



## NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends and Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen,

We are in the countdown to the opening of IACA in just about one month, an exciting time for the Partners, the Transition Team and me personally who have been single-mindedly driving the project forward. As you know, the Government of Austria, in close cooperation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and supported by the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), has been working hard to establish IACA.

From 2 to 3 September, these Partners together with stakeholders from all over the globe are holding a conference called "From Vision to Reality: A New and Holistic Approach to Fighting Corruption", during which the Academy will be launched. And I am delighted to tell you that the United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon will address the IACA Inaugural Conference on 2 September, in addition to many Government Ministers and high-levels experts who will participate in this prestigious event.



United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon will address the Conference

Mr. Ban's presence is further confirmation of the importance attached by the international community to this venture. His voice will bring a resounding endorsement from the highest levels of diplomacy, adding to the chorus of support from Governments, experts, practitioners, NGOs and civil society and the private sector.

Once again, I extend my personal invitation to you, Excellency, eminent expert, colleague and friend, to join the many witnessing a once-in-a lifetime event in the Hofburg Palace and the Academy. Please lend your invaluable support to IACA, an idea whose time has come. For registering please visit our website: http://www.iaca-info.org/ (deadline: 23 August, 2010).

We're almost there! I hope to see you next month in Vienna,

(Martin Kreutner)
Chair, IACA International Steering Committee

#### **New Memoranda of Understanding**

IACA is pleased to announce that it recently signed two further **Memoranda of Understanding** with the **Malaysian Anti-Corruption Academy (MACA)** and the **International Association of Anti-**

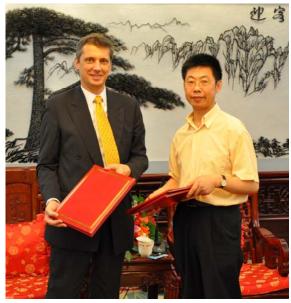
Corruption Authorities (IAACA). This unity further contributes to the global fight against corruption.

On 30 July 2010, Mr. Martin Kreutner and Mr. Dato` Samarajoo Manikam, Director of MACA, strengthened existing links between their institutions by



Mr. Kreutner and Mr. Dato` Samarajoo Manikam, Director of MACA, during the signing ceremony in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

signing a Memorandum of Understanding in a ceremony in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. They agreed to cooperate with respect to training and research activities that seek to combat and prevent corruption. Both will not only strive to promote anti-corruption research and training activities conducted by their respective institutions, but also to undertake steps to arrange mutual activities. The academies will undertake strong efforts to organize their first joint training in 2011.



Mr. Kreutner and Mr. Ye Feng, Secretary General of IAACA, after signing the MoU in Beijing, China

One day later, on 31 July 2010, Mr. Kreutner also met with Mr. Ye Feng, Secretary General of IAACA, to reinforce the joint purpose of both institutions in preventing and fighting corruption by signing a Memorandum of Understanding in Beijing, China. Both institutions are determined to further a strong and growing partnership that will enhance the sharing of anti-corruption knowledge and expertise between their organizations. This includes developing joint activities to prevent and combat corruption, and the undertaking of mutual efforts to foster and promote capacity and institutional building activities.

### IACA to hold first course at headquarters with Basel Institute

The Basel Institute on Governance (Basel Institute), foremost a think tank, will hold the first course at the Academy's headquarters in Laxenburg, Austria. From 2 to 3 September, the Basel Institute and IACA will jointly organize a meeting of



**non-state actors** that play an important role in the recovery of assets. Experts coming from civil society, the media, service providers, financial institutions and academia will seek to clarify their roles and responsibilities in asset recovery processes and attempt to draw up a common agenda among the various non-state actors.

Experts will explore in five panels current trends and challenges, and plot the way forward. They will delve into issues such as: Building Political Will in Victim Countries and Transparent Use of Recovered Assets; Forensic Services; Reputational Risk of Financial Institutions; and Corruption in Nigeria and Democratic Republic of Congo. Additionally, two leading experts in the field will give keynote addresses.

The findings and conclusions of the two-day meeting will later be published and form the basis of a workshop that is to be coordinated by the Basel Institute during the 14th International Anti-

Corruption Conference, which will be held in Bangkok, Thailand from 10 to 13 November 2010.

The Basel Institute conducts research and offers policy advice and capacity building support in public, global and corporate governance/compliance.



Students in discussion

Through its International Centre for Asset Recovery, the Basel Institute provides training and advisory services in the field of asset recovery. Professor Mark Pieth, Chairman of the Basel Institute, is also a member of the International Senior Advisory Board of IACA.

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