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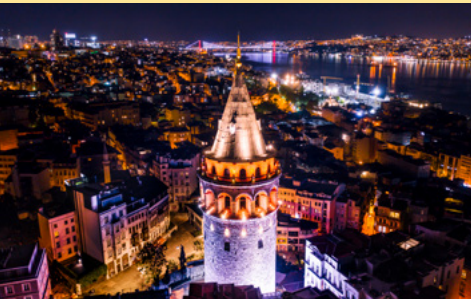
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# Dear fellow prosecutors,

Happy New Year!

I hope you had a wonderful holiday season with your loved ones.

## MESSAGE FROM THE IAP PRESIDENT



Juan Bautista Mahiques, IAP President.

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I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in 2022. It was undoubtedly a significant year for the IAP, with numerous essential projects in the works. Let us charge full speed ahead into 2023!

As I mentioned in the previous issue of the Newsletter, the first half of 2023 is an excellent time to reaffirm our commitment to the IAP and what it stands for: setting high professional standards for prosecutors worldwide.

With that in mind, it is critical to begin at the grassroots of the Public Prosecution Service: young prosecutors who are just starting, eager to make a difference. We must focus our training efforts on them. They are the future of our profession, carrying the torch of prosecutorial standards into the future.

I was a young judicial officer long before being appointed Attorney General of the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires. Throughout my career and the various positions I have held, I learned that a spirit of service, consistent training, and collegial cooperation are essential qualities and tools for successfully carrying out the mandate entrusted to us. I firmly believe in sharing our experience with younger colleagues, our successes and, more importantly, our failures as a means of raising the bar of our profession.

In addition, the increasing complexity and new forms of organised crime we investigate necessitate a speed of information and coordination that must be addressed with the right tools made available to young judicial operators. In this regard, informal cooperation and specific training are critical components of our day-to-day work. As more judicial systems shift to the accusatorial model, it is crucial to train the next generation of prosecutors in oral litigation techniques.

The IAP's various contributions on this matter, such as the Prosecutors Exchange Programme and the wide range of webinars conducted by highly renowned experts, have played a significant role in the professional development of prosecutors across the globe. The Global Training Academy and the forthcoming Prosecutors International Cooperation Platform (PICP) launch will be decisive in continuing down the same path.

After two years of Covid restrictions, we finally met again in 2022. Let 2023 be the year we become more connected, committed, and driven to learn from one another!

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in dark blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'J' followed by a horizontal line and a vertical stroke.

**Juan Bautista Mahiques**  
IAP President

## Dear colleagues,

Wishing you all a happy new year!

It is my great honour to join the IAP Secretariat as General Counsel. I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you at previous IAP events in Siracusa, Buenos Aires and Tbilisi, and I look forward to working with you over the coming year to develop and promote the core IAP objectives of raising prosecutorial standards and improving international cooperation to progress our collective aim of tackling organised crime, terrorism, and other serious criminal activity.

The nature and complexity of crime is changing and the crime threat that we all face continues to grow and evolve. Criminal networks are becoming increasingly resilient and adaptable; exploiting technology to enable emerging types of crime and developing new methods of committing more traditional crimes.

An ever-increasing number of criminal offences cross multiple jurisdictional boundaries and, with evidence, witnesses, victims, suspects, and assets often located in more than one country, the importance of effective and constructive international cooperation cannot be underestimated. As prosecutors, we need to be collaborative, resourceful and responsive to meet those challenges head-on, utilising our networks, sharing best practice and promoting our common objectives.

Building on the work done by the Secretariat previously and continuing the drive to enhance the operational effectiveness of the IAP for the benefit of its members, my priorities as General Counsel for the forthcoming year are:

- to ensure that PICP becomes an effective tool to enhance international cooperation, enabling prosecutors to reach out directly to counterparts in other jurisdictions securely and quickly;
- to work with the Global Training Committee to identify and build constructive partnerships with international organisations who share the IAP's goals and values to develop and deliver specialist training in line with the IAP Standards;
- to continue the review of the Specialist Networks to ensure that they cover all major cross-border crime types and activities, have effective and active leadership, and that their management and activity are aligned with other IAP projects and programmes;
- to support the delivery of the professional programmes for the upcoming regional and annual conferences; and
- to progress the review of the IAP Constitution and Protocols, ensuring that they provide a transparent and structured framework for the management and administration of the IAP and its various committees.

### MESSAGE FROM THE IAP GENERAL COUNSEL



Shenaz Muzaffer, IAP General Counsel.

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Prosecutorial independence remains of critical importance. Prosecutors must be able to carry out their work to uphold the rule of law without fear of physical, reputational or other reprisals. The Standing Committee on Prosecutors in Difficulty works tirelessly to investigate and determine a response whenever a prosecutor, prosecution agency, or association of prosecutors claims to be in difficulty and requests assistance. Ongoing conflicts around the world and the increasing threats towards prosecutors in multiple jurisdictions mean that, as a global community, we must look at what more we can do to assist and support the safety and security of our colleagues who continue to operate in immensely challenging situations.

I look forward to seeing many of you over the coming months, either virtually or in-person, at forthcoming IAP events. In the meantime, I wish you all a safe, healthy and enjoyable start to 2023.



**Shenaz Muzaffer**  
IAP General Counsel

## Call for Nominations of Candidates for the Executive Committee from Membership

Between March 22–24, the Executive Committee will host its 55<sup>th</sup> Northern Spring Meeting in Athens, Greece and one of the agenda topics is the nomination of candidates for the Executive Committee for election at the next IAP General Meeting, which is hosted 26 September 2023 in London.

With the aim to further involve the IAP members in this important process, the Executive Committee is inviting members to nominated candidates for ordinary membership of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee is the managing and administrative body responsible for providing leadership and direction to the Association and governing the affairs of the Association on behalf of the members. The powers and duties of the Executive Committee members are set out in Article 8.2 of the IAP Constitution.

The Constitution requires that the membership of the Executive Committee shall reflect, as far as is reasonably possible, the regions of the world in which the Association has members. This year there are eight vacancies in all regions of the world apart from the MENA (Middle East and North African) Region.

On behalf of the IAP Executive Committee, the Secretary-General **invites organisational and individual members to nominate suitable candidates for the Executive Committee** to be considered during the Northern Spring meeting of the Committee, Athens, Greece, March 23-24, 2023.

Nominations must be made in writing to the Vice-President of the region where the candidate is located and copied to the IAP Secretary-General and Executive Director ([sg@iap-association.org](mailto:sg@iap-association.org); [ed@iap-association.org](mailto:ed@iap-association.org)). Before proceeding, candidates are encouraged to consult with their vice-president about potential applications. The nomination should explain how the candidate meets the criteria outlined in the [Executive Committee Protocol](#) in no more than 500 words.

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According to Article 8.6 of the IAP Constitution, any candidate nominated by the membership will be presented to the Executive Committee. The deadline for submitting candidates to the Secretary-General and Executive Director is March 8, 2023.

This call for nominations does not preclude organisations and individuals from nominating candidates later this year in accordance with Article 8.6A of the Constitution.

Please be aware that every member of the Executive Committee is expected to make a valid and substantial contribution to the Association's work and that Executive Committee members will devote sufficient time, interest, and commitment to fulfilling their role to the satisfaction of all stakeholders. As a result, the Secretary-General strongly advises prospective committee members to carefully consider their motivations and availability before submitting a nomination.

While all candidates will be considered, the Executive Committee will give preference to nominations supported by other Association members.

For more information, please contact **Janne Holst Hübner**, Executive Director of the IAP ([ed@iap-association.org](mailto:ed@iap-association.org)).

## Call for Nominations for IAP Awards 2023

The IAP Executive Committee will consider new recipients of the IAP Awards during its 55<sup>th</sup> meeting, scheduled for March 24 – 26, 2023. Any member of the IAP may make recommendations for any IAP Awards and decorations under the terms stated in the [IAP Protocol Regarding Awards and Decorations](#).



Recommendations should be sent to the Secretary-General ([sg@iap-association.org](mailto:sg@iap-association.org)) by March 8, 2023, with a brief written account explaining how the nomination meets the criteria established in the IAP Protocols.

## The Importance of Training Young Prosecutors

### What Young Prosecutors Need to Know as Basic Values Before Taking on Bigger or Special Cases

#### SECRETARY-GENERAL'S EDITORIAL

##### The importance of training young prosecutors

Happy New Year?

Last year ended with a world in which people are slowly resuming their lives after the pandemic, war in Europe, an energy crisis, a climate crisis, and not to mention, many Afghan colleagues fleeing the country due to the new government's violence.

What about 2023? Will it be a happy new year? Of course, it is a wish and new year wishes are to express one's positive ideas about the future. Speaking about the future, we can only change what we can control. The future of prosecutorial standards is one of those things, and it is in the hands of young and upcoming prosecutors.

Therefore, the IAP takes proactive measures to give new and upcoming prosecutors the best training at the start of their careers to create more just outcomes and uphold the Rule of Law with integrity.

We urge prosecutors to capitalise on IAP training programmes as much as possible to add to the prowess of young prosecutors within their organisation. Think of the Prosecutors Exchange Programme, the Global Training Academy, and the multitude of webinars and MOOCs we offer.

It becomes much easier if one acts not only on high principles but also on practical considerations, humility, and a results-oriented approach. These are the things that we must teach young prosecutors that they will not learn from books but can be fostered by proper training and mentorship.

Of course, the internationally recognised IAP Standards for the professional conduct of prosecutors should always be part of a prosecutor's professionalism.



Han Moraal, IAP Secretary-General.

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I wish you much wisdom in 2023 as you handle your cases in accordance with the Rule of Law, always with fairness and justice. And I wish you all a safe working and home environment.

Happy New Year!



**Han Moraal**  
IAP Secretary-General

## TRAINING PROSECUTORS IS NOT AN OPTION BUT A DUTY

Supervisors may believe that allowing line prosecutors to participate in training is not cost-effective. It throws off plans and shifts the workload to other colleagues. It is sometimes regarded as vacation time and, if taken abroad, as pure tourism!

Training is, however, a requirement for any officer who wishes to carry out his or her duties in accordance with professional standards. Many countries have made training a requirement for becoming or remaining a prosecutor. When a prosecutor completes his term at the judicial training academy, his training does not end. It must continue throughout his career because technical skills and professional standards are constantly evolving.

Let us begin by dispelling the myth that training can undermine judicial independence by "formatting" prosecutors to a particular line of thought. On the contrary, training is the only way for them to remain independent, because without the necessary knowledge and skills, they are at the mercy of those who do, and can be misled.

An appropriate training consists of four major pillars:

- 1. Technical and legal knowledge.** This is critical for the prosecutor to fully understand not only laws and procedures, but also evolving investigation techniques, organised crime trends, and crime typologies, among other things.
- 2. Professional standards and ethics.** Not long ago, ethics and professional standards were not always taught in judicial academies because they were considered an integral part of the judicial officer's moral personal values! Times have changed, and the reality is that those values are not distributed equally, and there is always a need to return to basics in this regard. If ethical values are immutable, the rules that follow from them may evolve over time, and the prosecutor must always be fully aware of the obligations, rules, and standards that he/she must follow in carrying out his/her duties.
- 3. The human and sociological components of cases.** In several cases of miscarriage of justice, experience has shown that even



Jean-François Thony, President of the Siracusa International Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights, former Prosecutor General of the Court of Appeal of Rennes and IAP Senator.

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the best legally trained prosecutor can make disastrous decisions due to a lack of human skills or an understanding of the human or sociological components of cases.

- 4. The international aspects of the discharge of the prosecutor's functions.** All prosecutors are now faced with the need to deal with the international aspects of criminal cases. With globalisation, the number of cases involving an international component is increasing at an exponential rate. It is safe to say that most criminal cases involving organised crime have an international component. Despite the improvement of mutual legal assistance tools within Europe in particular, international legal cooperation remains heavily complex, technical, requires an in-depth knowledge of international criminal law fundamentals, and the technicalities of mutual legal assistance or extradition requests.

National training institutes typically address all these components of prosecutor training, but from a national perspective. The Siracusa International Institute and the International Association of Prosecutors have added a new dimension to training by offering a Specialisation Course for Prosecutors in international criminal law, transnational crimes, and international cooperation since 2016. By bringing together young prosecutors from around the world to discuss and exchange ideas on professional standards, international law principles, and new typologies of transnational organised crime, they can confront their own knowledge with that of foreign colleagues, be exposed to others' professional experiences and legal cultures, and foster the most informal, but also most efficient and lively, international cooperation network.

The Siracusa International Institute and the IAP will conduct the next Specialisation Course for Prosecutors in the second part of 2023. A call for applications will be issued shortly.

#### **KEY ASPECTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING OF YOUNG PROSECUTORS' SKILLS IN CHILE**

The Academy Unit, which I direct in the Chilean Prosecution Service, oversees training and improving prosecutors. Our mission in this unit is to provide comprehensive academic training to prosecutors and civil servants while pursuing excellence in organisational management and personal development. We want to ensure that we, as civil servants, can provide high-quality services to the community.

Our vision is to be a model of excellence for the training, improvement, and development of the people who make up the Public Ministry by promoting institutional values and innovative methods through our competency-based model.

We have a variety of work components to help us achieve these goals. For example, we are developing a research area to produce socio-legal studies on strategic subjects of our institution. In addition, we provide

scholarship awards to our prosecutors and civil servants who meet certain requirements to further their education at high-quality national or even international educational institutions. Finally, we provide an extensive and diverse set of courses, which we review and innovate each year, for the training and reinforcement of competencies required for prosecutors and officials to perform optimally.



Sebastián Salinero, Academy Unit Director.

We gather information on the main training needs in our institution on a regular basis to ensure an up-to-date, essential, and high-quality educational programme. Every year, we consult with various actors, such as the Academy's Board of Directors (made up of Prosecution Service officials), workers' associations (of prosecutors or officials), and specific working units at a national or regional level.

It is also worth noting that a portion of our training is conducted by internal professors, who are chosen and prepared by our Unit to ensure that they have the necessary skills in the design and implementation of strategic courses for our organisation. It should be noted that these prosecutors and officials who serve as internal trainers are not compensated for their efforts, but rather do so for the prestige of training co-workers and the gratitude of their colleagues.

In terms of the content of the courses and scholarships in 2023, the Academy will offer a set of basic structural courses as well as several specialisation programmes to ensure that our prosecutors perform adequately in their work. We will develop classes in initial and advanced oral litigation, strategic research planning, and circumstantial evidence, among other things, as part of the basic legal courses. Many of these will be part of our Initial Training Program for incoming prosecutors joining us between 2022 and 2023.

In turn, we will have a series of programmes aimed at improving prosecutors' human and legal skills in the care of victims and witnesses. The goal is to prepare them for the proper treatment and protection of those under the age of eighteen, who are linked to complex cases (violent crimes, sexual crimes, domestic violence), or with an urgent need to be addressed.

Finally, to respond to the changing criminal phenomena in our country, we will offer several specialisation programmes. These will include gender-based courses (both in prosecution with a gender perspective and in crimes of gender violence), human rights specialisation, youth criminal justice training programmes, and formative specialisation in the prosecution and criminal investigation of organised crime.

All our work aims to provide our prosecutors with the highest academic service possible, ensuring them a competent future and the ability to handle any complex case requiring legal and human-quality criminal investigation and prosecution.

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## YOUNG PROSECUTORS IN BELGIUM

The Appointments Commission of the High Council of Justice in Belgium selects trainee prosecutors through a competitive entrance exam. It is a one-of-a-kind constitutional body (half of its members are magistrates, and the other half comprises partial lawyers, university professors, and civil society representatives with relevant judicial experience).

The exam consists of a written and oral examination in front of a jury of the High Council of Justice. Depending on the type of examination, the Minister of Justice appoints judicial trainees from a list of successful candidates.

The traineeship that allows access to the public prosecutor's office lasts two years. The same is true for prospective prosecutors and judges. It consists of a training cycle organised by the Judicial Training Institute (JTI) and practical training that takes place in several stages at a public prosecutor's office, an administrative department of the prosecutor's office, an external traineeship, also a traineeship at the court or clerk's office.

The trainee must participate in training courses organised by the Judicial Training Institute. It is the only official federal training institute for magistrates. During the traineeship, the candidate is under the authority and supervision of the chief prosecutor, but also under the direction of two traineeship masters (one prosecutor and one judge) who oversee the training with the assistance of the JTI. The trainee does not have the capacity of a prosecutor but is deployed at the prosecutor's office. After a successful traineeship, the candidate can participate in the procedure for the appointment as a prosecutor.

Candidates with more experience take a professional competence or third-way exam and can be directly appointed to the public prosecutor's office by the Minister of Justice on the recommendation of the High Council of Justice.

The High Council for Justice creates a job profile for a new public prosecutor, including higher-level career opportunities.

The magistrates of the Public Prosecutor's Office have the same status as the judges, with the same guarantees and duties of independence.

The JTI ensures that prosecutors receive career-long training in addition to on-the-job training. The JTI oversees initial training and ongoing and international training programmes.

The JTI, as an independent federal body, contributes to quality justice by optimising the professional competencies of prosecutors at all levels in a European context. It differentiates itself from other training institutions through its training courses. Apart from initial training, it organises hands-on training courses that no other organisation provides. As a result, it is the reference body that promotes a learning culture that valorises the skills and competencies of its target audience while sustaining its need to adapt indefinitely.



Edith Van den Broeck, Past President High Council of Justice – Past director of the Judicial Training Institute – Senior Prosecutor – Senior Legal Advisor IAP.

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*"We don't have to teach young prosecutors to know the job; we must teach them to be able to do the job. We need to teach them how to prosecute!"*

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The JTI offers a diverse range of training, including basic training, management and leadership courses, international exchange programs, and hands-on and tailor-made training. Much attention is paid to developing digital learning platforms such as e-learning and blended learning.

In addition to theory, the training includes enough practice and allows prosecutors and judicial trainees to put theoretical skills into practice in a structured manner. The opinions of practising magistrates also influence them.

Because they must be current and up-to-date, training programmes reflect the most recent (inter)national concepts and positions, theories, and methods. The magistrates stay in touch with reality and the expectations set by InterVision (such as the exchange of professional experiences) and the organisation of transversal and multidisciplinary training.

More information:

- <https://csj.be/fr/carriere-des-magistrats>
- <https://www.igo-ifj.be/fr>
- <https://ejtn.eu/office/belgium-linstitut-de-formation-judiciaire/>
- <https://ejtn.eu/>

## **FOUNDATIONS FOR ADVANCED PROSECUTIONS: OBJECTIVITY, RELATIONSHIP-BUILDING AND ORGANISATION**

The Public Prosecution Service of Canada (PPSC) is Canada's national prosecuting authority, with the primary goal of prosecuting federal offences and providing legal advice and assistance to law enforcement. Our prosecutors handle a wide range of cases. When they first start, they may prosecute low-level drug trafficking or minor fraud cases. After a few years, they will become involved in more complex litigation concerning organised crime, corruption, and national security.

Before taking on more prominent or exceptional cases, young prosecutors must understand the concept of tunnel vision and strive to avoid it, they must know how to build and maintain relationships, and they must know how to organise large and complex volumes of information.

Tunnel vision is defined as a single-minded and overly narrow focus on a specific investigative or prosecutorial theory, which unreasonably colours the evaluation of information received and one's behaviour in response to that information. Young prosecutors may experience tunnel vision in major cases for various reasons.

Senior investigators or prosecutors may adversely influence them.

They may be unfamiliar with the law applicable to the prosecution they are tackling for the first time.

They may find themselves lost in the mountain of evidence on their desk.



Blair MacPherson, Prosecutor in Northern Canada. His practice focuses on homicides, sexual assaults and appeals. He was a vice-principal at the National School for Prosecutors for five years.

Anya Weiler, Counsel for the Public Prosecution Service of Canada - prosecuted drug cases for the PPSC in Toronto and its environs for 20 years before taking on a Team Leader role on the Toronto Team.

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Tunnel vision is to be avoided at all costs. Young prosecutors must constantly ask themselves: What is the crime I'm prosecuting? Is the evidence available to me sufficient to prove this offence? Does my case theory hold up under scrutiny?

A more significant or unique case may seem like a huge, fast-moving train. It can be intimidating. However, the young prosecutor must have the skill to slow the train down and constantly evaluate if it is heading in the right direction.

Young prosecutors must also have strong relationship-building and relationship-maintenance skills. Significant cases and lengthy litigation are both exciting and challenging, but they are also time-consuming and stressful. They invariably involve many people with diverse backgrounds, expertise, and roles: victims, investigators, defence counsel, court personnel, and the judiciary, to name a few. Working happily and effectively with the many people and personalities involved in an investigation and prosecution can reduce individual workloads, improve litigation outcomes, and, most importantly, maintain good mental health.

There is no one way to cultivate good working relationships; each young prosecutor must forge their voice and path, drawing on their strengths and improving on their weaknesses. However, some common characteristics are essential: openness, respect, preparation, flexibility, effective communication, a solid moral compass, and the ability to admit and correct mistakes.

Furthermore, young prosecutors who take on more prominent cases must be excellent organisers. Major lawsuits are complicated. To successfully prosecute them, young prosecutors must be able to review evidence critically, identify legal issues, determine whether additional investigation is required, prioritise tasks, prepare witnesses, and set deadlines over a broad timeframe (sometimes years). In the grand scheme of things, there is no such thing as winging it. All aspects of the case must be meticulously organised well in advance. Having a complex case management mindset from the start will save you headaches (or disaster) later.

Finally, young prosecutors navigating bigger or exceptional cases must lean on more experienced colleagues for help. At the PPSC, there is an open-door policy. Am I reading this file in the right way? How do I have this difficult conversation with a victim? How should I organise this wiretap disclosure? When in doubt, ask a mentor. Young prosecutors need to know that they are not alone.



# Webinars and Training

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH UNESCO, THE IAP IS LAUNCHING A MASSIVE OPEN ONLINE TRAINING COURSE: INVESTIGATING AND PROSECUTING CRIMES AGAINST JOURNALISTS.



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It is with great pleasure that the IAP, in partnership with UNESCO, announces the forthcoming Massive Open Online Training Course (MOOC) on Investigating and Prosecuting Crimes against Journalists, and Promoting Freedom of Expression.

**This two-week MOOC will start on February 27, 2023, at 1:00 PM CET**

The IAP calls for prosecutors and legal professionals worldwide to [register](#) for the course, which is entirely free, and experience this unique opportunity.

The objectives of the MOOC are as follows:

- To build the knowledge of prosecutors and legal professionals and make them more aware of how to conduct and supervise effective investigations and prosecutions of crimes against media workers.
- To develop a more comprehensive understanding of national and regional strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats related to the protection of journalists and their sources, victims, and witnesses.
- To foster regional and international cooperation among prosecutors and legal practitioners to end impunity of crimes committed against journalists and media workers.

The IAP has assembled a great cast of international experts to share their expertise with the participants.



For more details about the course, please visit the [course web page](#) or contact Ms. Irina Beridze, Executive Programme Manager of the IAP, at [epm@iap-association.org](mailto:epm@iap-association.org).

We look forward to welcoming you all on February 27, 2023!

## Membership News

### PAYMENT OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION

Dear IAP Members,

As outlined in our email on January 13, 2023, we have been aware of technical difficulties experienced by our members when attempting to pay membership invoices and conference registration fees by debit/credit card.

The Secretariat has worked tirelessly over recent weeks to resolve these difficulties. We have now moved to a new online payment gateway provider, which we are confident will enable us to provide the best service to our members.

We are pleased to announce that the credit card payment system has now been restored. We are again ready to accept payments for the upcoming IAP conferences and membership subscriptions via debit/credit card. We would be very grateful if members could now pay any outstanding membership dues and we would also encourage you to register for the forthcoming regional conference in Istanbul.

We sincerely apologise for the inconvenience that has been caused and appreciate your patience and understanding.

## Future IAP Conferences and Events

### EVENTS IN 2023

The 1<sup>st</sup> IAP Pan European Regional Conference in Istanbul, Turkiye



**Conference Date:** May 2-5, 2023

**Conference Venue:** CVK Park Bosphorus Hotel (Deadline for bookings 15 February 2023)

**Conference Fee:** 325 EUR Early Bird (deadline 1 February) 375 EUR (Full Cost)

**Partners Programme:** 200 EUR

**Conference Theme:** "Targeting Effective Investigation in the Age of Digitalization" and the following subthemes:

**Subtheme 1:** Protection of Personal Data in Digital Media – Presumption of Innocence and Right to be Forgotten

**Subtheme 2:** Effective Fight Against Crimes Committed with Crypto Currencies

**Subtheme 3:** Criminal Liability of Artificial Intelligence

**Conference website:** [1<sup>st</sup> Pan European Regional Conference - Istanbul \(iap-association.org\)](https://iap-association.org)

**Online registration:** [Sign in \(eventact.com\)](https://eventact.com)



Hagia Sophia in Istanbul.

The 1<sup>st</sup> IAP Pan European Regional Conference will be held in Istanbul on May 2-5, 2023. The Conference's central theme has been determined as "Effective Investigation in the Age of Digitalization"; three separate sub-themes are planned to be covered under this topic. This Conference has particular importance for the General Prosecution Office of the Supreme Court of Appeal as 2023 is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Republic of Türkiye.

The first subtheme is the "Appearance and Effects of Digitalization in the Criminal Procedure". As is well known, most crimes are now committed digitally. As a result, obtaining, using, and protecting digital evidence in the fight against these crimes is critical. International cooperation is inevitable due to the nature of these crimes. The Conference will address the challenges of using digital evidence in criminal proceedings and national practices to find solutions. Furthermore, the Second Additional Protocol to the Cybercrime Convention will be evaluated in terms of the difficulties in putting the 24/7 contact points into practice and challenges between countries in implementing the Protocol.



Mr. Bekir Şahin, General Prosecutor of the Supreme Court of Appeal of the Republic of Türkiye.

The fight against economic crimes, focusing on cryptocurrency, will be discussed as the Conference's second sub-theme. Cryptocurrency, an investment tool, is now widely used for money laundering. The adverse effects of money laundering on countries' economic, social, and financial situations and its contribution to criminal organisations highlight the critical importance of combating cryptocurrencies used for money laundering. During the Conference, countries' best practices, challenges, and solutions for international cooperation will be discussed.

The topic of "Artificial Intelligence in Criminal Procedure" will be discussed as the Conference's third sub-theme. Today's technology has indeed advanced quickly, and the level of autonomy of artificial intelligence has reached unexpected heights. As a result, it is essential to discuss the fact that artificial intelligence is being used to commit crimes and who is responsible for these crimes when they are committed by artificial intelligence.

On the other hand, studies are being conducted to use artificial intelligence to reduce workload and accelerate work in court administrations. The Conference will address whether these studies violate the sense of justice, impartiality, and objectivity; the contributions of artificial intelligence; and country practices.

Presentations at the Regional Conference will be simultaneously translated into English and French, and participants will be able to ask the speakers questions after their presentations. The participants of the Conference will also have the opportunity to spend time in the historical and tourist places of Istanbul during the social programmes organised after the meetings.

### [The 7<sup>th</sup> IAP Latin American Regional Conference in Fortaleza, Brazil](#)

**Conference Date:** 28 – 30 June 2023 (more information to follow).



Dr. İlknur Altuntaş, Head of International Division at the General Prosecution Office of the Supreme Court of Appeal.

The 28<sup>th</sup> IAP Annual Conference and General Meeting will be hosted in London, United Kingdom



**Conference Date:** 24 – 27 September 2023

**Conference Venue:** Queen Elizabeth II Centre in Central London

**Conference Host:** Crown Prosecution Service

**Conference Languages:** English is the working language of the conference. Simultaneous interpretation into all UN languages will be provided during all sessions taking place in the Plenary Hall

**Conference website:** Will open mid-December 2022

**Conference fee:** 925 EUR (Early Bird) / 975 EUR (Full Cost)

**Online Registration:** Will open February 2023

**Conference venue:** The QEII Centre (Central London, next to Big Ben and Westminster Abbey)

**Conference theme:** The Changing Nature of Crime in the 21st Century: Challenges and Responses.



*Big Benn is at a walking distance from the venue.*



## EVENTS IN 2024

### The 29<sup>th</sup> IAP Annual Conference and General Meeting in Baku, Azerbaijan in 2024

**Conference period:** 15 – 18 September 2024

**Conference venue:** Baku Conference Centre

**Conference Host:** The Prosecutor General of the Republic of Azerbaijan

**Current working theme:** Prosecution and Judiciary: Synergy for the Rule of Law

**Conference Languages:** English is the working language of the conference. Simultaneous interpretation into all UN languages will be provided during all sessions taking place in the Plenary Hall.

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*The IAP's goal can only be achieved by including everyone. The Granting Programme ensures inclusion of developing countries at its conferences.*

The IAP Granting Programme enables the IAP to support members from low and middle-income countries to attend the IAP Annual Conference, including individual members and representatives of prosecution services and associations of prosecutors.

Individual and organisational members are encouraged to donate to the Granting Programme when paying their annual membership subscriptions for 2023 online with a credit card through our secure payment gateway. Donations to the Granting Programme are also accepted by bank transfer to the following account:

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Any contribution would be greatly appreciated.

[IAP Protocol for the Granting Programme](#)

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The IAP Secretariat welcomes and encourages Members to contribute to future newsletters by submitting entries which could be of interest to the wider IAP Membership. This includes, and is not limited to, best practices and policies, achievements, news, conferences and events, training, etcetera. Once submitted, contributions will be evaluated by the editorial board for placement in the IAP quarterly newsletter.

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