Werner SIPP elected new President of the INCB

On 6 May 2015, the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) elected Werner Sipp, a German national, its new President at the Board’s 113th session which took place in Vienna from 4 to 15 May 2015.

Mr. Sipp has been a member of INCB since 2012, and served as First Vice-President of the Board in 2014 and as a Member of the Board’s Standing Committee on Estimates (2012-2014) and Rapporteur (2013).

INCB President’s mission to New York, 20-22 July 2015

Addressing ECOSOC to present the Board’s Annual Report, President Sipp emphasizes Governments’ obligation to pursue a comprehensive, integrated and balanced approach to addressing the world drug problem, a key outcome of the UNGASS 2016.

- Read the INCB President’s speech
INCB Provides Training to Competent National Authorities

The INCB Secretariat provided training to representatives of the national competent authorities of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Republic of Kenya from 25 to 26 August 2015 in Vienna. The training covered general obligations laid down in the UN Drug Control Conventions.

The Narcotics Control and Estimates Section presented to the delegations the procedures and processes in place for establishing estimates for narcotic drugs and for reporting statistical information on production, manufacture, consumption as well as for the export and import system.

The Psychotropics Control Section provided a presentation on control measures for international trade in and the domestic movement of psychotropic substances as required under the 1971 Convention, including the procedures for establishing assessments and for reporting statistical information to the Board. At the specific request of the delegations a detailed presentation of I2ES, the Board's new electronic tool for electronically issuing import and export authorizations for narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, was provided and was met with great interest. (https://i2es.incb.org/)

The Precursors Control Section presented the general obligations laid down in the 1988 Convention. The training also included presentations on the available INCB electronic tools for precursor control such as the Project Ion Incident Communication System (IONICS), Precursors Export Notification (PEN) Online System, and Precursors Incident Communication System (PICS).

INCB Delivers Presentation at Hemaya Conference in Dubai

INCB delivered a presentation on the issue of the availability of internationally controlled drugs at Hemaya 11th International conference on Drug Issues from 9 to 11 June 2015 in Dubai. The conference, organized by the Dubai Police, is an annual event attended by the Ministries of Interior and counter-narcotics representatives from across the Middle East and North Africa and Gulf Cooperation Countries. The theme of the 2015 conference was ‘access to controlled substances while preventing diversion and abuse’ and included a workshop to guide national delegations to identify recommendations for the elaboration of national strategies.

Introducing the five new members of the Board

On 4 May 2015, five new Members of the International Narcotics Control Board took up office and participated in the Board’s 113th session. The new Board members, as elected by the Economic and Social Council, are:

- Wei Hao (China)  
- Bernard Leroy (France)  
- Richard Mattick (Australia)  
- Jagjit Pavadia (India)  
- Jallal Toufiq (Morocco)

Recent UNODC publications on drugs:

Afghan opiate trafficking through the southern route - 2015

World Drug Report 2015

Colombia – Monitoreo de Cultivos de Coca 2014

Colombia – Coca cultivation survey 2014

Peru – Informe Monitoreo de Cultivos de Coca 2014 (Summary in English included)

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