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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

As always, it has been a busy end to the year at IACA. This newsletter rounds up our recent activities, including the successful fourth session of the Assembly of Parties.



We also bring you good news on the programmes side, with the debut of the IACA Regional Summer Academy - Latin America and the start of our third Master in Anti-Corruption Studies (MACS) class.

Enjoy the read and have a happy festive period. I wish you every success for 2016.

With best regards,

Martin KREUTNER
Dean & Executive Secretary of IACA

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FOURTH ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES ENDS SUCCESSFULLY

The fourth session of IACA's Assembly of Parties, hosted in Vienna, reached a successful close on 11 December with the unanimous adoption of five resolutions. (Re-)elections for the Board of Governors also took place, with all regional groups now represented in the organ.

Delegates voiced their strong political support for IACA and underlined the importance of its global work in anti-corruption education, research, networking, and cooperation. They reiterated that the anti-corruption capacity-building activities provided by IACA can further contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



The annual forum opened on International Anti-Corruption Day, 9 December, and attracted more than 250 representatives from 70 countries around the world. Participants also included Deputy Heads of State and Government, and Ministers.

The Assembly began with an address from H.E. Heinz Fischer, Federal President of the Republic of Austria, and a video message from H.E. Jan Eliasson, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Nigeria held the Presidency of the session, Austria and Malaysia the Vice Presidency, and Brazil and Slovakia served as the Rapporteurs.



The necessity of a suitably well-funded general budget for IACA and the need for financial ownership were major themes at the Assembly. This was emphasized by H.E. Margarita Popova, Chairperson of IACA's Board of Governors, Martin Kreutner, IACA's Dean and Executive Secretary, and several other speakers.

Two side events were also held. The first, "The nexus between corruption and security – mystery or reality?", was organized in cooperation with the Permanent Mission of the United

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States of America to the International Organizations in Vienna. Sarah Chayes from the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace was the keynote speaker.

At the second side event, "Training the next generation of anti-corruption enforcers", delegates had a chance to hear firsthand from faculty and alumni about the impact diverse IACA programmes are making on their careers and lives.

The fifth session of IACA's Assembly of Parties will take place in the fourth quarter of 2016.

CÔTE D'IVOIRE AND TOGO JOIN IACA

Membership in the Academy continues to grow, with Côte d'Ivoire's accession to and Togo's recent ratification of the Agreement for the Establishment of IACA as an International Organization. IACA's constituency currently comprises 66 Parties, or 63 states and three international organizations. Twelve (12) of the original 53 Signatories are yet to ratify the Agreement. It remains open for accession to all United Nations Member States and international organizations.



Côte d'Ivoire



Togo

COSP RESOLUTION RECOGNIZES IACA

The Conference of the States Parties (COSP) to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) closed its sixth session in St. Petersburg on 6 November. The IACA delegation was led by Martin Kreutner, Dean and Executive Secretary.

Among the nine resolutions adopted, one referred to "Education and Training in the Context of Anti-Corruption". The resolution urges States Parties to the UNCAC to further strengthen their efforts to support anti-corruption education,



invites them to consider capacity-building activities, specialized academic initiatives, and tools developed by major international stakeholders in the fight against corruption, and recognizes the important contribution of IACA in this context.

On 14 December, IACA joined in celebrating the tenth anniversary of the entry into force of the UNCAC and pledged to continue advancing the Convention's goals by empowering anti-corruption professionals across the globe.

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IACA SIGNS FOUR MoUs

IACA has entered into four Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) in recent weeks, further extending its global network of partners.

The MoUs were signed with the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission, the Law Institute of Lithuania, the Academy of Justice of the Republic of Armenia, and the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA).



IACA'S FIRST LATIN AMERICAN PROGRAMME IS A SUCCESS

The first IACA Regional Summer Academy - Latin America generated the most positive reactions from anti-corruption professionals across the region.



The programme took place in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 21 - 27 November. Half of the anti-corruption professionals who took part work in the private sector and half in the public sector. They came from ten countries: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, and Uruguay.

The programme included two roundtable discussions with prominent panellists. The first focused on private sector initiatives to fight corruption, while the second discussed the future of anti-corruption in Latin America.

IACA Regional Summer Academy - Latin America was co-sponsored by the Siemens Integrity Initiative. IACA plans to hold another Regional Summer Academy in East Africa in 2016, supported by the Austrian Development Agency.

IACA WELCOMES MACS 2015 CLASS

The new Master in Anti-Corruption Studies (MACS) class, comprising 25 students from 18 countries, came together at IACA for the first time from 9 - 20 November for the in-class phase of Module I, which focuses on Concepts and Issues in Corruption.

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The students come from Afghanistan, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Brazil, China, Denmark, Ghana, India, Japan, Liberia, Malawi, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Uganda, United States, and Yemen. Their professional backgrounds are also diverse, including law enforcement, international organizations, the private sector, NGOs, and journalism.

The lecturers for this module were Professor Nikos Passas, Distinguished Inaugural Professor at IACA, Professor Jeroen Maesschalck from the Leuven Institute of Criminology in Belgium, Drago Kos, Chair of the OECD Working Group on Bribery, as well as Roland Hosner and Bernhard Perching from the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD).



The MACS is a two-year programme consisting of seven modules and a Master thesis. It is specifically designed for working professionals. The next class begins in autumn 2016, and the application period will open in early 2016.

IACA HOSTS FORUM ON COMPLIANCE AND SPONSORING

Senior figures from the corporate and public sectors gathered at IACA on 8-9 December for a high-level forum on compliance and sponsoring issues, co-organized by the Academy and the Federal Ministry of the Interior of Austria.



The forum featured discussions with representatives of major firms including Hewlett-Packard, Alcatel-Lucent, Microsoft, Atos, Motorola, Philip Morris International, Red Bull, and Baker & McKenzie. The Austrian Ministry was represented by senior officials, including Hermann Feiner, Director General and a member of IACA's Board of Governors.

The gathering successfully generated open discussion between high-ranking compliance officers from large private companies and senior officials. A publication on the event will follow.

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FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT TO AUSTRALIA

Martin Kreutner, Dean and Executive Secretary of IACA, made his first official working visit to Australia in November.



In Canberra, Mr. Kreutner discussed further cooperation with representatives from the Public Service Commission, Attorney General's Department, Australian Federal Police, and the Department of Immigration and Border Protection. In Brisbane, he delivered a keynote speech at the Australian Public Sector Anti-Corruption Conference, a biennial event hosted by the country's leading anti-corruption agencies.

Australia has a long-standing relationship with IACA and officially joined as a Party in 2012.

IACA WELCOMES NEW STAFF MEMBERS AND INTERNS

Yoojin Choi (Republic of Korea) joined IACA in September as Project Coordinator for Programmes and Activities. Previously, she served at the Korean Anti-Corruption and Civil Rights



Commission, where she launched the APEC Anti-Corruption and Transparency Working Group and organized several conferences, including the G20 Anti-Corruption International Conference. She holds a Ph.D. in Education and Human Development from the University of Minnesota.

Tatjana Jankovic (Bosnia and Herzegovina) joined IACA in July as Project Officer for Programmes and Activities. She



studied Public Administration Management and has 16 years' experience in supporting and managing institution building as well as training and educational projects implemented by non-governmental and international organizations.

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Khusraw Parwez (Afghanistan) joined IACA in July as Project Officer for Programmes and Activities. He holds a Master in Anti-Corruption Studies degree from IACA and has



seven years of experience working with various international organizations on development, corruption prevention, capacity building, and project management.

Nikos Passas (Greece, United States of America) joined IACA in December as Distinguished Inaugural Professor of Collective Action, Business Ethics, and Compliance. Professor Passas specializes in the study of corruption, money laundering,



illicit flows, white collar crime, and terrorism, among others. He is also member of IACA's Master in Anti-Corruption Studies Programme Consortium (MACS) and a Professor at Northeastern University.

Dedicated interns from around the world have supported IACA's work since its establishment. At present, they include **K. Angerer** (Austria), **S. Boyer** (Austria & France), **A. Gaintseva** (Russian Federation), **M. Taylor** (Austria), and **A. Zeballos** (Peru & Spain).

CURRENT VACANCIES

Interested in becoming part of our dynamic team? IACA currently has new job openings and invites qualified candidates to send their applications. More detailed information can be found in the Vacancies/Tenders section of our website.

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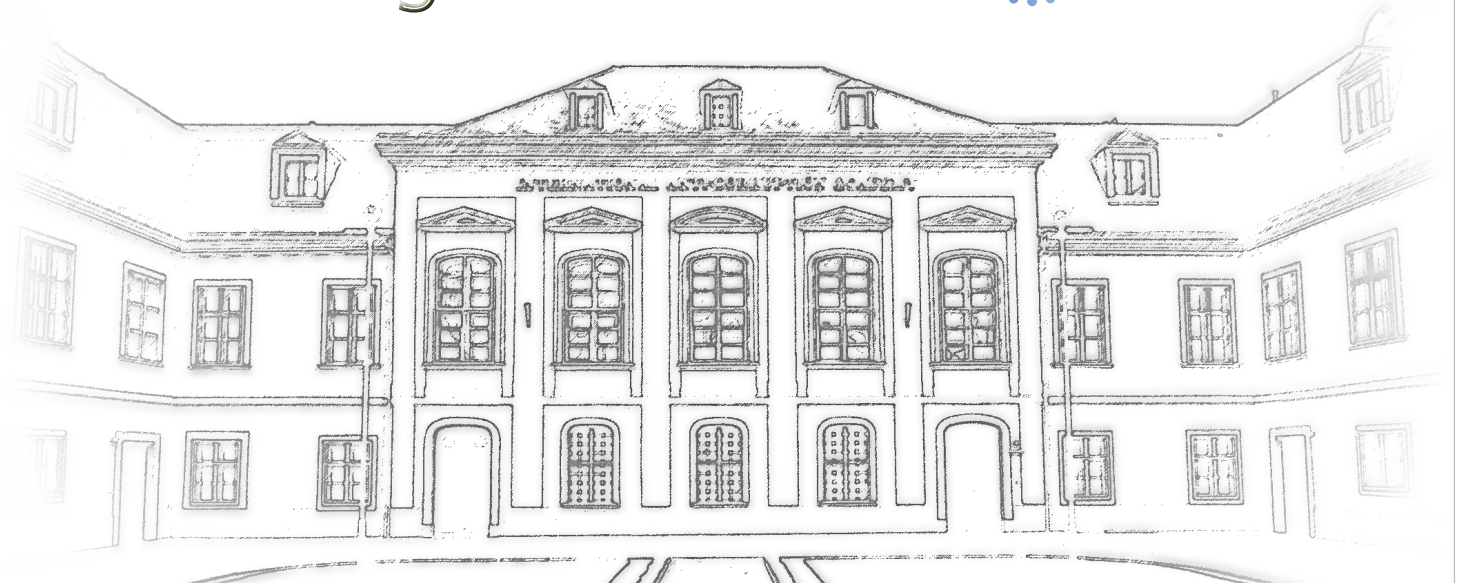
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Season's Greetings!



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*Wishing you happiness for the festive period and every success in 2016.
Season's Greetings from the IACA Staff!*

Martin Kreutner
(Dean & Executive Secretary)