

2011 International Law Enforcement IP Crime Conference

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The INTERPOL, Europol and Cuerpo Nacional de Policía co-hosted International Law Enforcement IP Crime Conference, attended by over 450 participants from 53 countries, was held in Madrid, Spain on 20-22 September 2011. A notable feature of this, the second IP crime conference to be held in Europe, was a high level of attendance by operational level law enforcement delegates from all around the world.

The Conference provided an opportunity for delegates to access the latest IP law enforcement insights and build relationships with colleagues from around the world. As with past Conferences, the 2011 event

offered attendees the opportunity to network with each other in order to exchange ideas, discuss ongoing investigations and to make the operational connections that will lead to future actions against IP crime. The Conference focused on how to ensure links between criminal networks and conspiracies in one country can quickly be identified and be used by police and customs officials to disrupt the supply chain in other countries and regions of the world. Additionally, the Conference’s operational workshop discussions provided a platform for better and more productive cooperation on a national, regional and global level.

Delegates were welcomed by Spain’s Secretary of Homeland Security, Justo Tomás Zambrana Pineda, Mr. Khoo Boon W Hui, President of INTERPOL, Mr. Michel Quillé, Deputy Director Operations, Europol and Keith Williams, the President and CEO of Underwriters Laboratories. All present benefited from key note addresses made by a number of senior representatives who gave their perspective on the conference theme “Transforming Regional Success into Global Action.” They included:



Mr. Lanny A. Breuer, Assistant Attorney General of The U.S.; Mr. Vincent Van Quickenborne, Minister of Economic Affairs, Belgium; Mr. Giovanni Kessler, Director General, European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF); Mr. Gao Feng, Deputy Director General, Economic Crime Investigation Department, Ministry of Public Security, China; Mr. Li Qunying, Director, Department of Policy and Legal Affairs, Intellectual Property Division, General Administration of Customs, China; Mr. Leroy D. Baca, Sheriff, Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department; Mr. John Morton, Director, Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Mr. Rajeev Sharma, Deputy Inspector General of Police, Central Bureau of Investigation, India.

The remainder of the first day provided IP crime specialists and other experts with an opportunity to give their perspective on the theme and in particular set the scene for the operational workshops and three operational round tables held on 21-22 September. The round tables reviewed and prioritized recommendations arising from the twelve workshops which addressed diverse topics ranging from Illicit Trade - Integrated Intervention Strategies; to Proactive Integrated Analysis – Improving Regional Communication and Dynamics; to E-Commerce



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– Identifying, Actioning and Delivering Cross-industry Global Interventions. These best practices will be built upon at subsequent conferences and will serve as a basis for program development and international cooperation.

Some 130 learning points arose from participant deliberations and were presented to the conference in the final plenary session. The accumulated knowledge provided an insight into how obstacles can be overcome in almost every country and regional collective success achieved by committed and determined IP crime investigators. More importantly, the deliberations confirmed many of these proven techniques can be applied worldwide to combat transnational IP crime.

This report together with the feedback and learning points confirm that delegates attending the 2011 conference demonstrated a good awareness of the issues and pooled their combined expertise and knowledge. It provided each and every one present with a clearer idea of how to transform regional success into global action. Please take time to review these outcomes and give some thought as to how they can be applied to your own area of operations on a national, regional and global basis.

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