

Association of European Police Colleges
Annual report
2008

Dear colleagues,

As President of the Association of European Police Colleges, I'm glad to present you the 2008 annual report of AEPC activities. This short summary is the best proof of the important work we realized together this year again. For sure, 2008 has been a special year for the AEPC, with the adoption of our new Strategy Paper, the transfer of our General Secretariat and the numerous and very successful activities that took place this year. May you all be thanked for your collaboration on all those occasions.

The year 2008 has been very fruitful for the AEPC on several level, and 2009 promises to be just as interesting, with the workshop on study visits in Vienna, the ENP conference with CEPOL, the annual conference in Montenegro and many other projects already in the pipeline. I know we can again rely on each other's support and I look forward to working with you all again in 2009!!

Maurice Petit
President of the AEPC



A. Main achievements

1. Adoption of the new Strategy Paper (June)

Unanimous adoption of a new Strategy Paper during the Governing Board of Riga. The document defines the points of focus of the Association for the coming years. It underlines the importance to focus the activities on the AEPC's own members.

2. Workshops on mentorship in police training (June)

Following the Governing Board of Riga, an afternoon discussion was organized on mentorship in police training. Colleagues from Latvia, UK and the Netherlands gave presentations followed by a discussion between all participants.

3. Transfer of the General Secretariat of the AEPC

The Sicherheitsakademie (Vienna) has taken over the General Secretariat and Karl-Heinz Grundböck has become General Secretary, working with the support of Barbara Pusca. The Netherlands had held the Secretariat's duties for 12 years before that.

4. Annual conference (September)

The annual conference of the AEPC took place on 29th and 30th September 2008 on the topic « Transfer of Knowledge to and from Police Practice : Use of Open Sources of Information ». It was perfectly organized by the Higher Police School of Szczytno (Poland).

5. Election of a new Vice-president

Following the departure of Slagjana Taseva, Kathia Dekanoidze (Georgia) has been unanimously elected as vice-president of the Association during the Governing Board in Poland in September.

6. Implementation of the « European Neighborhood Policy »

Under the AEPC umbrella, the Police Academy of Georgia organized, with success, a conference on « The role of the AEPC & CEPOL in the Implementation Process of Georgia's ENP Action Plan in Police Education Sphere » in Tbilisi in October.

7. Survey on the implementation of the Bologna Process within police academies

Harry Peeters, from the Police Academy of the Netherlands, represented the AEPC within CEPOL's « SEPE II » working group. A paper has been redacted by the group and was disseminated to the AEPC members for advice.

8. New AEPC website

In the framework of the transfer of the General Secretariat, the Sicherheitsakademie has launched a brand new AEPC website. Very up-to-date and user-friendly, it will give an excellent picture of our Association.

9. « European Senior Police Officers Course » (ESPOC)

The chosen topic for 2008 was « Translating operational practice of managing crisis and major events into training programs ». The National Policing Improvement Agency has organized the course, which will finally take place in 2009.

B. AEPC meetings

1. Executive Committee : Warnsveld – 17/18 April

2. Governing Board : Riga – 3 June

3. Executive Committee : Vienna – 07 July

4. Governing Board : Szczytno – 30 September

5. Executive Committee : Tbilisi – 23 October