International Network of Customs Universities (INCU)

INCU Updates

WCO PICARD Conference 2013
St Petersburg, Russia
18-20 September 2013
INCU Objectives

INCU is an international not-for-profit organisation established to:

• promote the academic standing of the customs profession;
• promote academic excellence in customs law and administration;
• generate research and public awareness of customs matters;
• provide the World Customs Organization and other organisations with a single point of contact with universities and research institutes that are active in the field of customs research, education and training;
• provide a global resource for governments and the private sector, and an educational source for students and researchers wishing to further their knowledge in customs and related fields.
What is PICARD Advisory Group?

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PAG ROLE AND FUNCTIONS:

- Advice on WCO Professional Standards, including advice concerning their ongoing validity and recommendations for change, as required;
- Preparation and planning of the annual PICARD conferences; and
- Follow-up on issues that arise at the PICARD conferences (and elsewhere) of relevance to the PICARD program.

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Current INCU Membership Base

As at 20 September 2013:

- 13 Institutional Members
- 59 Individual Members
- 129 Affiliates (Institutions)
  - New Customs Administrations: The Netherlands and Sri Lanka
There are currently **78 countries** represented in the INCU:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, England, Ethiopia, Fiji, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Hungary, India, Iran, Iraq, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Korea, Kosovo, Kuwait, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Madagascar, Malaysia, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Serbia, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, UAE, Ukraine, Uruguay, USA, Zimbabwe.
Activities in 2012-2013

- Monthly “INCU Members’ Brief” and “Newsflash”
- Two new editions of the World Customs Journal – new edition (Vol.7 No.2) coming soon
- Members-only area of INCU website
- New member of World Customs Journal Editorial Board
- New member of INCU Management Committee
- Cooperation in research among INCU affiliates and members
- INCU Advisory Board established
The INCU signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with WCO in September 2009 to promote cooperation in the development of world-class customs training, education, capacity building and research.

The MOU was renewed in September 2012.
New Member of WCJ Editorial Board

- Professor Aydin Aliyev is Chairman of the State Customs Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan.
- He is a graduate in Law from Azerbaijan State University, and author of educational and scientific articles and books on customs matters which have been published in several countries.
New Member of Management Committee

- Professor Jianguo Xiao is President of Shanghai Customs College (SCC), which is the sole institution of higher learning focusing on Customs studies in China and one of the WCO leading Regional Training Centers.

- Before serving in SCC, Professor Xiao mainly worked as law professor and researcher in East China University of Political Science and Law.
In order to ensure its relevance in terms of both academic standards and customs professional requirements, and to improve its effectiveness and capacity to engage in the delivery of its services, the INCU has established the Advisory Board which provides strategic advice and support to the Management Committee.

The Advisory Board will comprise prominent and experienced persons in the field of customs drawn from across the customs sectors including academia, government and industry.

The Advisory Board will be announced today.
INCU Work Program 2013-2014

- INCU Guide on Lodging WCO Recognition Applications (Dec 2013)
- INCU Inaugural International Conference (May 2014)
- INCU Compendium of Academic Programs (Oct 2014)
- INCU Yearbook (Dec 2014)
- INCU Annual Customs Review (Dec 2014)
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