

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,
 Dear Colleagues and Friends,

As our Annual Professional Conference (and General Assembly) is getting closer we have the pleasure of presenting you with a special edition of our newsletter dedicated to our conference. The next regular newsletter will be forthcoming after the conference; proposals and suggestions for improvement are most welcome.

Your Secretariat

12th Annual Professional Conference and General Assembly



The conference will see **official opening** in the early afternoon of **Wednesday, 21 November**, in the Montblanc Barcelona hotel where participants will also be accommodated. Delegates will be welcomed by Mr. Daniel de Alfonso Laso, Director of the Anti-Fraud Office of Catalonia, Mr. Antoni Capell, Commissioner of the Mossos d'Esquadra, and Mr. Martin Kreutner, President of EPAC/EACN. In the first plenary session Ms. Anna Myers will provide the audience with a practical approach to the protection of whistleblowers. The first day will conclude with an official dinner hosted by H.E. Mr. Felip Puig, Minister of Interior, Catalan Government, Spain.

As of the second day, the Complex Central Egara, home to the Mossos d'Esquadra, will serve as the conference venue. After a welcome address by Mr. Prat Peláez, Director General, the delegates will follow one of the workshops to be held in parallel, either focusing on advance use of modern information technologies in the anti-corruption strand, or (oversight of) policing in urban areas. Both workshops will be conducted by a number of specialists and will aim at providing up-to-date information to practitioners. A session on challenges in the prosecution of corruption and economic crime cases by Mr. Alejandro Luzón from the Special Public Prosecutor's Office on organized crime and corruption [tbc] will conclude the day.

The last day of the conference will start with a presentation by Mr. Marin Mrcela, President of GRECO [tbc], who will offer insights into the current evaluation round. On **Friday, 23 November**, the networks will convene for the **General Assembly**. In accordance with Articles 10 to 12 of the Constitution, the terms of the **President** as well as the **Vice-President** of the anti-corruption strand will expire **and both positions will thus be up for election**. Furthermore, the function of the Deputy Vice-President of the police oversight strand is vacant and should be filled. Given these pending key decisions, the presence of all EPAC/EACN members is particularly encouraged.



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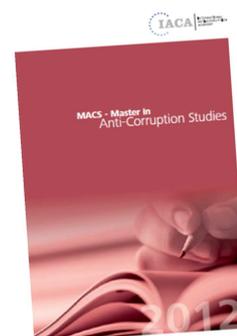
Registration is open **until 5 November 2012** via the link provided in the "News & Conferences" section of our website, www.epac.at. Please also consult our website for the detailed programme and further practical information.

Apply for the MACS by 26 October - Curriculum Published

The curriculum for IACA's Master in Anti-Corruption Studies (MACS) programme has been published. The MACS combines distance learning with seven, twelve-day on-site modules. The core modules each address different aspects and angles within the field of anti-corruption; concepts and theories, economics, politics, business, law, corruption enforcement, and corruption prevention. Six will take place at the IACA campus in Laxenburg, Austria, and one in cooperation with the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The application process runs through 26 October 2012. All potential candidates must possess an undergraduate degree, equivalent to a Bachelor. A minimum of three years of relevant work experience or a proven record of academic research in the area of anti-corruption is also required. The language of instruction is English. Applicants whose mother tongue is not English must attach proof of English language proficiency.

The MACS is designed for professionals who wish to remain fully employed while pursuing their degree. It will be launched in December, with the first core module scheduled for February 2013.



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