



# ANNUAL REPORT

**GENERAL MEETING IAP – DUBLIN  
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**THIS REPORT COVERS THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 2015 – SEPTEMBER 2016**

## FOREWORD

This is the IAP's seventeenth formal Annual Report. As well as being available to participants at the General Meeting on Wednesday, 14 September 2016 in Dublin, Ireland, and to other members on request. The report is also available from the IAP website: [www.iap-association.org](http://www.iap-association.org).

## IAP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### **PRESIDENT:**

Gerhard Jarosch, Chief Prosecutor, Austria.

### **VICE PRESIDENTS:**

Dr. Ali Albuainain, Attorney General, Bahrain;

Basile Elombat, Magistrat, Cameroon;

Rory Field, Former Director of Public Prosecutions, Bermuda;

Manuel Pinheiro Freitas, Chief Director, Superior Law School of the Public Prosecution Service, Brazil;

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Raija Toiviainen, Deputy Prosecutor General, Finland;

Alexander Zvyagintsev, Former Deputy Prosecutor General, Russian Federation.

### **IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT:**

James Hamilton, Former DPP, Ireland.

### **MEMBERS:**

Mohammed Hassan Abdul Rahim, Senior Chief Prosecutor, Dubai, United Arab Emirates;

Mohammad Ahsan, Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions, Denmark;

Kamran Aliyev, Deputy Prosecutor General, Azerbaijan;

Satyajit Boolell, Director of Public Prosecutions, Mauritius;

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Josip Cule, Deputy Attorney General, Republic of Croatia;

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Mutembo NCHITO, Director of Public Prosecutions, Zambia;

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Sabin Ouellet, Chief Prosecutor, Québec, Canada;

Brian Saunders, Director of Public Prosecutions, PPSC, Canada;  
Patrick Stevens, International Director, CPS, England and Wales;  
Jean-Francois THONY, Prosecutor General, Court of Appeal of Colmar, France;  
Runar Torgersen, Senior Public Prosecutor, Norway;  
Christopher Toth, Deputy Director of NAAG and Director of NAGTRI, USA;  
Vitaliy Kasko, Former Deputy Prosecutor General, Ukraine;  
Trakul Winitnaiyapak, Former Attorney General, Thailand.

## NEWS FROM THE SECRETARIAT

### NEW IAP GENERAL COUNSEL:



During the 20th Annual conference and General Meeting of the Association hosted in Zurich, Switzerland, the IAP Executive Committee presented **Dr. Rasmus H. Wandall** to the General Meeting as the new General Counsel. Wandall assumed the new role immediately after the Annual conference, September 18, 2015.

Rasmus H. Wandall succeeded Elisabeth Howe, who retired from the IAP and from the Crown Prosecution Service for England and Wales September 2015. She will continue her role as Chair of ILAC. Wandall's nomination and appointment is part of a rigorous and comprehensive nomination process. The many qualified applicants were evaluated by a committee of executive members. A selected group was interviewed and the complete executive committee nominated Rasmus Wandall in unanimity.

Rasmus H. Wandall is the IAP Officer responsible for overseeing and managing all professional activities and projects of the Association. Rasmus H. Wandall can be contacted at [gc@iap-association.org](mailto:gc@iap-association.org).

### NEW IAP PROJECT AND COMMUNITY MANAGER:

From 1 December 2015 **Benn Van Alphen** has been seconded to the IAP by the Dutch Public Prosecution Service on a full time basis for a period of 2 years. His main duties will be to assist the IAP Officials to engage the IAP community through different types of activities, to assist in advocating the IAP brand in relevant social networks and to assist in particular the General Counsel in Project and Funding application processes and activities. Access the Executive Committee Forum to find Benn's biography and his job description which were posted 2 December 2015.



## POSITION OF THE SECRETARY - GENERAL :



On March 16, 2016 the Executive Committee accepted the resignation of the Secretary General of the IAP, Derk Kuipers with immediate effect. The Executive Committee delegated the financial and organizational management of the Bureau of the Association to Han Moraal. The Executive Committee has appointed Han Moraal as acting Secretary General until the next General Meeting (Dublin September 2016) in accordance with the IAP Constitution article 12.6. He is thus the point of contact for all matters pertaining to the responsibilities of the Secretary General until further notice.

Han Moraal is Chief Prosecutor and the National member for the Netherlands at Eurojust and a very well-known and highly trusted member of the IAP and of the international community of prosecutors.

## MEMBERSHIP SITUATION

On 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2015, the IAP had 176 Organisational Members and 2.000 Individual Members.

On 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2016, the IAP had 183 Organisational Members and 2.241 Individual Members.

## NEW ORGANISATIONAL MEMBERS :

The number of Organisational and Individual Memberships is steadily growing. Since the last General Meeting in Zurich, the Executive Committee approved organizational membership of following organisations:

- **Denmark**, Military Prosecution Service;
- **Finland**, Finnish Association of Prosecutors;
- **Jamaica**, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions;
- **Switzerland**, Association of Prosecutors from the Canton of Saint Gallen;
- **Czech Republic**, Supreme Prosecutors Office;
- **Qatar**, Public Prosecutions;
- **Somalia**, Office of the Attorney General, Somalia;
- **USA**, Manhattan District Attorney's Office;
- **Turkey**, The Association of Judicial Unity;
- **International Association**, Korean Prosecutors Association;
- **New Zealand**, Serious Fraud Office;
- **Mali**, Association Malienne des Procureurs et Pursuivants.

Thanks to those assisting the Secretariat during the recruitment process.

## SUSPENDED ORGANISATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

In accordance with the IAP Constitution Article 6.3: The Executive Committee may suspend the membership of or expel an Organisational member who or which is two years in arrears in payment of annual dues and may reinstate the member to full membership on payment of the arrears.

Since last General Meeting in Zurich, the following five Organisational Memberships were terminated due to repeated lack of payment of their annual subscriptions:

- **Afghanistan**, The Prosecutors Association;
- **Aruba**, Ministerio Publico, Procureur-Generaal;
- **Bosnia-Herzegovina**, The Association of Prosecutors;
- **Guinea-Bissau**, Ministério Público de Guiné-Bissau, Procuradoria Geral da República;
- **Switzerland**, Konferenz der Strafverfolgungsbehörde der Schweiz (Association itself is closed).

## POTENTIAL NEW ORGANISATION MEMBERS:

The IAP is – strongly supported by the Association Internationale des Procureurs et Poursuivants Francophones (AIPPF) – negotiating terms for organisational membership with the following organisations:

- **Chad**, Ministry of Justice/Office of the PG (proposed annual subscription 500 EUR);
- **Togo**, Ministère de la Justice (proposed annual subscription 500 EUR);
- **Senegal**, Ministère de la Justice République du Senegal (500 EUR);
- **Costa Rica**, Association of Prosecutors (proposed annual subscription 500 EUR);
- **Spain**, Catalanian Anti-Corruption Division (proposed annual subscription 500 EUR).

## DORMANT ORGANISATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

The Secretariat and Members of the Executive Committee also put a lot of energy in re-activating dormant Organisational memberships. Memberships considered dormant is those, who did not pay their dues for more than 2 years and being in risk of suspension in accordance with Article 6.3. Due to massive efforts shown from individual members of the Executive Committee and the IAP Officials, the following memberships are now re-activated:

- **Australia**, Office of the Director of Military Prosecutions;
- **Ethiopia**, Ministry of Justice;
- **Samoa**, Pacific Prosecutor's Association;
- **Tonga**, Crown Law Department;
- **Afghanistan**, Attorney General's Office;
- **Ghana**, Office of the DPP;
- **Mexico**, Procuraduría General de la República;
- **Poland**, The Association of Prosecutors;
- **Sri Lanka**, Attorney General's Apartment;

- **Swaziland**, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions;
- **Uganda**, Inspectorate of Government;
- **Zimbabwe**, The Attorney General's Office.

Following organisations are still in risk of being suspended due to lack of payment:

- **Bolivia**, Ministerio Publico (no payment since 2000);
- **Brazil**, Associacao do Ministerio Publico do Estado do Acre (never paid);
- **Brazil**, Associação Paulista do Ministério Público, Sao Paulo (last payment 2013);
- **Brazil**, Associação Nacional do Ministério de Contas (last payment 2013);
- **Brazil**, Associação do Ministério do Estado do Maranhão (never paid);
- **Brazil**, Associação do Ministério Público do Estado do Rio Grande do Norte (never paid);
- **Brazil**, Associação Piauiense do Ministério Público (never paid);
- **Canada**, Criminal Law Division, Ontario Ministry of Attorney General (last payment 2013);
- **Chile**, Asociación Gremial Nacional de Fiscales del Ministerio Público (last payment 2012);
- **Guatemala**, Ministerio Publico (last payment 2006);
- **Malawi**, Directorate of Public Prosecutions (last payment 2013);
- **Moldova**, The General Prosecutor's Office (last payment 2013);
- **Montenegro**, State Prosecutors Association (last payment 2007);
- **Rwanda**, Ministère Public (never paid);
- **Senegal**, Parquet Général (last payment 2004);
- **Suriname**, Office of the PG with the High Court of Justice (last payment 2013);
- **Togo**, Parquet Général (Last payment 2004);
- **USA**, National District Attorneys Association (last payment 2012);
- **Venezuela**, Ministerio Public (last payment 2010).

## IAP GRANTING PROGRAMME

The annual donation period follows the interim period between two General Meetings. Together with the standard allocated amount of 10.000 EUR (IAP Budget) we have received 3.100 EUR in private donations, collected via the online donation system. We thank those 46 people who made a standard or special donation for the 2016 programme. Next to the donations collected through the online system, we also received a very generous donation from IAP Senator and IAP Honorary Member, Judge Salvator Vasta, Australia, covering flight expenses and registration fee for one granting participants.

Following 8 prosecutors will be supported by the 2016 programme either through a complete or through a partial financial support:

1. Ismail Ali Jama, Somalia
2. Leonme Sua-Mailo, Samoa
3. Admasu Ango Sartet, Ethiopia

4. Bola Akinsete, Nigeria
5. Margaret Adifaka Suifa'asia, Solomon Islands
6. Elivera du Plooy, South Africa
7. Paula Llewellyn, Jamaica
8. Aishat Bisam, Maldives

The above 8 recipients have been selected from a core group of 14 applicants. The IAP Granting Committee discussed the eligibility of each applicant and agreed on this group of candidates who appeared to fit the selection criteria.

## MEETINGS OF THE IAP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### THE 40TH MEETING OF THE IAP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The 40th Meeting of the IAP Executive Committee was hosted by Michael Lauber, the Attorney General of Switzerland in Bern, Saturday 12 September 2015, in conjunction with the hosting of the 20th IAP Annual Conference and General Meeting in Zurich, Switzerland.

The main topic of the Bern Meeting was related to the financial affairs of the Association. The members of the Executive Committee requested more transparent book keeping procedures and more transparent processes in general. The Financial Oversight Committee requested the Secretary General to replace the Accountant (Ernst & Young) due to a failure in deliverance of annual financial statements and proper background documentation (figures) as well as the Secretary General was request to implement some extensive and well-defined improvements in relation to the financial administration of the IAP before the next meeting of the Executive Committee (Helsinki March 2016). The Financial Oversight Committee is composed the Executive Committee members Thomas Burrows (USA), Jean-Francois Thony (France), and Runar Torgersen (Norway).

### THE 41ST MEETING OF THE IAP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The 41th Meeting of the IAP Executive Committee was hosted by Matti Nissinen, the Finnish Prosecutor General, 15 – 16 March 2016 in Helsinki, Finland.

The main issue being discussed during the meeting was again related to the financial affairs of the Association. The Secretary General was presenting his financial report and clarified actions taken to meet the requirements from the Bern Meeting.

At the meeting in Helsinki the Executive Committee concluded that unsatisfactory progress had been made by the Secretary General to meet the demands stated by the Committee, and that the Secretary General failed to respond adequately to questions regarding this failure. The Executive Committee

consequently lost faith and confidence in the Secretary General's ability to make adequate and timely improvements, and called for his resignation.

On March 16, 2016 the Executive Committee accepted the resignation of the Secretary General of the IAP, Derk Kuipers with immediate effect. The Executive Committee delegated the financial and organizational management of the Bureau of the Association to Han Moraal. The Executive Committee has appointed Han Moraal as acting Secretary General until the next General Meeting (Dublin September 2016) in accordance with the IAP Constitution article 12.6.

### **ACTIONS INITIATED SINCE THE HELSINKI MEETING**

To ensure that no questions about the financial management are left unanswered, the acting Secretary General together with The Financial Oversight Committee immediately after their return from Helsinki initiated a thorough review of the financial years of 2012 – 2015. Steps were also taken to analyze the current book keeping procedures and principles to propose improvements for a more professional and transparent governance of the IAP finances.

During the diligent but still very preliminary review we identified some irregularities in the accounts that require further investigation. On Tuesday 29 March, an external auditor was involved.

In relation to the introduction of more transparent financial structures and processes significant steps have been made. Supported by one of the members and the new accountant, the Secretariat has set up a modern digital and transparent financial system. Thus, the Secretariat is now working with online bookkeeping software, which allows the IAP's Financial Oversight Committee (FOC) and our new accountant direct access to the IAP accounts, so they can follow day-to-day transactions on a permanent basis. Our new accountant also helped the Secretariat to set up new procedures on authorizations (split responsibilities) and to draft guidelines on proper expenditures. The newly integrated procedures and protocol (guidelines) on proper expenditures will be on the agenda of the Executive Committee in Dublin.

Also important is the finalization of the 2015 report on the financial statements. The draft has been adopted by the Financial Oversight Committee (FOC) and the finalized report will be on the agenda of the Executive Committee in Dublin for approval. The report shows that the IAP is in a healthy financial situation.

The review of the financial irregularities performed by external forensic accountants shows that the former Secretary General did not keep the financial records in an accurate and transparent way and mingled IAP money with his own private money, unknown to the other members of the Secretariat and to the Executive Committee. He did, however, keep records of the money owed by him to the Association. The review also showed additional improper use of the IAP's money, sometimes incorrectly registered by the former accountants, failure to deposit in IAP accounts individual membership fees that had been paid in cash, and some doubtful expenditures.

Most of this money has been repaid and an agreement has been reached to repay any outstanding amount in short time. With this commitment of the former Secretary General to balance the remaining deficit there will be no loss of IAP money.

The review report concerning the financial irregularities has been sent to the Dutch Board of Prosecutors General (the employer of the former Secretary General) which has the responsibility to decide whether any further investigations or actions are warranted. The IAP will fully cooperate with the Board in any steps it may decide to take.

The Executive Committee expressed its trust in the new financial capabilities and the current Secretariat of our Association and asks you and the General Meeting in Dublin to do the same.

The 2015 financial statement will be posted on the IAP website after it is approved by the Executive Committee.

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Following a discussion at the Executive Committee meeting in Bahrain, April 2015, about the current structure of reporting arrangements to the Association's Officers under which the Secretary General and General Counsel are accountable to the Committee (of which they are also full voting members), it was decided by the Committee to recommend to the membership an alternative model that the Committee considered more appropriate: The officers would continue to attend, make proposals to and speak at Executive Committee meetings, but would not be members with full voting rights. This change will not effect within the terms of office of the current officers.

### **ARTICLE 12.3.**

Proposal: To replace the existing article 12.3 with the following: *"The Secretary General shall be a member of the Association and shall be appointed by the Executive Committee and, unless the Executive Committee otherwise determines, shall serve for a term of six years and shall be eligible for re-election."*

### **ARTICLE 12.4.**

Proposal: Delete existing Article 12.4 and replace with the following: *"The Secretary General shall have such power and duties in addition to those referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article as may be determined by the Executive Committee, which may amend or revoke any determination made under this paragraph."*

### **ARTICLE 12.6.**

Proposal: Replace existing Article 12.6 with the following: *“In the event of dismissal, resignation, permanent incapacity or death of the Secretary General, the Executive Committee may appoint a member of the Association as acting Secretary General. In the event of temporary incapacity of the Secretary General the Executive Committee may appoint a member of the Association who shall serve as acting Secretary General during such incapacity. In the event of suspension of the Secretary General, the Executive Committee may appoint a member of the Association who shall serve as acting Secretary General pending the General Meeting’s decision on the proposal to dismiss the Secretary General.”*

#### **ARTICLE 8 :**

Proposal: Replace paragraph 8.2.h with the following: “to appoint the Secretary General and the General Counsel; “

#### **ARTICLE 8.3 :**

In the first sentence of **Article 8.3** delete the words *“the Secretary General and the General Counsel”*, Add at the end of Article 8.3 the following sentence: “A Secretary General who held that office on 1 January 2015 shall continue as a member of the Executive Committee while he remains in office.”

#### **ARTICLE 13.4 .**

Proposal: This provision is the corresponding provision to **article 12.6.** in the relation to the General Counsel. The two provisions should be aligned. **Article 13.4** should therefore be amended to read as follows: *“In the event of dismissal, resignation, permanent incapacity or death of the General Counsel, the Executive Committee may appoint a member of the Association as acting General Counsel. In the event of temporary incapacity of the General Counsel the Executive Committee may appoint a member of the Association who shall serve as acting General Counsel during such incapacity. In the event of suspension of the General Counsel, the Executive Committee may appoint a member of the Association who shall serve as acting General Counsel pending the General Meeting’s decision on the proposal to dismiss General Counsel.”*

## IAP AWARDS 2015

### **PROSECUTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The three candidates that meets the criteria established in the IAP Awards Protocol are:

- Jeong Soo Lee, Dir. of High Tech and Financial Crimes Division, Seoul Prosecutors Office, Korea
- Ali Bin Khatin, Prosecutor, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- Nawaf Abdulla Hamza, Prosecutor, Public Prosecutions, Bahrain

## CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

The IAP Certificate of Merit is awarded as an expression of the Association’s gratitude to members of the IAP (individual or Organisational) for their pursuit of the Objects of the Association. Certificates of Merit can also be awarded to non-IAP members as an expression of the Association’s gratitude for supporting the association.

- Dubai Public Prosecutions, for hosting the 19th Annual Conference and General Meeting in Dubai, United Arab Emirates 23 - 27 November 2015.
- The Office of the Attorney General of the Bahrain hosting the 39th IAP Executive Committee Meeting in Bahrain 8 - 10 April 2015
- Hungarian Association of Prosecutors, for hosting the 1<sup>st</sup> Global Forum for Associations of Prosecutors in Budapest, Hungary 8 – 9 September 2015.

## IAP HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS 2015

According to the IAP Constitution (Article 4.1.) the General Meeting, on recommendation of the Executive Committee, may elect as an honorary member of the Association any person who has made an outstanding contribution to the Association's work and who in the opinion of the General Meeting is deserving of such distinction.

The following IAP members were elected as honorary member at the General Meeting held in Zurich, Switzerland, 16 September 2015;

- Elizabeth Howe OBE, IAP General Counsel and former Chief Crown Prosecutor, Kent, England and Wales
- Salvatore Vasta, Former IAP Vice President of Asia and Pacific, Judge and Former Crown Prosecutor, Queensland, Australia
- Egbert Myjer, IAP Senator and Former Judge of the European Court of Human Rights, The Netherlands

## PROSECUTORS IN “DIFFICULTIES” PROGRAMME:

Article 8.2 of the IAP Constitution requires the Association’s Executive Committee “to assist members in accordance with the objects of the Association”. In May 2012, the Executive Committee adopted the draft Protocol, which now regulates the way in which the Association processes requests for assistance from prosecutors in difficulty.

A Standing Committee on Prosecutors in Difficulty is established, drawn from the Executive Committee and the Senate, and this will advise the President on how best to respond to the difficulties which confront prosecutors in particular situations. The Protocol considers the scenarios most likely to arise, and provides guidance as to the conduct of investigations and the possible resolution of difficulties. Currently, since in

March 2016, the International Association of Prosecutors appointed three Executive Committee/Senate Members to serve on the Standing Committee on Prosecutors in Difficulty for a term of three years. The Standing Committee comprises **Grenville Cross QC**, Chairman (Hong Kong, China), **William J Downer**, Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions, South Africa, and **Christopher Toth**, Deputy Executive Director, National Association of Attorneys General, United States of America.

In the past year the Secretariat and the Standing Committee has been active in cases concerning prosecutors in difficulty in Hong Kong, Macao, Turkey, Ukraine, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

## IAP PROGRAMME AND PROJECT PLAN 2016-2018

In March 2016, a new plan for professional programmes and projects was presented to the Executive Committee and to the membership. Building on a combination of strong existing programmes and new initiatives, the plan is carried forward by the IAP core idea of creating a global community of prosecutors and of setting the standard for prosecution practice and for the role of prosecutors. It is this combination of global community building and standard setting that gives the IAP its unique position.

The professional projects for 2016-2018 brings together work agendas under the three headlines:

- Connecting prosecutors – strengthening the Global Community of Prosecutors;
- Setting the standard of prosecution practice;
- Bringing IAP standards to life to safeguard the role of prosecutors.

The last headlines with particular emphasis on the safety and security of prosecutors and on the independence and accountability of prosecution.

The programme and project plan is available from the IAP website: [www.iap-association.org](http://www.iap-association.org).

### PROFESSIONAL NETWORKS AND COMMUNITY BUILDING:

Since 2009, the IAP has developed crime specific web-based networks and communities. Currently, basic web-based platforms have been developed in the areas of cybercrime (GPEN), international criminal justice (FICJ), trafficking in human beings (TIPP), anti-corruption and money-laundering (NACP), counter-terrorism (CTPN), and conflict-related sexual violence (PSV). The overall goal of these web-based networks and communities is to facilitate global specialised communities for prosecutors and let these be the platforms within which prosecutors can make easy contact, exchange experiences, best practices and learning material, and in which they can facilitate global learning initiatives.

During the last year, the networks and communities have continued their development in several important aspects. Websites have been introduced for CTPN, PSV and for NACP. PSV, managed by the ICTY, has expanded its contact points and developed new features of its web-services. The TIPP has involved new strong players on the European continent and has thus reinvigorated the ‘engine’ of the

community. The TIPP has also, with the assistance of the Dutch Prosecution Service, prepared an important web-based resource collection. The NACP has established a governing board, which will convene in Dublin to set a course for the work in the NACP. The GPEN has continued its worldwide capacity building activities with regional seminars and webinars. Furthermore, the GPEN has expanded its online cybercrime library and has continued developing its newsletter. Recently, the GPEN secured a FCO grant to continue the capacity building into 2017. The CTPN has developed a core legal resource platform and is in the process of developing a project on supporting MLA in CT investigation and prosecution with UNCTED. And as described above, for the first time, the IAP has brought together the Military Prosecutors of the world to explore the possibility of a SIG under the IAP umbrella. Lastly, for the first time, an exploratory meeting for the special community in environmental crime is being held during the annual conference. Both CTPN and TIPP have continued the development of available resources. In the coming year, the IAP will continue to work on securing resources the TIPP and the CTPN.

As the year before, there has in the last twelve months been a limited development of members of these networks (with the exception of PSV). Building the networks is a combination of active contact-persons for organizational members and available resources in the secretariat to follow up routinely. There has been limited resources available for this work. The IAP is working hard to allocate the necessary resources.

#### **GUIDELINES AND BEST PRACTICE PROJECTS:**

The Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service, Scotland has developed a final version of their report on asset recovery for prosecutors. After the Annual Conference in Zurich, a 2<sup>nd</sup> call for responses to questionnaires. The Scottish Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service will present the final report during the NACP Special Interest Group Meeting during the Annual Conference in Dublin for discussion and for the NACP to consider how the report's findings can be turned into a practical tool moving forward.

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions of Mauritius has continued the work on a revision of the IAP Good Practice Manual for MLA. The work has resulted in a final draft, which will be presented to the Executive Committee in Dublin, September 2016.

New guidelines and best practice projects are under preparation and members are invited to reach out to the secretariat if they are interested.

**RESEARCH ACTIVITIES:**

The IAP has assisted UNHCR, UNODC and the ICAR with facilitating contracts to carry out interview studies. We have invited the responsible persons to present their research findings at relevant IAP events. In Dublin, a special session on prosecuting corporations for human rights violations is organized in collaboration with ICAR. ICAR will present their report and the IAP will, presented by François Falletti, discuss their findings and recommendations.

Furthermore, the IAP has taken initiative to carry out a worldwide survey to study and document the actual safety and security concerns and issues of prosecutors. A pilot survey has been carried out among individual members and a country study in South Africa. The Surveys have been carried out in collaboration with Carl Prophet, Executive Director, Corporate Risk and Security Division, Ministry of Justice and Public Safety Division, British Columbia, Canada and his staff. The result will be presented in Dublin at a keynote address.

**OPERATIONAL ASSISTANCE:**

The IAP is frequently approached with requests to identify and contact prosecutors in countries both regionally and globally to participate in training activities, reform projects and to provide expert advice. Since December 2015 we have prioritized these requests. In January and February alone we have facilitated contact to 14 prosecutors in seven different countries to participate in training programmes in Asia.

In July, the IAP in full partnership with OSCE (ODIHR) (project lead) was awarded an EC Grant to train and build capacity of prosecution for hate crimes. The project among others involves an agreement for the IAP to facilitate trainers through the IAP membership.

**MLA SUPPORT PROJECT IN COUNTER-TERRORISM:**

The IAP CTPN has, in collaboration with UN CTED, continued its preparation of a project to strengthen MLA in counter-terrorism investigation and prosecution. Central Authorities (CA) in MLA and counter-terrorism prosecutors must have the most up to date information on the procedures to be followed in requesting digital evidence in counterterrorism investigation and prosecution and the most current points of contact at Communication Service Providers (CSPs) to resolve the issues faced by members of their national prosecution and investigation services. There is therefore an urgent need to assist prosecutors and MLA CAs by:

- Strengthening their understanding of the most current procedures for requesting digital evidence from CSPs;
- Assisting them to streamline MLA procedures, where possible, by prioritising preservation and other forms of assistance;
- Increasing their access to points of contacts within private CSPs.

With this in mind the IAP in collaboration with UN CTED has developed a concept note for a project with two core elements comprising of 1) **regional workshops** focusing on MLA legal frameworks, procedures and practical tools, and on procedures for requesting assistance from private CSPs and 2) building, updating and maintaining a **digital reference tool** containing information on country specific points of contact of counter-terrorism prosecution services, country-specific Central Authorities by linking UNODCs directory of central authorities and information on legal frameworks and practical procedures for how to put forward and respond to mutual legal assistance requests in counter-terrorism cases, including information about procedures of how to request legal assistance from major regional and global CSPs. The IAP and CTED are in dialogue with UNODC and IJ to partner in the proposed project implementation and are currently also reaching out to donors for possible collaboration.

#### **'THE SIRACUSA COURSE':**

Since the Annual Meeting in Zurich 2015, the collaboration with the International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences (ISISC) and the International Association of Penal Law (AIDP) has resulted in a first **specialization course for junior prosecutors** in international and transnational criminal law and justice in July 2016. 52 prosecutors from 35 different countries and six continents completed the specialization course, which was held in the offices of the ISISC in Siracusa, Italy. The main objective of the course was to a) train and specialize the prosecutors in international and transnational criminal law and justice and b) to create strong informal bonds among them for future transnational collaboration. The course was a great success. The ISISC has carried out an evaluation and the IAP and the ISISC are now in dialogue to deliver a joint recommendation on how to proceed to the second year's course.

#### **THE NAGTRI PROGRAMME:**

Since 2011, the IAP assisted NAGTRI in recruiting suitable international candidates for their annual International Fellows Programme, by distributing "Calls for Application" to the IAP membership. Again this year, 14 international prosecutors' received a grant to participate in the NAGTRI Programme and the majority of these were picked from the IAP group of applicants.

#### **PROSECUTORS EXCHANGE PROGRAMME (PEP):**

The PEP has established a new exchange collaboration between a Canadian jurisdiction and Samoan Islands. Furthermore, Executive Committee member Nicola Mahaffy has continued the work search for expanding the programme and locate available resources for the PEP programme.

## **SAFETY AND SECURITY OF PROSECUTORS:**

Safety and security of prosecutors has for long been central to the IAP. In Zurich 2015 a declaration was issued and in Helsinki 2016 the IAP took initiative to carry out a worldwide survey to study and document the actual safety and security concerns and issues of prosecutors. A pilot survey has been carried out among individual members and a country study in South Africa. The Surveys have been carried out in collaboration with Carl Prophet, Executive Director, Corporate Risk and Security Division, British Columbia, Canada and his staff. The result will be presented in Dublin at a keynote address to the plenary.

Going forward the plan is to prepare an full global survey based on the experiences of this first pilot study. Furthermore, the plan is to bring together interested IAP members to turn the lessons of these surveys and the already existing IAP standards on the Safety and Security of Prosecutors into practical tools for Prosecution Services.

## **PROSECUTORIAL INDEPENDENCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

Prosecutorial independence and accountability goes to the very heart of the IAP and its mandate. Following up on the 2014 publication in collaboration between the IAP and UNODC, we have inserted this topic as one of the key areas in the professional project programme for 2016-2018. We have taking preparatory steps to future activities to increase the communication of this principle and to intensify our efforts to engage in regional and the global discussions on the challenges and possible solutions to ensure better prosecutorial independence.

## **PARTNERSHIPS:**

Our partnerships have expanded. An MoU has been negotiated with the APA and signature will take place in Dublin in September. Furthermore, preparations for possible partnerships have been negotiated with IAACA, EJM, IAJ and IBA with a view to concrete collaborations. Furthermore, new concrete collaborations with EC, OSCE and UNODC are being prepared.

## **NEWSLETTERS FROM SPECIALIST NETWORKS**

The GPEN and FICJ e-newsletters are consistently published on the specialist websites and distributed on a monthly basis to the enlisted members of these networks. The feedback from our members is very positive; this is clearly a product of high value.

As reported before, the Dutch design and print bureau “Donkel and Donkel” have been contracted to produce virtual newsletter templates for the IAP Secretariat and each of our specialist networks i.e. GPEN, FICJ, PSV and TIPP, with a fixed structure and design line. This will assist us guaranteeing uniformity in our publication. Furthermore, by stripping our editors for their present layout and designer role they will be allowed more time to focus on content of the newsletter.

We have already received several drafts of these templates over the last couple of months and we intend to make the final version available to our editors early November 2016.

## IAP CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

### IAP EVENT SUPPORT

In General, the IAP support hosts of the Regional Conferences through advises on themes, speakers and format of the conference and on logistical aspects like booking of conference venue, hotels and construction of online registration systems and conference websites. However, the last couple of years the support from the Secretariat has turned to be more time-consuming as now include administration and production of websites and online registration system.

### CONFERENCES SCHEDULED FOR 2016 - 2019

Regions	2016	2017	2018	2019
AFRICA	NONE	Open for bids		
ASIA / PACIFIC	NONE	Korea potential venue	Vanuatu (April 3–5)	Open for bids
EUROPE	Lisbon, Portugal	Tirana, Albania 22 – 24 May 17	Open for bids	Open for bids
EASTERN EUROPE/ CEN. ASIA	NONE	Tbilisi, Georgia, 26 – 28 June 17	Istanbul, Turkey awaiting bid	Open for bids
MENA	No venue	Qatar, Doha Awaiting bid	Open for bids	Open for bids
NORTHERN AMERICA / CARIBBEAN	Montego Bay Jamaica 2 – 4 Nov 16	Toronto, Canada	Open for bids	Open for bids
SOUTH AMERICA	No venue	San José, Costa Rica	Asunción, Paraguay potential venue	Open for bids

	2016	2017	2018	2019
ANNUAL CONFERENCE	Dublin, Ireland	Beijing, China	Durban, South Africa	Buenos Aires, Argentina

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<b>GLOBAL FORUM FOR ASSOCIATIONS  EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS</b>	<b>Lisbon,</b> Portugal	<b>Belgrade,</b> Serbia	<b>Ukraine</b>	
	<b>41<sup>st</sup> Helsinki,</b> Finland	<b>43<sup>rd</sup> Busan,</b> Korea	<b>45<sup>th</sup> Baku</b> Azerbaijan	<b>47<sup>th</sup> Mauritius</b>
	<b>42<sup>nd</sup> Dublin,</b> Ireland	<b>44<sup>th</sup> Beijing,</b> China	<b>46<sup>th</sup> Durban</b> South Africa	<b>48<sup>th</sup> Buenos Aires,</b> Argentina

**MEETINGS AND REPRESENTATION:**

Speaking engagements provide a valuable opportunity to raise awareness of the IAP, to build working relationships with other associations and organizations and to engage in regional and global discussions of IAP standards and principles. Our officials have represented the Association at a wide range of international seminars, conferences and meetings, providing valuable input, bringing the IAP principles to use and helping to raise IAP's profile in pursuance of our objectives.

**BEIRUT, LEBANON (OCTOBER 2015)**

**Who:** Secretary-General

**What:** Conference on the "The role of prosecution in preventing torture" hosted by the Lebanese Ministry of Justice.

**Objective:** Delivering a speech on Human Rights and Torture

**Outcome:** Speech delivered, supported advancement of human rights in Lebanon and negotiations with Lebanese Prosecutor General about Organisational Membership.

**Funding:** Host.

**DOHA, QATAR (OCTOBER 2015)**

**Who:** President and General Counsel.

**What:** Meetings with the Attorney General of Qatar, his staff, and meetings with the Director and staff of the Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption Center.

**Object:** Negotiate membership fee and explore possible collaboration on projects concerning learning activities and professional standards of prosecutors.

**Outcome:** Agreed on membership fee; agreed on collaboration on training course and learning material.

**Funding:** Host.

**RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL (OCTOBER 2015)**

**Who:** President, Vice-President for Latin America and the Executive Director.

**What:** 5th Latin American Regional Conference in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

**Object:** Facilitating conference and gaining stronger foothold within Latin American region.

**Outcome:** Recruitment of 37 Individual Members and negotiation of terms for organizational membership with 4 Associations, commitment from Costa Rica to host a Regional Conference, and creation of the 1st Latin American umbrella organization of Associations of Prosecutors within South America.

**Funding:** Host.

#### ZAMBIA, LIVINGSTONE (OCTOBER 2015)

**Who:** General Counsel.

**What:** APA Annual Meeting 2015 with participation of 120 delegates from African countries. Topics: Trafficking of human beings and counter-terrorism.

**Object:** Representing the IAP at the conference, increase the IAP network in Africa, engage with the APA for potential future collaboration, and follow up on the situation of Exco member Mutembo.

**Outcome:** Collaboration with APA; presentation of IAP CTPN and TIPP networks; professional connection to many African countries otherwise not in the IAP; In particular with the large Portuguese constituency in APA; collaboration with the International Organization of Migration.

**Funding:** IAP.

#### INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT, THE HAGUE (OCTOBER 2015)

**Who:** General Counsel.

**What:** Meeting with Shamila Batohi.

**Objective:** Explore possible collaboration within the FICJ website, network and activities.

**Outcome:** Adaption of the FICJ newsletter content, and agreement to follow up with presentation of IAP networks and activities at the ICC offices.

**Funding:** IAP.

#### SKT. PETERSBORG, RUSSIA (NOVEMBER 2015)

**Who:** President and General Counsel.

**What:** IACCA meeting.

**Object:** Engage with the global anti-corruption community to a) strengthen the network of the NACP, b) to identify possible new active participants in the NACP, c) to build a stronger relationship with the relevant anti-corruption agencies and d) to identify and connect with possible training institutions in the field.

**Outcome:** Both the President and the General Counsel were active panel participants, among others presenting – together with Kamran Aliyev – the NACP website. Connection – later followed up and established – to collaborate with several anti-corruption authorities in Europe and Asia

were made. Dialogue with IACA on how to develop learning programmes together. Meeting with the Attorney General of Qatar on organisational membership.

**Funding:** Host.

#### NEW YORK, UNITED STATES (NOVEMBER 2015)

**Who:** General Counsel.

**What:** Invited (in a private capacity) to give the Hoffinger Colloquium address at NYU Law. By the initiative of Tom Burrows, arranged meeting with the Manhattan DA and as a follow up to the outcomes in Sochi, held meetings with the UN CTED.

**Outcome:** Gave the Hoffinger Coll. Address; connected with anti-corruption academic authorities and the criminal justice faculty. Entered negotiation of terms for membership with the Manhattan DA. Meetings with the UN CTED consolidated our collaboration and allowed the GC to present our objectives and activities to a wider group of the CTED staff.

**Funding:** Host.

#### ICC ASSEMBLY OF STATE PARTIES (NOVEMBER 2015)

**Who:** Serge Brammertz and Executive Director.

**What:** Side Event: ICC Assembly of State Parties, 23 November 2015, The Hague.

**Object:** Presentation of the new PSV website and opportunity to discuss Strategies for Improving Accountability for Conflict-Related Sexual Violence Crimes: the New Prosecuting Conflict Related Sexual Violence (PSV) Network and Related Issues.

**Outcome:** Successful presentation of the PSV network and negotiation of terms for an organizational membership with the Office of DPP of Botswana.

**Funding:** None.

#### SOCHI, RUSSIA (NOVEMBER 2015)

**Who:** President, Secretary General, General Counsel, Executive Director.

**What:** 7<sup>th</sup> Regional Conference for Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia on the topic 'Combating Terrorism and Violent Extremism'.

**Object:** Facilitating conference, broaden the CTPN network and build stronger membership constituency in Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

**Outcome:** A great conference hosted by the Russian Prosecutor General with powerful presentations and an impressive and diverse list of delegates. Key outcomes include 8 new organizational members, with whom we are negotiating membership now. Strengthening of the CTPN network. A wide agreement among heads of prosecution to have the IAP develop a web-based platform for practical and reliable global MLA contacts. Conference report is available on [www.iap-association.org](http://www.iap-association.org).

**Funding:** Host.

## GENEVE, SWITZERLAND (DECEMBER 2015)

**Who:** General Counsel.

**What:** 2015 Forum of Judges and Lawyers on Judicial Independence and Accountability arranged by the International Commission of Jurists, Geneva.

**Object:** Represent the IAP in the forum and discussions and to connect to the many agencies and persons active in that particular discussion.

**Outcome:** Productive forum and workshop and a perfect example of how a workshop on this topic can be designed and executed. The discussions showed the complex balances between independence and accountability and showed the many different perspectives and local conditions for how to approach this matter in regions of both developed and developing countries. Established connections with ICJ; International Association of Judges; UNODC anti-corruption office; IBA; Open Society; Transparency International and several other organisations.

**Funding:** Host.

## ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA (DECEMBER 2015)

**Who:** General Counsel.

**What:** Invited to host a workshop (in private capacity) with the Minister of Justice on the final draft of the Prosecution Guidelines for the Federal Prosecutors in Ethiopia. This is a project commenced before the GC was appointed and which the SG has accepted that the GC sees through.

**Objective:** To host workshop and to use the occasion to connect with possible donors and partners for regional projects in Africa.

**Outcome:** Finalized the Prosecution Guidelines; constructive meetings with three different European ambassadors - all with positive feedback for regional projects on the topic of Rule of Law and independence of prosecution services. Furthermore, positive feedback for local activities to the professionalization of the prosecution service of Ethiopia. Positive – but inconclusive - meetings with GIZ.

**Funding:** Host.

## ZWOLLE, THE NETHERLANDS – TIPP (DECEMBER 2015)

**Who:** General Counsel and Project and Community Manager.

**What:** Meeting with Warner ten Kate, head of the TBH prosecution office (Netherlands).

**Objective:** To engage Warner ten Kate and his office in the TIPP network.

**Outcome:** Warner ten Kate agreed to join the governing board and to speak at the regional conference in Lisbon in June 2016. Furthermore, he agreed to assist in building the content resources of the TIPP website.

**Funding:** IAP.

#### COPENHAGEN, DENMARK (DECEMBER 2015)

**Who:** Secretary-General.

**What:** Coordinating Meeting, IAP Officials.

**Objective:** To discuss current projects and office management.

**Outcome:** Coordination of current projects.

**Funding:** IAP.

#### JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA (JANUARY 2016)

**Who:** Secretary-General, Billy Downer and Executive Director.

**What:** Meetings with; 1) the SA National Director of Public Prosecution, Adv. Shaun Abrahams, 2) The ISS (International Security Studies) and 3) the South African Society of Prosecutors.

**Object:** Meeting with the NDPP and his deputies to discuss the bid received from former NDPP to host the IAP Annual Conference in 2018. Meeting with ISS staff to discuss their facilitation of our CTPN Network. Meeting with representatives of the South African Society of Prosecutors to discuss the potential active involvement of the Society in an AC.

**Outcome:** Preliminary expression of interest from Shaun Abrahams to host an AC in 2018. Expression of interest received from the SA Society of Prosecutors to assist with the preparation and running of an AC and for the nomination of Shaun Abrahams for a seat on the IAP Executive Committee.

**Funding:** IAP.

#### ANKARA AND ISTANBUL, TURKEY (FEBRUARY 2016)

**Who:** General Counsel.

**What:** Mission to the High Council for Judges and Prosecutors, the Ministry of Justice, the Prosecutor General's Office at the Court of Cassation, the Chief Prosecutor of Istanbul, to meet with associations of prosecutors and judges, to collect further information as to the many complaints from Turkish prosecutors and judges, and to present the concerns of the IAP and the IAP standards to the High Council.

**Objective:** Gather information, present questions and hear comments and explanations from the council and to meet with professional associations.

**Outcome:** Gathered information and held interviews with all parties to report to the Ex Com on the Turkey situation, including claimants and professional associations (report and recommendation is submitted to the ex com). Discussed the claims and the issues involved with the deputy president of the High Council and his staff; visited the newer organizational members from the Prosecutor General's office in the Court of Cassation and solved a number of questions for them and facilitated future participation from them in our conferences and our networks. Finally, had meetings with the chief prosecutor of Istanbul.

**Funding:** IAP and host.

#### RIYADH, KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA (MARCH 2016)

**Who:** President and General Counsel.

**What:** Two day meetings, official visits and lecture.

**Object:** Continue discussion of Saudi Arabia (SA) engagement in the IAP and further professional programmes in the region; IAP President to give lecture at Naif Arab University of Security Studies on the topic “The role of the Prosecutor in Combating Terrorism.

**Outcome:** A successful lecture at Naif Arab University, confirmation of Saudi Arabia’s strong engagement in the IAP, discussion of Counter-terrorism challenges in the region and of the Saudi Arabian initiatives towards combatting terrorism and violent extremism in a rights based context.

**Funding:** Host.

#### BAKU, AZERBAIJAN (APRIL 2016)

**Who:** GC and ED.

**What:** Two days of meetings and renewing individual members.

**Object:** To reaffirm the close ties between IAP and Azerbaijan; for the GC to meet and discuss with the PG and the MoJ; Sign up new individual members; renew existing memberships; coordinate work with local IAP affiliates; progress NACP work.

**Outcome:** Signed up a total of 308 individual members in Azerbaijan; Productive meetings with MoJ, the PG, and with Kamran Aliyev. Progress on organization of NACP work. Demonstration and discussion of ASAN public administration systems. GC gave lecture at the law faculty on comparative perspectives of independence and accountability within prosecution services.

**Funding:** Host.

#### BURSA, TURKEY (MAY 2016)

**Who:** Ex Com member Mohammed Ahsan and General Counsel, Rasmus H. Wandall

**What:** Two-day international conference on the administration of Prosecution Services.

**Object:** Participated in the conference and discussion on the proper organization of prosecution services internationally; To give presentation (Mr. Ahsan) and to chair a session (GC); follow up with representatives from the HSYK about the current situation with the suspension of judges and prosecutors and to inform them about the current status in the IAP; continued talk about CTPN counter-terrorism workshop in collaboration with the UN CTED.

**Outcome:** Mr. Ahsan gave a compelling presentation on the topics of a) the difference between institutional and functional independence of prosecutors, the need for functional independence, and b) the forms of collaboration between prosecution and police. GC chaired a session on the rights of individual prosecutors and presented the IAP and Havana guidelines' principles together with the Venice Commission resolutions to the around 200 Turkish

prosecutors present. GC had informal discussions with HSYK officials about the developments with judges and prosecutors under the authority of the HSYK and the IAP's concern about their due process rights.

**Funding:** Host.

#### WASHINGTON DC AND NEW YORK (JUNE 2016)

**Who:** The Executive Director.

**What:** Attending the NAGTRI Fellowship Programme 2016 as an observer and visit Office of the Manhattan DA to negotiate terms of potential Organisational Membership.

**Object:** Observe and attend the Fellowship Programme to be in a better position to market programme among IAP members in future.

**Outcome:** Recruitment of all programme participants as individual members. Initiate negotiations on Organisational Membership with following organisations; The Black Prosecutors Association (US), The Office of the Attorney General, Somalia and the Office of the Prosecutor General in Latvia.

**Funding:** Host.

#### TIANJIN, CHINA (JUNE 2016)

**Who:** General Counsel.

**What:** Three day IAACA conference.

**Object:** Present the IAP in opening address; follow up on ongoing projects with other delegates (NACP; APA; Annual conference 2016 and 2017; IACCA partnership; APA partnership; Qatar collaboration and organizational membership).

**Outcome:** Gave opening address about corruption and the role of prosecutors; made considerable progress with the NACP work (new board member; built list of potential partners in other Asian countries; had the opportunity to present the NACP to IAACA members with Kamran Aliyev); made useful contact for new person to TIPP network; meeting with APA president resulted in plan to start more concrete communication about an MoU with APA; continued discussions with Qatar about organizational membership; commenced talks about more concrete IAP-IAACA collaboration within NACP framework . Meetings with the Iranian delegation and the Pakistani delegations.

**Funding:** Host.

#### COPENHAGEN, DENMARK (MARCH 2016)

**Who:** President, Secretary-General, General Counsel and Executive Director

**What:** Preparatory Meeting for the 41st Executive Committee Meeting in Helsinki, Finland

**Funding:** Travel expenses and accommodation in relation to the Secretary-General's meeting participation was covered by the IAP Budget.

## TIRANA, ALBANIA (MAY 2016)

**Who:** Josip Cule and the Executive Director.

**What:** Site Visit – venue for the 16<sup>th</sup> European Regional Conference (2017).

**Object:** Matching expectations and establishing relationship between IAP Secretariat and host representatives. Visit and agree on conference venues and hotels. Discuss and settle on financial and logistical issues and conference frames in general.

**Outcome:** Agreed on venue, terms and conference period (22 – 24 May 2017).

**Funding:** Host.

## LISSABON, PORTUGAL, JUNE 2016

**Who:** President, General Counsel, Executive Director and Project and Community Manager.

**What:** 15<sup>th</sup> European Regional Conference and 2<sup>nd</sup> Global Forum for Associations of Prosecutors

**Object:** Co-host and execute conferences

**Outcome:** Execution of conference, facilitated a regional discussion of trafficking of human beings and new prosecution challenges and strategies to counter THB; expansion of TIPP network; facilitated a strong discussion of the role of associations in connection to independence and accountability of prosecution services; intensified the community of associations for furthering their shared interests and possible collaboration.

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**Funding:** Host.

## BEIJING, CHINA (JUNE 2016)

**Who:** Acting Secretary-General, General Counsel and the Executive Director.

**What:** Site Visit – Venue of the 22<sup>nd</sup> IAP Annual Conference and General Meeting of the IAP 2017.

**Object:** Matching expectations and establish a close relationship between the host representatives and the IAP Officials. Discuss and settle on financial and logistical issues. Discuss time frames and professional and social programme. Visit conference facilities, hotels and venues chosen for the social programme.

**Outcome:** Agreement reached regarding Conference Venue; which will be Beijing Hotel in the hearth of Beijing next to the Forbidden City. General Counsel also made visit to Central Beijing Prosecution Service to study and discuss the organization of local prosecution services and the legal framework of prosecutorial decision-making in a Chinese setting.

**Funding:** Host.

#### SIRACUSA, ITALY (JULY 2016)

**Who:** General Counsel.

**What:** IAP/ISISC Specialisation Course for Junior Prosecutors.

**Object:** Co-host on behalf of the IAP.

**Outcome:** Participated in the opening and closing of the programme on behalf of the IAP, supervised learning programmes and in general attended professional programmes and social events. Intensified collaboration with ISISC.

**Funding:** IAP.

#### ONIATI, SPAIN (JULY 2016)

**Who:** General Counsel (in the place of the IAP President)

**What:** Comparative workshop on prosecutorial independence and accountability

**Object:** Engage the IAP in a comparative discussion of independence and accountability. Present and discuss draft book chapters.

**Outcome:** Presented draft chapter on the role of prosecutors and sentencing decision-making and introduced the final synthesis of the two-day workshop sessions. IAP takes part in relevant comparative discussions of independence and accountability of prosecution practice, leading to published book in the future (estimated two-three years)

**Funding:** IAP.

The Hague, September 2016,

Gerhard Jarosch

PRESIDENT OF IAP

