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Season's Greetings

CEP President announces Willem van der Brugge as new Secretary General



Dear Colleagues,

I have the pleasure of announcing that Willem van der Brugge has been appointed to be the new Secretary General of CEP from 1 April 2013.

[Read the message of Marc Cerón, President of CEP](#)

Developments in preparations for the World Congress on Probation

In August of this year, CEP and its partners were proud to announce the World Congress on Probation. Since then significant progress has been made on the preparations for the event. One of the results is a preliminary draft programme, which is presented here in which the topics and schedule of the Congress are taking shape. Calls for papers and videos will be posted in January of next year.

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Fulfilling the unfulfilled promise - Professionalizing EM in the Netherlands



Last month the eighth CEP conference on electronic monitoring in Europe took place in Sweden. Michiel van der Veen, project leader professionalization of electronic monitoring at the Dutch Probation Service (Reclassering Nederland), attended the conference and presented the results of his project. "Electronic monitoring is a responsibility of all organisations in the judicial chain."

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Probation work and the media

There is little doubt that probation has an image problem. Probation supervision is commonly seen as a 'soft option'. One way in which such an image has been constructed is likely to be derived from media representations of probation and probation work. Aline Bauwens of the Department of Criminology at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel, and George Mair of the Department Social Work, Care and Justice at Liverpool Hope University, explore how probation is portrayed in the media. A preliminary comparative analysis is presented.

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Responses to European survey on mental health in probation



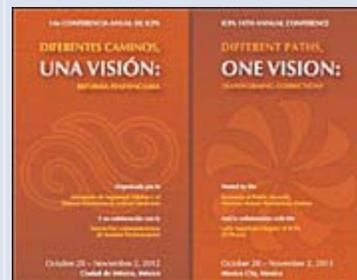
In August 2012 a brief electronic survey was sent out to CEP members on behalf of Professor Charlie Brooker. This deliberately brief and broad survey aimed to give some insight into the extent to which mental health in probation is acknowledged in both policy and practical terms across different European countries.

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Community is involved in correctional process: CEP visits ICPA in Mexico

In October of this year, CEP attended the 14th International Corrections and Prison Association (ICPA) Annual Conference, hosted by the Ministry of Justice of the United States of Mexico. The delegation of CEP consisted of President Marc Cerón and Board Member Sue Hall. They were pleased to attend the event because special interest was given to probation, offender management, health, and resettlement in the community as very important elements for achieving the general goals of the correctional system.

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Message from ISTEP project on transfer of probation sentences



Since our last project newsletter in May this year we have advanced well with the ISTEP project. Most significantly we hosted our expert workshop in Amsterdam on the 24th and 25th September and we have also now completed the templates for the factsheets which will contain information on every member state. These factsheets are an extremely useful product that will help countries understand each other's legal systems, sentences and processes for transfer. We hope that with the help of every member state, these factsheets will be complete and uploaded onto a new ISTEP database in 2013.

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Miscellaneous News

Apart from the primary Newsletter articles, the CEP website offers a selection of news from the field of probation in Europe and beyond. This news may be relevant to subscribers of this newsletter, please visit an overview of events, publications and funding.

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