

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear Colleagues and Friends,

We have the pleasure of presenting you with the second edition of our newsletter for 2015. Topic proposals for the next newsletter and suggestions for improvement are, as always, most welcome.

As announced in the previous newsletter, the printed version of the Contact Catalogue 2015 has been distributed recently. For changes, or in the case that you have not received this year's edition, please contact the Secretariat by e-mail. Updates are constantly made available on our website, www.epac-eacn.org.

Your Secretariat

EPAC/EACN's 15th Annual Professional Conference and General Assembly

This year's Annual Professional Conference and General Assembly of EPAC/EACN will take place in Paris from 18 to 20 November 2015, generously hosted by l'Inspection Générale de la Police Nationale (IGPN), France.

The topics identified for the conference will cover the police oversight strand as well as the anti-corruption sphere. The former will focus on the professionalization of control and the transparency and accountability of inspections, while the latter will explore the link between prevention and repression in fighting against corruption. The conference will run from mid-day 18 November to mid-day 20 November and will be in the form of plenary sessions and interactive workshops. It will feature several international speakers to facilitate discussions.

Invitations and the draft programme will be distributed in due course.

EPAC/EACN Working Groups - Update

EPAC/EACN's General Assembly, held in Sofia, Bulgaria, last year, agreed to establish two Working Groups:

One Working Group, chaired by the United Kingdom's National Crime Agency (NCA), is tasked to look into the practical details of the possible adoption of a dedicated communication tool for EPAC/EACN within the Europol Platform for Experts (EPE). The chair of the Working Group has been working closely with the Austrian Federal Bureau of Anti-Corruption (in charge of a parallel S4ACA project; see below), Europol and the EPAC/EACN Secretariat in laying the foundations for the framework and structure of the EPAC/EACN communication tool within EPE.

The other Working Group, chaired by the Anti-Fraud Office of Catalonia, prepares the contribution of EPAC/EACN for the upcoming EU Anti-Corruption Report. The Working Group held its first meeting in Brussels on 10 March, hosted by OLAF, and the second meeting is scheduled for 26 June. The

contributions will focus on issues such as the prevention and punishment of corruption, transparency of financial transactions and whistleblowers.

SIENA for Anti-Corruption Authorities (S4ACA) – First Workshop in Austria

Following the launch of the project in Krakow in February, the Austrian Federal Bureau of Anti-Corruption (BAK) organized the first workshop within the SIENA for Anti-Corruption Authorities (S4ACA) project in Vienna from 4 to 6 May 2015. The project, which was initiated by the BAK and is carried out together with the project partners, the Polish Central Anti-Corruption Bureau (CBA) and Europol as Associate Partner, is supported by the European Commission in the framework of the EU programme “Prevention of and Fight against Crime 2007-2013” (ISEC).

The aim of this workshop, in which 19 representatives of international anti-corruption authorities from a total of 12 countries participated, was to strive for an increased use of Europol’s Secure Information Exchange Network Application (SIENA) in the fight against corruption.

The Director of the BAK, Andreas Wieselthaler, and the transnational project leader and Head of Department at the BAK, Martina Koger, opened this event. Assisted by experts of the Europol National Unit Austria and by the Head of the Austrian Europol Liaison Office in The Hague, this meeting served to support the authorities and to prepare the next steps for final connectivity. In the course of the workshop, technical and legal questions regarding the network application were discussed and the next steps were determined.



In June 2015, experts of Europol will clarify the technical requirements and train selected authority representatives in the use of SIENA in The Hague.

NACOLE Conference



The 21st Annual Conference of the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) will take place in Riverside, USA, from 4 to 8 October 2015. This year’s conference, entitled “Many Roads to Reform”, will hold different sessions covering subject matters such as International Perspectives on Oversight, Effective Evaluation of Officer-Involved Shootings,

Strategies for Conducting Systemic Oversight Investigations, and many more. NACOLE has responded to the demand for discussions and training opportunities that address current events and emerging trends by moving to a schedule that will feature three concurrent sessions. The conference also provides a platform for networking with a growing community of professionals, learning about oversight models and ways of establishing and improving systems, and reviewing strategies to counter resistance to oversight. For information on registration, organizational issues and the

accompanying fees, visit: <https://nacole.org/training/annual-conference>. For information on scholarships, please visit: <https://nacole.org/special-programs/scholarship-program>.

NACOLE Annual Report

The NACOLE Annual Report 2013-2014 is now available. It describes NACOLE's work – carried out by the Board of Directors, NACOLE's committees, the Director of Operations, and the Director of Training and Education – to advance the mission of the organization and the work of its members. It also contains the 2014 end-of-year financial report. The report can be found under: https://nacole.org/wp-content/uploads/2013_2014_NACOLE_Annual_Report.pdf.

13th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

Over 4,000 policymakers and practitioners came together in Doha, Qatar for the 13th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice from 12 to 19 April 2015 in order to consider how best to integrate crime prevention and criminal justice into the wider United Nations agenda. The United Nations Crime Congress was opened by the Prime Minister of Qatar, H.E. Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al Thani and the United Nations Secretary General, H.E. Ban Ki-moon. The forum, held every five years, took place just months ahead of the major United Nations summit to adopt the Post-2015 Development Agenda in New York in September.



**13th UNITED NATIONS CONGRESS
ON CRIME PREVENTION AND
CRIMINAL JUSTICE**
Doha, 12-19 April 2015

This Congress marked the 60th anniversary of the global forum. The Doha Declaration, a political document containing recommendations on how the rule of law can protect and promote sustainable development, was adopted by acclamation at the beginning of the Congress. The declaration also emphasizes the fundamental role of education in the fight against corruption and invites nations to prevent corruption and to enhance transparency and integrity.

The fourteenth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice will take place in Japan in 2020.

IACA Trainings and Programmes

Applications for the following trainings and programmes offered by the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) are still open:



The Master in Anti-Corruption Studies (MACS) is IACA's flagship educational programme, the next edition of which starts in October 2015. Designed and taught by world-renowned experts, the MACS is designed for working professionals with at least three years of experience in the areas of anti-corruption and compliance. The MACS is a two-year programme carrying 120 European ECTS credits which also allows graduates to

enroll in Ph.D. programmes. The programme is open to officers of anti-corruption agencies, prosecutors, investigators, judges, other government officials, legal and compliance professionals from the private sector, business executives, academics, NGO leaders, and others actively involved in the fight against corruption. The deadline for applications is 30 June 2015.

The Best of Luis Moreno Ocampo will take place from 8 to 9 July 2015 at the IACA campus in Laxenburg. During these two intensive days, Mr. Ocampo will share his experiences as former Chief Prosecutor at the International Criminal Court (2003 - 2012), touching upon some of the most serious crises of the 21st century. He will also talk about his role in the Argentinian Trial of the Juntas, and discuss major corruption case studies. The registration deadline is 15 June 2015.

The Procurement Anti-Corruption Training is a one-month programme (24 August - 18 September 2015) that combines one week of on-site training at IACA (7 - 11 September 2015) with distance learning in participants' home countries for the remaining period. The training aims to reduce corruption in public procurement by training professionals from around the world in sound anti-corruption strategies. It is taught by professors Christopher Yukins and Max Kaiser Aranda, and enriched by interviews with distinguished guest lecturers. The deadline for applications is 5 July 2015.

For further information, please visit: www.iaca.int/opentrainings/general-information.html.

Transparency International School on Integrity

The Transparency International School on Integrity (TISI) is an annual state-of-the-art anti-corruption and accountability training for future leaders. This year, TISI will take place in Vilnius, Lithuania from 6 to 12 July. TISI exposes participants to the latest developments in the field of anti-corruption and accountability, offering real opportunities to try and implement generated ideas in practice. For more information, please visit: <http://transparencyschool.org/summer-school/>.

3rd Summer Academy of the European Academy for Taxes, Economics & Law

The 3rd Summer Academy, "Fraud and Corruption in the Public Sector: Prevention. Detection. Enforcement.", of the European Academy for Taxes, Economics & Law will be held in Berlin from 24 to 28 August 2015. The Summer Academy will provide intensive trainings on issues and tools needed to keep public institutions free from fraud and corruption. Different types of malpractice and the environments that make them possible will be explained by experienced anti-fraud practitioners. Throughout the Summer Academy participants will learn about the entire cycle; from effective risk management, preventative measures, and detection methods, to concrete actions to be taken in a confirmed case of fraud or corruption.

The Summer Academy is mainly addressed to practitioners fighting fraud and corruption or working in areas with a high risk of fraud and corruption. For more information, please visit: www.euroacad.eu/events/event/3rd-summer-academy-fraud-and-corruption-in-the-public-sector.html.

Events, conferences and trainings 2015 (update)

25 June	EPAC/EACN Board meeting, Brussels, Belgium
26 June	2 nd Working Group meeting on the EPAC/EACN contribution to the EU ACR, Brussels, Belgium
25-26 June	European Cross-Border Bribery Task Force, OECD, Paris
2-6 November	UNCAC Conference of State Parties, St. Petersburg, Russian Federation
5-6 November	Ensuring financially sustainable healthcare: Countering fraud, waste & corruption, EHFCN, The Hague, Netherlands
18-20 November	15 th EPAC/EACN Annual Professional Conference, Paris, France
3-4 December	OSCE Ministerial Council, Belgrade, Serbia
second week of December [tentative]	Assembly of Parties of the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA)

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