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## The 10th General Assembly of CEP in Malaga: an occasion for hurdling obstacles



On 27<sup>th</sup> May 2010 CEP celebrated its 10th General Assembly (GA) in Malaga. At the 9<sup>th</sup> GA in Tallinn in September 2007, the Home Office Ministry of the Spanish Government and the Catalanian Justice Department offered to host the next General Assembly. During the preparations for the GA the Portuguese Justice Ministry joined the organisation. CEP President Marc Cerón recalls the GA and CEP's role and development.

"I want to draw your attention to a number of points. Firstly the three different jurisdictions collaborated with CEP to arrange the 10<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. Positive developments emerged from this collaboration including the opportunity for this Southern part of Europe to showcase the developments in the field of probation. It also highlighted the fact that CEP increasingly is taking on the lead role in unifying all those who want to support the work in this part of the justice sector."

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## Complimentary membership to EuroVista for CEP members

The University of Birmingham and CEP have joined their efforts into creating a new academic journal: **EuroVista: Probation and Community Justice**. The goal of the journal is to bring together practitioners, managers, academics and other stake holders in the field of probation and criminal justice from across Europe. CEP members will receive one copy of each issue automatically as well as one access code with which the online magazine can be read.

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## Wiki of experts' knowledge

One of CEP's goals is to promote the dissemination of knowledge on the rehabilitation of offenders. CEP is, therefore, supporting and participating in a new project with Jo Hermans and Anneke Menger, both lecturers at Hogeschool Utrecht, The Netherlands. The project aims to gather information on a range of subjects concerning criminal law from experts in the field, such as probation,



prison sentences, restorative justice, safety, sexual offenders or the origins of crime. Jo Hermanns explains: "We want to find out what the consensus is in academic research on these questions." The project is in the preparatory phase of formulating the well-defined research questions.

The initiative for the project was taken by several parties who were involved in research in probation: Bas Vogelvang at Avans Hogeschool, Peter van der Laan at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Jo Hermanns, Anneke Menger and CEP secretary general Leo Tigges.

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## The results of Malaga Conference 2010

In May 2010, CEP members and the Board convened in Malaga, Spain for the CEP General Assembly and Conference. According to John Scott, who was CEP President between 2004 and 2007, the conference was a valuable experience for its participants. John Scott presented the summary of conclusions that ended the conference and gave the following comments in answer to questions about the event:

What did you think of the conference's focus?  
 "The theme of the conference was 'Probation Works', a great starting point because the effectiveness of probation is a vital question within European countries."

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## Join in on the CEP Member Section!



The CEP website now has an important addition: The Member Section. This section of the website contains the Forum, a place where CEP members can discuss and communicate about probation related topics. A very good start has been made already. Several contributors have posted topics on the Forum and from now on, all CEP members will be able to contribute to the interchange.

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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 upcoming conferences on victimology and ex-prisoner inclusion. Also mentioned are publications on young adults, learning from offenders, hate crime, rehabilitation, the Beccaria Standards and more.

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