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## John Scott is Interim CEP Secretary General



Starting May 1<sup>st</sup> 2012, Mr. John Scott will fill the position of interim Secretary General of CEP. He will replace Leo Tigges until the end of the year. It is the Board's wish to appoint a new permanent SG in January 2013. John Scott responds to his appointment and explains his background.

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## Oslo Seminar on assessment and pre-sentence reports: Rob Canton looks back

CEP looks back on a successful international seminar on assessment and pre-sentence reports, hosted by the Norwegian Ministry of Justice and Public Security in Oslo, 10th-11th May 2012. Rob Canton, Professor at De Montfort University, UK, attended the event and gives his perspective: "Two different approaches to assessment were represented at the seminar, one that is focused directly on risk assessment and one that recognises that assessment is part of a process of intervention that depends heavily on the relationship between offender and probation officer."

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## Special Interest Group for sex offender management is on its way



A new special interest group has been established under the auspices of CEP. The group will concentrate on the management of sexual offenders both inside and outside prison. Elizabeth Hayes has become the chair of the Sexual Offending Special Interest Group (SOSIG), a role she takes on as the Head of Probation Sex Offender interventions for Ministry of Justice England and Wales. She is now an independent criminal justice consultant in the UK and abroad. "I am very enthusiastic about the SIG because sex offenders are a concern in every European country," says Elizabeth Hayes. "We want to advance the research and practice in the field in Europe."

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## ISTEP: Share experiences of the Framework Decision implementation

Craig Georgiou, ISTEP Project Manager, presented on the ISTEP project at the European Commission workshop on the *'Implementation of Framework Decisions on the transfer of prisoners and on probation'* held in Brussels on 20th March 2012. The aim of the ISTEP presentation was to inform colleagues from the member states represented about the work the ISTEP project is doing and how it may assist member states through their implementation of the Framework Decision on the transfer of probation measures.



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## The Roma helping Roma principle works



The vast majority of all Roma in the Czech Republic that received an alternative sentence did not fulfil their obligations. As a consequence they were sent to prison, which only increased the risk of re-offending and social exclusion, and which cost the Czech taxpayer 1000 Czech crowns a day (40 euro). A Czech NGO found an answer to this problem: train mentors from the Roma community itself and let them help, inform and motivate the offenders.

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## Making Justice Systems More Restorative?

On 25 April 2012, the city of Oxford in the UK hosted the third transnational conference on Restorative Justice (RJ) attended by over one hundred delegates from the UK and overseas. The conference was the final assembly of representatives from 8 European partner countries and co-beneficiaries collaborating on a two year project to improve knowledge and practice of RJ through a comparative study. The purpose of the two day conference was to examine Criminal Justice Systems and the allied partnerships commissioned to design and deliver RJ outcomes for victims and offenders.



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## CEP welcomes Ioan Durnescu as CEP Board member



The statutes of CEP allow the Board to choose a new person as a co-opted member until the end of its term. Making use of this possibility, the Board has decided to invite Mr. Ioan Durnescu as a co-opted Board member, who accepted the position. As lecturer at the University of Bucharest, Ioan Durnescu has been very actively involved in several CEP initiatives over the years.

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