania and Slovenia and again co-financed by the EU. The very positive feedbacks from the participants once again proved the great success of this format. Thus the BIA will organize another IACSS in July 2010.



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

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

Your EPAC Secretariat