

## Newsletter

## MAIN EVENT

## New OSCE Secretary General

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OSCE Secretary General  
Marc Perrin de Brichambaut

Senior French diplomat Marc Perrin de Brichambaut was named by the OSCE participating States in early June to succeed Ján Kubiš as the Organization's Secretary General. His three-year term started officially on 21 June 2005.

A former Head of the French Delegation to the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, Ambassador de Brichambaut was serving as Director for Strategic Affairs at the French Defence Ministry when his new appointment was announced.

The OSCE has developed a holistic approach that stresses the multiple dimensions of security and human development and the interconnections between them. Recent documents such as the Strategy Document for the Economic and Environmental Dimensions and the Strategy to address threats to security and stability in the twenty-first century have highlighted this with the support of all participating States. OSCE has a unique tool box of instruments to implement this comprehensive approach: Institutions, field activities, units within the Secretariat, and a rich experience in using them.

He expressed his strong belief that the OSCE remained relevant and vital to the citizens of all its participating States and beyond. "The difficulties that the Organization experiences reflect the broader problems that our societies encounter," he said. "It should be our common determination to contribute to overcoming them. The reform process now under way within the Organization is a great opportunity for all of us."

Since graduating from the Ecole Nationale d'Administration in Paris in 1974, Secretary General de Brichambaut has held senior positions and advisory roles in the French Government and diplomatic posts in Washington, D.C., New York and Vienna.

Marc Perrin de Brichambaut is the fourth Secretary General in the history of the CSCE/OSCE. The first Secretary General was Wilhelm Höynck of Germany (1993-1996), followed by Giancarlo Aragona of Italy (1996-1999) and Ján Kubiš of Slovakia, who has just completed two three-year terms (June 1999 to June 2005).

## HEAD OF CENTRE ACTIVITIES

## Cooperation in Education



Ambassador Miroslav Jenča

On 11 May, the Head of the OSCE Centre in Tashkent, Ambassador Miroslav Jenča met with Deputy Prime-minister and Minister of Higher and Secondary Specialized Education (MHE), Mr. Ergashev, and Mr. Rusbambayev, Rector of the Tashkent State Law Institute.

During the meeting, the Minister informed about the significant increase of budget allocations for education purposes put to an average of 25 per cent for 2005. Besides, the Ministry gave notice of the Ministry's Special Programme for improvement of secondary education.

Ambassador thanked the Minister for his efforts and emphasized that such a huge allocation from the state budget for educational purposes is laudable but at the same time is challenging. "It is very important to prepare competitive specialists and ensure employment of all graduates," said Mr. Jenča. "It is very good that in provinces bordering with neighboring countries there are pos-

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sibilities for people to get education for children from Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan,” added Ambassador.

Ambassador Jenča briefly informed about the Centre's two Programmes focused on youth and education.

He also mentioned this year Centre is celebrating its 10th anniversary and planning to hold an OSCE day in the Uzbek universities and institutes. This idea was appreciated by the Minister. He expressed his willingness to support the Center by announcing the events in higher educational facilities and to ensure student's participation.

In conclusion, Minister Ergashev once more expressed readiness to continue cooperation within the framework of CiT's Legal Education Support and Education for Young People Programmes.

## **POLITICO-MILITARY DIMENSION**

### **Suicide Terrorism Workshop**

On 20 May, the Centre in Tashkent and an Uzbek expert participated in the Technical Experts' Workshop on Suicide Terrorism, held in Vienna and organized by Action against Terrorism Unit (ATU) with collaboration of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute.

The Uzbek expert presented Uzbekistan's experiences and lessons learnt in the field of fight against the suicide terrorism. He actively participated in the discussion about the threat posed by suicide terrorism and possible counter strategies that might be undertaken by national authorities to mitigate the threat.

The Centre in Tashkent regards the participation in ATU's workshops as a preparation for further activities focused on preventing and combating terrorism in Uzbekistan.

### **Summer School for Journalists**

The Centre in Tashkent sent two Uzbek journalists to attend the Summer School “Work of Journalists in Crisis Situations: Russian and International Experience”.

This two week summer course was organized by the Mass Media Centre of the Department of Journalism of the St. Petersburg State University (Russian Federation) and took place from 28 June to 6 July.

Lectures, seminars, round-tables and training sessions were conducted by leading professors of St. Petersburg State University and mass media professionals.

The participants discussed issues pertaining to legal aspects of the work of journalists in crisis regions, specificities of covering terrorist attacks and hostage situations, censorship during military operations, coverage of political crises in mass media and other issues.



Organizers and Winners of “OSCE-Eurasia Foundation Journalism Award” Contest

### **Journalism Contest**

To stimulate and recognize high-quality journalism, the Centre in Tashkent in cooperation with Eurasia Foundation Tashkent Regional Office conducted “OSCE-Eurasia Foundation Journalism Awards” contest.

The contest was announced on 3 May, the World Press Freedom Day, and the winners were informed on 27 June, the Day of Press and Media Workers of Uzbekistan. Journalists submitted entries in newspaper, Internet, TV and radio categories that focused on the social and political processes in Uzbekistan. Sixteen journalists received prizes that included digital cameras, digital audio recorders and flash drives.

Jury members included representatives of the International Centre for Retraining of Journalists and renowned journalists. They assessed the submitted work based on professionalism, novelty and commitment to fact-based reporting.

The contest was part of CiT's efforts to assist Uzbekistan in building up capacities of media representatives.

## **HUMAN DIMENSION**

### **Conference on Best Practices in Criminal Procedures**

The Centre in Tashkent held a conference on international best practices in arrest and pre-trial detention on 26-27 May.

The two-day event gathered 60 senior Uzbek officials from all regions, including representatives of justice system and defence attorneys.

The Centre organized the conference jointly with the U.S. Embassy in Uzbekistan, the United Nations Development Programme, the U.S. Agency for International Development, the American Bar Association / Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative and the Center for Institutional Reform and the Informal Sector.



Participants of Conference on Best Practices in Criminal Procedures

U.S. Ambassador Jon R. Purnell opened the conference by stressing the importance of instituting further legal reforms that are consistent with international norms and the rule of law.

"Legal reforms should be supported not only by creation of the strong legal basis but also strengthening the implementation mechanisms of adopted laws," added Ambassador Miroslav Jenča.

Discussions during conference were focused on practical implications of transferring authority for arrest and pre-trial detention to the court. Participants drafted recommendations for the transition process. These recommendations were published and submitted to the Working Group on reform and liberalization of judicial and legal system in Uzbekistan.

### A Workshop for Prosecutors

Sixteen prosecutors participated in the third workshop on practical skills for prosecutors, which was held on 27 May in Tashkent. This event was organized by Centre in Tashkent jointly with American Bar Association / Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative (ABA/CEELI) and the US Embassy in Uzbekistan.

This workshop focused on Arrest and Detention Decisions and International Norms under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) with using case studies. The training session was conducted by leading experts, Hon. John R. Tunheim, United States District Judge, John Vaudreuil, Chief of the Criminal Division for the United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin in Madison.

This series of workshops is designed to improve overall job performance and to enhance the professional development of prosecutors by focusing on practical skills needed for effective investigation and trial preparation.

## ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL DIMENSION

### Meeting on Water Management

On 5 May, the Center in Tashkent organized a meeting focused on agricultural and water management projects, which brought together government officials, donors, representatives of engineering and consulting companies, development and international organizations and NGO representatives.

Participants discussed the implementation and operational aspects of programmes and projects in Uzbekistan and in the region, environmental issues, national policy and current legislation. The aim of the meeting was to improve co-ordination of activities among donors and promote information exchange. This was the sixth meeting on water management in the country since 2003.



Water Management is a Key Issue in Central Asia.

### Promoting Farming Development

Throughout May, the Centre in Tashkent jointly with the Farmer's Association of Uzbekistan organized a series of trainings in the framework of "Promoting Farming Development" project. About forty farmers participated in each of trainings, which were held in Samarkand, Khorezm and Tashkent provinces.

Participants were able to improve their legal knowledge and professional skills. The trainings provided an opportunity to discuss such practical issues as contractual relations, tax, credit, insurance issues, leasing issues, suppliers, irrigation, land use and soil productivity.

## CROSS-DIMENSIONAL PROGRAMME

### Summer Internship

As a follow up to the successful completion of the OSCE Central Asian Youth Network activities in 2004, the Centre in Tashkent and the OSCE Secretariat have provided, on the basis of excellence, four student graduates of the Network with internship opportunities.

Almas Yeschanov and Komila Nabieva start their three-month internships with the OSCE Secretariat in the Office for Economic



Interns are Working on Coming Press-Release

and Environmental Activities and in the Public Press and Information Section.

Two more graduates, Mukharram Maksudova and Dildora Tillakhodja will work as summer interns from July till September in the Politico-Military and Human dimensions of the Centre in Tashkent.

“It is a great opportunity to be employed as an intern to such organization as OSCE and I hope it will be a valid foundation for expansion of my profession skills and knowledge in the sphere of conflict prevention, crisis management” said Dildora Tillakhodja, a summer intern in Human Dimension.

Interns will be closely involved in the work of the sections and dimensions deepening their understanding of the OSCE and its principles and commitments.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Politico-Military Dimension

- Opening of Internet Cafe in Samarkand by Ambassador Jenča (Samarkand, 7 July);
- Workshop on Mélange (rocket fuel component) projects in the OSCE area (Kiev, 6-8 July);
- OSCE-Eurasia Foundation Journalism Awards Ceremony (Tashkent, 12 July);
- Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting on Human Rights and Fight Against Terrorism (Vienna, 13-16 July);

### Human Dimension

- Summer workshop of the Central Asian Youth Network, (Tashkent province, 1-3 July);
- Training on the "Basics of Advocacy" (Tashkent, 6-9 July);
- Summer school for the first-year students (Tashkent province, 11-21 August)
- Training on Project Management (Tashkent, 13-15 July)
- Training "Monitoring of Human Rights in the Penitentiary Establishments" (Bukhara, 15-19 July)
- UNESCO Summer school "Youth for Sustainable Development: Society, Economy and Environment" (Tashkent province, 14-25 August)

### Economic and Environmental Dimension

- Training within the Project “Youth Entrepreneurial Training Phase II” in partnership with Youth Social Movement “Kamolot” (Tashkent, 27 June- 2 July);
- Environmental and Security Initiative: Field visit of REHRA Team (Uzbekistan-Tajikistan-Kyrgyzstan) (Khojand, Osh, 27June-3 July);
- ARMON: Field Survey and Workshop on “Environmental Security and Civil Initiative”: transborder water problems in Dustlik and Arnasay (Jizzakh, 12-15 July);
- Training “Promoting Farming Development in Uzbekistan” in partnership with the Association of Dekhkan and Farmers of Uzbekistan (Namangan, 18-19 July; Andijan, 17-18 August );
- Training “Women and Business in Uzbekistan/Phase II” in conjunction with Women Committee of Uzbekistan (Fergana, 21-22 July; Navoi, 24-25 August);
- Summer Business School (Tashkent province, 3-15 August);
- ARMON: Round table on “Environmental Security and Civil Initiative” (Jizzakh, 9-12 August);

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