

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

EPAC/EACN Conference 2010



As time flies and summer has arrived, please mark in your professional diary 17 to 19 November 2010 for the Annual EPAC/EACN Conference. In the run-up to this event in Romania, preparations concerning the conference programme, external experts and further general procedures are ongoing. After preliminary consultations between our Romanian hosts and the EPAC/EACN Secretariat at the end of June, further information will be made available for all EPAC/EACN Partners in due course.

Request by the World Bank: Questionnaire

Following the Anti-Corruption Authorities (ACAs) workshop in Washington D.C. last March, the World Bank started to collect basic information on anti-corruption authorities using a brief and factual questionnaire. The objective of this activity is to better understand the institutional set-up of individual ACAs in an attempt to support their efforts more effectively. This exercise will also provide the World Bank with important information on the composition and the structure of ACAs, information that will be shared with all the ACAs participating. The World Bank would like to reach out, amongst others, to the many members of the International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities (IAACA) as well as to EPAC (incl. EACN) and involve them in this data collection exercise.



As the World Bank has brought forward numerous valuable reports by its collaboration with various stakeholders in the anti-corruption arena, we would like to draw your attention to this initiative and also invite you to participate in the data collection exercise. The questionnaires may be sent directly then to Ms Francesca Recanatini, Senior Economist, Public Sector Governance, The World Bank, email:

Frecantini@worldbank.org, to whom queries may be addressed, too.

Thank you for your assistance.

JAI M.A.D.R.I.D. report

On 3 June 2010, the so-called M.A.D.R.I.D Report was passed by the Justice and Home Affairs Council. Based upon the EU's Internal Security Strategy (ISS), which

shall provide the basis for concerted action in the EU to tackle the main internal threats and risks that the EU faces, the report draws its evidence from three strategic documents — Europol's Organised Crime Threat Assessment (OCTA), the Terrorism Situation and Trend Report (TE-SAT) and Frontex's Annual Risk Analysis (ARA). Also, this report recognizes corruption as a key threat to the security of the EU. Under point III it consequently concludes that already existing tools like the EU contact-point network against corruption (EACN), as well as the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) serve as good examples for initiatives fighting corruption at all levels of society and thus shall be supported.

The M.A.D.R.I.D. Report serves as another essential document to support our efforts with regard to EPAC/EACN and the International Anti-Corruption Academy (see attachment).

CACOLE Conference

As mentioned in our last Newsletter the annual conference of the Canadian Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (CACOLE) was held in Canada from 7 to 9 June 2010 where delegates from police services, governments, civilian oversight agencies and police services boards were given the opportunity to discuss the challenges of civilian oversight.

Further information about the conference, as well as the agenda and presentations are available on the website: <http://www.cacole.ca>.

UNCAC

In accordance with resolution 3/1, adopted by the Conference of the States Parties (CoSP) to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) at its third session in Doha in November 2009, the first meeting of the Implementation Review Group (IRG) was convened in Vienna from 28 June – 2 July 2010. The role of the IRG is to ensure, inter alia, the good performance and effectiveness of the review mechanism. In the course of this first meeting, State parties to UNCAC were selected as reviewing and reviewed countries, respectively, of the new peer review mechanism by the drawing of lots. A list of the States parties elected is attached.



IACA Opening Conference to take place in September 2010

A grand Opening Conference for IACA is scheduled to take place at the Hofburg Palace, Vienna, Austria, on 2 and 3 September 2010 with a Ministerial segment scheduled on the first day. Invitations have been sent out via diplomatic channels to all Member States of the United Nations, to international organisations and to (networks of) experts. The conference will include a high-level segment, two panel discussions, a side-event for experts and practitioners and an event in Laxenburg. At the same time, this gathering will inaugurate the activities of IACA.

The Academy's full spectrum of activities, including academic degree programmes, will get under way by mid-2011. Heads of EPAC (inc. EACN) member organisations will also be invited to this Conference within the next few days.



IACSS 2010 ALUMNI SYMPOSIUM

This year, from 27 to 30 September 2010, the International Anti-Corruption Summer School (IACSS) will be organised in the form of an Alumni Symposium. The event will be held in Baden (near Vienna) and will especially focus on the strengthening of the alumni network, which has been successfully built up in the past three years. Therefore, only alumni of former IACSS modules will be accepted to the gathering this year.



Please be informed that the application deadline for the IACSS Alumni Symposium 2010 has passed and that the selection process has already started. Further details concerning this event can be found on http://www.bak.gv.at/cms/bia_en/iacss/start.aspx.

We wish you all a happy summer and hope to see you soon

Your EPAC/EACN Secretariat