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**Protecting Children from Sexual Offenders
in the Information Technology Era**

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Introduction

The diffusion of child sexual abuse images and the auctioning of trafficked women online are examples of how the Internet can lead to more victimization of vulnerable groups. Here, the Internet has made the commission of what might be termed 'traditional' crimes easier – or more widespread¹. Distribution of child sexual abuse and exploitation material is a criminal offence which was relatively well-contained prior to the Internet: it is now a widespread social harm². As more individuals access the Internet, the cyber criminal has a broader range of potential victims within reach³.

This rapid development in the use of information technologies, in particular the Internet, has given a new dimension to online child abuse and exploitation, creating an environment for its proliferation. Consumers (today most often in developed countries) purchase illegal materials via computer servers from sources sometimes based in other, less developed, States. This is of particular concern as online crime is an adjunct to offline violence and abuse suffered by children. Consumers unsatisfied by their online activities have also been known to travel to countries to abuse children.

Today, a large share of child sexual abuse and exploitation sites and images appear to be of a commercial nature, generating huge amounts of proceeds for organised crime syndicates. Such criminal activities highlight the significant importance of fostering the best possible cooperation between governments, the Internet industry, police, educators, hotlines, NGOs, children's charities, psychologists and financial investigators. This is needed due to the complexity of such investigations, which can be time consuming because they are often coordinated across jurisdictions and target networks of offenders using varying levels of security. It is also important to try to rein in the predators before, and not after, the act, by working with the major Internet, computer and mobile phone companies.

¹ GERCKE, "Obligations of Internet Service Provider in the Fight Against Child Pornography", *Computer Law Review International*, 2009, page 65.

² *Understanding Cybercrime*, 2009, page 32.

³ KRONE, "A Typology of Online Child Pornography Offending", *Trends & Issues in Crime and Criminal Justice*, No. 279; COX, "Litigating Child Pornography and Obscenity Cases", *Journal of Technology Law and Policy*, Vol. 4, Issue 2, 1999.

PROGRAMME

**Day 1, Friday
11 December
3 p.m.**

Opening Session

- LODOVICO PASSERIN d'ENTRÈVES, *President of the Courmayeur Foundation*
- FABRIZIA DERRIARD, *Mayor of Courmayeur*
- LIVIA POMODORO, *President, Court of Milan; ISPAC Board Member*

Keynote Address

JOHN B. SANDAGE, *Deputy Director, Division for Treaty Affairs; Chief, Treaty and Legal Assistance Branch, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime-UNODC*

4 p.m.

SESSION I

INTRODUCTION TO THE CONFERENCE

Chair:

LIVIA POMODORO, *President, Court of Milan; ISPAC Board Member*

- **Mindset of an Online Predator: why we are here**
ROBERT SHILLING, *Sexual Assault and Child Abuse Unit, Seattle Police Dept., USA*
- **The use of online technologies by child sex offenders**
MATTHEW DUNN, *Section Chief, US Immigration and Customs Enforcement Child Exploitation Section, USA*
- **Law enforcement angle**
ANTONIO APRUZZESE, *Director, Italian Police, Department of Communications, Italy*
- **Legal issues**
MARCO GERCKE, *Director, Cybercrime Research Institute, Köln University, Germany*

Discussion

**Day 2, Saturday
12 December
9.30 a.m.**

SESSION II: WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOP A

**TECHNICAL SOLUTIONS AVAILABLE TO LAW
ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE
AUTHORITIES**

Moderator

PAUL GILLEN, *Project Director, EU ISEC Cybercrime
Training Program*

Panelists:

- PAUL BAYER, *Course Manager, High Tech
Crime Training, National Policing Improvement
Agency, United Kingdom*
- MICK MORAN, *Criminal Intelligence Officer
Specialising in Child Exploitation, Interpol*
- VALERIO PAPAJOJGII, *Child Sexual Exploitation
Group Leader, Europol*
- JOHN T. PICARELLI, *Social Science Analyst,
International Center, National Institute of
Justice, USA*

WORKSHOP B

**STATUS OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND TRAINING OF
LAW ENFORCEMENT STAFF**

Moderator

NIGEL JONES, *Adjunct Professor, Centre for
Cybercrime Investigation, School of Computer Science
and Informatics, University College Dublin, Ireland*

Panelists:

- JAY S. ALBANESE, *Wilder School of Government &
Public Affairs, Virginia Commonwealth University,
USA*

- CHERYL BAKER, *Administrator, Centre for Cybercrime Investigation, School of Computer Science and Informatics, University College Dublin, Ireland*
- IVAN SALVADORI, *Research associate in Criminal law and Criminal Information Law, University of Verona-Faculty of Law, Italy*
- GERT VERMEULEN, *Head of Department Criminal Law and Criminology, University of Ghent, Belgium*

WORKSHOP C

COLLABORATION BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT /JUSTICE AUTHORITIES AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR/INDUSTRY

Moderator

MARCO GERCKE, *Director, Cybercrime Research Institute, Köln University, Germany*

Panelists:

- ROBINDHRA MANGTANI, *Senior Director, GSMA*
- GILBERTO MARTINS DE ALMEIDA, *Founding Partner, Martins De Almeida Advocates, Brazil*
- LAURENT MASSON, *Director for Anti-Piracy and Internet Safety, EMEA, Microsoft*
- SARAH ROBERTSON, *Director of Communications, Internet Watch Foundation-IWF*

WORKSHOP D
VICTIM PROTECTION

Moderator

CORMAC CALLANAN, *CEO, Aconite Internet Solutions, Ireland*

Panelists:

- KRISTIINA KANGASPUNTA, *Deputy Director, UNICRI*
- K. JAISHANKAR, *President, South Asian Society of Criminology and Victimology; Executive Director, Centre for Cyber Victim Counselling, India*
- NICK LAMPSON, *Policy Advisor, ICMEC*
- GERONIMO L. SY, *Department of Justice, Republic of the Philippines*

Saturday
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SESSION III

REPORTS FROM THE WORKSHOPS

Chair

ERNESTO UGO SAVONA, *Professor, Catholic University, Milan; Director, Transcrime (Joint Research Centre on Transnational Crime, University of Trento/Catholic University of Milan)*

- **Workshop A** PAUL GILLEN
 - **Workshop B** NIGEL JONES
 - **Workshop C** GILBERTO MARTINS
 - **Workshop D** CORMAC CALLANAN
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- **The Role of the Judiciary in combating child sexual abuse and exploitation**
LAURA LAERA, *President, National Association of Juvenile Court Magistrates, Italy*

- **Investigations techniques in the field of child sexual abuse**

ALESSANDRA SIMONE, *Head of Section IV, Crimes against Minors and Sexual Offences, Milan Police Department, Italy*

Discussion

**Day 3, Sunday 13
December
9.30 a.m.**

SESSION IV ACTION BY INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Chair

GILLIAN MURRAY, *Focal Point for Cybercrime, UNODC*

- SOUHEIL MARINE, *ICT Applications and Cybersecurity Division, ITU-International Telecommunication Union*
- CRISTINA SCHULMAN, *Head of Cybercrime Unit, Council of Europe*

CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

- WORKING GROUP MODERATORS

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Hôtel Pavillon
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The Workshops (Session II) will be held only in English

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