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WORD OF WELCOME

Dear member,

It is a pleasure to introduce the new ICLN newsletter to our members. The ICLN organisation has been under a lot of changes lately which made it unable to sent the newsletter regularly. In future you will receive a newsletter once every two or three months. The next newsletter will be sent to you by the beginning of January.

At this moment ICLN counts 325 members from over sixty countries. The number of members is still growing and we hope to reach the 350 members by the end of the year.

As you all know, in October ICLN organised the conference 'International Cooperation on Transnational Crime'. This conference was organized in recognition of the fact that '*international criminal law*' not only encompasses the prosecution of the gravest international crimes, by ad hoc Tribunals or in future by the ICC, but also international cooperation on cross-border crime. ICLN made an important decision in organizing this event and future events will continue to show our involvement in both areas of International Criminal Law.

Further more ICLN has organised its first 'Tour of International Justice'. A group of 20 Participants from the Florida bar association, completed with individual ICLN members and participants from the October conference, have paid visits to International Criminal Institutions like the ICTY, Peace Palace and OPCW. Because of the success and very positive reactions of the participants, the event will be organised again next year.

I look forward to meet all of you on our next events,

M. Wladimiroff
President

ICLN Conference 'International Cooperation on Transnational Crime'

With the help of the conference chairman Mr. Jan van Dijk, ICLN has composed a two page document containing *Conclusions and Recommendations* of the conference 'International Cooperation on Transnational Crime'. You can find these at our website with the following link: www.icln.net/documents/concltrans.pdf

ICLN Member Status

Since April 2002, the ICLN member total has grown to 325 members. Underneath you find the member status where our members are coming from and the number of members from each country.

Country	Number of members	Country	Number of members	Country	Number of members
Albania	2	Finland	2	Norway	6
Argentina	1	France	4	Palestine - Israel	1
Australia	12	Germany	9	Palestine, via Israel	1
Austria	4	Greece	3	Peru	1
Azerbaijan	1	India	2	Poland	1
Bangladesh	1	Iran	1	Republic of Azerbaijan	1
Barbados	1	Ireland	2	Republic of Singapore	1
Belgium	17	Israel	4	Romania	1
Bermuda	1	Italy	4	South Africa	1
Bosnia and Hercegovina	1	Japan	3	Spain	2
Bulgaria	1	Kenya	8	Sultanate of Oman	1
Burundi	2	Kuwait	1	Switzerland	6
Cambodia	1	Lebanon	1	Tanzania	12
Canada	11	Lesotho	1	The Netherlands	127
Chile	1	Liberia	1	Trinidad and Tobago	1
China	1	Libya	1	Turkey	1
Columbia	1	Macau	1	Turks and Caicos Islands, B.W.I.	1
Congo	1	New Zealand	1	Uganda	1
Czech Republic	2	Nigeria	2	United Arab Emirats	1
Denmark	4			United Kingdom	17
				USA	22
				Yugoslavia	3

- Total ICLN Members: 325
- Number of Countries: 63

ICLN Members are invited to attend:

TOC Convention Dublin 20 & 21 November:

"Tackling Organised Crime in Partnership"

Royal Hospital, Kilmainham, Dublin 20 & 21 November 2003

<http://www.tocpartnership.org>

*ICLN members **exclusively**
invited to attend
TOC convention in Dublin*

Dear member of ICLN,

"Tackling Organised Crime in Partnership" is the first European Congress on developing public/private partnerships to identify and prevent harm from organised crime and will be held in Dublin on 20 and 21 November 2003. It will bring together more than 300 public and private sector senior representatives principally from European Union member states and acceding countries. With the assistance of speakers and delegates the conference will produce an Outcome Declaration with recommendations that will help to shape future European policy on the prevention of organised crime activities.

The funding allows for 300 complimentary delegate places (travel to the event and accommodation will be at the delegates' own expense). Our aim is to attract 90 delegates respectively from the private sector, government and law enforcement across Europe, including acceding countries. In addition we anticipate representation from academia, government and non-government organisations.

The purpose of my letter is to invite members of ICLN to attend this important event. We have to date received positive responses indicating attendance from ministers and government representatives, senior law enforcement officers, representatives from governmental and non-governmental organisations and the private sector.

Could I thank you for taking the time to read and review the contents of this letter. I do hope you are able to attend the congress and assist us with our endeavours. I am sure your support will greatly contribute to the success of the congress.

Yours sincerely,

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Annual Conference (2003): The Complementarity Regime of the ICC:

As you all know, ICLN organizes on 17-19 December 2003 its second Annual conference (2003) on the Complementarity Regime of the ICC. The event will take place in the Peace Palace, The Hague. Partners for this upcoming event are the Vera Institute of Justice, The International Criminal Bar, Netherlands Forensic Institute and the Centre for International Legal Cooperation.

For More information I kindly refer to our website www.icln.net

We are looking forward to meet many of you on 17-19 December in The Hague.

Festival of documentaries on justice

Co-organised by the ICC, the French Embassy and the Filmhuis Den Haag

The ICC, the French embassy and the Filmhuis Den Haag will present a selection of four films on different aspects of justice around the world. The 'Festival' will take place from 12 november to 1 December 2003 in The Hague. These films have been chosen by Mr Philippe Kirsch, President of the ICC, Mr Luis Moreno-Ocampo, Prosecutor, and Mr Bruno Cathala, Registrar.

The opening ceremony will take place on 12 November. The screenings are scheduled for 17 November, 24 November and 1 December at the Filmhuis Den Haag. After the screening, the public will have the opportunity to meeting representatives of the ICC in order to debate different aspects of international justice and discuss the functioning of the ICC.

Reservations and Information: Daily from 13:00, Saturday from 17:00 – via telephone number: (+31) 070-3656030

First Wednesday

In light of the ICLN conference on International Cooperation on Transnational Crime, we had the pleasure of inviting you at the conference reception on the 9th of October. Many of you accepted the invitation and grabbed the opportunity to speak to conference delegates from Europol, Interpol and other institutions of interest.

Oxford Journal of International Criminal Law

The Journal of International Criminal Justice is a new journal that aims to promote collective reflection on the new problems facing international law, especially in light of the establishment of the International Criminal Court. Initiated by a group of distinguished criminal lawyers and international lawyers, JICJ addresses the major problems of justice from the angle of law, jurisprudence, criminology, penal philosophy, and the history of international judicial institutions. It is intended for graduate and post-graduate students, practioners, academics, government officials, as well as the hundreds of people working for international criminal courts and tribunals.

Journal of International Criminal Justice will include:

- Articles
- General Theory
- History of International Criminal Justice
- The Contributions of Other Disciplines to International Criminal Law
- Highlights of National and International Courts
- Notes and Comments
- Book reviews

**20% Reduction for
ICLN Members**

Order forms for the Journal of International Criminal Justice can be found on the Oxford University Press website <http://www.oup.co.uk> ICLN members can look forward to a 20% discount.

An Introduction to the Law of the International Criminal Tribunals:

A Comparative Study
By Geert-Jan Knoops

2003. Approx. 250 pages. ISBN 1-57105-310-7. \$29,50/paperback

This is the first textbook to provide a comprehensive overview and practical guide to the law and practice of international criminal tribunals-the ICTY, ICTR, and ICC- as well as mixed International courts, such as the Special Court for Sierra Leone and the Cambodia Tribunal. It is a roadmap to the law and practise of the growing number of international criminal tribunals.

This innovative textbook not only assesses the case law of the ICTY and ICTR (with a comparison to the ICC Statute) from both the defence and the prosecution's side, it also provides guidance to all those practicing before these courts. It is a primer for students of international criminal law, practitioners and scholars.

Geert-Jan Knoops is Professor of International Criminal Law at the University of Utrecht, Netherlands, and a partner of Knoops & Partners Lawyers in Amsterdam. He also practices before the ICTY and ICTR. Geert-Jan Knoops will speak at our Annual Conference on the Complementarity Regime of the ICC on the topic Role of the defence counsel in arrest and surrender.

Maklu Publishers: International Drug Policy – Status Quaestionis

Series: The Senlis Council
B. De Ruyver, T. Vander Beken, G. Vermeulen, F. Vander Laenen (Editors)
ISBN 90 6215 868 4
Edition 2003, 259 pag.
Price 55,-
Publication date: 1st March 2003

About the book:

This compendium contains a selection of articles on several components of the drug problem and the implications hereof on drug policy on the one hand and the influence of drug policy (reform) on these components on the other hand. The article collection is put together to give a timely overview of the debate on the topics involved.

Articles are included on the following topics: the history of drug policy; multidisciplinary drug policies and the UN Drug Treaties; European national laws and their current state of reform; drug policy and health issues; drug policy and poverty issues; drug policy and race issues; drug policy and human rights issues; drug policy and the criminal justice system; drug policy and prisons; drug policy and organised crime; drug policy enforcement; drug policy and the environmental impact in developing countries; reform developments outside of Europe. Furthermore, some media clippings and the public letter to Kofi Annan, in which signatories from over forty countries, express their concern with the UN drug policy, are added.

About the editors:

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Contents:

- History of drug policy - N. Boister
- Summary of the UN Drug Treaties - B. De Ruyver, G. Vermeulen, T. Vander Beken, F. Vander Laenen and K. Geenens
- Survey of European national laws and current state of reform - European Legal Database on Drugs, European Monitoring Centre on Drugs and Drug Addiction
- Drug policy and health issues - M.G. Monteiro
- Drug policy and poverty issues - S. Mac Gregor
- Drug policy and race issues - G. Reid, C. Aitken, L. Beyer and N. Crofts
- Drug policy and human rights issues - United Nations, Economic and Social Council
- Drug policy and the criminal justice system - B. De Ruyver, F. Vander Laenen
- Drug policy and prisons - M. Farrell, N. Singleton and J. Strang
- Drug policy and organised crime - P. Williams
- Drug policy and the environmental impact in developing countries - D. Mansfield
- Drug policy enforcement - B. De Ruyver
- Reform developments outside of Europe - M.B. Webb / Office of the Auditor General of Canada
- Kofi Annan Letter
- Selected media clippings

Message from the Humanitarian Law Centre:

Protection of documentation is essential for seeking justice and accountability

By: Natasa Kandic

In all transition processes, the old regimes have their defenders, people who deny that crimes ever happened or claim that the worst atrocities were committed against their own people. The new states that emerged in the former Yugoslavia all justify crimes committed by their nationals by citing crimes committed against their people. With their unwillingness to come out with the full truth and tell their nations "what we did," the present governments are successfully blocking their countries' transition to democracy.

Further reading: www.icln.net/documents/hlc.pdf

Message from the Netherlands Forensic Institute **BENCHMARKING MODEL FOR FORENSIC LABORATORIES**

Introduction

Forensic science refers to the examination of scenes of crime, recovery of material evidence, laboratory examinations, interpretation of findings and presentation of the conclusions for intelligence and investigation purposes or as evidence in court. The various fields of forensic expertise include for example toxicology; serology and DNA profiling; trace evidence (e.g. fire debris, glass, paint, gunshot residues); firearms and ballistics; handwriting and document examination; fingerprints; marks and impressions (e.g. tool marks, shoe prints); audio, video and computer analysis; accident investigation; crime scene investigation and forensic pathology.

In Europe, tens of governmental forensic laboratories are routinely performing thousands of casework investigations in the various fields of forensic science every year. In most cases these laboratories belong to police organisations or are public sector laboratories co-operating closely with law enforcement authorities. The main European forensic laboratories exchange knowledge within the European Network of Forensic Science Institutes (ENFSI).

Efficiency and effectiveness

The search for increased efficiency and effectiveness in forensic science is not a scientific or judicial issue but rather an issue of great managerial and strategic interest. It can be easily foreseen that a careful analysis of key figures in various forensic laboratories will indicate differences between laboratories, and an analysis of these differences again will make the forensic laboratories to learn from each other and provide a platform for continuous production of comparison data, a model for *benchmarking* forensic science laboratories and thus a tool for improvements in the field. This type of an analysis has not been performed before and was the reason for 4 ENFSI-laboratories to develop a model.

The participants of the project are:

- Keskusrikospoliisi, rikostekninen laboratorio (National Bureau of Investigation Crime Laboratory), Vantaa, FINLAND
- Netherlands Forensic Institute, Rijswijk, THE NETHERLANDS
- Institut Sadowych (Institute of Forensic Research), Cracow, POLAND
- Statens Kriminaltekniska Laboratorium (National Forensic Laboratory), Linköping, SWEDEN

Project

The EU within the framework of the OISIN-program has funded the project. It aims at a performance analysis of the participating laboratories. The analysis covers laboratory activities on casework, i.e. investigations performed in connection with individual investigations of crime, but also secondary support activities of the laboratories such as:

- research and development
- education and training (internal and external, incl. production of material)
- support services
- crime scene investigations
- participation in international co-operation
- quality assurance activities

The main target is to develop key figures and performance indicators, which will enable the laboratories to compare its performance in many aspects with those from other laboratories. The benchmark model should also be applicable for other laboratories in future.

Result

During the year 2002 the 4 participating laboratories have organised 4 fruitful working conferences and the benchmark model has been developed. The final report will be presented at the Annual Meeting of ENFSI in May 2003 in Tallinn. The benchmarking model created will be distributed to the ENFSI members. It is to be expected that other ENFSI-laboratories will adopt the model. It should be realised that a periodical evaluation and update of the model based on the experience of the users is needed.

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