

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,
 Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is our pleasure to present you with the last newsletter for this year, informing you on the latest developments of interest for our networks.

We wish you a festive holiday period and a happy New Year.

Your Secretariat



12th Annual Professional Conference



The 12th Annual Professional Conference took place in Barcelona, Spain, from 21 to 23 November, hosted by the Mossos d'Esquadra and Anti-Fraud Office of Catalonia. Topics of discussion included the challenges of the protection of the whistleblower, policing's noble cause and the threat of corruption, as well as the developments and goals of the 4th GRECO Evaluation Round.

In the sphere of anti-corruption, a workshop on the advance use of modern information technologies to fight corruption was organized. The topic is part of a large-scale project which will expand to the EU level, and another working group on it is expected in 2013. The police oversight strand held a workshop on policing in urban areas, recognizing the necessity of developing a comprehensive approach based on a well-defined consistent integrity policy and an organizational culture to ensure its application.

The conference concluded with a session of the General Assembly, and the adoption of the Barcelona Declaration (please find attached). The Danish Independent Police Complaints Authority was unanimously accepted as EPAC's newest member. Upon the generous invitation of our Polish partners, next year's conference will take place in Krakow, Poland.



New President Elected

On 23 November, the General Assembly unanimously elected Giovanni Kessler, Director General of OLAF, as EPAC/EACN's new President. In assuming his position, Giovanni Kessler announced that the European Commission would launch an analysis of anti-corruption standards in the EU member states in 2013, and that the participation of EPAC/EACN in this exercise is of vital importance. He also introduced the project of establishing the European Public Prosecutor Office.



The General Assembly also elected Anthony Duggan, Director of Administration of Ireland's Garda Síochána Ombudsman Commission, as Deputy Vice President for Police Oversight. The mandates of Anca Jurma, Diane Reynders, and Joachim Schwanke, all elected by the 2011 General Assembly, will remain in effect until 2013.

Martin Kreutner, who had served as President of the network from 2009 to 2012 and (Co-)Chair from 2004 to 2009, stepped down from his position due to other professional obligations, stating that it was time to hand over the leadership and allow for additional ownership. The Assembly unanimously elected him honorary member for life for his outstanding contributions.

New Website Created

In October, the Secretariat has launched a new EPAC/EACN website, available under, www.epac-eacn.org. The website provides information on the networks, their history and composition, as well as data on members, observers and governance.



Constitutions, declarations, the contact catalogue and Setting Standards for Europe handbook, are among the downloads offered. Moreover, the website features a latest news section, and the development of a members' corner is currently underway. Suggestions for improvement are most welcome, and the Secretariat encourages authorities to send any information which they would like displayed on the website.

Principles for Anti-Corruption Authorities Conference



The Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK) of the Republic of Indonesia, UNODC and UNDP hosted a conference on principles for anti-corruption agencies in Jakarta from 26 to 27 November. The conference was attended by anti-corruption agencies from around the world and regional anti-corruption networks, including EPAC/EACN.

A set of principles for promoting and strengthening the independence and effectiveness of anti-corruption authorities were discussed, country experiences shared and best practices identified. The meeting also provided an opportunity for the presentation of EPAC/EACN's Anti-Corruption Authority Standards, unanimously adopted by the General Assembly in 2011.

The conference culminated with the adoption of the Jakarta Statement on Principles for Anti-Corruption Agencies, the first global expert statement of this kind and explicitly making reference to and commending the EPAC/EACN Standards and Principles.



Kuala Lumpur Declaration Commends EPAC/EACN



The International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities (IAACA) held its 6th Annual Meeting and General Conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 4 to 6 October. It witnessed the participation of anti-corruption representatives from more than 100 UN Member States and a dozen international organizations. The conference was devoted to "Technical Assistance and Information Exchange"; Chapter VI of the United Nations Convention against Corruption.

The Kuala Lumpur Declaration was adopted at the end of this event. The declaration also commends the achievements of EPAC/EACN, in particular with regard to the General Assembly's unanimous adoption of the Anti-Corruption Authority Standards, and calls on states "to take favourable note of them and translate them into reality".

IACSA Applications Open in January

The International Anti-Corruption Academy will offer its third annual Anti-Corruption Summer Academy (IACSA) from 4 to 13 July 2013. The application period will open on 15 January and close on 15 March 2013. Representatives from EPAC/EACN authorities are encouraged to apply.

IACSA is an intensive ten-day programme designed for familiarizing participants with contemporary insight in selected areas of corruption theory and anti-corruption practice. The programme aims to foster a culture of the reflective practitioner while providing knowledge and tools for helping bridge the gap between theory and practice. Detailed information on IACSA, including the online application form, will be available on IACA's website, www.iaca.int, in early January 2013.



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