



Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

An eventful few months lie ahead of us at IACA.

This week we proudly present a tailor-made training for private sector officials from Eastern Europe and Central Asia, to be followed by a Best of seminar featuring Yale Professor Susan Rose-Ackerman in early June and our annual Summer Academy in July.

Late September will be characterized by a few seminars we are developing together with the United Nations Office and Drugs and Crime (UNODC) as well as a training catering to the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. More information on these will follow in our next newsletter.

Our constituency is also steadily growing, with the latest accession to the IACA agreement having come in last week, from Bosnia and Herzegovina. We have 60 members to date and expect more to join in the upcoming months. The Republic of Korea's Anti-Corruption and Civil Rights Commission and Azerbaijan's Ministry of Taxes are our two latest partners, with both of whom we have concluded Memoranda of Understanding.

In other news, our Provisional Commission comprising all Parties and Signatories is convening on a regular basis, with the next session scheduled for mid-June. The Commission is preparing the groundwork on some of the most fundamental issues, such as financial regulations and the staff statute, which will facilitate the work of the Assembly of Parties, (tentatively) scheduled for 29 and 30 November of this year. We have also reached out to UN Member States, which have not become members of IACA yet, and renewed our invitation to join this important global project at the earliest convenience.

Wishing you a pleasant start of the summer to come,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Martin Kreutner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Martin Kreutner  
(Chair, IACA International Transition Team)

## Marking IACA's Birthday

On 8 March IACA celebrated its first anniversary as an international organization. In commemoration of this date, an information meeting for non-Member States and international organizations interested in learning more about its work was held on 7 March.

Furthermore, IACA's Members came together for the second session of the Provisional Commission, which was followed by an official reception for the IACA's Members, partners and the international community in Vienna/Laxenburg.



Mr. Kreutner, Mr. Vetere, and Mr. Fedotov at the reception

## IACA Welcomes its 60th Member



Bosnia and Herzegovina acceded to the Agreement for the Establishment of the International Anti-Corruption Academy as an International Organization on 16 May.

The country is the 60th constituent or 57th state to join IACA.

## Two new Partners

In recent months, the Academy has entered into two partnership agreements for the purpose of fostering cooperation in anti-corruption education, technical assistance and institution building measures. A memorandum of understanding was concluded with the Republic of Korea's Anti-Corruption and Civil Rights Commission on 27 March in Laxenburg. In the framework of the conference, "Combatting Corruption in the Azerbaijan Republic: Achievements and Prospects", which took place in Baku on 17 February, IACA also signed a memorandum of understanding with the Azerbaijani Ministry of Taxes.

## Tailor-Made Training for the Private Sector Starts

On Wednesday, 23 May, the Academy opened its doors to a group of private sector officials from Eastern Europe and Central Asia for a three-day training. Entitled "Overcoming the Challenge of Corruption in Today's Environment: Lessons for the Private Sector", it has been custom-designed for the business community, trade unions and chambers of commerce. The training is co-sponsored by the Russian Federation.

Through a variety of lectures, the most significant problems facing private sector corruption will be addressed and corporate best practices identified. Participants will also break out into small teams with the task of finding solutions to specific case studies. The second day of the training, 24 May, will include a panel discussion. Dimitri Vlassis, Chief of the Corruption and Economic Branch at the UNODC, Goran Svilanović, Co-ordinator of Economic and Environmental Activities at the OSCE, Olga Savran, Manager of the Anti-Corruption Network for Eastern Europe and Central Asia at the OECD, along with



Participants during a lecture

Georg-Florian Grabenweger, Policy Advisor at IACA, will talk about their organizations' missions in anti-corruption affairs and their role in relation to the private sector.

The training will come to an end with greeting addresses by Yuri Fedotov, the Executive Director of the UNODC, Sergey Dubik, Head of the Presidential Civil Service and Personnel Directorate of the Russian Federation and Martin Kreutner, Chair of IACA's International Transition Team and Executive Secretary to its Provisional Commission.

### Best of Susan Rose-Ackerman coming Soon

IACA will host a two-day seminar featuring the best of Susan Rose-Ackerman's research in anti-corruption on 7 and 8 June. A renowned economics and law professor, she has been covering the issue of corruption since the 1970s and has long been heralded as a foremost authority on the economic and jurisprudential aspects of it.

Professor Rose-Ackerman will discuss the evolution of her thinking on the roles of international actors and nation states at all levels of economic and political development in both promoting and countering corruption. She will also address some of the key issues that must be taken into account by anti-corruption programmes, such as the design of public institutions, and the uses of sanctions versus rewards to control malfeasance. Participants will have the opportunity to examine the root causes of corruption and contemporary empirical research, and will engage with Professor Rose-Ackerman in formulating the key ingredients of a viable anti-corruption policy. The registration period is still open with a few places remaining.



Susan Rose-Ackerman

### IACSA around the Corner

This July, IACA is pleased to welcome 70 participants from the world-wide anti-corruption community to its second International Anti-Corruption Summer Academy (IACSA). Altogether, they represent 45 countries and come from a variety of professions.



Panel discussion at IACSA 2011

IACSA aims to foster a culture of the reflective practitioner. It is designed to enhance the skills of its practitioners and provide them with the necessary tools so as to contribute to the fight against corruption in their own environment. In the course of the ten-day programme, participants will examine the cross-cutting nature of corruption and the social complexities surrounding it, learn from each other and more than a dozen lecturers.

Course sessions will cover psychology, ethics, economics and international law, as well as more specific topics like money laundering, asset recovery, compliance and anti-corruption strategies. Among its lecturers, the Summer Academy will have well-known personalities such as Daniel Kaufmann, former Chief Economist of the World Bank, Professor Michael Johnston (USA), Professor Guillermo Jorge (Argentina), Tony Kwok (PRC), and Smokin Wanjala (Kenya), to name just a few. The programme will also include two panel discussions on the media and financial crisis, work group sessions and social events. IACSA will take place from 5 to 14 July under the sponsorship of the Siemens Integrity Initiative.

## UK Bribery Act Seminar comes to a Close

On 16 and 17 April, the Academy offered an exclusive seminar on the UK Bribery Act, a contemporary piece of the country's criminal law legislation relating to bribery. In force since July 2011, the act affects all companies and individuals doing business in or with the UK.

The seminar was designed for a small group of executives and compliance officers who face the challenge of integrating the requirements of corporate good governance in today's global climate. The lecturers, Richard Alderman, Director of the UK Serious Fraud Office and Roderick Macauley, Criminal Law Advisor at the UK Ministry of Justice, both involved in the preparations of the act, provided participants with a unique inside view of its provisions and how to best comply with it. Roderick Macauley discussed the UK government's policy guiding the act for collaborative efforts in corporate good governance, clarifying the needed reform in the pervasive area of bribery, and the main principles considered. Richard Alderman elaborated on corporate responsibility, the repercussions associated with breaching the act, and explained how the Serious Fraud Office can provide assistance for complying with it.



UK Bribery Act Seminar

## International Investigators Course Ends



International Investigators Course

The second in a series, the International Investigators Course, organized by the UNDP, FAO and IACA took place from 19 to 23 March. It witnessed the participation of 23 investigators from international organizations. Sessions included procurement investigations, parallel investigations with law enforcement, advanced internet investigation tools, forensic evidence handling and open source research.

The principal objective of the training was to increase the capacity of investigation sections in the UN system to more effectively assess and investigate complex and technical allegations of wrongdoings. As a forum for the sharing of expertise, it also served to harmonize practices and 'lessons learned' from the investigation of cases.

## Follow us on Facebook

The Academy has created its own Facebook page. All programmes and events will be posted on it as they become available. The page also serves to provide information on other organizations' upcoming events which could appeal to those interested in anti-corruption. We invite you to check it out at <[www.facebook.com/IACA.Laxenburg](http://www.facebook.com/IACA.Laxenburg)>.



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