

# NOTES

## INIOP Inception Working Group (Open Session) 5 October 2006, CACOLE Conference, Vancouver

### Panel

Gil Bourdoux	Comite permanent de controle des services de police, Belgium
Martin Kreutner	Federal Bureau of Internal Affairs (Austria)
Pierce Murphy	Office of the Community Ombudsman for the City of Boise & NACOLE
Nuala O'Loan	Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland
Dirk Ryneveld	Police Complaint Commissioner (British Columbia) & CACOLE
John Wadham	Independent Police Complaints Commission (England and Wales)

**Meeting Chair:** Nuala O'Loan, Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland

### Visions for the network

- 1.1 **Pierce Murphy:** A network should be a forum for sharing ideas/concerns/solutions.
- 1.2 **Dirk Ryneveld:** The network should have a global presence, a professional approach, and be a platform for discussions and idea sharing. The network should provide support, encouragement and assistance to those who need help maintaining or setting up oversight structures. The network should create an opportunity to learn from each others successes and failures.
- 1.3 **John Wadham:** The network needs to be about more than conference tourism. It needs to be forum for sharing best practice, a support structure for those involved in oversight, or those wanting to develop oversight structures. The network needs to focus on practicalities not just conferences. Next steps – attending the EPAC conference in Budapest, public launch of the steering committee in 2007.
- 1.4 **Martin Kreutner:** EPAC will discuss participation in the network at the conference in Budapest. The network should seek to incorporate a broad variety of organisations, without compromising the basic principles it is built around. The network should be a resource that can be used to support people's work at home. The added value that the network brings to existing structures, needs to be considered, to see whether it is working effectively/making a difference.
- 1.5 **Gil Bourdoux:** The network must create opportunities for learning from each other's experiences.

### Outreach work

> Key Question: Who else do we need to talk to ?

- 2.1 **Action:** The network needs to engage Asiatic states as these are currently underrepresented in the dialogue.
- 2.2 Cooperation with countries in the developing world is essential, and more effort needs to be made to engage with them.
- 2.3 **Action:** Need to engage with the Forum of Brazilian Ombudsman's Office, to engage them in the process. IPCC to liaise with Nivio Caixeta about how to take this forward.

- 2.4 NGO participation in the process is essential as they have common interests and useful experience.
- 2.5 We need to engage with national governments to expand our contacts base.
- 2.6 **Action:** Network needs to engage with organisations from Eastern Europe and Russia. IPCC to liaise with Nuala O'Loan to take this forward. Contact also needs to be made with organisations in the South Pacific, and Asia.
- 2.7 **Action:** Dialogue needs to be opened with the International Ombudsman's Institute. IPCC to take this forward.
- 2.8 **Consider:** Involve the International Association of Chiefs of Police in the dialogue.
- 2.9 **Action:** Contact needs to be made with Amnesty International and Regional Human Rights Commissions.
- 2.10 **Remember:** The Ford, SAROS and Open Society (OSI) institutes and the UN Development Programme could provide useful sources of funding. It is useful to remember that many organisations (for example CIDA – 'The Canadian International Development Agency' in Canada) only fund organisations that actually exist.

### **Aims of network**

- 3.1 Independent oversight not independent investigations is a core value of the network.
- 3.2 To promote ethical, honest policing.
- 3.3 Growing police oversight internationally.
- 3.4 Need for agreement on minimum standards for police oversight.

### **Membership structure**

> Key Question: What should the network look like ? Who should be involved ?

- 4.1 Oversight of policing should be the core business for those that are eligible for core membership.
- 4.2 **Suggestion:** Eligibility should be defined in relation to responsibility for oversight of law enforcement not just policing.
- 4.3 **Suggestion:** Those with oversight of correctional officers, for example, could be members.
- 4.4 **Suggestion:** Take a phased approach to developing the network. Focus on policing first, then think about expanding to include other areas (e.g. prisons and probation etc).
- 4.5 John Wadham: The network will need a constitution and democratic structure.
- 4.6 Colleen Lewis: Academics have a key role to play in taking the work of the network forward to a wider audience.
- 4.7 Those with oversight of private police need to be involved in the dialogue.

4.8 Don Casimere: Happy to provide background on IACOLE, its work, and some of the problems it faced.

### **Involvement in the network**

> Key Questions: What do you want from a network ? What are you willing to put in ?

5.1 **Consider:** Organisations may require assistance in covering fees.

5.2 **Consider:** If different levels of membership have different levels of power/voting rights attached to them, then work may be needed to get people to buy-in to the project.

5.3 John Wadham: Regional networks need to decide who will represent them during setup discussions, or in the course of network business.

5.4 Associate membership is an important way of capturing the expertise and money of NGOs and academics.

5.5 Having a clearly defined vision and mission, and clearly defined objectives helps to focus attention.

5.6 The network needs to ensure it is not too Euro-centric or dominated by North America.

5.7 **Suggestion:** The network needs to think carefully about tiered membership, and map out a number of possible options and discuss the impact in terms of voting, speaking or membership rights.

5.8 Colleen Lewis: It is beneficial to members if the network has a journal. Academics could help to edit this. CL will look at how Monash University could assist in the creation of an e-journal.

5.9 Agreement is needed on international minimum standards for oversight.

5.10 Involvement of the police in network activity is a good way to ensure that due consideration is given to issues of professional ethics and integrity.

5.11 Barbara Attard: NACOLE run training for new people coming into oversight work, and give grants for training programmes.

### **Structuring the network**

> What do you want from a network ? What would be most useful ?

6.1 It's important to build a network that has credibility and that people trust.

6.2 Due consideration needs to be given to discussing when the police do things right and when they do things wrong.

6.3 Pierce Murphy: NACOLE will consider whether it can provide the network with any funding to assist with setup, and is willing to provide support or consultancy. Solidarity is important.

6.4 **Important:** Accountability only works when police understand what is involved.

6.5 Use of the International Police Standards (used by the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland, amongst others) gives credibility to independent investigations.

Email your ideas to [mark.hines@ipcc.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:mark.hines@ipcc.gsi.gov.uk) we're interested to hear your thoughts.



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**MEETING ACTIONS**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1	IPCC	Engage Asiatic states in the dialogue.	
2	IPCC Nivio Caixeta	Make contact with the Forum of Brazilian Ombudsman's Office.	IPCC and NC to take this forward.
3	IPCC	Make contact with organisations from Eastern Europe and Russia.	
4	IPCC	Open dialogue with the International Ombudsman's Institute.	
5	IPCC	Open dialogue with the International Association of Chiefs of Police.	
6	IPCC	Open dialogue with Amnesty International.	
7	ALL	Open dialogue with local Human Rights Commissions.	
8	Colleen Lewis	CL to look at how Monash University could assist the network in setting up an e-journal.	Update to be circulated prior to the next meeting in Brussels.