

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS FOR PUBLIC PROSECUTORS Centre for Legal Studies (CEJ) 2006

In 2006, we not only saw the consolidation of the international events in which the CEJ has participated over the years, but also, the introduction of new supranational events targeting the different groups created within this Centre, which are destined to continue. All said activities can be summarised according to the following geographical criteria:

EUROPE

TRAINING NETWORK ACTIVITIES

1. EUROPEAN JUDICIAL TRAINING NETWORK (EJTN)

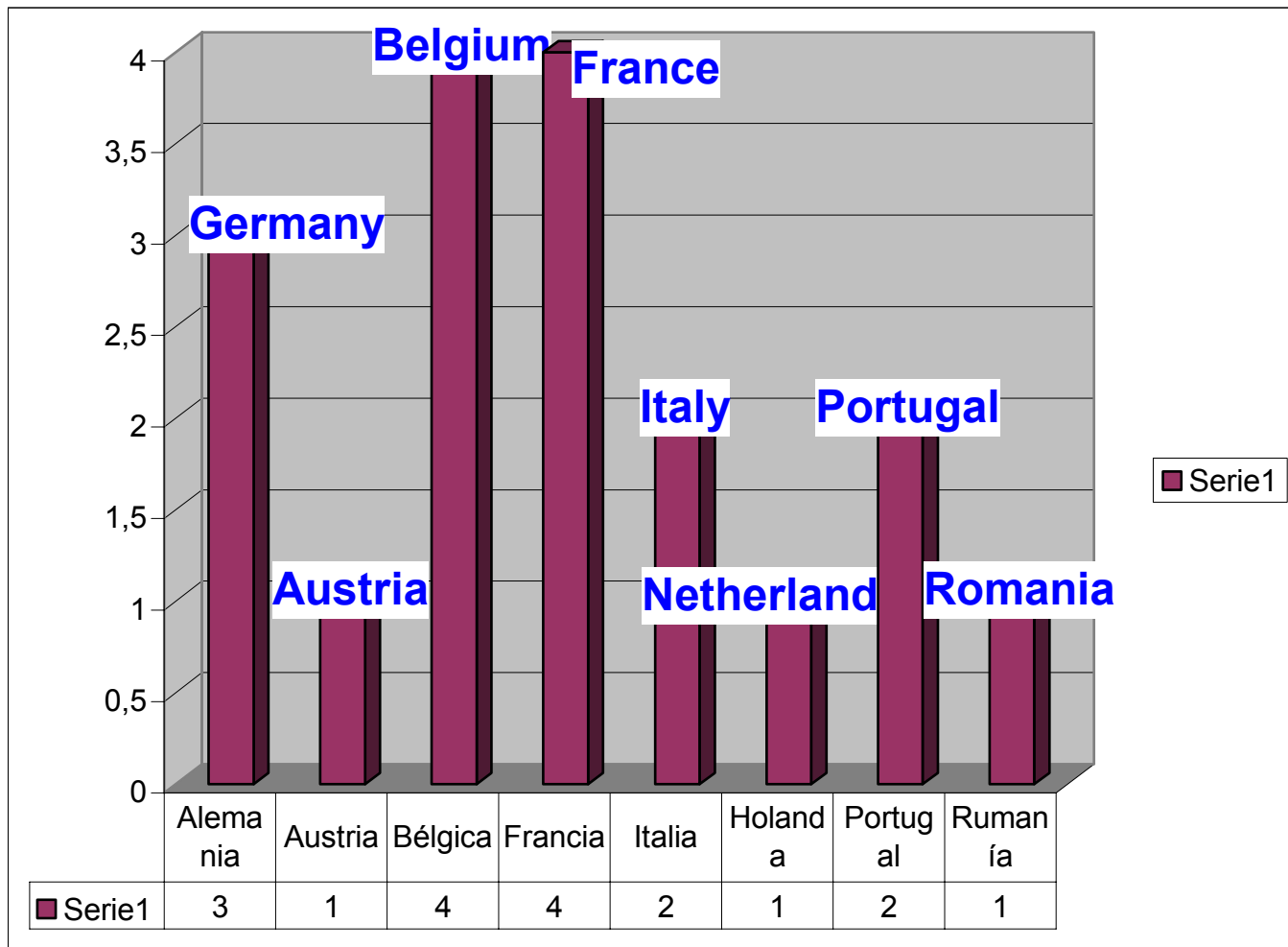
The EJTN (European Judicial Training Network) is comprised of the institutions in charge of the judicial training of magistrates and public prosecutors in each EU Member States, with the following structure:

BODY	COUNTRY
Secretary General	GILLES CHARBONIER (ENM - France)
Steering Committee	Belgium, ERA, Germany, Spain: CEJ, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal and United Kingdom
Group I: Programming	Leader: Spain: Judicial School in cooperation with the CEJ
	Members: Belgium, Denmark, ERA, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania and Netherlands
Group II: Web Site	Leader: CSM - Italy
	Members: Spain: Judicial School, France, Portugal and United Kingdom
Group III: International Relations	Leader: CEJ - Portugal
	Members: Austria, Belgium, Germany, Spain: CEJ, Italy, Malta and Portugal
Auditors	Austria and United Kingdom

In 2006, the EJTN gained special status when the European Commission recognised it as the body responsible for judicial training at the European level, with a stable source of financing, which has enabled it to develop two main activity programs:

a) **“Erasmus” Project for the exchange of magistrates and public prosecutors at the European level.**

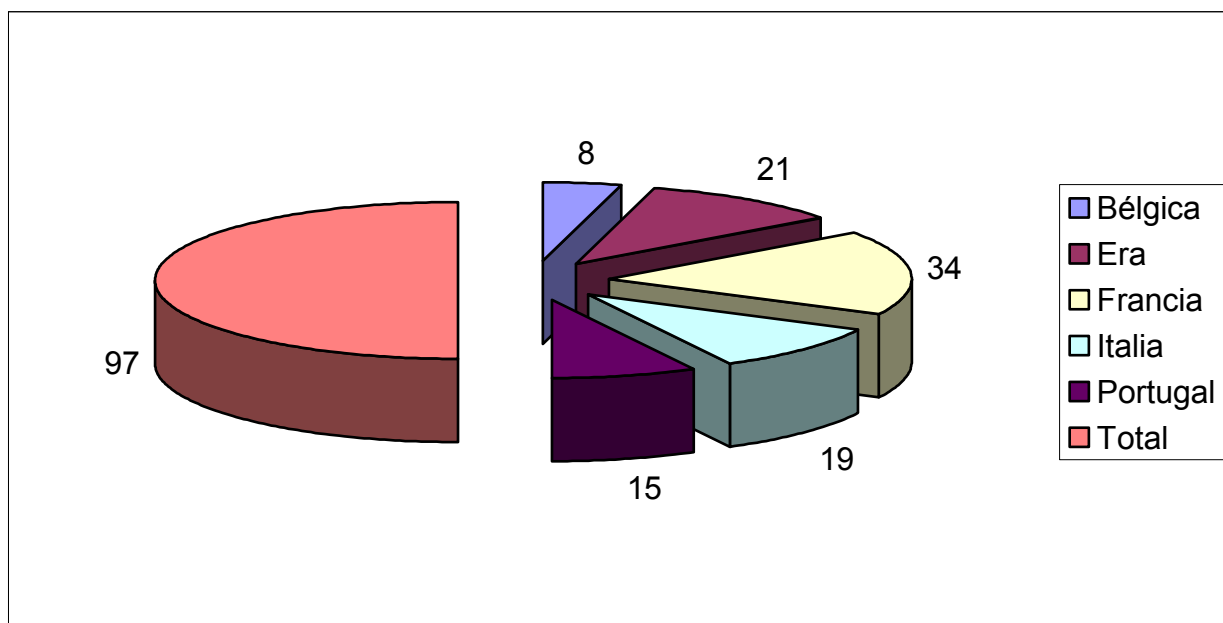
Exchanges between Spanish prosecutors and members of the Office of the Prosecution of 8 EU Member States have been arranged under this programme:



b) “Open activities” Programme

FECHAS	CURSO	PAIS	ASISTENTES
JAN. 29 - FEB. 1	EVIDENCE IN CRIMINAL CASES AND DEVELOPMENTS IN SCIENTIFIC TECHNIQUES	BLANKENBERGE (BELGIUM)	2 PROSECUTORS
FEB. 6-8	HUMAN TRAFFICKING	ROME (ITALY)	7 PROSECUTORS
FEB. 9 - 10	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	PORTO (PORTUGAL)	4 PROSECUTORS
FEB. 21	RELIGIOUS SECTS	BRUSSELS (BELGIUM)	2 PROSECUTORS
MARCH 6 - 8	COMBATING ORGANISED CRIME	PARIS (FRANCE)	3 PROSECUTORS
MARCH 13	SOCIOLOGICAL APPROACH TO JUVENILE DELINQUENCY	PARIS (FRANCE)	2 PROSECUTORS
MARCH 27 - 31	CURRENT CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS: BALANCE AND OUTLOOK	PARIS (FRANCE)	2 PROSECUTORS
APRIL 3 – 7	VICTIMS AND JUSTICE	PARIS (FRANCE)	4 PROSECUTORS
APRIL 10 – 12	ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN THE EU	ROME (ITALY)	6 PROSECUTORS
MAY 4 - 5	INTERNATIONAL JUDICIAL COOPERATION	PORTO (PORTUGAL)	4 PROSECUTORS
MAY 15 - 17	PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN EUROPEAN CIVIL PROCEEDINGS	INNSBRUCK (ERA)	6 PROSECUTORS
MAY 17 – 19	COMBATING INTERNATIONAL ORGANISED CRIME - 2ND EDITION	PARIS (FRANCE)	4 PROSECUTORS
MAY 17 – 19	JOINT INVESTIGATION TEAMS	TRIER (ERA)	6 PROSECUTORS
JUNE 8 - 9	ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CRIMES AND CORRUPTION	LISBON (PORTUGAL)	3 PROSECUTORS
JULY 1 - 2	PROTECTION OF	COIMBRA	

	CONSUMER'S RIGHTS	(PORTUGAL)	4 PROSECUTORS
JULY 3 – 7	CYBERCRIME IN EUROPE AND CRIMES AGAINST DIGNITY	PARIS (FRANCE)	5 PROSECUTORS
OCT. 4 – 10	TAKING OF EVIDENCE IN THE EUROPEAN PENAL AND JUDICIAL AREA	DURBURY (BELGIUM)	4 PROSECUTORS
OCT. 9 - 13	RELIGIOUS SECTS	PARIS (FRANCE)	3 PROSECUTORS
OCT. 16 - 18	EUROPEAN LEGISLATION ON FORECLOSURE OF UNPAID LOANS	ROME (ITALY)	6 SSJJ
OCT. 23 – 25	MUTUAL RECOGNITION OF JUDICIAL DECISIONS	TRIER (ERA)	7 PROSECUTORS
NOV. 6 – 8	COMBATING INTERNATIONAL ORGANISED CRIME	PARIS (FRANCE)	2 PROSECUTORS
NOV. 9 – 10	DNA DATABASES	BORDEAUX (FRANCE)	3 PROSECUTORS
NOV. 11 - 14	FALSE ALLEGATIONS AND ORGANISED CRIME	PARIS (FRANCE)	3 PROSECUTORS
NOV. 20–24	BIOETHICS	PARIS (FRANCE)	3 PROSECUTORS
NOV. 27-28	COMBATING DISCRIMINATION IN PRACTICE	TRIER (ERA)	2 PROSECUTORS
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Under this project, prosecutors from Belgium, France, Italy and Romania have also participated in the II Congress on Road Traffic: “Criminal Law: Present and Future” held at the CEJ on October 5 - 6, 2006. Moreover, 5 prosecutors and 2 officers of the court have participated in the seminar on “Judicial Co-operation in Cross-border Litigations on Parental Responsibilities: Practical Obstacles”, held in Barcelona on October 2 - 10.

2. LISBON NETWORK

The Lisbon Network is a network of training centres for judges and prosecutors set up by the Council of Europe, which has developed the following activities in 2006:

- I International Competition of Judicial Training Centres held in Romania on April 3 - 7. The CEJ team, comprised of three students and two faculty members, were awarded the first prize in “Ethics and Deontology”.
- VIII General Assembly held at Strasbourg on October 16 - 17, 2006.
- Meeting on judicial training models held in Barcelona on October 25, 2006.

PARTICIPATION IN EUROPEAN PROJECTS

1. CARDS 2003 “Strengthening of the Croatian Prosecutor's Office training programme”

Spanish experts have participated in the three activities organised under this project, which started last March. The project, co-managed by the CEJ, the FIIAPP and the ENM (France), targets beneficiaries and counterparts of the Croatian Judicial Academy and the Office of the Prosecution, and has organised in September a conference on the European Convention on Human Rights in Zagreb.

DATES	ACTIVITIES	EXPERTS	
JANUARY	STRONGER INSTITUTIONS	2	
APRIL-NOVEMBER	SEMINARS ON TRAINING OF TRAINERS	4	
JUNE-NOVEMBER	DRAFTING OF TRAINING MANUALS ON TRAINING MANUALS	ORGANISED CRIME	1
		HUMAN RIGHTS	1
		PENAL CO-OPERATION	2
		INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY	1
		TERRORISM	1
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2. TWINNING LIGHT “Strengthening of the Latvian Supreme Court relative to record keeping and human resources management”.

The Supreme Court of Latvia, as the beneficiary of the project, has signed a contract with the Centre for Legal Studies (CEJ) in October. Under this contract, and within the framework of this project, which is financed by the Council of Europe, the CEJ, with the co-operation of the FIIAPP, will transfer Spanish know-how and expertise on record keeping and human resources management at court premises to the Latvian authorities, with a view to optimising the resources available in Latvia for the appropriate management of its Courts. The project will be implemented by two Spanish officers of the court under the aegis of the CEJ.

3. CARDS 2002 “Strengthening of the Office of the Prosecution for the prevention and combating of organised crime in Croatia”

This co-operation, which started in 2005 under the leadership of the FGE, has been addressed throughout this year by a mission sent to monitor and assess the improvements made to the special training system implemented by the Croatian Anticorruption Prosecutor's Office. Furthermore, a Croatian delegation visited the CEJ headquarters with the purpose of analysing the special training course on economic offences imparted at this Centre for prosecutors specialised in this area.

4. COUNCIL OF EUROPE HELP GROUP FOR TRAINING IN PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

The “HELP” task force, created at the initiative of the Council of Europe, and integrated by judicial training institutions of the Member States, aims to create a stable European network for training and exchange of national experiences on the protection of human rights, and the enforcement of the European Convention thereof. As part of this initiative, the CEJ is involved in the task force in charge of drafting the curriculum on topics likely to be included in in-house training programmes of the Member States of the Council of Europe.

BILATERAL ACTIVITIES

CENTRE FOR LEGAL STUDIES OF PORTUGAL

The following training activities were developed in 2006 within the framework of the convention concluded in 2003 between the Centre for Legal Studies and its counterpart the Centre for Legal Studies in Portugal:

- Spanish-Portuguese seminar on “Criminal Law and the Protection of the Environment”, held in Santiago de Compostela on June 25 - 26, with 25 Spanish conferees and 17 from Portugal.
- Exchange of Spanish and Portuguese trainees from the 1st graduating class who will participate in special comparative workshops on national legislations:
 - International judicial co-operation: October 9 - 10. Seventy-six (76) participants
 - Problems arising from pre-trial detention and enforcement of the term of imprisonment: November 20 - 21. Eighty (80) participants.

MULTILATERAL SEMINARS

The CEF has organised for the second year running a seminar on the “Rule of Law” under the aegis of the Ad-hoc Group on Civilian Crisis Management of the Council of Europe.

The seminar was attended by hailing from countries.

INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS

1.- THE ACADEMY OF EUROPEAN LAW (ERA)

The Director of the Centre for Legal Studies was appointed in June as the Spanish representative to the Advisory Council of the Academy of European Law, headquartered at Trier, where the annual Assembly took place in October.

2.- STUDY VISITS

DATE	COUNTRY	DELEGATION
02/03	CROATIA	Delegation of the Croatian Anticorruption Prosecutor's Office under the Chief Prosecutor of USKOK,
23/05	BULGARIA	Delegation of the National Justice Institute headed by its Director, Mr. Stoyanov Penev.
8/06	BULGARIA	Delegation of the National Justice Institute of Bulgaria headed by Mrs. Donka Kirilova Grancheva. Secretary General of the National Justice Institute (INJ)
12/06	BULGARIA	Delegation comprised of different institutions involved in training judges and prosecutors in Croatia, headed by Mrs. Sabrie Tayfi Sapundzhieva. Deputy Minister for Justice
26-30/7	CROATIA	Delegation of beneficiaries of the CARDS project for the training of Croatian prosecutors headed by Mr. Dragan Novosel, Deputy Prosecutor General of Croatia
22/9	SWITZERLAND	Delegation of 100 delegates from different areas related to the Administration of Justice.
23/10	BELGIUM	Delegation of 11 Belgian MPs.

3.- MASTER CONFERENCES

The closing event of the theoretical and practical training period of the 45th graduating class of public prosecutors took place in January with a

dissertation on the model of European judges by the Magistrate Giuseppe di Federico, a member of the Higher Council of Magistrates of Italy.

LATIN AMERICA

RECAMPI: CAPACITY BUILDING NETWORK OF THE LATIN AMERICAN PUBLIC MINISTRIES

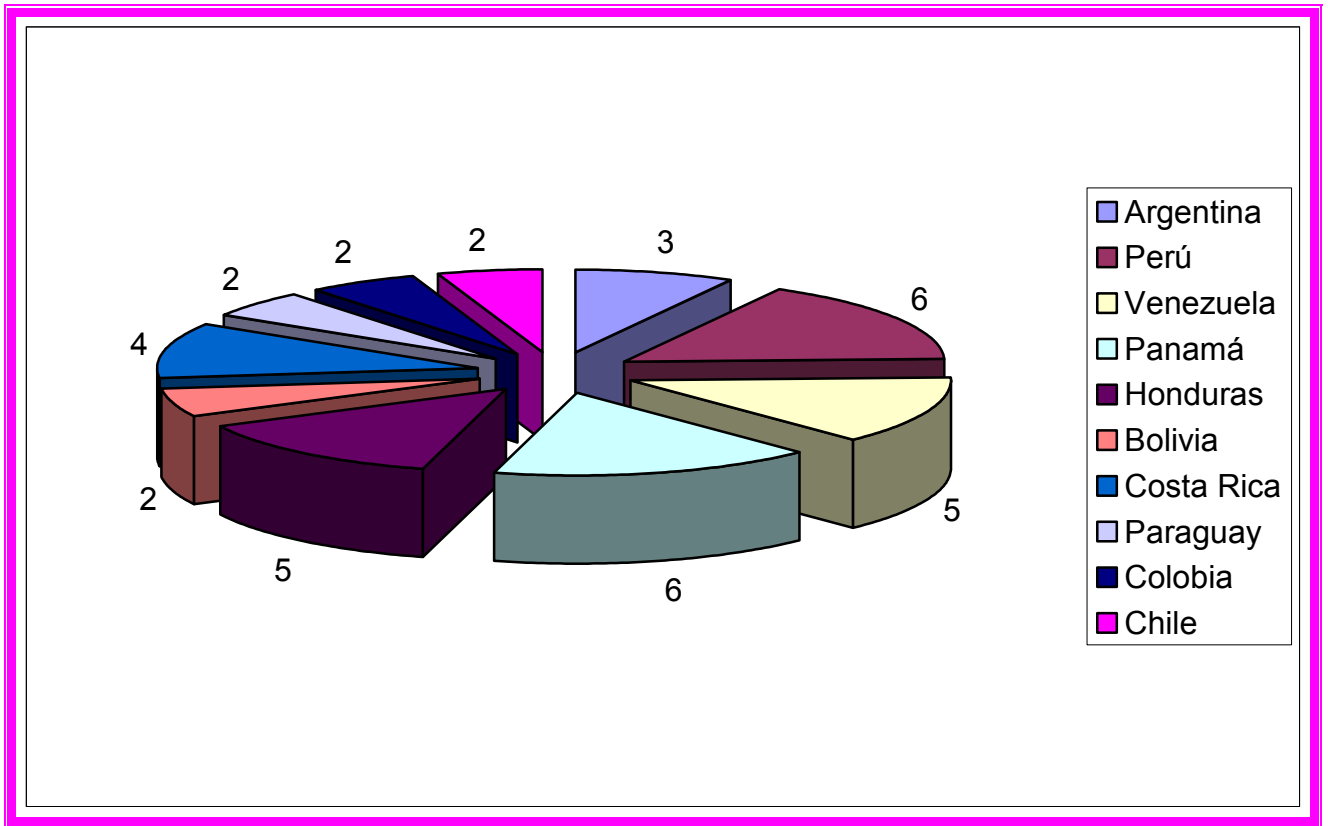
The Capacity Building Network of Latin American Public Ministries (RECAMPI) seeks to develop stronger links between the different training centres of the Offices of the Prosecution located in Latin American countries. To this effect, the member bodies offer the other members of the Network different training activities on issues that may of interest to them due to its global or international dimension.

In 2006, the Centre for Legal Studies has resumed activities initiated in previous years involving two major training strands:

1.- REGISTRATION OPEN FOR GOVERNMENT SPONSORED SEMINARS

UPDATING OF ECHR CASE LAW	February 27 - 28 & March 1	VENEZUELA PERU ARGENTINA
ROAD SAFETY AND CRIMINAL LAW	March 20 - 22	VENEZUELA HONDURAS
UPDATING OF THE CC (CONSTITUTIONAL COURT) CASE LAW ON CRIMINAL OFFENCES	April 24 - 26	VENEZUELA PANAMA BOLIVIA COSTA RICA PARAGUAY
REFORM OF CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS: IN PARTICULAR, TWO LEVELS OF JURISDICTION	May 22 - 24	PANAMA HONDURAS

REFORM OF APPEALS	June 19 - 21	PANAMA PERU COLOMBIA ARGENTINA
THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR AND THE PROTECTION OF MINORS: EXPERIENCES	September 18 - 20	VENEZUELA BOLIVIA COSTA RICA CHILE PANAMA COLOMBIA
EXECUTION OF PENAL SENTENCES	October 9 - 11	COSTA RICA HONDURAS CHILE PERU
REFORM OF THE ORGANIC STATUTES OF THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC PROSECUTOR	October 23 - 24	ARGENTINA COSTA RICA HONDURAS VENEZUELA
CONGRESS ON WOMEN AND JUSTICE	March 8 - 9	PANAMA VENEZUELA PERU
CONGRESS ON MEDICINE AND LAW	June 28 - 29	PARAGUAY PANAMA PERU



2.- ORGANISATION OF INTERNATIONAL SEMINARS

With the help of the Spanish Agency for International Co-operation (AECI), and, in particular, the support of the Training Centres sited at Cartagena de Indias (Colombia), Santa Cruz de la Sierra (Bolivia) and Antigua (Guatemala), the Centre for Legal Studies has organised the following seminars for public prosecutors and other judicial bodies, medico-legal physicians and officers of the court, as the case may be:

SEMINARS	LOCATION OF THE COURSE	DATES	PARTICIPANTS
WOMEN AND JUSTICE	SANTA CRUZ DE LA SIERRA (BOLIVIA)	APRIL 17 - 21	21

FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AND CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION	SANTA CRUZ DE LA SIERRA (BOLIVIA)	MAY 22 - 26	35
WOMEN AND JUSTICE	QUITO (ECUADOR)	JULY 3-7	57
FORENSIC PATHOLOGY AND PSYCHIATRY	ANTIGUA (GUATEMALA)	OCTOBER 2 - 6	40
INTERNATIONAL JUDICIAL CO-OPERATION (Prosecutors and Officers of the Court)	CARTAGENA DE INDIAS (COLOMBIA)	OCT. 30 - NOV. 3	30
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OTHER MULTILATERAL ACTIVITIES

The multilateral activities detailed above, which originally targeted prosecutors members of the RECAMPI, have reached beyond the scope of the Public Ministry to embrace forensic experts and officers of the court also, enabling their full participation in the following training activities:

1.- REGISTRATION OPEN FOR GOVERNMENT SPONSORED SEMINARS

COURSE	DATE	OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTION

FORENSIC NEUROPATHOLOGY	May 29 – 31	2
MEDICINE AND LAW	June 26 -30	2
PERSONALITY DISORDERS	September 25 - 27	2
TRAUMATIC PATHOLOGY	November 6- 8	2

2.- ORGANISATION OF INTERNATIONAL SEMINARS

The CEJ, with the co-operation of the AECI, organised the I Latin American Seminar on “The Quality of the Administration of Justice” for officers of the court in Antigua (Guatemala) on September 19 - 22. The seminar attracted an audience of 30 officers of the court from Bolivia, Dominican Republic, Argentina, Costa Rica, Brazil, Puerto Rico, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Portugal, Mexico, and El Salvador.

BILATERAL PROJECTS

1.- PANAMA

The CEJ, in co-operation with the AECI, has developed the Panama Governance Project, led by the Spanish-Panamanian Joint Trust, which will be involved in two major areas:

- Combating gender-based violence, with focus on forensic aspects.
- Underpinning of judicial training: Legal School and Capacity Building Unit of the Public Ministry.

The first conference on “Gender-based violence and domestic violence”, aimed at Panamanian public prosecutors and forensic experts took place in Panama City in February, within the framework of this project.

2.- PARAGUAY

As part of the European “Eurosocial” project managed by the FIIAPP, the CEJ, in co-operation with the Directorate General for International Judicial Co-operation of the Ministry of Justice, has submitted and been awarded a project for the analysis of the problem of gender-based violence, and the use of a kit for

the taking of biological evidence resulting from said offences, with a view to precluding revictimisation.

INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS

1.- AGREEMENTS

In 2006, the CEF signed agreements, respectively, with the Office of the Prosecution of Panama (February) and Guatemala (October), with a view to initiating bilateral activities complementary to the multilateral training activities in which they are already involved, and strengthening the links between the two countries.

2.- STUDY VISITS

A delegation of the CEJ, comprised of representatives from the three main groups at the Centre, namely, the prosecutors, the officers of the court and the forensic experts, as well as other institutional officers from the Centre and the Ministry of Justice, conducted for the first time a study visit to acquire greater knowledge of the medico-legal system of another country. Puerto Rico was the country of choice to analyse its federal and federated Justice systems, the digitalisation of legal proceedings, and the advances in forensic medicine.

AFRICA

BILATERAL PROJECTS

1.- MOROCCO

The CEJ participates in a three year Spanish-Moroccan bilateral project for the strengthening of the Moroccan Justice system.

In May 2006, the CEJ sent three members of the Office of the Prosecution to participate in a Seminar on the Moroccan Civil Registry in Rabat.

Moreover, a Seminar on the “Mudawana”, the new Moroccan Family Code, made in legal dialogue, was organised in Madrid in May, which attracted 41 Spanish and Moroccan justice authorities who debated on the principal features of family law, inter alia, marriage, adoptions and divorce.

2.- MAURITANIA

Although co-operation with Mauritania was originally envisioned as part of the Spanish-Moroccan project, as a result of a planning workshop, a future Spanish-Mauritanian project on Justice, with the participation of the CEJ for the development of issues related to judicial training, is under consideration.

STUDY VISITS

DATE	COUNTRY	DELEGATION
February 2006	EQUATORIAL GUINEA	Mr. José Oló Obono. Director of Public Prosecutions of Equatorial Guinea. Mr. David Nguema Obiang. Prosecutor of the Supreme Court. Mr. Ignacio Milam Tang. Ambassador of Equatorial Guinea in Spain
October 2006	MAURITANIA	Mr. Mohameden Ould Bah Ould Hamed, Secretary General of the Ministry of Justice. Mr. Houssein Ould Ahmed Mahmoud, Legal Adviser to the Minister Mr. Mohamed Fadel Ould Khatraty, Director of Human Resources. Mr. Sidi Mohamed Ould Mohamed Cheikh, Director of Infrastructures and Modernisation.
November 2006	ALGERIA	Mr. Mohamed Amara, Counsellor to the Supreme Court, Director General for Judicial and Legal Matters. Mr. Tahar Abdellaoui, Director for Judicial and Legal Co-operation, Counsellor to the Supreme Court. Mr. Mahmoud Jeourder Abdellatif, Magistrate, Subdirector for Treated Studies. Mr. Nacer Zakour, Magistrate, Officer for

		Legal Agreements. Mr. Ghaoti Benmoussat, Minister Counsellor, Embassy of Algeria in Spain.
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