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Preface

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Once again the holiday season is approaching and with it, the end of another year.

For us here at IACA, 2014 has brought countless developments and successes. Many thanks to all those who have supported our work and joined us in the fight against corruption.

With this last newsletter of the year, we would like to give special emphasis to two notable events that highlighted the fourth quarter of 2014 – the third session of our Assembly of Parties and the graduation of the first class of our Master students.

Wishing you all the best for 2015!

Martin Kreutner
(Dean & Executive Secretary)

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The Presidencies and Executive Secretary

The third session of IACA's Assembly of Parties, generously hosted by the Government of Azerbaijan, successfully unfolded from 19 to 21 November in Baku this year.

Member States reaffirmed their commitment to the organization, vowed to facilitate the implementation of the Work Programme 2014 – 2016, and agreed on a budget for 2015. Altogether, four resolutions and the Baku Declaration found the unanimous consent of the forum.

Budgetary issues formed the core of discussions and the call for financial ownership was echoed by the Chairperson of the Board of Governors, the Executive Secretary, and a number of state officials.

This session brought together 130 delegates from 43 countries, including Deputy Heads of State and Ministers, as well as the European Union and Council of Europe Group of States against Corruption. The officers elected are Mr. Zakir Garalov, Azerbaijan, EEG (President), H.E. Senator Datuk Paul Low Seng Kuan, Malaysia, Asia-Pacific Group (Vice President), H.E. Veysi Kaynak, Turkey, WEOG (Vice President), H.E. Armin Ernesto Andereya Latorre, Chile, GRULAC (Rapporteur), and Mr. Olusola Akinrinade, Nigeria, African Group (Rapporteur).



Delegates at the third session

For the full conference report and other adopted documents, please visit the Assembly of Parties section of our website (<http://www.iaca.int/governance/assembly-of-parties>).

The Assembly of Parties serves as an annual forum for Parties and other stakeholders to consult on the overall policy of the organization and other matters of interest. The first session was held in Vienna in 2012 and the second in Bangkok in 2013.

The fourth session of IACA's Assembly of Parties is to convene in the fourth quarter of 2015. ■



Baku, Azerbaijan – host city of the third session of IACA's Assembly of Parties

The First Graduates in Anti-Corruption Studies

„On a cold morning in Laxenburg in February 2013, a group of strangers were first introduced to each other, and set out together on the herculean task of studying this amorphous beast of corruption“ (MACS Class Speaker Arjun Ahluwalia).

Eighteen months later, on 9 December, International Anti-Corruption Day, their extraordinary journey came to an end. A graduation ceremony and festive reception were held at IACA's Palais-Kaunitz Wittgenstein in their honour, in front of family, friends, faculty, and a wider network of distinguished guests.



The graduating class and faculty

Of the 31 students from 17 countries admitted to the programme in December 2012, 22 successfully graduated. The “Best Thesis” award went to Frédéric St-Martin from Canada and the “Most Innovative Thesis” award to Amit Kumar from India.



Guest of Honour Luis Moreno Ocampo in his keynote speech

Luis Moreno Ocampo, the guest of honour and formerly the first prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, delivered the keynote address, while Martin Kreutner, Dean of IACA, in his laudatio also paid tribute to the graduates. Nikos Passas, Member of the Academic Consortium, H.E. Muhyiedeen Touq, Chair of the Defence Committee, and Monika Stumpf-Hulsrøj, MACS Coordinator, also addressed the remarkable group, saluting their achievements.

The MACS was launched in December 2012 as the first post-graduate programme on anti-corruption and compliance. An “in career” programme, it was designed against an interdisciplinary background of theoretical and practical approaches, drawing on the best of the public sector and the business world. It ran over two years combining seven on-site modules and distance learning. Module VI was delivered in cooperation with the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission in Kuala Lumpur.

Owing to the support of the Siemens Integrity Initiative, the Duchy of Luxembourg, and Phillip Morris International, IACA was able to offer scholarships for participants from Least Developed Countries.

Congratulations et gaudeamus igitur graduates and thank you for the visions and pioneering spirit you have shared with IACA and the international anti-corruption family. For more detailed information on the graduation ceremony, [click here](#). ■



Wishing you happiness for the festive period and every success in 2015.

Overview of Upcoming Trainings

Upcoming Trainings	Location	Date
Legal Incentives for Corporate Integrity Training	IACA	April / May 2015 (tba)
International Anti-Corruption Summer Academy	IACA	2 – 11 July 2015
Anti-Corruption in Local Governance Training	IACA	July 2015 (tba)
Procurement Anti-Corruption Training	IACA	September 2015 (tba)

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