



Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

With the eventful year 2013 slowly coming to an end, the time has come for a brief review of recent happenings and an outlook on upcoming events in December and in the forthcoming 2014.

In a few days, the second session of our Assembly of Parties is going to convene in Bangkok, Thailand. In the course of the Assembly, which will witness the participation of a number of distinguished guests, the future of IACA's work programme and budget will be decided upon.

On another note, I am happy to announce that with Iraq's ratification of the Agreement for the Establishment of IACA as an International Organization in October, the number of our Parties has gone up to 50. Our partners also continue to grow with the latest Memoranda of Understanding having been signed with the Office of the Comptroller General of Brazil, the International Association of Prosecutors, and Transparency International.

In academic terms, our Master in Anti-Corruption Studies (MACS) students came together four times this year to complete the first four on-site modules of the programme. While current students are about to finish their first academic year, the application phase for next year's MACS recently opened.

Our new Procurement in Anti-Corruption Training (PACT) was launched in September in cooperation with UNODC, targeting public procurement and anti-corruption practitioners from all around the world. Three-tailor made trainings also took place this fall, more on which you can read about in this newsletter.

The upcoming year is going to start with an event on corruption in the field of development aid which will be delivered in cooperation with the Austrian Development Agency and Transparency International. In early March IACA, co-sponsored by Russian authorities and private sector entities, will organize a conference on countering corruption in the construction sector, in Moscow.

Later in 2014, another Power of the Pen roundtable will take place, this time in Accra, Ghana. It will bring together journalists from Sub-Saharan Africa to discuss existing obstacles to ethical reporting and the challenges to thorough and fair investigative journalism.

In concluding, I would wholeheartedly like to thank all of IACA's constituency, staff, partners, contributors, and friends for their support throughout the entire year and for helping IACA be a dynamic and engaging institution.

Wishing you a happy, successful, and fulfilling 2014,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Martin Kreutner', written in a cursive style.

Martin Kreutner
(Dean & Executive Secretary)

Assembly of Parties Upcoming



Bangkok – host city of IACA's second Assembly of Parties

From 9 to 11 December, the 50 Parties to the IACA Agreement, along with Signatories and other observers, will come together for the second session of the Assembly of Parties. The annual gathering is hosted by the Thai government in Bangkok this year.

The work programme for the next three year as well as the budget proposal for 2014, are expected to form the core of discussions. The attendance of a number of senior officials, including Deputy Heads of State and Ministers, has been confirmed.

On the occasion of International Anti-Corruption Day on 9 December, a mobile exhibition featuring around 50 corruption paintings by young artists will be on display at the Assembly venue.

The first session of the Assembly of Parties took place in Vienna, Austria on 29 and 30 November 2012. It saw the gathering of 350 state officials and international organization representatives, and was presided over by H.E. Johanna Mikl-Leitner, the Austrian Minister of Interior, followed by H.E. Margarita Popova, the Vice President of Bulgaria.

Alumni Association

The Academy is proud to announce its recent establishment of an informal alumni association, connecting recent graduates with IACA, promoting interaction among alumni, and connecting them with current students.

One of the association's first initiatives was the recently published – IACAAlumnus – the first edition of the magazine where alumni write for alumni, share their ideas, latest achievements, and newest developments. In the upcoming months, IACA plans to expand its alumni services and organize a reunion.



MACS Students Gather for the 4th On-site Module

From 11 to 22 November, our Master in Anti-Corruption Studies (MACS) students met again at IACA's Campus in Laxenburg, Austria, for their fourth on-site module.



MACS students during a lecture

With this module, which specifically focused on "Business and Corruption", the academic year 2013 was concluded. Lectures were delivered by Prof. Daniel Haeberlé, Prof. Bruce Horowitz, Prof. Ramakrishna Velamuri, and Prof. Jean-Paul Louisot.

A panel discussion on corporate compliance also took place. Under the title "Corporate Compliance

Policies – Smokescreen or Reality?", a number of renown compliance managers debated the multifaceted issue with our Master students in the breakout sessions which followed.

IACA at the G20 Working Group on Anti-Corruption

On 10 and 11 October, senior representatives of IACA participated in the third meeting of the G20 Working Group on Anti-Corruption which took place in Paris, France. During the meeting, the outcomes of the Russian Federation's G20 presidency on anti-corruption issues and Australia's presentation of its upcoming G20 presidency priorities in this field were discussed. The Working Group has been monitoring progress in the commitments pledged by leaders from the G20 to strengthen the treaty and the legislative framework necessary to fight corruption both on a national and international level. IACA was invited to continue the dialogue with the G20 Working Group on Anti-Corruption.



IACA to Co-host Event on Curbing Corruption

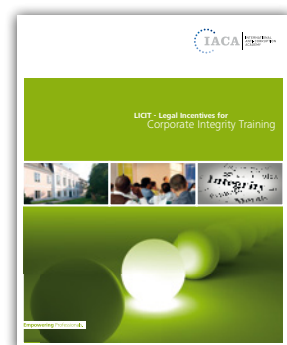
On 30 January 2014, IACA will co-host an event on corruption in the field of development cooperation and humanitarian aid together with the Austrian Development Agency (ADA) and Transparency International. More than 50 representatives from NGOs and private enterprises will come together in Laxenburg to discuss the importance of anti-corruption initiatives in their field of work. Among a number of well-known guests, Peter Eigen and Johann Graf Lambsdorff will speak about corruption and its detrimental effects on development. The English version of the anti-corruption guidebook in development aid, which first came out in June 2012, is also going to be presented.



New and Upcoming Trainings

LICIT

Aiming to integrate both theory and practice, IACA has developed a new programme which aims to help private businesses prevent, detect and fight corruption and, as a result, increase corporate integrity. IACA's new Legal Incentives for Corporate Integrity (LICIT) training will take place from 24 to 26 March 2014 at the IACA campus in Laxenburg, Austria. It is a three-day training taught by leading experts from the public and private sector which targets professionals from all different backgrounds with relevant working experience. Among the topics covered are UNCAC provisions that relate to the private sector, leadership responsibility and transparency and public participation. Applications close on 22 December. This programme is delivered in cooperation with UNODC.



Next Power of the Pen roundtable

The first roundtable of IACA's Power of the Pen series took place in Laxenburg, Austria in 2012. It brought together print and broadcast journalists from the Middle East and North Africa region who discussed the limitations and challenges of ethical journalism and the obstacles they face in their daily work. This time, the Ghanaian capital Accra has been selected as the host city for the second edition of the event. It caters to journalists from Sub-Saharan Africa who work in the field of print, broadcast or photographic media. The roundtable will again be co-sponsored by the US State Department. Interested candidates are invited to apply until 17 December.

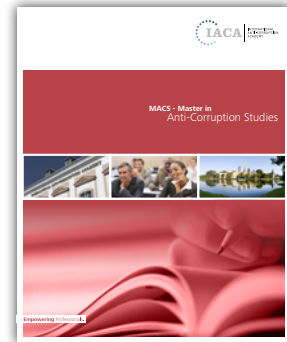
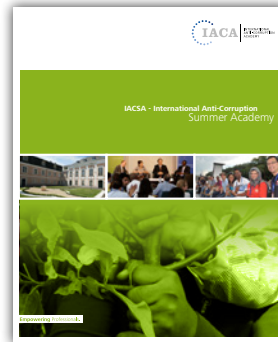


IACSA 2014

The fourth annual International Anti-Corruption Summer Academy (IACSA) is going to take place from 3 to 12 July 2014 in Laxenburg, Austria. We invite all interested candidates to send in their applications between 15 January and 15 March next year through our website.

MACS 2014

It seems like yesterday that the first Master in Anti-Corruption Studies (MACS) students arrived at IACA for the first year of their studies. While they just completed the fourth on-site module of the programme, the application period for the second edition of the MACS opened in October this year. The two-year programme is again made up of seven, two-week modules which take place in three-month intervals and include phases of distance learning in between. It will start in October 2014. Applications will close on 31 March 2014.



Recent Tailor-Made Trainings

Training for the Korean Anti-Corruption and Civil Rights Commission

Representatives of the Korean Anti-Corruption and Civil Rights Commission (ACRC) took part in a three-day, tailor-made training from 19 to 21 November. The programme included lectures on building integrity in the public sector and political corruption, as well as excursions to the Vienna International Centre, the Austrian Federal Bureau of Anti-Corruption, and the Public Prosecutor for Corruption and Economic Crimes.



Tailor-made training for the ACRC

Workshop for Border Guards

A group of officials from the State Border Committee of the Republic of Belarus and the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine joined a workshop custom-designed by IACA on the request of the International Ombudsman Institute. Issues of anti-corruption measures, best practices, and misconceptions in the area of law enforcement were the focal points of discussion. The training forms part of the EU-funded project, "Strengthening surveillance capacity on the green and blue border between Belarus and Ukraine".

Training for Investigative Ombudsmen

Yet again, the IACA campus welcomed participants from all corners of the globe from 16 to 18 September. Thirty investigative ombudsmen gathered here for a tailor-made training designed by IACA upon the request of the International Ombudsman Institute. Some of the core topics addressed were corruption and best practices in public procurement, codes of conduct, complaint management, and whistleblowing.

Strengthened Cooperation with Three Institutions

On 29 August IACA and Transparency International entered into a Memorandum of Understanding. Joint endeavors between the organizations precede the conclusion of a formal framework, including IACA's hosting of the Transparency International Integrity Awards in 2011.

Under the umbrella of Transparency International, the Anti-Corruption Research Network (ACRN) aims to become a meeting-point for universities, think tanks and civil society organizations. As part of its work as a global platform, the ACRN distributes a quarterly newsletter to over 1,500 subscribers featuring a spotlight article on new anti-corruption research and also containing a section summarizing the latest papers in the field, job opportunities, upcoming events and news from the ANTICORRP project.

A Memorandum of Understanding was also signed with the International Association of Prosecutors (IAP) in September in Moscow, Russia, in the course of the organization's 18th General Meeting and Annual Conference. The agreement aims to strengthen efforts in anti-corruption education, mutual assistance, and institution building measures.

Furthermore, IACA concluded a Memorandum of Understanding with the Office of the Comptroller General of Brazil in the course of the Conference of the State Parties to the UNCAC in Panama City in late November. Both sides expressed their commitment to join forces in the prevention of and the fight against corruption.



Martin Kreutner and Brazilian Vice Minister Carlos Higinio Ribeiro de Alencar

Historic Windows at IACA's Wittgenstein-Kaunitz Restored



Newly renovated windows at IACA's Antechamber

Over the past six months, the Palais Kaunitz-Wittgenstein, IACA's campus in Austria, has undergone restoration works.

While the old historic windows on the ground floor, with hinges and glass dating back to the 17th century, were already partly restored in 2010, all windows on the first floor were diligently renovated between May and November this year.

This was considered necessary in order to improve heat insulation and thus decrease heating costs at the Academy during the Austrian winters. The costs for these renovations were covered by the host country.

Current Vacancies at IACA

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



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