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EPAC Helsinki Conference 07

Further information

From 12 to 14 December 2007 the 7th annual EPAC Conference will take place at the Marina Congress Centre in Helsinki.



Organized by the Finnish Ministry of the Interior, the overall topic of this year's meeting will be "International Developments - European Challenges". Police oversight and anti-corruption issues will be addressed within the framework of plenary sessions and working-group meetings.

A detailed programme and some other practical information on relevant issues for this conference can be found at the EPAC homepage www.epac.at under the section Helsinki 07, 7th EPAC Conference, Helsinki 07 – Conference Information. Naturally, you can also contact the Finnish hosts of the Conference at eija.aspholm@poliisi.fi or the EPAC secretariat, in this regard at tel.: +43 1 53126 5752, e-mail bia136@bmi.gv.at, at any time.

Please note that the working language will be **English only** and as a result no interpretation service will be provided at the conference.

EPAC PO WG

Change in the coordination of the EPAC Police Oversight Working Group

Following John Wadham's (left) departure from the IPCC to take up the post of Legal Director at the UK-based Commission for Equality and Human Rights, he will be relinquishing his role as chairman of the working group on minimum standards in police oversight. John will be replaced by Nicholas Long (right), also a Commissioner at the IPCC, who is taking on John's role as IPCC Commission lead for International Development and Liaison.



EPAC would like to take this opportunity to thank John Wadham for his outstanding commitment and dedication towards the network, especially with regard to his chairmanship of the working group and also his work to champion independent police oversight internationally.

At the same time EPAC would like to welcome Nicolas Long as a new POC for the IPCC and as chairman of the PO WG and look forward to a fruitful and close cooperation within the network and beyond.

October 2007

13th Annual NACOLE conference, 25-28 September 2007

Countdown to launch of INIOP (International Network for the Independent Oversight of Policing) begins in earnest after a decisive meeting in San Jose



At the end of September, the 300 strong 13th annual conference of the US-based National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) played host to the second meeting of the INIOP steering group. The meeting, the first to be chaired by new steering group convenor Nicholas Long, the IPCC's lead commissioner for International Development and Liaison, also included new and additional members from New Zealand, Kenya, Australia, and the Republic of Ireland.

At the meeting it was agreed that INIOP would be launched through a series of international media launches taking place in the first months of 2008. The group also agreed that with immediate effect work could start on the development of a website and online hub which it is hoped will be online in late February 2008.

The main NACOLE conference on the theme of 'Transparency, Accountability, Integrity' included presentations from the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland, Nuala O'Loan; Merrick Bobb, Director of the Police Assessment Resource Center; and Professor Chris Stone, Chair of the Altus Global Alliance. Lively panel discussions were the theme of the event, with sessions covering topics including the handling of critical incidents, transparency, working with the media, and creating awareness of police-transgender issues.

Individuals or organizations interested in the development of INIOP can subscribe to Communiqué, INIOP's new electronic newsletter by emailing iniop.secretariat@ipcc.gsi.gov.uk, and the steering group also welcomes responses to its 'Tell us what you want from an international network' survey which is currently online at www.iniop.org.

For more information visit:

www.nacole.org

www.iniop.org

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10th Anniversary of the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention

OECD Conference, 21 – 22 November 2007, Rome/Italy

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Holding a conference under the topic "The Tenth Anniversary of the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention – Its Impact and Its Achievements" the OECD will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the mentioned convention on 21 and 22 November 2007. The conference will be hosted and co-organized by the Italian High Commissioner against Corruption, the Italian Ministry of Justice and the OECD Working group on Bribery.

The high level conference will allow ministers and other high officials of the States Parties to (re)affirm their commitment to enforcing the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention and to continued concerted action against bribery of foreign public officials. The conference brings together experts and prosecutors who will discuss issues related to detection, investigation and prosecution of foreign bribery offences.

Diverse topics on the agenda, such as reports and information on the implementation and enforcement of the convention through the States Parties as well as the changes in the global business environment and their impact on corruption, and various meetings of experts and prosecutors will contribute to an interesting conference and help to analyse impacts and achievements of the convention.

The OECD Working Group on Bribery in International Business Transactions was established in May 1994 and is composed of government experts from the 37 participating countries. Its mandate includes carrying out systematic country monitoring of the implementation of the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention adopted on 21 November 1997.

TI Corruption Perceptions Index 2007 has been published

On 26 September 2007, Transparency International (TI) presented the "Corruption Perceptions Index" (CPI) 2007



The Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) 2007 is based on expert surveys held among international businessmen and independent experts in 180 countries on the subject of "the level of corruption in the public sector". It assesses countries on a scale from zero to ten. Zero means high level of perceived corruption and ten indicates a low level of perceived corruption.

The CPI 2007 shows that low-income countries are more susceptible to a high level of corruption than more highly developed countries. Myanmar and Somalia are ex aequo in 179th and last place with a score of 1.4 while Denmark, Finland and New Zealand share the highest score of 9.4. The industrialized countries Japan, France and the USA rank 17th, 19th and 20th.

To focus on Europe, countries of South East and Eastern Europe such as Romania and Bulgaria are gainers in the CPI 2007, which is mainly related to their implementing the EU conditions on fighting corruption prior to accession to the European Union at beginning of 2007. On the other hand, deeply troubled states such as Afghanistan, Iraq, Myanmar, Somalia and Sudan are located at the very bottom of the index.

The average score of all EPAC countries is 6.5 which would result in a virtual 28th place. The conclusion of the CPI 2007 again points out how essential the implementation of the existing conventions of the UN and the Council of Europe are.

IAACA

2nd Annual Conference & General Meeting,
International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities



From 21 to 24 November 2007, the 2nd Annual Conference and General Meeting of the IAACA will take place in Nusa Dua, Bali/Indonesia.

Hosted by the Attorney General of the Republic of Indonesia the topic of this conference will be "Effective Preventive Measures in the Fight against Corruption".

Apart from plenary sessions several workshops will cover topics such as "Role of Anti-Corruption Authorities", "Effective Preventive Measures in Asset Recovery" and "Coordination between Anti-Corruption Authorities, Law Enforcement and Prosecution".

Following the common understanding at our conference in Budapest last year, EPAC will be represented as an observer at this IAACA conference and will report on the results and outcome in Helsinki in December 2007.

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