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Interim SG John Scott on world probation and the Olympics



Dear Colleague,

'What is the point of having an international probation organisation?' My friend asked me this question on holiday in Burgundy last month. I think it is the question that all members of CEP need to be able to answer - because of the economic circumstances and because time away from domestic priorities could be seen as a luxury.

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UK hosts the first CEP World Congress on Probation

CEP is proud to announce the first World Congress on Probation, to be held 8-10 October 2013 in London, United Kingdom. Working in partnership with the National Offender Management Service, the Probation Chiefs Association and London Probation Trust, the Congress aims to be a world class event. The Congress entitled "*A World of Probation: Perspectives on Community Justice*" will offer a meeting place for practitioners, managers, academics and all others with an interest in the field of probation.



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August Newsletter highlights Electronic Monitoring



The August Newsletter pays special attention to Electronic Monitoring (EM) because the CEP conference on EM in Bålsta, Sweden, will be held from 8th to 10th of November 2012. Title of the 8th edition of the event is "*Towards the golden standard in the practice of electronic monitoring*". Read more about EM in Germany and the Czech Republic in two interviews, or visit the [event's page](#) for further information and an updated draft programme.

There are still places available for the EM conference, the deadline to [registration](#) is 1st October 2012. So please be sure to register soon!

Unexpected cooperation in GÜL, the joint EM centre in Germany

Up to 2011, only the Bundesland of Hesse had longterm experience with electronic monitoring (EM), using it as a way to avoid imprisonment with the consent of the offender. After a ruling of the EU Court of Human rights to limit 'preventive detention' to 10 years, the Federal government in Berlin needed to revise the law and EM became part of the legislative process. Due to the Federal structure of Germany, it is the responsibility of the individual states (Länder) to implement Federal law which means that there could have been 16 different approaches. Instead, the Länder founded the *Gemeinsamen elektronischen Überwachungsstelle der Länder*, the joint electronic monitoring centre. Silke Eilzer, Head of EM at the Hessian Ministry of Justice, for Integration and Europe, explains.



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Czech Republic tests EM in pilot project



The Probation and Mediation Service (PMS) of the Czech Republic has launched a small pilot project for Electronic Monitoring (EM). The Service has been an active member of CEP, reason for President Marc Cerón (left on photo) to pay Director Pavel Stern (right) a visit. Consequently, with the EM conference in October coming up, Ondrej Stantejsky (middle) is willing to tell us more about EM in the Czech Republic. He is Head of Director's Office and is an active participant of several CEP events.

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CEP President Marc Cerón meets Lucia Kurilovská in Slovak Republic

The Slovakian Ministry of Justice's Criminal Law Section received CEP President Marc Cerón during his visit in July 2012. Lucia Kurilovská, General Director of this section, explains the visit and tells us more about probation in the Slovak Republic. CEP had arranged a meeting in Bratislava with neighbouring Austria and Czech Republic as well, to Lucia Kurilovská this was an excellent opportunity for probation in her country.



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Prison and probation meet in Bucharest, Iuliana Carbanaru looks back



On 14 to 15 June 2012, an international group with representatives from the prison and probation sector met in Bucharest for the conference "*Developments in Prison and Probation in Europe: joint challenges, joint solutions*". The conference was a cooperation between ICPA, Europris and CEP. Iuliana Carbanaru was willing to answer a couple of questions for CEP, she is head of Probation services in Romania, the organisation that hosted the event together with the National Administration of Prisons. What was it like to host this event? How were the discussions? What else can we expect?

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EuroVista 2.2 features examples of best practice in Europe

The latest edition of EuroVista has been published on www.Euro-Vista.org. Issue 2.2 features articles on several different examples of best practice. Among them is the Irish contribution about the implementation of the European probation Framework Decision, outlining lessons learned in Ireland and suggestions for others facing the same challenge. The journal is now available in print and online.



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Miscellaneous News



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