

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear Colleagues and Friends,

We are pleased to present you with this short newsletter, informing you of the latest developments relevant for our network. If there are any topics you would like to see in the next newsletter, do not hesitate to contact us.

We would also like to invite you to send us topic proposals for the next Annual Professional Conference and share your ideas for constituting working groups or organizing special events.

Your Secretariat

Handbook on ACA Standards and PO Principles

We are delighted to announce that a handbook of our standards and principles will be distributed to all members and major international organizations this spring. It will also be available on our site for download.

This handbook is a compilation of the *Anti-Corruption Authority Standards* and *Police Oversight Principles*, documents of a recommendatory nature unanimously adopted by the EPAC/EACN General Assembly in November 2011. They contain sets of guidelines for rendering police oversight and anti-corruption work more effective in order to better address common challenges. Being in line with major international conventions and jurisprudence, they are to be seen in accordance with the fundamental principles of a country's legal system.



The *Anti-Corruption Authority Standards*, and their annex, the *Ten Guiding Principles on the Notion of Independence*, are designed to promote transparent, independent anti-corruption bodies, as called for by Articles 6 and 36 of the UNCAC for example. Similarly, the *Police Oversight Principles* purport to promote a model of effective independent police oversight which organizations and governments can aspire to.

The result of year-long negotiations among working groups within the network, these documents have been designed for professionals by professionals.

EPAC/EACN Contact Catalogue 2012

The Secretariat is currently working on merging the EPAC and EACN Catalogues into one, and integrating the latest information received by members. Each authority will receive a copy of the new catalogue this spring and their latest details will be uploaded on our website.



ICAC Symposium: Old Challenge, New Approach

The 5th ICAC Symposium, hosted by the Independent Commission against Corruption of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, will take place from 9 to 11 May 2012. It will address the challenges posed by intensified globalization and advances in technology. Experts in the field of anti-corruption will present their ideas and experiences on how the authorities can make use of them in order to keep one step ahead of corrupt players. Representatives of EPAC and EACN member organizations are encouraged to take part. Further information can be found at <www.icac.org.hk/symposium>.



Anti-Corruption Programmes at IACA

On 16 and 17 April, the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA) will offer an exclusive seminar on the UK Bribery Act 2010. Participants will have the rare opportunity to come together with Richard Alderman and Roderick Macauley, responsible for preparing the act itself, and learn how their organizations can best comply with it. The registration period opened on 15 February.

IACA will also offer its second International Anti-Corruption Summer Academy (IACSA) from 5 to 14 July, designed to help bridge the gap between theory and practice. Through lectures, roundtable discussions, and platforms for cooperation, participants will receive the latest insight into corruption theory and anti-corruption practice. The application period is now open, and will close on 15 March.



For more information, please visit <www.iaca.int>. IACA is an international organization in Laxenburg, Austria, devoted to substantially contributing to the fight against corruption through research, education and cooperation.

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