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Season's Greetings



### Register now for the CEP Register of Experts!

Bringing together professionals in probation from all over Europe to exchange knowledge. That is the core business of CEP. It is also the basic principle of the new CEP International Register of Experts. 'The idea is to establish a database of experts and training consultants who could help CEP member organisations to improve their probation services', explains John Scott, former CEP president and originator of the new register.

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### Towards A European Standard for Statistics in Probation

Everywhere in Europe, statistics play an important part in showing the effectiveness of probation. However, what is measured is different in every country. Therefore, CEP is designing a project which aims to develop a European standard for statistics. "Such a standard would help to create a more common understanding of the role of community penalties and how they might be developed", explains Steve Murphy, who is leading the project for CEP.

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### CEP in progress: Board Meeting results

Basel, at the crossroads of three European countries, couldn't be a better venue for the CEP to hold its 65<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. The Board was warmly welcomed by the cantonal minister of Justice of Basel Stadt, Guy Morin, who wished the Board members a very productive meeting. Taking this to heart, the Board discussed themes such as the programme of the General Assembly, Bursaries, and the European Probation Journal.

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## Recap: conference Foreign National Prisoners, Nieuwersluis

With the conference on Foreign National Prisoners, held in October 2008 in Nieuwersluis, the Netherlands, the CEP Expert Group on Foreign Nationals made its first public appearance.

"I was very content with the number and the diversity of the participants", comments Rolf Streng, one of the organisers of the conference and Expert Group member." As many as 15 European countries were represented. That is a good start for the further development of the Expert Group."

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## Latvian probation services celebrates 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of October, the State Probation Service of Latvia celebrated its 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary. "In this period, an entirely new legal framework within the Latvian penal system had to be designed, so a nation-wide probation service could be established", says Laura Sturite, head of the Communications Department of the Latvian Probation Service. „We are very proud at what we have achieved in such a short time."

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## Miscellaneous News

At the offices, CEP regularly receives (e)mail on events, publications and developments in the field of probation in Europe and even beyond. As some of these items may be of interest of our member organizations, CEP brings you a selection of this news. In this article you can read about: the German Congress on Crime Prevention, unlimited access to online journals from SAGE, publications on probation from Switzerland, US and Australia, and more.

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## Solving definition problems

*By mistake, one item from the September issue of the CEP Newsletter has been repeated in last month's edition. Below is the item that should have been published. A 'suspended sentence' in England and Wales is something else than a 'suspended sentence' in continental Europe. This is only one of the definition problems the editors of *Probation in Europe* encountered when they received the country reports. Their solution: a glossary, defining all the legal terms in the fields of probation that are used in the book.*

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