

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

We have the pleasure of presenting you with the latest edition of our newsletter. Topic proposals for the next newsletter and suggestions for improvement are as always most welcome.

Your Secretariat

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### Annual Professional Conference and General Assembly

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Professional Conference and General Assembly will take place in Sofia, Bulgaria from 16 to 19 November 2014. The plenary sessions will start off with presentations from EPAC/EACN authorities and partners, to be followed by two parallel workshops. The first will divulge into the challenges in fighting high-level corruption and corrupt practices of high-ranking state officials, while the second will focus on old and new oversight tools. The conference will conclude with a session of the General Assembly. Further information, the latest conference programme and other documents are available on our website, [www.epac-eacn.org/news/annual-conference](http://www.epac-eacn.org/news/annual-conference).

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### Workshop on Information Exchange

Does EPAC/EACN need an information exchange system, and if so, which platform should it be? An interactive workshop on the topic among anti-corruption authorities and police oversight bodies was hosted by the Austrian Federal Bureau of Anti-Corruption (BAK) with the support of the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) in Laxenburg, Austria on 24 October.



More than 20 member authorities took part. The first session consisted of presentations on existing information exchange systems for operational and non-operational cooperation, by Markus Goerres from OLAF and Burkhard Mühl and Emma Corneliusson from EUROPOL. In the afternoon, the BAK's Verena Wessely introduced Austria's SIENA for Anti-Corruption Authorities project, which was followed by a plenary discussion on the future of an information exchange system for EPAC/EACN.

The results of the workshop will be shared at the Annual Professional Conference.

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### IACA's Assembly of Parties

The International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) will hold the third session of its Assembly of Parties, generously hosted by the Republic of Azerbaijan, from 19 to 21 November 2014 in Baku. The provisional agenda has



been circulated amongst stakeholders and has also been made available on its website, [www.icaa.int/governance/assembly-of-parties](http://www.icaa.int/governance/assembly-of-parties). There you will also find other documents such as the Information for Participants, Rules of Procedure for the Assembly and Resolutions passed at previous sessions. As this site is updated on a regular basis, please ensure to check back regularly for new information.

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## NACOLE Conference 2014 and 2015 Academic Symposium



The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) took place in Kansas City, Missouri, from 14 to 18 September 2014.

The conference focused on topics around the exchange of information and ideas regarding civilian oversight, law enforcement and how to better serve our communities collectively. Conference delegates also had the chance to discuss police accountability issues such as federal pattern and practice litigation, developing policy recommendations, constitutional policing and investigating force in custody.

Registration is now open for the NACOLE inaugural academic conference: Moving Beyond Discipline: The Role of Civilians in Police Accountability. This one-day symposium, co-sponsored by NACOLE, the Seattle University (SU) School of Law and the SU Criminal Justice Department, will be held on 6 February 2015 at the SU School of Law. Multidisciplinary scholars will speak on developments in civilian-led police accountability measures, and participants will have the opportunity to network with academics and practitioners in the policing and police oversight fields.

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## ICAC Symposium

The 6<sup>th</sup> ICAC Symposium organized by the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) will be held between 11 and 13 May 2015 in Hong Kong. The title of the symposium is "A Future Without Corruption – One Vision, Multiple Strategies".



The symposium has become a signature event since 2000 and provides excellent opportunities for participants to share experience, gain knowledge and strengthen cooperation in furtherance of the common goal of combating corruption. Registration for participation will begin later this year. News are available via [www.icac.org.hk/symposium](http://www.icac.org.hk/symposium).

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## First Graduate-Level Course on Police Oversight

The John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York initiated the first graduate-level course in Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement as part of its Public Administration programme. The course was

developed and supported by the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE).

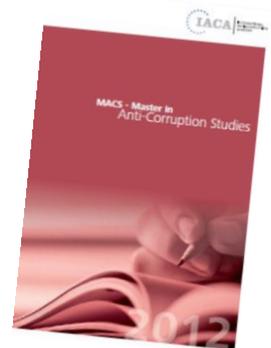
Civilian oversight is vital to building and preserving effective, trusted and publicly accountable police divisions. The course will prepare students to assess, evaluate and monitor police behaviour and policing performance from an oversight perspective. The structure of the course will be around three main themes – police integrity, oversight and inspection, and accountability. It will also explore and examine the authority of the police, different types of police misconduct, the consequences of that misconduct and various efforts to control police behaviour through institutional and non-institutional forms of oversight. The course concludes with an evaluation of how police oversight is conducted in international and multi-national contexts. For more information about the course and application details, please visit: [www.jjay.cuny.edu](http://www.jjay.cuny.edu).

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### **Master in Anti-Corruption Studies 2014 - 2016**

On Monday, 3 November the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) welcomed the second intake of the Master in Anti-Corruption Studies (MACS) programme.

The inauguration marks the beginning of the affiliation of these students with IACA and the unique anti-corruption network established by the Academy. Thirty-two working professionals from 22 countries and five continents are taking part this time around. The student body includes investigators, public relations officers, auditors, humanitarian workers, diplomats, executives, compliance managers, police superintendents, etc.



The first class, MACS 2012 – 2014, has concluded all seven modules over the course of the last two years and handed in their master theses. The students will return to Laxenburg in December for the academic defense of the theses and, if successful, graduate at IACA on 9 December, International Anti-Corruption Day.

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### **NACOLE and ILEAA Training Day**

The National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) and the International Law Enforcement Auditors Association (ILEAA) have gathered together to offer extra resources to those interested in police accountability or oversight. NACOLE and ILEAA will be hosting a two-day training event in Austin, Texas. The event will address effective methods for creating and maintaining an environment in which law enforcement agencies are both accountable and transparent. It will prove to be of great benefit to those wishing to develop or expand their current investigation or auditing capabilities. The training day will take place on 13 and 14 November 2014. For more information, please visit: <https://nacole.org/nacole-ileaa-2-day-training-conference-austin-texas/>.

## The Fight against Corruption: International Standards and National Experiences

From 30 June to 1 July 2014, the conference “The Fight against Corruption: International Standards and National Experiences” took place in Baku, Azerbaijan. Around 130 representatives from international organizations, law enforcement agencies and anti-corruption authorities attended. The conference was organized by the Council of Europe’s Group of States against corruption (GRECO), the Council of Europe, the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) and the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Participants discussed international and national developments in the fight against corruption with a focus on national and international initiatives and activities that had been taking place. Conclusions drawn were based on the requirement for the need for national and international structures and legal bases with the involvement of civil society. Emphasis was also placed on review mechanisms and transparency as well as the notion that prevention must be tackled as early as possible. For more information, please visit: [www.iaca.int/414-on-international-standards-and-national-experiences](http://www.iaca.int/414-on-international-standards-and-national-experiences).

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## Contact Catalogue 2014

The Contact Catalogue 2014 has been distributed to all members and observers in the summer. Updates are constantly made available on our website [www.epac-eacn.org](http://www.epac-eacn.org). For changes or in case you have not received this year's edition, please contact the Secretariat by e-mail or use the meeting in Sofia to contact us.