Welcome to iQ

Jemima Felton, Director of International Training

I am delighted to welcome you to the inaugural edition of our quarterly newsletter, iQ. Each quarter, we will use this space to update our readers on current policy initiatives, our activities to promote effective policy making and good governance, and to showcase the important work of our partners and colleagues to this same end.

It has been a very hot summer in London and over the last three months, we have been delighted to welcome so many delegates to a range of programmes on subjects as diverse as Regulatory Affairs, Disaster Risk Reduction, Legislative Drafting and Anti-Money Laundering, and to experience the best that London has to offer its visitors.

In July, we were invited to return to Dubai, UAE to support the Ministry of Cabinet Affairs and the Future with their training needs on turning policy into effective regulation and experienced some really hot weather!

It is always great to visit new places and in the autumn, we look forward to supporting organisations in various locations worldwide, including Malta, the Cayman Islands and Angola.

I hope you find the newsletter informative. If we can support your organisation with its training needs, either with our open courses in London, or with bespoke tailored offerings in your country, please do not hesitate to get in touch via training@parlicentre.org

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Turning Policy into Effective Regulation

In July, iCPS returned to the United Arab Emirates to provide a specialised training programme for the Ministry of Cabinet Affairs and the Future on Turning Policy into Effective Regulation. This tailored course continued our support for the Ministry in the area of regulation and policymaking, having previously delivered intensive training for groups in London on Regulatory Impact Assessments and Strategic Policy Planning.

Conducted in the dynamic surroundings of Emirates Towers, participants from the Ministry, including top management, discussed a range of topics through workshops and case studies including influencing the policy context, raising regulatory standards and the relationship between stakeholder engagement and regulatory quality.

The training was extremely well received, with one official commenting, ‘I learnt so much, including how thinking creatively can deliver and better implement governmental action’.

The International Centre for Parliamentary Studies successfully delivers a significant number of in-house training and consultancy events each year.

As well as our open programmes in London, we have the capacity and experience to deliver high-quality training for your organisation on your own premises, meeting your specific requirements and focusing on issues that are most relevant to you and your colleagues.

All of our programmes can be tailored to fit in with your precise training needs. We have experts who can modify the content of all of our programmes to suit the exact context in which you are working and we have a well established process of discussing clients’ particular needs and delivering a tailored agenda to meet these.

In-house training is often a more cost effective solution for larger group training, and we can also offer the same Chartered Management Institute certification to all those attending the training, even if it is delivered in your home country. For more information, please contact us on training@parlicentre.org

Winner of the delegate place at the 10th Annual International Regulatory Affairs Symposium

We are delighted to announce that David Hickson, of The Gaming & Leisure Association of Ireland, has been awarded a complimentary delegate place at our 10th Annual International Regulatory Affairs Symposium. David was entered into a draw after completing our annual survey of regulators earlier this year. Discussing his expectations for the event, David commented:

“As a stake holder in ‘regulatory reform’ for the gambling industry I hope to learn from the experience and advice offered by the speakers and other attendees at this Symposium. I believe that cooperation between stakeholders and regulators is vital to establishing robust regulation which provides adequate protections to the consumer while making sure that industry operators are not unnecessarily overburdened with non-commercial activities. Any insights that would help us to achieve this objective will be very welcome.”

The Symposium, which will take place on 19th - 20th November, will focus on the theme ‘Smart Regulation in a Challenging Global Landscape’. It will explore new initiatives and ideas in regulation and how they can assist in overcoming the current challenges in a changing global environment. We also offer the opportunity to gain a Professional Certificate with three days of further training in Regulatory Affairs on the 21st - 23rd November. For more information please visit www.regulationforum.org
Climate Change and Security: Towards a Greener Peace

Dr. Leila Urekenova is a Programme Analyst at the UN Environment’s Europe Office, where she has been involved with the management of a portfolio of projects in the European region since 2011.

She coordinates the work of the Geneva Science-Policy Platform on Environment and Security, a forum which brings together scientists and policymakers in search of innovative solutions to address the environment and security nexus, and use environmental cooperation as a tool for peacebuilding.

This autumn, she will coordinate the “Climate Change and Security: Towards a Greener Peace” programme, organised jointly by UN Environment’s Science-Policy Platform and iCPS. This course is the latest in a series of executive courses on environment and security held by the Science-Policy Platform in partnership with ICPS.

On the importance of this programme in the current context, Dr. Urekenova says that, ‘In keeping with the UN Environment Science-Policy Platform’s aim to build environmental cooperation to restore trust and pave the way for peace, this course will teach participants to incorporate the environment into strategic planning when building interstate cooperation on peace and security. No matter which side in a conflict you are on, the environment is there for all of us: we breathe the same air, drink the same water, and exist in a shared ecosystem. We all have to live on this planet, so we have to learn how to live in peace. A healthy environment is one of the prerequisites to peace.’

The programme will take place in London from 26th – 30th November.

Interning at ICPS

We caught up with Jeffery Brandt from the University of San Francisco, who has just completed his international internship with iCPS.

How did you find your time iCPS?
I found my time at ICPS to be very informative and useful for my career goals. I was given the chance to develop more knowledge in a particular area of interest (counterterrorism) and was exposed to new subjects, such as disaster risk reduction and resilience.

What did you most enjoy at ICPS?
I enjoyed the research work I conducted at ICPS. I found that delving into a subject was extremely beneficial to developing a firmer grasp on the information. I was given the opportunity to research a topic close to me personally: the crisis in Nicaragua, with the goal of relevant information being used for one of the trainings, such as Governance and Accountability or Anti-Corruption. I appreciate the fact that I was given freedom to research the whole of the crisis and that I wasn’t narrowed down to one or two avenues. This was key in reporting a broad spectrum of information.

How will your experiences at ICPS benefit your career?
The research skills that I honed while working for ICPS will be extremely beneficial for my career goals, as will the exposure to numerous contemporary topics that are affecting national and international politics. I left ICPS knowing more about different approaches to research methodologies.
Lord Inglewood MRICS on Parliamentary Committees

On the recent Professional Certificate for Parliamentary Committees, Lord Inglewood MRICS led a discussion on the role and importance of Parliamentary Committees with our delegation. Sharing his years of experience, he helped the delegates better understand how to conduct more effective committees, particularly, by highlighting the importance of setting aside partisan politics and putting the goal of the committee as paramount.

In an informative Q&A section, the delegation was able to inquire as to the best way to address the needs of their domestic committee proceedings as delegates ranged from South Africa, Ukraine to Trinidad and Tobago.

Highlighting the strengths of the British Parliamentary system, Lord Inglewood emphasised the importance of building strong working relationships with internal stakeholders as an effective medium for overall reform, reiterating a key objective of the iCPS: promoting effective policy making through better interaction between parliaments.

DELEGATE IN FOCUS: Alisa Shushkovska, Parliamentary Liaison Officer at the EU Advisory Mission in Ukraine

What did you enjoy about the overall course?
I found the course on Parliamentary Committees extremely useful. Brilliant presentations from the high level speakers, active exchange of experience among the participants themselves, onsite visit to the Parliament and parliamentary debate observation - all this has interwined into one picture of well-organised and structured programme designed specifically for people who work with or in their national Parliaments on a daily basis.

How has/will the course benefit your work in the future?
The knowledge and insights I have gained at the course will be very much needed for my organization which will support the establishment of the new Parliamentary Oversight Committee in Ukraine.

Any other comments regarding the course?
Both the organization and the content part of the programme were done at the high level.

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