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Dear EUCPN members,

On behalf of the Slovenian Presidency it is a privilege for me to address to all of you, as current EUCPN chair, through our newsletter.

During the Slovenian Presidency, some very important achievements were reached. First of all, I should mention that the Council of ministers adopted, on 5th of June 2008, the Annual Report 2007 with incorporated Action plan for 2008, accompanied by the relevant Conclusions.

Many events on crime prevention were held during the Slovenian Presidency and results were presented during the two Board meetings held in the Slovenian Capital, Ljubljana.

I'm pleased also to recognize that many Member States have improved their efforts to develop networking among members and develop the EUCPN important tool – its Web site. Also the EUCPN committees developed way of work with using new approaches.

At this point I'd like to remember Framework partners to submit applications till 30th of June 2008.

With kind regards

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EUCPN CHAIR

EUCPN activities

Experts' group on BPC

To ensure an optimised quality and consistency of Best practice conferences, a working group was set up and met on 16 May 2008, involving seven Member States. The objective is to develop universal organisational guidelines for the future presidencies, including the ECPA matters.

The next meeting is planned on 25 August (to be confirmed) with a view to presenting the results at a next Board meeting.

RVC

To further develop research activities, a working meeting with the RVC most active members was held on 18 June 2008 in Stockholm. The aim was to make progress on the identification and more precise determination of priorities for the activities to be carried out in a mid and long perspective.

One of the discussed aspects relates to the modalities of the implementation of these plans. It is envisaged that an application will be submitted to the Commission, by 30 October 2008, for the financial support within the Framework Partnerships arrangements.

Programme Committee

Three new proposals have been presented for the possible inclusion in the EUCPN Work programme. They relate to:

- inventory of best practice for the primary and secondary schools
- development of the public-private cooperation in the crime prevention field
- knowledge transfer in crime prevention – Beccaria project

ECPA

The European Crime Prevention Award (ECPA) 2008 will be awarded to the best project on prevention in public spaces. Both the Award Ceremony and the Annual Conference will take place in Paris on 17/18 November 2008.

There are three main themes:

- planning of public spaces
- video protection and
- daily actions of public spaces management.

Further information could be asked at: christian.irjud@interieur.gouv.fr

Forthcoming meetings on crime prevention

International Crime Science Conference will be held on 17-18 July 2008, at British Library, London and is supported by the Home Office, the Office of Naval Research Global, the US Department of Homeland Security and KPMG. The ICSC brings together practitioners, manufacturers and academics developing the latest techniques, technologies and strategies for increasing security and reducing crime. Major themes of the conference relates to anti-social behaviour, organised crime and terrorism.

Further information could be found at the following address: <http://www.crimescience.org>

On 21 and 22 October 2008, the International Juvenile Justice Observatory (IJJO) will organise an international Conference: ***"Juvenile Justice Systems in Europe: current situation, trends in***

applicable models and good practices"

The conference targets different professionals and experts in the field of juvenile justice. The objective is to share experiences and knowledge in order to promote new recommendations at a transnational and European levels. These recommendations are aimed at getting closer the applicable juvenile justice systems, intervention measures and dissemination of good practices. This should contribute to the social inclusion of all minors and youngsters.

In this context, the European Commission has supported a comparative law study which analyses the most important issues regarding the treatment of minor offenders in all Member States based on the question: are there any possibilities to possibly harmonise elements of juvenile justice systems on a European level? This study has been led by the Department of Criminology of the University of Greifswald (Germany) together with the Don Calabria Institute (Italy) and Diagrama Foundation Psychosocial Intervention (Spain) and with the cooperation of the International Juvenile Justice Observatory (Belgium).

Further information could be found at: <http://www.oijj.org/plantilla.php?pag=091301&idioma=en>

From 20 to 25 July 2008 will be held in Barcelona **XV World Congress of the International Society for Criminology**. The focus will be given to three selected areas: transnational crime, urban crime, victims and criminal justice, etc.

European Society of Criminology will organise its VIII Annual conference in Edinburgh from 2 to 5 Septemebr 2008. The main theme focuses on the criminology in the public sphere. It will provide an opportunity for the members to

present papers on the results of their own research projects. The conference is also an occasion where the members can meet each others and discuss mutual research interests. The discussions have already proved to be an important platform for new pan-European research initiatives.

Further information could be found at <http://www.lifelong.ed.ac.uk/eurocrim2008/index.htm>

International Forum for Child Welfare (IFCW) will organise, from 29 Septemebr to 1 October 2008, in Cardiff (UK), an international conference known as the WorldForum, with a broad theme: "Early Intervention and Prevention".

Further information could be found at <http://www.worldforum2008.org/>

Initiatives in the Member States

For the first time will be granted the **French Award on crime prevention**. This prize is established to promote innovative projects in the field of crime or insecurity prevention. This year, the priority is given to projects related to public space. This initiative is organised under the auspices of the Comité interministeriel de la prévention de la délinquance and the Forum français pour la sécurité urbaine.

Applications should be sent by 9 July 2008. Further information could be found at: <http://www.ffsu.org/ffsu/home.aspx>

The Dutch Ministry of the Interior organised on 13 and 14 March the EU seminar "**Administrative measures to combat organised crime**". The seminar brought together participants from twenty-one Member States and international organisations.

A number of speakers gave a presentation on the various aspects of the administrative or integrated, approach to organised crime. The mayors of both Amsterdam and Maastricht presented how this approach can be implemented on the grounds. The seminar included also workshops on the possibilities of European cooperation in the area of administrative measures to combat organised crime.

The participants and the EUCPN national representatives and contact points will soon receive the report of the seminar. Please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Eva Haas (eva.haas@minbzk.nl) for additional copies or further information.

The **Slovak Council for Crime prevention monitored an educational program for the students in age of 15-19** in the city of Piestany. The participants took part in two day trainings on different themes like drug and crime prevention, prevention of domestic violence and of bullying, awareness of social rights, sects and destructive societies, biological and medical aspects of family planning, emotional and partnership relations, manipulation of personality, self-respect, solutions in crisis situation, extremism and rebellion of youth, prevention of trafficking in human beings, positive motivation etc.

Students from Slovakia shared their experience with many students from Lithuania, Cyprus, Turkey and Belgium.

The Czech Ministry of the Interior organised on 25 June 2008 a seminar on "**Child Protection from Sexual Abuse (not only) facilitated by Internet**". It was carried out in co-operation with CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre, UK). It was open to the Czech specialised police divisions dealing with this crime (including Interpol and Europol), Police Academy and Police Colleges,

prosecutors, representatives of various ministries and NGOs.

The presentations covered among others the matters related to Internet developments, how they are being used by child sex offenders, legal tools for child protection in UK, sex offender register, tracking offenders travelling abroad etc.

The seminar programme has been designed in order to help delegates to better understand the nature of sex offending, to learn on new techniques and practical skills that can better equip professionals to deal with this very difficult, distressing and one of the worst crimes.

The Slovak police with a private insurance company developed in May 2008 a project "**The Apple and the Lemon**". The main aim of this activity is to call attention of drivers and especially children on the problem of the respect of traffic rules, first of all of breaking the speed limits.

In the action took part more than 800 pupils from primary schools.

The Romanian Institute for Crime Research and Prevention within the Romanian Police has conducted a research on **the drivers' attitudes in traffic**, based on a questionnaire carried out with 1207 drivers in February 2008.

The goals of the research were to identify the drivers' attitude regarding traffic regulations and personal security measures as well as social and cultural factors that can influence the behaviour of the participants in traffic.

The conclusion is that Romanian drivers are aware of the consequences of inappropriate behaviours or of the violations of traffic regulations but they

underestimate the probability of such consequences to take place.

The Swedish Council for Crime Prevention is publishing a series of systematic reviews, conducted by internationally renowned researchers, on **effects of widely used crime prevention measurers**. The best available scientific evaluations are combined and new overall results on effects are calculated.

Former reports have shown that CCTV on an average prevent 16 percent of the crimes in the area of surveillance, and that improved street lighting prevent 21 percent of the crimes. A third report was published during the Stockholm Criminology Symposium the 16-18 of June.

The report, *Effectiveness of Neighborhood Watch in Reducing Crime*, show that neighborhood watch schemes reduces the crime with on average 16 or 26 percent, depending on which statistical models are used to calculate the effects. The next two reports, *Effects of Early Family/Parent Training Programs on Antisocial Behavior & Delinquency* and *The Influence of Mentoring on Reoffending*, will be published in August. The reports can be loaded down free of charge on <http://www.bra.se>

General issues

The seventeenth session of the **UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice** was held in Vienna from April 14th to 18th 2008. Its mandate priority areas relates also to crime prevention in urban areas, including juvenile crime and violence and efficiency and fairness of criminal justice administration systems.

During the session were discussed various aspects of violence against women, world crime trends and responses, drugs and terrorism related matters.

Please find more information about plenary sessions, lectures or workshops in detail:

<http://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/commissions/CCPCJ/index.html>

The Lyon (France) Based **Online Encyclopedia on Mass Violence** has been overhauled.

Its objective is to cover events of mass violence in all parts of the worlds and to foster international exchange about those events and their structural, policy and theory implications:

<http://www.massviolence.org/>

The **report on "The Burden of Crime in the European Union"**, written by Jan van Dijk et al., and edited bei the EU-ICS Consortium (led by Gallup Europe) has been recently issued. It deals with the main results of the first EU wide Survey on Crime and Safety in the Member States. To a certain extent, this survey has been part of the larger effort to generate the most recent sweep of the International Crime Victimization Survey. You can download the PDF-Version of the EU Report, together with some other interesting research reports, at the following URL:
http://www.europeansafetyobservatory.eu/euics_rp.htm

The **International Crime Victimization Survey** 2004-2005 is now being available in print and in an electronic version. It contains also data stemming from the EU Survey on Crime and Safety. If you are interested in that ICVS publication, turn your browser to:
<http://english.wodc.nl/onderzoeksdata/e/icsv-2005-survey.aspx?cp=45&cs=6796>

Any contributions on local or national projects, meetings, initiatives, new

operational or legislative developments, research, publications etc on crime prevention are welcome. Thanks to your cooperation the content of the Newsletter can be as interesting and useful as possible.

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