

**Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear Colleagues and Friends,**

Meeting EC - EACN

From 4 to 5 February 2010, a meeting between the EU contact-point network against corruption (EACN) and the European Commission (EC) took place in Brussels. This first meeting of exchange was attended by nearly 40 participants from 19 EU Member States who were, inter alia, updated on the Stockholm Programme and its latest developments at EU level. The EACN



President emphasised that one of the main challenges for the EACN was to bring together and enhance cooperation between its member institutions of different backgrounds and jurisdictions in order to exchange best practices and gain added value. At the same safeguarding the independence of its organisations and the network itself is key and at the top of the agenda.

A follow-up meeting was envisaged for June or July 2010.

UN Crime Congress, Brazil

From 12 to 19 April 2010, the Twelfth United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice will be held in Salvador, Brazil. Themed "Comprehensive strategies for global challenges: crime prevention and criminal justice systems and their development in a changing world", the congress will be a hub for policymakers and practitioners in the areas of crime prevention and criminal justice,



as well as for individual experts from academia and representatives of civil society and the media. Special attention will be drawn to children, youth and crime; smuggling of migrants; trafficking in persons; money-laundering and cybercrime. It would be recommendable that EPAC Partners are members of their national delegations to the conference.

For further information please see:

<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/crime-congress/crime-congresses.html?ref=menuaside>

CACOLE Conference

The Canadian Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (CACOLE) will hold its annual conference from 7 to 9 June 2010 in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada. The registration form and further information on the conference, entitled "Civilian Oversight - Strengthening Public Confidence of Police" can be found on the website <http://www.cacole.ca/CACOLE%20English%20Cover%20Page/Cacole%20English%20Page.htm>.

NACOLE Conference

The 16th Annual Conference of the United States National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) will take place from 20 to 23 September 2010 in Seattle, Washington, USA. More information regarding this conference and the association itself can be found at the NACOLE website: www.nacole.org.



EPAC Working Groups

EPAC (EACN) Finances WG

The first meeting of the EPAC (EACN) Finances WG, chaired by the EPAC/EACN President, will be held from 29 to 30 April 2010 in Vienna. All EPAC and EACN organisations are warmly invited and kindly requested to participate in the gathering in order to discuss about financial support and funding opportunities. We ask those of you who have not yet registered for the working group to join us by sending an email to BMI-EPAC-Secretariat@bmi.gv.at by 5 March 2010. For any further questions the EPAC/EACN Secretariat is at your disposal at +43 1 53126 5738.

PO Principles WG

In 2010, the Police Oversight Principles Working Group will continue its work to develop aspirational minimum standards for police oversight bodies in Europe. The group hopes to agree the first version of the Police Oversight Principles during this year and will promote them to EPAC Partners. The group expects to meet at least once in 2010.

The point of contact for the group is Sally Chadwick (Tel: +44 (0)207 166 3206 sally.chadwick@ipcc.gsi.gov.uk).

The group is chaired by Nicholas Long, Commissioner, Independent Police Complaints Commission.

AC Standards WG

In the year 2010 based upon previous achievements of the working group, the AC Standards Working Group will further develop basic standards according to which anti-corruption agencies need to be established and standards according to which those agencies should perform their functions. Important questions of independence, financial and operational autonomy, integrity and other principles will be discussed in order to prepare guidelines for the existing and new anti-corruption agencies to fulfil their tasks in a legal, professional and non-partisan manner. A lot of attention will be devoted to threats challenging the work of anti-corruption agencies in order to avoid illicit influence on and negative consequences for the performance of their tasks. A meeting of the working group in May 2010 will serve as a platform for the production of written guidelines.

IACSS Review

It is a great pleasure for us to inform you that we have recently published the review of the 3rd International Anti-Corruption Summer School (IACSS 2009).



Within the next days, we will provide you with a copy of it.

EPAC Contact Catalogue 2010

We would also like to inform you that the Contact Catalogue 2010 has been brought to completion. It will give you the latest overview on the nature and competences as well as contact details of the EPAC Police Oversight Bodies (POB) and Anti-Corruption Authorities (ACA). We will provide you with a copy of the catalogue within the next week.

EACN Contact Catalogue 2010

In order to facilitate a smooth cooperation also within the EACN, continuing well-proven technical traditions of EPAC, we plan to publish – in addition to the EPAC Contact Catalogue 2010 – an EACN Contact Catalogue. Similar to the EPAC Contact Catalogue, this set of information contains accurate contact details, serves to identify common organisational interests, and should give your partners a “face”. As soon as we have received all data from all organisations, we will complete the production of the EACN Contact Catalogue and send it to you.



EPAC President

After nine and a half years as the Head of the Austrian Federal Bureau for Internal Affairs (BIA), I have voluntarily decided to retire from the investigative portion of the police oversight and anti-corruption work in Austria. As I will stay with the Ministry, I will be able to focus to a greater extent on matters of international PO and AC cooperation in the future. This will hopefully also allow me to dedicate more time to the EPAC and EACN presidency as well as to the establishment of the first International Anti-Corruption Academy, IACA. In any case, it will be my utmost pleasure to keep working with you all.



We are looking forward to a successful year and hope to meet you either at a working group or at one of the conferences!

Your EPAC/EACN Secretariat

Erratum: In the Newsletter No 04_2009, Article “EPAC Annual Conference” there have been made some marginal changes. The current version can be seen at www.epac.at.