



Partnership In Customs Academic Research and Development

Conference 28 – 30 September 2009 - San Jose, Costa Rica

Co-Chairs: Professor Jhon Fonseca and Professor David Widdowson

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DAY 1: 28 SEPTEMBER 2009

14.00 – 15.00	Opening Remarks
	<p>Mr. Lars Karlsson, Director, the World Customs Organization</p> <p>Rector a.i. Dr. Hector González Morera, Universidad de Costa Rica</p> <p>Lic. D. SOTO SEQUEIRA, Director General de Aduanas, Costa Rica</p> <p>President of Costa Rica: Dr. Oscar Arias Sanchez (to be confirmed)</p> <p>Foreign Trade Minister: Ing. Marco Vinicio Ruiz Gutierrez</p> <p>Minister of Finance: Licda. Jenny Phillips Aguilar</p>
15.00 – 15.45	WCO Presentation
	<p>Mr. Lars Karlsson, Director</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ WCO Capacity Building Strategy and programmes
15.45 – 16.15	Coffee break
16.15 – 18.00	Overview of Conference Proceedings and Administrative Arrangements
	Information Session on PICARD Programme Initiatives
	<p>Mrs. Riitta Passi, PICARD Programme Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ WCO Management Development programmes ▪ PICARD Professional Standards and WCO recognition procedure
18:30	Welcome cocktail. With live music performed by an art group from the University of Costa Rica

DAY 2: 29 SEPTEMBER 2009

09.00 – 10.30	Information Session on PICARD Programme Initiatives
	Mr Mikhail Kashubski <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ International Network of Customs Universities (INCU)
	Prof Jhon Fonseca <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proposed Chapter of the INCU in Central America
	Mr. Paul Hilaire, Permanent Secretary, CCLEC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CCLEC/CCES Certificate and Executive Diploma Programs
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 – 12.00	Presentations on Academic Programmes
	Mr Stephane Lauwick (University of Le Havre) Prof Jhon Fonseca (University of Costa Rica) Prof David Widdowson (University of Canberra) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “Recognition of Prior Learning in Customs Educational Programme – perspectives from three universities”
12. 00 – 12.30	Ms. Mariya Polner, Research Analyst, World Customs Organization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Green Customs Initiative - “Operation Demeter”
12.30 – 14.30	Lunch break
14.30 – 15.30	Presentations on Research Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The impact of the economic crisis on Customs and international trade ▪ The impact of Regional Trade Agreements on Customs and trade, with specific reference to the proliferation of such Agreements ▪ The impact of climate change and environmental protection on Customs and trade
Presentations followed by Q&A session	Mr. Chiza Charles N. Chiumya, Policy Officer–Customs, African Union Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “Of Regional Trade Agreements: An African Perspective of Challenges for Customs Policies and Future Strategies” Mr. Jean-Michel Grave, Head of Unit, DG TAXUD of the European Commission and Ms. Tiina Satuli, Policy Officer, DG TAXUD of the European Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “The EU Customs Union: from regional economic integration to single action on the world trade scene”
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee break

16.00 – 16.45	Presentations on Research Projects (cont)
Presentations followed by Q&A session	<p>Dr. Santiago Ibáñez Marsilla, Professor, University of Valencia, Spain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “Recent stimulus packages and WTO law on subsidies”

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09.00 – 10.30	Presentations on Research Projects (cont)
Presentations followed by Q&A session	<p>Dr. Maureen Irish, Professor of Law, University of Windsor, Canada “Supply Chain Security Programmes and Border Administration”</p> <p>Mr. Ricardo Echegaray, Federal Administrator, Federal Administration of Public Revenues, Argentine Republic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “Academic Reform for the training of International trade professionals” <p>Mr. Juha Hintsa, Senior Researcher, Cross-Border Research Association, Switzerland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “Customs Risk Management – preliminary results of a global survey” (Hintsa J., Hameri AP., Finger M., Thibedeau C. et al.) <p>Dr. Carsten Weerth, Senior Official, Main Customs Office, Germany</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “Cross-border control of radiological, biological and chemical active and harmful terroristic devices”
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break
11.00 – 12.30	Presentations on Research Projects (cont)
Presentations followed by Q&A session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “ <p>Dr. Michael Houghton and Dr. Sapna Isotupa, Associate Professors at Wilfrid Laurier University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “Achieving Resource Efficiency by Customs Administrations in a Constrained Economic Climate: A Critical Examination” <p>Mr. Shujie Zhang, Technical Attaché, WCO Asia Pacific Regional Office for Capacity Building</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “TRS as Measure of Trade Facilitation: Customs Experience in Asia Pacific” <p>Mr. Cezary Sowinski, Ph.D. student; Warsaw University of Economics, Poland</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “Exchange rate impact on origin of goods – can one be sure of accuracy of proof of origin in economic turmoil?”
12.30 – 14.30	Lunch break
14.30 – 15.30	Announcements and Signings
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee break
16.00 – 17.30	<p>Concluding Comments</p> <p>Next Conference</p>

	Closing
18.30	Banquet. With live music by Costa Rican musical group.