

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

## - EPAC/EACN Conference & General Assembly - **Reminder**

In less than two months, the Annual EPAC/EACN Conference including the General Assembly will take place. Plenty of time will be reserved for sharing experiences and discussions on our plans and future agenda. We are thus very much looking forward to seeing you all soon in Oradea, Romania.

Please do not forget to register on [relint.dga@mai.gov.ro](mailto:relint.dga@mai.gov.ro). As in recent years, participants are required to have a mandate to speak on behalf of their organization.

## - IACSS ALUMNI SYMPOSIUM 2010



From 27 to 30 September 2010, the International Anti-Corruption Summer School (IACSS) was held in the form of an Alumni Symposium in Baden (near Vienna), organized this year by the Austrian Federal Bureau of Anti-Corruption (BAK). 58 participants from 35 countries took part in this successful event. Various experts from the European Commission, the World Bank, EPAC/EACN, OLAF and national ministries gave their lectures. In fruitful discussions the participants shared their experiences and opinions. Part of the programme was a visit to the newly established International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) in Laxenburg, where the alumni were briefed on the IACA and enjoyed a guided tour of the premises.

Further information can be found online at <http://www.bak.gv.at>.

## - IACA Inaugural Conference

From 2 to 3 September 2010, the Conference, "From Vision to Reality: A New and Holistic Approach to Fighting Corruption" on the occasion of the inauguration of the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) took place at the Hofburg in Vienna. More than 1,000 participants from over 120 UN Member States and over 25 organizations and institutions from the private and business sector, civil society, academia and the media, including 45 ministers from



35 countries all over the globe, attended this conference. 35 UN Member States and the European Public Law Organization signed the *Agreement for the Establishment of IACA as an International Organization* already at the Conference and highlighted their strong commitment to join forces in the international fight against corruption. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in his speech stated that the establishment of the Academy represents a “milestone” in global efforts to combat corruption. He further noted that attitudes towards this menace are changing as well as intolerance of it is growing.

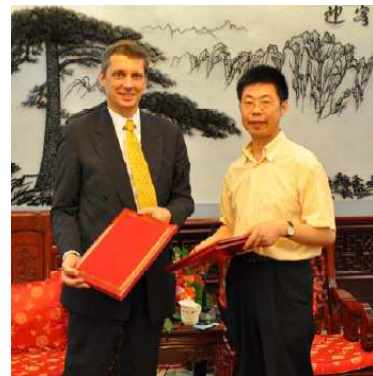
Detailed information about the conference and IACA is available on the website <http://www.iaca-info.org>.

### EPAC signs Memoranda of Understanding with IAACA and IACA

On 1 August 2010, during a visit to China, the EPAC President signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with IAACA, the International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities. A second MoU was signed on 2 September with IACA, the first International Anti-Corruption Academy.

Both memoranda stress the need for fostering international cooperation in general as well as collaboration in finding areas of synergy between the respective entities in particular. They also reiterate the need to ensure transparency, accessibility, accountability, legitimacy, impartiality and integrity in all systems created for the anti-corruption work. In addition to that, they call for the imperative requirement that anti-corruption authorities are given the necessary independence in accordance with the fundamental principles of the respective national legal system, and strongly promote the respect for the rule of law and human rights in all anti-corruption activities.

With IAACA it was also agreed that both networks would exchange information and invite each other to events and activities in which the other network’s member organizations can participate at the same conditions as its own member organizations.



### Upcoming events:

#### - United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC)

#### Implementation Review Group (IRG) of the UNCAC



The First Session of the IRG took place at the UN in Vienna from 28 June to 2 July 2010 and will resume from 29 November to 1 December 2010. According to resolution 3/1, entitled “Review Mechanism”, the Conference of the States Parties to the UNCAC decided that the IRG shall be in charge of following up and continuing the work undertaken previously by the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Technical Assistance.

### [Intergovernmental Working Group on Prevention](#)

According to resolution 3/2, entitled “Preventive Measures”, the First Intersessional Meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Prevention will take place at the UN in Vienna, from 13 December to 15 December 2010.

### [Intergovernmental Working Group on Asset Recovery](#)

According to resolution 1/4, entitled "Establishment of an Intergovernmental Working Group on Asset Recovery", the Fourth Intersessional Meeting of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Working Group on Asset Recovery will convene at the UN in Vienna on 16 and 17 December 2010.

Further information is available at the UNODC website, <http://www.unodc.org/>.

It would be particularly important and recommendable that EPAC experts participate in their national delegations to these UNCAC events.

### [- Anti-Counterfeiting Coalition \(IACC\)](#)



From 13 to 15 October 2010, the IACC Annual Fall Conference will be convened in Scottsdale, Arizona. The agenda, the registration form and further information concerning the meeting can be seen at <http://www.iacc.org/conferences/2010-iacc-annual-fall-conference.php>.

### [- Conference “Fight Against Corruption”](#)



The Conference “Fight against corruption – Integrative feedback of domestic and international activities”, organized under the Macedonian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, will be held from 15 to 16 October 2010 in Ohrid, FYROM. The conference will provide an opportunity for the participants to present the results achieved in the area of combating corruption concerning international standards and their implementation in the national legislations. The conference agenda and more details are available at <http://www.coe-chairmanship.mk>.

## **- Expert Seminar “Effective Means of Investigation and Prosecution of Corruption”**

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Organized from 20 to 22 October 2010 in Bucharest, Romania, by the OECD Anti-Corruption Network for Eastern Europe and Central Asia in cooperation with the National Anti-Corruption Directorate (Romania), this seminar aims at fostering networking and exchange of practical experience and good practice among investigators and prosecutors working in the anti-corruption area in Eastern European and Central Asian countries and other invited countries. It will focus on the following issues: Effective means to detect and investigate corruption; Prosecution of corruption crimes; Selected key corruption offences (high-level corruption, corruption cases involving legal persons, foreign bribery); Independence and specialization of police and prosecutors; Asset forfeiture in corruption cases.

The seminar will include expert presentations, country case studies, discussions and working groups.

## **- International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities (IAACA)**



Under the theme "UNCAC Chapter IV: International Cooperation", the 4th Annual Conference and General Meeting of the IAACA will be held in Macao from 2 to 5 November 2010. This conference will serve as an important occasion for delegates from institutions and bodies entrusted with the task of fighting corruption as well as for experts and scholars from international anti-corruption organizations to exchange experiences and share information. Further information is available at <http://www.iaaca.org>.

## **- International Anti-Corruption Conference (IACC)**



The 14th IACC will be jointly hosted by the IACC Council, the National Anti-Corruption Commission, the Royal Thai Ministry of Justice and Transparency Thailand, and Transparency International. It is due to take place from 10 to 13 November 2010 at the Queen Sirikit National Convention Centre located in the heart of Bangkok. Its goal is to work towards a transparent and accountable global governance agenda. You can find more details at <http://iacconference.org/en/14iacc/Restoring Trust Global Action for Transparency>.

### *Corrigendum:*

Referring to our last Newsletter No. 03, July 2010, (available for download at [http://www.epac.at/download/newsletter/newsletter03\\_10.pdf](http://www.epac.at/download/newsletter/newsletter03_10.pdf)) we would like to remind you once again of the World Bank's initiative to collect basic information on anti-corruption authorities. A questionnaire in this regard was submitted to all EPAC Partners. Further queries may be addressed directly to Ms Francesca Recanatini, Senior Economist, Public

Sector Governance, The World Bank, email: [frecanatini@worldbank.org](mailto:frecanatini@worldbank.org). We apologize for any inconvenience that might have been caused by the incorrect spelling of this email address in the above mentioned newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

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