

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

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

Your Secretariat

EPAC/EACN Annual Professional Conference 2013

This year's Annual Professional Conference and General Assembly of EPAC/EACN will be held from Wednesday, 13 November to Friday, 15 November 2013. The 13th yearly gathering of EPAC and EACN members will be hosted by our Polish colleagues in Krakow.

Official invitations and information for participants will be sent out in due course. We very much look forward to your participation.

Opening Conference

On 27 and 28 May, the opening conference of the project, "Promoting the exchange of best practices in detection, investigation and sanctioning of corruption in the EU", will take place in Bucharest, Romania. The event is organized by Romania's National Anticorruption Directorate (DNA), in cooperation with Spain's Anti-Fraud Office of Catalonia (OAC) and France's Central Service for the Prevention of Corruption (SCPC).

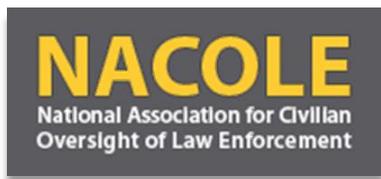


The overall objective of the project is to support EU anti-corruption efforts by promoting the exchange of experience and good practice among EU Member States. The opening conference aims to bring together representatives from all 27 Member States from institutions with competences in detecting, investigating and judging corruption offences, such as investigating agencies, prosecution offices and courts. It will be followed by three workshops, the first focusing on detection, the second on investigation and the third on sanctioning corruption. During the opening conference and workshops, participants will have the opportunity to share the practical challenges and legislative frameworks which rule their daily tasks of prosecuting corruption.

The project will close with a final conference, scheduled for June 2014, which will provide an overview of the results of the workshops, offering a retrospective of the ideas debated during them. At the end of the project, participants will also receive a report containing the conclusions of each workshop.

Registration is Open for the 19th NACOLE Annual Conference

Early registration for this year's Annual Conference of the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE), taking place in Salt Lake City, Utah, from 22 to 26 September 2013, is until 19 July. To register, visit www.nacole.org/registration-now-open-19th-annual-nacole-conference-0.



This 19th edition, entitled "Finding the "Right" Balance", raises an interesting question concerning civilian oversight of law enforcement: What does it mean to find the right balance of and within civilian oversight? The conference will hold different sessions covering subject matters such as human rights and policing, technology pitfalls in law enforcement operations, mediating citizen complaints against the police, effective reporting, immigration and policing. One of the speakers, Salt Lake City Chief of Police Chris Burbank, who received special recognition from the American Civil Liberties Union of Utah for his work in protecting immigrant civil rights, will present his view on the cross-deputization of police officers as immigration enforcement agents.

The Mentoring Program will also host an informal get together on the evening before the start of the Annual Conference. This programme offers opportunities for experienced and newer police oversight professionals to continue their professional development through formal mentoring relationships. For more information on the programme, please visit www.nacole.org/nacole-professional-mentoring-program.

IACA's Best of Seminar featuring Robert Klitgaard

Notably referred to as "the world's leading expert on corruption", Claremont Graduate University Professor Dr. Robert Klitgaard will discuss the efficacy of anti-corruption efforts by examining interactive case studies and explaining innovative methods of good governance and institutional reform.

For two days, participants will have the opportunity to learn about the most pioneering measures being used by various entities to launch and sustain preventive and curative measures against corruption. Together with Dr. Robert Klitgaard, they will engage in sustainable policy building for targeting anti-corruption in various spheres, and learn about many innovative techniques being used to fight corruption. In the evening, all participants are invited to a networking dinner with Professor Robert Klitgaard at a typical Viennese restaurant.

The seminar is designed for anti-corruption experts, business and government executives, leaders of civil society organizations, journalists and academics who are interested in design management and sustainability of anti-corruption efforts. Registration is still open until 2 July 2013. For more information, please visit www.iaca.int.



The International Bar Association to Hold its 11th Annual Anti-Corruption Conference



The International Bar Association (IBA) Anti-Corruption Committee, with the support of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), will be holding its 11th Annual Anti-Corruption Conference in Paris on 12 and 13 June 2013. The conference will bring together private practitioners, in-house counsel, compliance officers, auditors, law enforcement officials and representatives around different sessions related to the fight against corruption. The most recent updates on developments in asset recovery in corruption, the latest trends in investigations and prosecutions, the media and civil society in the fight against corruption and bribery in the natural resources sector, among other topics, will be discussed. Registration is open until 5 June 2013. Please find further information on IBA's website, www.ibanet.org.

Summer Academy of the European Academy for Taxes, Economics and Law

This year's Summer Academy of the European Academy for Taxes, Economics and Law, "Fraud and Corruption in the Public Sector", will take place from 26 to 30 August in Berlin, Germany. The Summer Academy is a five-day intensive practical training directed at anti-fraud and anti-corruption officers, internal and external auditors, compliance and procurement officers, executive managers, judicial and police officers working on economic crime, customs agents and other members of staff responsible for fighting fraud and corruption or working in areas with a high risk of fraud and corruption in institutions. It will provide professionals with an intensive training on issues and tools needed to keep public institutions free from fraud and corruption. Participants will learn about the entire cycle from effective risk management, preventative measures and detection methods to concrete actions to be taken in a confirmed case of fraud or corruption in different areas. Early registration is possible until 21 June 2013. For more information, please visit www.euroacad.eu/.



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