

Association of European Police Colleges
Annual report
2009

Dear colleagues,

It is my great pleasure to present you the 2009 annual report of AEPC activities. Once again, we can be proud of our achievements.

As President of the Association, I have been particularly glad to see the numerous new initiatives that have been taken in 2009. They have been essential signs that our Association is a living one and keeps sticking to the needs of its members.

Of course, our “traditional activities” (i.e. the ESPOC, annual conference and course calendar) have also been highlights of the AEPC year. Once again, they have been of high standards and remain the corner-stones of our Association.

Finally, I want to stress the reinforced cooperation with CEPOL, in four different fields: the European Neighbourhood Police, the SEPEB survey, the cooperation with the Western Balkan and the Belgian conference on Leadership.

It is my wish to thank, on behalf of the whole Association, all the colleges who have been hosting, organizing but also taking part in any way to the activities mentioned in this report. You made the Association what it is: a major actor on the international police training scene and a strong network where all members can enjoy direct contact and exchanges with their colleagues.

Let us do just as well and even better in 2010!!!

Maurice Petit
President of the AEPC



A. Main achievements

1. Workshops on Study Visits

From 09 to 10 February 2010, the Sicherheitsakademie (Vienna) organized workshops on how to harmonize study visits between the member colleges.

The workshops resulted in the drafting of a template to be filled in by the police colleges in order to present their possibilities, available facilities and interests. **The template can be found on the AEPC website.**

2. Participation in and presidency of the conference on “Use of Force by Law Enforcement Agencies” - Ankara

In February, the Commission contacted the AEPC to invite the Association to the above-mentioned conference. They had become aware of our field of activity thanks to our brand-new website!

Beside, Karl-Heinz Grundböck, General Secretary of the Association, was invited to Chair the conference, which resulted in seven recommendations.

3. European Senior Police officers Course (ESPOC)

From 11 to 15 May, the NPIA (UK) hosted the ESPOC course on “Police Science & Research – greater understanding of practical application”. This very-well evaluated course had been designed together with the other police colleges from the ESPOC organizing team, i.e. the police colleges of Apeldoorn, Münster, Szczytno and Lyon.

4. Presentations on the training reforms in the police colleges in France and Germany

Following the first Governing Board of the year, two presentations of a very high standard have been offered to the AEPC members:

- “The evolution from a Police Academy to a Police University”, by Klaus Neidhardt, Director of the Police University in Münster and Vice-President of the AEPC;
- “A summary of the new education system for the senior police officers of the French National Police”, by Chief Commissioner Bernard Guenaud.

5. New Vice-Presidency

Following the retirement of Mr Vadi Cicekli, Mr Zuthu Arslan, the new Director of the Police Academy in Ankara was elected as the new Vice-President of the Association during the Governing Board held in May.

6. Meeting between experts and students in the hosting colleges

In order to make the best out of our meetings, it has been decided that police colleges hosting any activity of the AEPC would be welcome to organize an encounter between an AEPC expert attending the activity and its students. In that framework, Michiel Holtackers has met the students in the police colleges in Tbilisi and Budva. **All AEPC members are of course welcome to make offers!**

7. Annual conference in Budva

The AEPC annual conference was held in Budva on the 16th September with the topic “Practical & simulation training as an integral part of police education process”. The conference targeted the member colleges, and specifically their directors.

Next to the results of the conference, several participants underlined how such a conference was a unique opportunity for police colleges members to meet and exchange directly.

8. New membership: Police College in Malta

Following the submission of an official request letter from the police college in Malta explaining that the college fulfils the conditions for accession, the Governing Board approved its membership during the Governing Board of Budva on the 17th September. Welcome to our new member!

9. Cooperation with the Fundamental Rights Agency

In December, the FRA invited Maurice Petit to its annual conference entitled “Making Rights a Reality for All”, with the aim to have an encounter with its representatives and discuss an eventual collaboration. The meeting was very interesting and the **form of cooperation should be determined in 2010.**

10. Survey on the implementation of the Bologna Process within police academies (in cooperation with CEPOL)

After several delays, the first parts of the SEPEB survey have been launched. The direct national link to the survey has been disseminated through the appointed SEPEB contact points.

All AEPC members located outside the EU has been invited to indicate the name and contact details of a SEPEB contact point in their academy, in order to take part to the survey as well.

The participation of all AEPC members will be essential to give the survey a pan-European dimension.

11. European Neighborhood Policy (in cooperation with CEPOL)

Given its experience on the topic, the AEPC was invited by CEPOL to support the CEPOL conference on ENP. The conference took place in Rome in December. Maurice Petit and Khatia Dekanoidze represented the AEPC, respectively presenting the work of AEPC, especially the collaboration with ENP police colleges, and delivering a keynote speech, as well as facilitating a workshop.

12. Cooperation with the Western Balkans (in cooperation with CEPOL)

In September, CEPOL organized in Sofia a conference on the cooperation with the Western Balkans. The AEPC Presidency was invited to deliver a presentation on “Cooperation with the Western Balkans states in the police education area under AEPC”. It was presented by Gaëlle Bistiaux.

13. Belgian Conference on Leadership (in cooperation with CEPOL)

On the 01 and 02 July 2010, Belgium will organize a conference on Leadership, in the framework of the Belgian Presidency of CEPOL. The AEPC was requested as a supporting partner. In that framework, the police colleges of Szczytno and Tbilisi will present their experience in the field and facilitate workshops.

14. Annual course calendar

In 2009, the traditional course calendar of the AEPC was made available on the web page of the Association. Six member colleges opened their national courses to foreign colleagues. **The use and relevance of the course calendar will be assessed in 2010.**

B. AEPC meetings

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1. *Executive Committee : Vienna – 11 February*
2. *Governing Board : Lyon – 19 May*
3. *Executive Committee : Tbilisi – 10 June*
4. *Governing Board : Budva – 17 September*
5. *Executive Committee : Zagreb – 17 September*