

Helsinki

EPAC Helsinki Conference 07

Further information

In less than three weeks this year's conference will take place in Helsinki. Therefore we would like to once again approach you with some very last interesting details.

Before going into detail we would like to remind you that the deadline for the application was set up for the 15 November 2007. Though there were many indications from the member states about their participation, the Finnish host still haven't received the registration forms from all our partner organizations. Please supply them as soon as possible to allow them to make the final arrangements. Nevertheless we were informed by Finland that there is a huge interest from the member states and consequently the capacities will soon be exhausted.

Next to the discussions in the plenary and workshops, EPAC is pleased to announce that a number of distinguished key note speakers will be present at the conference to give their perspectives about topics from the police oversight and anti-corruption field.



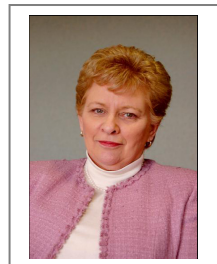
- Prof. Dr. Manfred NOWAK, LL.M., UN Special Rapporteur on torture, and Director of the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Human Rights in Vienna will give a presentation on human rights and corruption.



Next to other functions Dr. Nowak acts as the U.N. Special Rapporteur on Torture and other cruel, inhumane or degrading treatment since 2004. In this function he has led fact-finding missions to China, Nepal, Mongolia, Georgia, Jordan, and Paraguay. He furthermore was in charge for the joint report on Guantánamo Bay.

Dr. Nowak directly reports to the UN General Assembly and the Human Rights Council.

- Ms. Nuala O'Loan, former Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland will give a presentation about the development of a Police Oversight Institution



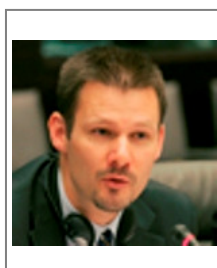
Ms. Nuala O'Loan was appointed by the Government of the United Kingdom to the post of Police Ombudsman in 1999 and she held this position until 5. November 2007. The Ombudsman's Office was created by the Police (Northern Ireland) Act 1988. The Office of the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland is intended to provide an independent, impartial police complaints system for the people and the police.

- Mr. Antti Pihlajamäki, Chief District Prosecutor, LL.D. Chief Prosecutor's office for South West Finland; Professor for Criminal Law at the University of Turku and Chair of Transparency International Finland



Next to his functions Mr. Pihlajamäki is active as the Vice Chair of Transparency International Finland since 2003. Previously he was a member of the Finnish Anti-Corruption network and of the OECD Working Group on Bribery. He is the author of several publications, mostly related to information technology crimes and corruption.

- Prof. Dr. Tom vander Beken, Professor for Criminal Law at the University of Gent and Director of the Institute for International Research on Criminal Policy (IRCP). The topic of his presentation will be "Anti-corruption strategies and good governance. A plea for an integrated and multidisciplinary approach".



As Professor for Criminal Law at the University of Gent his principal field of expertise covers International and European Criminal Law as well as organised Crime. Prof. vander Beken is involved in several actual research projects and originator of umpteen publications.

An updated programme and some other practical information on relevant issues for this conference can be found at the EPAC Homepage under section > HELSINKI 07 > 7th EPAC Conference, Helsinki 07 – Conference Information.

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We are looking forward to a successful conference and meeting you in Helsinki.

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