

Romania adopts new probation laws



Ramona Bălăiță is probation inspector for Romanian National Probation Directorate. As member of the Elaboration Committee for new probation laws, she is able to tell us about Romania's reform in criminal codes. 'The elaboration process of the new criminal code was long and unfolded in several stages during a span of a few years. An integrated approach of criminal provisions has become a requirement for us, because is the first reform of such dimensions after nearly half a century. However, from the practitioner's perspective, the race is just beginning, as the promoted deadline implementation of the new codes and their subsequent laws is set for February 1st 2014.'

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CEP Secretary General(:) learning from Neustart

As a part to get acquainted with the member organizations of CEP, the new CEP Secretary General Willem van der Brugge visited Neustart in Vienna, last July. "I have to say that I was impressed with their work", reacts Willem van der Brugge. "On several actual themes in probation in Europe, such as involving the community in probation work or aligning probation work with victim support and restorative justice, Neustart has best practices to showcase within CEP".



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Heather Munro welcomes delegates to the London Study Visit



Previous to the two full Congress days, London Probation Trust (LPT) organises a Study Visit for the delegates. Representatives of CEP members will be participating in the CEP General Assembly but on that same day, 8 October 2013, LPT welcomes the delegates who choose to see more of probation in London. Heather Munro, Chief Executive of London Probation Trust, was kind enough to tell us more about the day.

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APPA steps in to continue the momentum of World Congress

The World Congress on Probation of October 2013 is the first edition and will be held in London, UK. This year CEP works together with four English organisations and for the next edition CEP has approached the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) so that the Congress can take place on another continent. Carmen Rodriguez, president of APPA, has taken the invitation into serious consideration because the hosting the Congress is in accordance with the goals of the organisation. Answering to four questions, Carmen Rodriguez tells us more about APPA's involvement.

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Moldavian Probation Service takes initiative to organise a conference on Community Sanctions



This summer Willem van der Brugge travelled to Moldova for a meeting at the Ministry of Justice. He was received by Vice-Minister of Justice Mr. Vladimir Grosu and Director General Mr. Vladimir Popa. Subject of the meeting: a conference on community sanctions in Moldova. CEP has been asked to be involved with the organisation of the event. Mr. Popa was kind enough to give further information in response to a few questions.

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CEP visits Probation Service in Lithuania

CEP President Marc Ceron and CEP Secretary General Willem van der Brugge visited the Probation Service in

Vilnius, Lithuania, on 14 May 2013. Mr. Rokas Uscila, Senior Adviser of the Prison Department under the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Lithuania and Mrs. Marta Gavrilovienė, Head of the Probation Service welcomed the honorable guests. They gave a short presentation on the achievements and developments of the probation service in Lithuania and answered a few questions about the national Probation Service.

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Probation well represented at European criminology conference in Budapest



The European Society of Criminology (ESC) held its 13th annual conference in Budapest, Hungary, on 4-7 September 2013. Chair of the organizing committee, Miklós Lévy, who is also Course Director of the ELTE University Criminology Department, spoke with CEP and elaborated on the relevance of the ESC conference, the contribution of working groups and on probation in particular. Within ESC, eighteen working groups have been established to focus on a theme. 'It was good to see that the members of the working group on community sanctions were present and very active in Budapest,' says Miklós Lévy.

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