

2009 International Law Enforcement IP Crime Conference

“Making a Difference - Delivering Operational Success”



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The 2009 International Law Enforcement IP Crime Conference, incorporating operational workshops for public and private sector IP crime investigators, will be held in Dublin, Ireland from 29 September to 1 October 2009. The event is co-hosted by INTERPOL, An Garda Síochána and the Police Service of Northern Ireland.

The third International Law Enforcement IP Crime Conference, and the first to be held in Europe, takes place during what is likely to be a sustained period of economic crisis. At a time of retrenchment, the social and economic losses associated with counterfeiting and piracy will bring special challenges for operational practitioners. In common with many other types of criminality, there is a strong likelihood that transnational organized criminals will seek to exploit the current economic downturn and attempt to expand their operations, increasing the risks and dangers associated with counterfeiting and piracy.



On its own, this development would be of concern to all who strive to reduce counterfeiting, piracy and especially transnational organized criminality, which has serious implications for the health and safety of consumers everywhere. At the same time, an unfortunate by-product of the economic situation is that decision makers in government, police, customs, international organizations, business, trade associations and all organizations either affected by counterfeiting and piracy or involved in collective efforts to reduce it, are under pressure to reduce spending and consequently, have fewer resources available to fight this illegal trade.

The IP Crime Conference, with its operational workshops, is therefore a unique opportunity for IP crime investigators in the public and private sectors to present and discuss their views on what can and should be done about the worldwide menace of counterfeiting and piracy during the current global economic crisis. Workshop participation will enable front line officers and other stakeholders to identify how we can better work together to make the best use of increasingly scarce resources. This is reflected in the theme of this year's Conference: 'Making a Difference – Delivering Operational Success'.

I am grateful to the kind invitation by the An Garda Síochána and the Police Service of Northern Ireland to co-host the 2009 International Law Enforcement IP Crime Conference in Dublin. The willingness of these two leading national police forces to work with INTERPOL on this subject confirms there is a real need for this type of operational level event to provide IP crime practitioners around the world with tactical solutions and the investigative tools needed to make a difference.

Quality training for public and private sector IP crime investigators is a difficult commodity to find. The 2009 event in Dublin will provide an opportunity for operational practitioners in Europe and beyond to come together to share best practice and identify how they can work together to deliver cost-effective operational success and make meaningful cross-industry interventions in transnational organized IP crime.

I therefore encourage all public and private sector organizations with investigative resources deployed to tackle IP crime to give the conference and its workshops high priority. The return on investment will be improved practical expertise, knowledge and specialist skills which will enable operational managers to make better use of existing resources and help us all to make a difference in combating IP crime.

Ronald K. Noble
Secretary General of INTERPOL

Mark your calendar for the one IP crime conference you must attend in 2009!

The 2009 conference will feature operational workshops focused on best practices that can be utilized by police, customs, prosecutors and rights holders to combat the growing threat of counterfeiting and piracy crimes.

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