

2009 WCO PICARD Conference

**International Network of Customs
Universities (INCUCU)**

San Jose, Costa Rica

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The PICARD logo features a blue circular icon with a white stylized 'P' shape inside, positioned above the word 'PICARD' in a bold, red, sans-serif font.

Overview

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INCU Objectives

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

- **promote academic excellence in customs management, law and administration,**
- **generate greater 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,**



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INCUCO Objectives (cont'd)

- manage the production of the World Customs Journal,
- promote and facilitate research in the field of customs and related matters,
- provide a global resource for governments and the private sector, and
- provide an educational source for students wishing to further their knowledge in the field of customs, international trade, supply chain management and logistics.



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INCU Management Group

The INCU is managed by the INCU Management Group, which comprises the following institutions:

- **Centre for Customs and Excise Studies, University of Canberra, Australia** (represented by Prof David Widdowson);
- **University of Münster, Germany** (represented by Prof Michael Wolfgang);
- **Cross-Border Research Association, University of Lausanne, Switzerland** (represented by Mr Juha Hintsa);
- **Riga Technical University, Latvia** (represented by Prof Aivars Krastins and Mr Jan Janson).



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INCU Secretariat

The administrative support to the INCU Management Group is provided by the INCU Secretariat, located in Canberra, Australia.

INCU Secretariat is headed by Mr Mikhail Kashubsky.

Among other things, the Secretariat is responsible for circulating materials among INCU affiliates and, where appropriate, providing the WCO with consolidated feedback.



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INCU Collaboration with WCO

	WCO Capacity Building Directorate	INCU Management Group
PICARD Program	Cooperative Initiative	Cooperative Initiative
Columbus Program	WCO Initiative	INCU Support
Professional Standards	WCO Initiative	INCU Support
World Customs Journal	WCO Support	INCU Initiative
INCU Network	WCO Support	INCU Initiative



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Role of INCU in PICARD

Some of the specific roles of INCU in PICARD Programme include:

- Monitoring of WCO Professional Standards and WCO Curriculum Guidelines**
- Assessment of applications for WCO recognition under Professional Standards**
- Managing the production and editorial of the World Customs Journal (WCJ)**
- Dissemination of information through INCU website**



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Current INCU Affiliates

As of 29 September 2009, there are 67 affiliated institutions in the INCU, which include:

- 30 Universities/Research Institutes
- 37 Other Affiliated Institutions
- 60% increase since 2008 PICARD Conference
- 46 Countries are currently represented in the INCU



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Key Recent Developments & Outcomes

- WCO adopted Curriculum Guidelines in June 2009
- Several Institutions already applied for WCO recognition, and INCU provided its recommendations to WCO on those application
- Since March 2007, INCU has published five editions of the World Customs Journal and 6th edition will be released in October 2009
- INCU Membership Guidelines have been adopted by the INCU Management Group (effective immediately)



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INCU Membership Guidelines

- **Categories of Affiliates (currently 2 categories)**
- **Membership Eligibility**
- **Applications and Admission of Affiliates**
- **Appointment of Representatives**
- **Membership Rights and Obligations**
- **Cessation of Membership**



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Membership Eligibility

- **INCU membership is open only to universities, research institutions and other academic establishments as well as certain non-academic organisations actively involved in customs-related activities.**
- **Any organisation that, in the opinion of the Management Group, is interested in the objects of the INCU may be admitted as an Affiliate.**
- **Individual membership is not available.**



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Membership Rights and Obligations

Rights:

- To be given all notices issued to Affiliates
- To participate in conferences, seminars and discussion forums and other activities of the INCU
- To have its description and contact details listed on INCU site

Obligations:

- To provide accurate information to INCU and keep their details up to date (on INCU website)
- To comply with INCU Membership Guidelines
- To respond to reasonable notices and requests of the INCU



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Cessation of Membership

- An Affiliate may resign from the INCU at any time by giving notice in writing to the INCU Secretariat
- INCU Management Group may terminate membership in any of the following cases:
 - If the Affiliate ceases to satisfy the criteria for admission
 - If the Affiliate (being a body corporate) is wound up or deregistered.
 - If the Management Group is of an opinion that, in the interests of INCU the membership should be terminated
 - If the Affiliate refuses or neglects to comply with Membership Guidelines or directions of the INCU



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Future INCU Initiatives

Some of the future initiatives and areas of development are:

- Obtaining access to WCO e-learning materials for INCU Affiliates
- Establishment of “INCU Newsletter” – What would you like to see in the proposed Newsletter? Your suggestions and ideas are most welcome!



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Become an INCU Affiliate

INCU Membership is FREE - There is no fee!

As an affiliate of the INCU you will enjoy the following benefits:

- Exposure to a wide network of professionals**
- Regular news updates and announcements**
- Conferences and other events information**
- Free advertisement of your courses and research activities**
- Automatic subscription to the WCJ**



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