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PREFACE

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Recent weeks at IACA have been full of activity, including the fifth session of the Assembly of Parties and a festive graduation ceremony for our second Master in Anti-Corruption Studies class.

We will start 2017 with a global constituency of 70 Parties, now including, as the most recent Member State, the Republic of Uganda,



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and an ever-expanding network of alumni, friends, and partners. Our programmes and trainings schedule is also filling up fast - please check our website and social media channels for updates.

In this final newsletter of the year I would like to thank you all for continuing to support IACA, and for being ambassadors in the global fight against corruption.

Have a restful holiday period and a successful new year!

With best regards from Laxenburg/Vienna,

Martin KREUTNER
Dean & Executive Secretary of IACA

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ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES SHOWS SUPPORT FOR IACA



Some 250 representatives from 70 national and institutional delegations attended the fifth session of IACA's Assembly of Parties (AoP) in Vienna on 10 and 11 November and unanimously adopted four resolutions on matters such as the financial stability and sustainability of IACA's general budget, and the next Work Programme and budget.

Delegates expressed strong support and praise for IACA's work and global recognition in spite of the Academy's limited resources. In their statements, Mr. Eduardo Vetere, the Chairperson of IACA's Board of Governors, and Mr. Martin Kreutner, Dean and Executive Secretary, emphasized that an adequately funded general budget is essential for IACA to continue fulfilling its mandate.

The Assembly elected H.E. Mr. Rafael Mariano Grossi, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Argentine Republic to the International Organizations in Vienna (GRULAC), as President of the fifth session. The Vice-Presidents of the new Bureau come from the Republic of Azerbaijan (EEG) and the Arab Republic of

Egypt (African Group), and the Rapporteurs from the Principality of Liechtenstein (WEOG) and the Republic of Indonesia (Asia-Pacific Group).

Furthermore, IACA's Parties accepted with appreciation an invitation from the delegation of Egypt to host the sixth session of the AoP in 2017.

IACAsummeracademy

SUMMER ACADEMY 2017

Applications are now open for IACA's seventh annual Summer Academy, which will take place from 30 June to 7 July 2017 at our campus in Laxenburg, Austria. Please see our website for further details.

CLASS graduation

IOM status

SECOND MACS CLASS GRADUATES



On 9 December, International Anti-Corruption Day, IACA celebrated the graduation of the second Master in Anti-Corruption Studies (MACS) class in a festive ceremony at its Laxenburg campus.

The 26 graduates from the 2014 – 2016 class are from 17 countries and jurisdictions around the world: Afghanistan, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Brazil, Germany, India, Italy, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Switzerland, Tanzania, Uganda, the United States of America, and Kosovo.

Mr. Elnur Musayev (Azerbaijan) was elected by the MACS students to address his fellow graduates and other distinguished invitees. Mr. Navin Kumar Singh (India) won the Best Master's Thesis Award, while the award for the most innovative thesis was shared between Ms. Malika Ait-Mohamed Parent (Switzerland) and Mr. Michael Callan (Australia).

Applications are now open for the next two-year MACS class starting in autumn 2017. Please visit our website for further details.



IACA GAINS OBSERVER STATUS AT THE IOM

IACA became an observer to the International Organization for Migration (IOM) at a meeting of the IOM's Council in Geneva on 6 December.

IACA's Dean and Executive Secretary, Martin Kreutner, said the Academy looks forward to developing a range of new joint activities with the IOM that will address the corruption-related challenges of migration and



contribute to the fulfilment of the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The IOM is already a Party to the IACA Agreement, and the two organizations have previously worked together to explore the links between migration and anti-corruption.

ANTI-CORRUPTIONworkshop

signMoUs

CHINA-ASEAN ANTI-CORRUPTION WORKSHOP

From 2 to 4 November IACA and the Ministry of Supervision of the People's Republic of China co-hosted a China-ASEAN Anti-Corruption Workshop in Kunming, the capital of Yunnan Province.

The event focused on boosting regional cooperation between China and the countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in the fight against corruption.

Keynote speakers included H.E. Mr. Yang Xiaochao, Secretary-General of the CPC Central Commission for Discipline Inspection, Mr. Martin Kreutner, Dean and Executive Secretary of IACA, and senior officials from Yunnan Province. Mr. Yury Fedotov, Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), addressed the workshop via video link.

The IACA delegation also included Mr. Eduard Ivanov, a member of the academic team in the Academy's Compliance and Collective Action Department, and Professor Robert Klitgaard, a member of IACA's frequent visiting faculty.



IACA SIGNS THREE MoUs

IACA has recently concluded three new memoranda of understanding (MoUs) to expand its global network of partners.

These MoUs are with the National Council of Public Prosecution of Brazil, the State University of Library Studies and Information Technologies (ULSIT) of the Republic of Bulgaria, and the National Anti-Corruption Commission of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (Nazaha).

Each MoU sets the overall framework for cooperation between IACA and the respective institution in preventing and combating



TAILOR-MADE trainings

A BUSY 2016 FOR TAILOR-MADE TRAININGS

IACA has delivered many tailor-made trainings this year and already has a strong pipeline of such programmes scheduled for 2017.

Among many others, in November the Academy provided a successful training in Riyadh for the National Anti-Corruption Commission of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (Nazaha). During the same month IACA also welcomed vigilance officers from Indian public-sector institutions, including the Central Vigilance Commission of the Republic of India and Indian Railways, for a two-week programme in Laxenburg.

Both trainings featured numerous leading professors and practitioners from around the world, drawn from IACA's frequent visiting faculty and its staff.

Organizations and companies interested in a tailor-made training are encouraged to contact us via tmt@iaca.int with their specific needs and requirements.



UNTOC conference

corruption.

IACA-OECD SIDE EVENT AT THE UNTOC

On 20 October IACA and the OECD held a joint side event in Vienna to examine the links between organized crime, terrorism, and corruption. The discussion took place in the framework of



the eighth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC).

Panellists from leading international organizations discussed how corruption contributes to the activities of terrorist and organized criminal groups, including increased smuggling of refugees and illegal migrants.

Speakers at the event were Mr. Patrick Moulette (OECD), Ms. Gabriela Abado (ICMPD), Mr. Constantine Palicarsky (UNODC), Ms. Argentina Szabados (IOM), Mr. Servatius Van Thiel (EU), and Mr. Eduard Ivanov (IACA).

IACAwebinar

WEBINAR FOR EHFCN



IACA recently delivered its first webinar for officials from the European Healthcare Fraud and Corruption Network (EHFCN).

The two-part webinar consisted of a pre-recorded presentation on “The International Anti-Corruption Agenda - a Propaedeutic Course on History, Data, and Facts”, followed on 21 November by a live question-and-answer session.

EHFCN is a not-for-profit organization based in Belgium whose members are healthcare and counter-fraud organizations from across Europe.

IOIconference

IOI CONFERENCE IN THAILAND



Martin Kreutner, IACA's Dean and Executive Secretary, emphasized the important anti-corruption role of ombudsman offices in a speech to the 11th World Conference of the International Ombudsman Institute (IOI) in Bangkok in mid-November.

The main goal of the event was to show how ombudsman institutions are vital elements of democracy and the protection of human rights.

IACA enjoys close ties to the IOI and previously delivered two tailor-made trainings in cooperation with the Institute. The Republic of Austria hosts the IOI General Secretariat.

UNcooperation

DEEPER COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS

IACA is further intensifying its cooperation with the United Nations, one of the Academy's initiating partners.

For that reason IACA - in consultation with the UN Secretary-General - has opened a Permanent Observer Office with the United Nations (Vienna).

In this context Mr. Martin Kreutner, IACA's Dean and Executive Secretary, presented his credentials on 18 October to Mr. Yury Fedotov, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna (UNOV).



localcommunity **SUPPORT**

NEWmasterclass

IACA SUPPORTS LAXENBURG'S FIRE BRIGADE

IACA places great value on its close ties with the local community and civil society entities at the seat of the organization. One of the most important of these is the fire brigade (Freiwillige Feuerwehr Laxenburg), which is entirely volunteer-based.

Senior representatives of the firefighters recently came to IACA to visit the campus and discuss their work with the Academy's management.



"This shows how important volunteer and pro bono work is at the community level, bringing together people from different backgrounds in the common cause of doing good", said Martin Kreutner, IACA's Dean and Executive Secretary.

Following the visit, IACA donated 1,000 EUR to support the outstanding work of the Laxenburg firefighters. The fire brigade has used the money to buy new digital pagers.

MACS 2016 - 2018 CLASS IS UNDERWAY



Students from IACA's fourth Master in Anti-Corruption Studies (MACS) class were on campus from 7 to 18 November for the on-site part of their first module.

Representing a wide range of sectors and professions, the students come from Afghanistan, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Egypt, Gambia, India, Liberia, Malawi, Nepal, the Netherlands, Nigeria, Oman, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America.

Lecturers in this first of seven MACS modules included Professors Adam Graycar (Australia), Michael Levi (United Kingdom), Jeroen Maesschalck (Belgium), and Mr. Drago Kos (Slovenia), Chair of the OECD Working Group on Bribery in International Business Transactions.



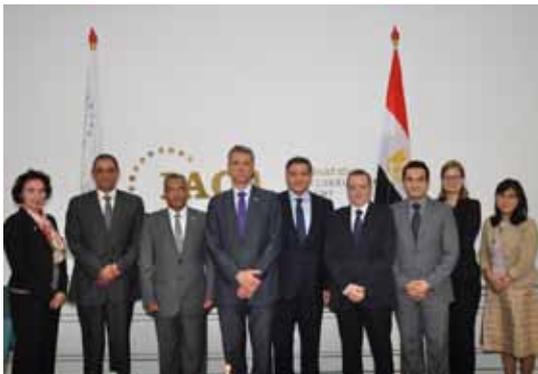
EGYPTIAN cooperation

S4ACA project

EGYPTIAN DELEGATION AT IACA

Officials from the Egyptian Administrative Control Authority (ACA), the country's anti-corruption body, visited IACA on 19 October to discuss possible future cooperation and other issues of common interest.

During the meeting the delegation, which was led by Mr. Magdy Youssef, Deputy Head of the Authority, presented the ACA and its training and capacity-building activities. Topics of discussion included possible future cooperation between IACA and the ACA on trainings in the Middle East and Africa.



S4ACA ANTI-CORRUPTION CONFERENCE AT IACA



From 12 to 14 October IACA hosted the Final Conference of the "SIENA for Anti-Corruption Authorities (S4ACA)" Project organized by the Austrian Federal Bureau of Anti-Corruption (BAK).

The project began in November 2014 with the goal of boosting international collaboration among law enforcement agencies and national anti-corruption authorities in the framework of Europol's Secure Information Exchange Network Application (SIENA).

The three-day forum at IACA brought together senior representatives from national anti-corruption authorities, Europol, the European Commission, and other relevant entities, as well as experts who took part in the S4ACA project, to present and discuss its successful implementation.



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EPAC announcement

EPAC SECRETARIAT - AN ANNOUNCEMENT

The European Partners against Corruption/European contact-point network against corruption (EPAC/EACN) Secretariat was hosted by IACA in Laxenburg, Austria, from March 2011 to November 2016.



The Austrian Federal Bureau of Anti-Corruption (BAK) had previously hosted the Secretariat (2004-2010) and took over again in December 2016 following the election of Mr. Andreas Wieselthaler, director of the BAK, as the new president of EPAC/EACN.

newSTAFF

NEW IACA STAFF AND INTERNS



Ms. B. Simic (United States of America) joined IACA in December 2016 as an Administrative and Finance Officer. She has a degree in International Studies from Saint Joseph College and previously worked in the financial sector for several years at two different banking institutions. She also has experience in marketing, sales, and project management.

Dedicated interns from around the world have supported IACA since its establishment. They currently include citizens of **Austria, France, Italy, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation**, and the **United Kingdom**.

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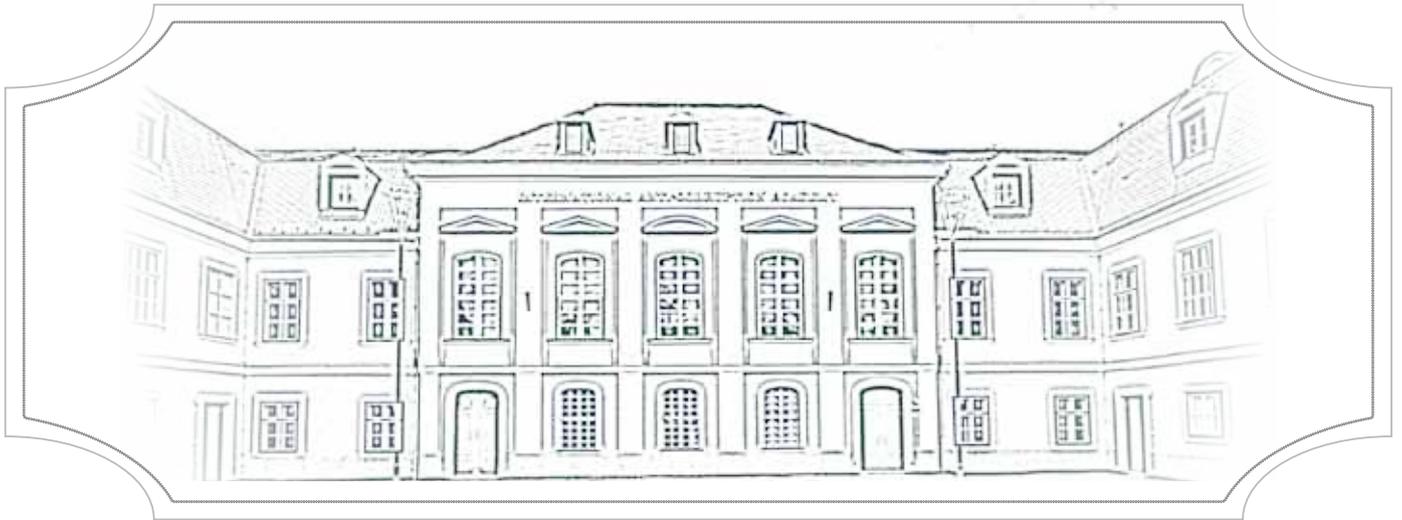
CURRENT VACANCIES

Interested in becoming part of our dynamic team? **IACA currently has new job openings and invites qualified candidates to send their applications.** You can find further details in the Vacancies/Tenders section of our website.

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Season's Greetings!



*Wishing you happiness for the festive period and every success in 2017.
Season's Greetings from the IACA Staff!*