Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

We have the pleasure of presenting you with the third edition of our newsletter this year. Topic proposals for the next newsletter and suggestions for improvement are most welcome.

Your Secretariat

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EPAC/EACN Annual Professional Conference 2012

This year's EPAC/EACN Annual Professional Conference will take place from Wednesday, 21 November, starting around noon, to Friday, 23 November 2012, closing in the early afternoon. It will be hosted by our Spanish colleagues from the Mossos d'Esquadra – Policia de la Generalitat in Barcelona. Content-wise it is foreseen that the meeting will centre around a topic from the anti-corruption field and another topic on police oversight with an additional session on whistleblowing.

Official invitations will be sent out by mid-June. We look forward to your participation.

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Canadian Oversight of Law Enforcement in the 21st Century Conference

From 28 to 30 May 2012, the Canadian Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement will host a conference entitled “Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement in the 21st Century: Technology and Attitudes”. The venue will be the International Toronto Yorkville in Toronto, Ontario.

The discussions will comprise numerous subjects related to the central theme, which is the use of technology in law enforcement. Among the subjects: the use of social media, cell phone and police video technology and their impact on police accountability; cooperation among the police boards/commissions, municipalities and provincial oversights bodies; investigative skills competencies for police officers and their applicability for policy oversight organizations; case studies on the use of technology for investigative purposes; the adequate use of force; and legal issues surrounding Aboriginal policing. The methodology of the conference includes not only panel discussion, but actual classroom training, utilizing a use of force training scenario.

The price for registrations received before 31 March is 800 CAD + 13% tax. Registrations made after 31 March will cost 850 CAD + 13% tax for members and 900 CAD + 13% tax for non-members. The prices include all meals and breaks for the duration of the event, except the Monday dinner. For additional information and registrations, please refer to the conference's official website, www.cacole.ca.
Reminder: DNA's Best Practices Seminar and Strategies

As announced in our previous newsletter, the National Anticorruption Directorate of Romania (DNA), EPAC/EACN and the German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation are organizing a seminar entitled “Best practices and strategies in detecting, investigating and prosecuting corruption and fraud in public procurement”. It will take place on 7 and 8 June 2012 in Bucharest. Members and observers have already been invited via e-mail, and hardcopy invitations have been posted as well. In case you did not yet receive the invitation, please contact the EPAC/EACN Secretariat.

Reminder: IACA's Best of Seminar featuring Susan Rose-Ackerman

From 7 to 8 June 2012 the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) in Laxenburg, Austria, will offer a seminar featuring the best of renowned economics and law professor, Susan Rose-Ackerman. Covering the issue since the 1970s, Professor Rose-Ackermann will discuss the key findings of her research and the roles of international actors and nation states in both promoting and countering corruption. She will elaborate on some of the most fundamental issues that anti-corruption programmes should discuss, ranging from the design of public institutions to the use of sanctions versus rewards to control malfeasance.

Together with Professor Rose-Ackerman, participants will have the opportunity to analyze the root causes of corruption, contemporary empirical research, and the key ingredients of a viable anti-corruption policy. The seminar is designed for a small group of jurists, economists, academics, governmental policy-makers and students. For more information, please visit, www.iaca.int.

Reminder: Call for applications for the Vienna Master of Arts in Human Rights

With the newly designed Master of Arts in Human Rights, the University of Vienna, Austria offers students the exciting opportunity to study human rights in an international, interdisciplinary and practice-oriented environment.

This postgraduate programme aims at providing students with the knowledge and the practical skills to work as human rights experts in various professional environments. The programme is designed for students from all world regions, with at least a bachelor degree in one of a broad range of academic disciplines, and who have an open mind, empathy for human beings and a strong interest
to experience the fascinating world of human rights. It offers students a variety of courses with an innovative and interdisciplinary approach to human rights and a strong emphasis on practice.

The Vienna Master in Human Rights starts in October 2012. The application deadline was extended to 15 May 2012.

For more information please consult the programme’s brochure, which can be found at, www.postgraduatecenter.at/fileadmin/user_upload/pgc_humanrights/Human_Rights_Brosch%C3%BC_re_final.pdf, or visit the website, http://humanrights.univie.ac.at. You can also follow the programme on Facebook, www.facebook.com/ViennaHumanRights.

The University of Passau's Economics of Corruption Lecture and Workshop

The University of Passau will organize a workshop and lecture, “The Economics of Corruption”, from 6 to 13 October 2012. It will focus on good governance and reform, and is designed to make participants better informed on topics such as measuring corruption, international conventions, contract penalties, compliance systems, debarment, procurement, leniency and corporate liability. The workshop and lecture are intended for around 80 anti-corruption practitioners and policy makers, as well as post-graduate students. More information will be available under, www.icgg.org.

UNICEF Talent Pool

UNICEF is currently recruiting for a Talent Pool of P3 and P4 investigators for fixed term positions that there may be vacancies for within the next two years. Currently they have no such vacancies, but should they get the opportunity to open new posts then those people who have been successful and identified for the Talent Pool will be considered for those posts without having to go through the recruitment process again. Please see the two annexed documents.

Please note that the Secretariat does not take any responsibility in relation with this announcement.