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Get involved with the World Congress on Probation: Call for papers and video



Now is the time to get involved with the World Congress on Probation: The registrations have been coming in, the hotel locator is live on the website and the call for papers and short video's has been opened. The first speaker is confirmed as well, Frank Porporino, Canadian criminologist who will speak on the international perspectives on Community Justice. Would you like to be involved in one of these specific fields? One way is to submit in the call for papers and short video clips. The deadline for both calls is **30 April 2013**.

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Developments in the Council of Europe in the field of prisons and probation

Ilina Taneva is Deputy Head of the Division of Crime Problems and Secretary of the Council for Penological Cooperation and Luljeta Kasa is Programme Adviser at the Criminal Law Co-operation Unit of the same Division of the Council of Europe. They are both working in the prison and probation field. The following article focuses on the standard setting work and the co-operation activities of the Council of Europe in these areas.

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Consultation open in planned transformation of UK probation sector



At a meeting with probation Chief Executives on January 15, UK Justice Secretary Chris Grayling outlined the government's plans to overhaul the probation service of England and Wales. Secretary Grayling presented a plan entitled *'Transforming Rehabilitation – a revolution in the way we manage offenders'* and it contains the Government's proposals for reforming the delivery of offender services in the community. The aim is to reduce reoffending rates and at the same time reduce costs through privatisation.

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Mauro Palma: Reduce the gap between rules and practice for foreign prisoners

Director Generals of the prison and probation sector met each other in Rome at the 17th CDAP conference. The conference took place 22-24 November 2012 and focused on 'foreign nationals', a significant group in the European prison systems. The goal was to promote the latest Council of Europe (CoE) standards in this field and to examine the tasks of prison and probation services related to the treatment, preparation for release and reintegration of foreign prisoners. The third day of the event was dedicated to a session where prison and probation managers had the unique opportunity to talk, in a very open format, with judges and prosecutors about prison overcrowding. Mr. Mauro Palma is vice-chair of the European Council for Penological Co-operation (PC-CP) participated in this session. Here he answers a few questions from CEP about the conference and the CoE's Recommendations.



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Criminal Justice Social Work teaching modules: get students in Europe to practice probation



Teams from a number of European universities are hard at work with the development of the teaching modules for the project 'Criminal Justice Social Work' (CJSW). The project started in 2012 and aims to develop a set of both high quality teaching modules and modules for continuing education in the field of criminal justice, in particular for probation workers. Rob Canton from the UK and De Montfort University, is involved with the drafting of two out of six modules. One is an introductory module, introducing students to the general philosophy and principles of probation; the second deals with the assessment of offenders.

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Report on prison overcrowding to French National Assembly

The overcrowding of prison is an issue that many countries in the EU and in the rest of the world are actively dealing with. A permanent committee of the French National Assembly, the *Commission des Lois constitutionnelles, de la législation et de l'administration générale de la République*, dedicated itself to find alternatives to the use of incarceration with a fact finding mission. CEP Board Member Daniel Biancalana (photo) was invited to contribute to this Mission in November 2012.



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EFUS conference results in Security, Democracy and Cities Manifesto



The fifth international conference of the European Forum for Urban Security (EFUS) 'Security, Democracy and Cities: The Future of Prevention', took place in the cities of Aubervilliers and Saint-Denis, France from 12-14 December 2012. The three day event resulted in a Manifesto. In this Manifesto, EFUS member cities call for long-term policies to manage security as opposed to short-term management. They claim that prevention is a rational, strategic and cost-effective option.

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"It worked for me!" Michel Groothuizen is electronically monitored for one week

Director Sanction and Prevention Policy at the Dutch Ministry of Justice Michel Groothuizen is an unlikely subject for electronic monitoring (EM). Regardless of this fact, he voluntarily allowed SVG, the Dutch service for addiction and probation, to 'tag' him for a week in December. With the experience of wearing an ankle bracelet, Michel Groothuizen hoped to learn more about EM.

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