

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear Colleagues and Friends,

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

We wish you a wonderful summer!

Your Secretariat

Annual Professional Conference & General Assembly in Riga (15-17 November 2016)



This year's EPAC/EACN annual event will be hosted by the Corruption Prevention and Combating Bureau of Latvia (KNAB) in Riga. The invitation, together with the preliminary programme, registration form, and practical information for participants, was distributed by the Secretariat on 14 July 2016.

The registration deadline is 18 September and the deadline for hotel bookings is 22 September. You are advised to register and book your hotel as soon as possible.

The event includes a session to showcase anti-corruption prevention campaigns, as well as an open informal working session to share experiences among EPAC/EACN members in the areas of landmark domestic cases, international investigations, and investigation techniques. We encourage you to signal your interest in actively participating in either or both of these to secretariat@epac-eacn.org.

Update on EPAC/EACN Working Groups

Two Working Groups (WGs) were established by the General Assembly of EPAC/EACN in Paris on 20 November 2015 and their topics were determined via consultation with members in March 2016. The WG on corruption in healthcare is chaired by the National Anticorruption Directorate (DNA) from Romania, while the WG on criteria for evaluation of efficiency of police oversight bodies is chaired by the General Inspection of National Police (IGPN) from France. Both WGs held successful first meetings in the course of May and June 2016. The results of their work will be presented and discussed with EPAC/EACN members at a dedicated session during the annual event in Riga.

IACA Summer Academy and other events

The International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) opened its sixth annual Summer Academy on 1 July with almost 80 anti-corruption and compliance professionals from more than 40 countries coming together in Laxenburg. The list of participants included several professionals from within the EPAC network.



The Summer Academy featured world-leading speakers from a wide range of academic and professional backgrounds. They included distinguished professors at prestigious universities, senior officials from national anti-corruption agencies, and high-profile federal prosecutors. During the eight-day programme, participants engaged in interactive discussion on a broad range of anti-corruption issues.

This was just one of several programmes, trainings, and other activities taking place at IACA in July. Also on the agenda were a “Best Of” seminar with Prof. Johann Graf Lambsdorff, Anti-Corruption in Local Governance Training, and the third annual IACA Alumni Reunion. In addition, the 2015 - 2017 Master in Anti-Corruption Studies (MACS) class will return to IACA from 25 July to 5 August for the in-class part of Module IV on Corruption, Law and International Initiatives.

9th Annual Conference and General Meeting of the International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities (IAACA)



The 9th Annual Conference and General Meeting of the International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities (IAACA) was held in Tianjin, China, from 10 to 13 May 2016 under the theme "The Future of Anti-Corruption Authorities: Lessons Learned and Charting the Way Forward". Dr. Al Marri, Attorney General of Qatar, was elected IAACA

President by the General Assembly. Following a proposal by the Executive Committee, the General Assembly established a Reform Working Group with the task of reviewing the IAACA Constitution and preparing proposals for amendments to the next General Meeting.

NACOLE Conference

The 22nd Annual Conference of the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) will take place in Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA, from 25 to 29 September 2016. This year's conference, entitled "Confronting Systemic Injustice", provides a forum where the growing community of civilian oversight practitioners, law enforcement officials, journalists, elected officials, students, community members, and others can meet to exchange information and ideas about issues facing civilian oversight and law enforcement. NACOLE has responded to the demand for discussions and training opportunities that address current events and emerging trends by moving to a schedule that will feature 26 concurrent sessions. The conference also provides a platform for networking, learning about oversight models and ways of establishing and improving systems, as well as reviewing strategies to counter resistance to oversight. For information on registration, organizational issues and fees, please visit http://www.nacole.org/annual_conference. Information on scholarships is available at http://www.nacole.org/scholarship_program.



We wish you great summer holidays!



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