CURRENT AND RECENT EVENTS

Research & Documentation goes online: new website launched

ICMPD’s Research & Documentation Unit has launched its website with the aims to communicate the main activities of the ICMPD research unit to the scientific community, policy makers and the wider public in a flexible and actual manner.

The website introduces:
1) the history and objectives of the ICMPD research unit and the research team;
2) relevant information on current and completed activities in the main areas of research – migration statistics, migration policy, irregular migration, integration and non-discrimination – as well as on research outputs;
3) publications of the research unit which can be downloaded under the respective categories: project applications, working papers, reports and studies;
4) the ICMPD Research and Documentation online library catalogue (http://www.icmpd-library.org/), a special tool which allows for facilitated access to ICMPD’s collection of migration-specific literature.

The objective of ICMPD’s research unit is to enhance better understanding on migration related issues, to facilitate co-operation and create synergies within and beyond the research community and to respond to an increased demand for policy-informed research. ICMPD’s research unit has built up a reputation for research on international migration trends, patterns and policies in the wider European context. The programme is based on comparative, policy oriented, and empirical research with an interdisciplinary and international approach.

For further information please consult the R&D website: http://research.icmpd.org

The online accessible ICMPD library catalogue is one of the largest collections of migration-specific literature in Austria. The catalogue offers published and unpublished literature (“grey literature”) on an international and European level in the range of:

- Causes, developments and impacts of migration flows
- Austrian, European, and global migration and asylum statistics
- Integration of immigrants
- Migration and asylum policies
- Irregular migration and human smuggling
- Trafficking in human beings
- European integration
- Gender and migration

The ICMPD online catalogue is freely accessible. Please visit our websites: www.icmpd.org; or http://research.icmpd.org or contact Esther Dostal for further information: esther.dostal@icmpd.org
**THE DG’s CORNER / CO-OPERATION WITH CIVI.POL**

**Dear Reader,**

In the last few years, the relationship between migration and development has come to the forefront of mainstream discussions. The main question seems to be how to make migration work more effectively for development. In this context, the importance of remittances and the active involvement of Diaspora communities in the economic and social development of their home countries has been highlighted. Projects and activities under the motto ‘learning by doing’ are being implemented and lessons learned. What is needed today is to maintain and evaluate these activities in order to measure the impact of international migration, in all its forms, on development. ICMPD has been working together with the Finnish Government on this question.

Considering the nexus between migration and development, we are also exploring how to make development work for better managed migration. This question obviously has, and still does, alert the attention of policy makers and administrations dealing with asylum and migration policies in countries of destination. Some answers do suggest that in many cases economic development increases the propensity for migration for a sustained period. Experience also shows that dialogues and capacity building efforts supporting good governance in areas such as migration and security are indeed quite often preconditions for enhanced intergovernmental co-operation. This will lead to genuine migration partnerships for the benefit of the countries concerned and, last but not least, for the migrants themselves. ICMPD draws this conclusion out of its numerous activities to back up structural reforms.

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**New Agreement Strengthens CIVI.POL-ICMPD Co-operation**

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**ICMPD 15th Anniversary Issue Next**

The next issue of the ICMPD Newsletter, due in December 2008, will be a Special Issue, dedicated to the 15th Anniversary of the organisation!

We are hoping to feature contributions from our Member States, a summary of our history and development, and our views and goals for the future.
The ICMPD research team attended the Fifth Annual IMISCOE Conference which took place in Bilbao from 9th to 12th September 2008. The IMISCOE network of excellence (www.imiscoe.org) is a multi-disciplinary research programme in the domain of International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion, started in 2004 and funded under the Sixth Framework Programme of the European Commission. IMISCOE unites 23 research institutes, including ICMPD, and more than 500 researchers from all over Europe. Its activities are organised in nine working parties, called Clusters, that work on a particular subdomain in the field of migration and integration. Since its inception IMISCOE has worked primarily on establishing a unique infrastructure to develop innovative research programmes, promoting high-quality training for PhD students, publishing the results of research, exchanging migration data and expertise, and disseminating research results to the public at large and specifically to policy makers. To that purpose, IMISCOE has recently started publishing Policy Briefs on subjects on top of European policy agendas such as ‘Transit, migration and politics’, ‘Entrance fees for migrants’ or ‘Illegal migration: how gender makes a difference’ to name just a few.

The ICMPD research team, as in the years before, used the annual conference to discuss and disseminate research findings. ICMPD researchers were actively involved in five Cluster meetings, covering the topics international migration and its regulation, migration and development, migration and citizenship, linguistic, cultural and religious diversity and related policies, as well as multilevel governance of immigrant and immigration policies. At the meetings the research team presented actual research activities and discussed potential future projects.

Furthermore, ICMPD organised two Cross-Cluster workshops on “Immigrants and ICT in the EU: uses, practices and socio-economic implications” and on the ICMPD co-ordinated project “Promoting quantitative comparative research in the field of migration and integration in Europe - PROMINSTAT”.

The Cross-Cluster workshop on ICT was realised together with the Institute for Prospective Technological Studies (IPTS), one of the seen scientific institutes of EC’s Joint Research Centre (JRC). Located in Sevilla (ES), its mission is to provide customer-driven support to the EU policymaking process by researching science-based responses to policy challenges that have both a socio-economic and a scientific or technological dimension. IPTS strongly encouraged ICMPD researchers to continue working on ICT and their use from the side of immigrants, in the perspective of the European 2010 initiative on e-Inclusion: ‘To be part of the information society’.

The project PROMINSTAT involves 18 partners who collect information on availability and comparability of quantitative data in the field of migration and integration in 27 European countries and analyse the collected meta-information on relevant data in 13 thematic areas (ranging from general demographics to housing, labour market, social conditions and political participation) as well as in two cross-cutting areas (integration and discrimination). Additionally, a study on the data needs from a policy perspective and the interface between data providers, policy makers and research will complement these thematic studies.

The IMISCOE Cross-Cluster workshop focused mainly on the PROMINSTAT database, a comprehensive online inventory of statistical data collection covering both administrative and statistical datasets containing migration related variables. The database was designed and filled in the first half of the project and currently runs in a test phase. It is accessible under http://www.prominstat.eu/prominstat/database. The database presents a useful tool to review the quality, adequacy and scope of statistical data collection on migration and integration in 27 European countries.

Both cross-cluster workshops attracted large audiences and contributed to the important role the ICMPD research team plays in the IMISCOE network of excellence.

The 2007 Yearbook on Illegal Migration, Human Smuggling and Trafficking provides a valuable overview and analysis of irregular migration trends in 20 Central and Eastern European states, based on the information provided by border services of the respective states. Since more than ten years the Yearbook has been a trustworthy source of information on recent border trends and in particular on the phenomena of illegal migration, human smuggling and trafficking. Beside the most recent trends the annual Yearbook also contains information on long-term trends in border apprehensions, shifts in source, transit and destination countries, demographic characteristics of irregular migrants, the relationship between legal and illegal border crossings, new developments in the methods of border crossings and document abuse as well as on removals of irregular migrants. Moreover, this year’s edition includes special insights on irregular migration via air routes as well as on airports and the activities of border management agencies and airlines in regard to this phenomenon. Based on information derived from a special survey the Yearbook analyses the developments via air routes reflected in the respective statistics on a comparative regional level.

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Expert Meeting on Data Collection on Migration and Development

On 1 October, a group of international experts from academia, international agencies, governments and civil society met in Helsinki to consider priorities for improving data and research on migration and development. Hosted by the Government of Finland, the meeting picked up on work initiated at the first Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) meeting that was held in Brussels in July 2007.

A thorough assessment of the actual impact of migration on development, and vice versa, relies on the availability of reliable, better quality and more timely data on the extent and nature of migration. Discussions during the day centred on these data needs, and the challenges related to data collection and comparability of data and methods, since, unlike migration, an enormous amount of data on development already exists. Two important issues were singled out. First, governments are urged to make better use of administrative data and to share it, where possible. Second, it was agreed that the 2010 round of national censuses presents a key opportunity for including adequate migration questions and thus improving the coverage and comparability of migration-related data.

The outcome of the meeting is a set of concrete recommendations that will be put forward for discussion in Roundtable 3.1. Strengthening Data and Research Tools on Migration and Development at the second GFMD meeting in Manila, on 29-30 October.

Workshop on the future of regularisations in the EU at the 13th International Metropolis Conference, Bonn, 27 – 31 October, 2008

Over the past several decades states have repeatedly resorted to regularisation as a response to the presence of migrants in an irregular situation. In the European Union, regularisations have recently come under increasing pressure, both from political actors within the countries concerned as well as from other EU Member States. In particular, the last Spanish regularisation programme has raised concerns in other Member States concerning the implications of mass regularisations for other states and the causes of irregular migration and the link of regularisation to the wider policy framework in place, in particular, the link of regularisation and international protection. In addition, the pact raises the question to what extent regularisation should be a European policy issue and what elements (apart from a political commitment not to undertake large-scale regularisations) such a policy should entail.

A workshop on the “future of regularisations in Europe” organised by the research team in the framework of the 13th International Metropolis Conference (Bonn, 27-31 October 2008) explored some of these issues. Speakers included Albert Kraler (ICMPD), Philippe de Bruycker (ULB, Brussels), Don Flynn (Migrant Rights Network, London and Picum, Brussels), John Greenway (Council of Europe) and Maria Baganha (CES, Coimbra).

Conference information: www.metropolis2008.org
On 24-25 September 2008 the final regional seminar of the project "Strong Institutions and a Unified Approach in the Asylum, Migration and Visa Management in the Western Balkans" took place in Hotel Holiday Inn in Skopje. This final seminar presented practical aspects of regional cooperation, such as consular representation and regional exchange of country of origin information. The seminar had a special focus on future regional co-operation and discussed possible continuation of activities within the framework of the Migration, Asylum, Refugees Regional Initiative (MARRI).

The following reports have been elaborated within the project:

• National Guidelines for a unified Asylum; Migration and Visa management by each participating country (remaining within national ownership);
• Regional Guidelines for Unified Asylum; Migration and Visa Management in the Western Balkans (to be published and publicly available).

The guidelines will form the basis for the continuous work in the Asylum, Migration and Visa management in the beneficiary countries and ensure continuity of the project results.

The project is funded by the European Commission under the AENEAS 2005 budget line, and is co-ordinated by the Swedish Migration Board, with ICMPD, the Danish Immigration Service and the Norwegian Directorate of Immigration as project partners.

Supporting Moldova’s MAP

In July 2008 ICMPD signed the agreement for the 14-month project "Promotion of knowledge transfer to Moldova for strengthening of migration and asylum management capacities" with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Finland. Finland provides the funding and expertise while ICMPD is responsible for the overall project management and implementation. The overall objective of the project is to contribute to the further development of the migration and asylum management systems in Moldova by adjusting and implementing the Moldovan Migration Action Programme (MAP). The specific objectives of the project are to (i) identify priority areas, specific gaps and needs of migration and asylum management in Moldova (gaps and needs assessment); (ii) facilitate effective transfer of specific knowledge and Good Practices on migration and asylum management measures in selected thematic areas and based on the experience of other countries (knowledge transfer); (iii) develop a comprehensive “National Strategy in the field of migration and asylum management” in Moldova (“National Strategy”).
New project “Trafficking in Human Beings: Data Collection and Harmonised Information Management Systems (DCIM-EU)” launched

The data collection and information management project launched in May 2008 is funded under the EU Grant “Prevention of and Fight Against Crime” and implemented by the General Directorate for Internal Affairs, Ministry of Internal Affairs of Portugal, in co-operation with ICMPD. The first Team and Advisory Board Meeting took place on 23-24 September 2008 in Bratislava, Slovak Republic.

The project builds on the experience gained by ICMPD in the course of the Programme for the Enhancement of Anti-trafficking Responses in South-Eastern Europe: Data Collection and Information Management (DCIM) and aims to establish a transnationally applicable set of commonly accepted and comparable indicators for data collection in order to facilitate the collection of data on trafficking in human beings. Based on these agreed upon indicators the project will also develop an innovative software which will be tested during a pilot phase in Portugal.

Programme for the Enhancement of Anti-trafficking Responses in South-Eastern Europe: Data Collection and Information Management – Phase II Data Processing, Maintenance and Analysis (DCIM Phase II) launched

The 18-month DCIM Phase II Programme was launched on 1 September. It is funded by the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and implemented by ICMPD in partnership with the Office of the Dutch National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Beings, Europol, the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the Migration, Asylum, Refugees Regional Initiative (MARRI) and the Southeast European Cooperative Initiative (SECI Center).

The beneficiaries are Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia.

The overall objective of the DCIM Phase II is to build upon the achievements of the Programme for the Enhancement of Anti-trafficking Responses in South-Eastern Europe: Data Collection and Information Management (DCIM Phase I), and to strengthen the capacities of the database repositories to monitor, evaluate and review their individual Anti-Trafficking Responses.

Programme to Support the Development of Transnational Referral Mechanisms (TRM) for Trafficked Persons in South-Eastern Europe

The TRM project team meeting took place on 8-10 September 2008 in Mavrovo, Macedonia. The two-day meeting was separated into two parts. On 9 September, an official introduction to the fourth transnational implementation phase of the project took place. The TRM partners MARRI and UNICEF, as well as a representative of USAID in Macedonia attended this meeting and provided their input on the programme implementation. The second day was an informal team meeting with the Programme Manager, the project team and all Local Liaison Officers. The Local Liaison Officers shared the results of the questionnaires distributed to the National Implementation Teams in each participating country at the beginning of the summer. The goal of the questionnaires was to gather more information on the needs and priorities of each country with regards to the TRM implementation. The information collected thereby will serve to shape the activities of the fourth phase. An overall report on the results of the questionnaires will be prepared by ICMPD. The upcoming activities of the fourth phase – study visits, transnational workshops and a monitoring and evaluation tool were briefly presented.

AGIRE. Austria, Greece, Italy and Romania. Acting for stronger private-public partnerships in the field of identification and support of child victims and at risk of trafficking in Europe

The EC project was launched end December 2007 to fight against child trafficking and to increase children’s protection through the development of a strong private-public partnership in the field of identification and assistance of child victims and at risk of trafficking. The project is led by Save the Children Italy (SCI); the Austrian Ministry of Interior and ICMPD are two of several partners. The first project team meeting was held in Rome on 16th and 17th of October whereby the child rights and human rights based approach was the starting point for all discussions. The research methodology as well as the work plan were agreed upon.

The 31-month project will run until the end of 2010 when a concluding conference in Rome will present the results that, among others, are expected to be: a transnational review of identification and support methodologies on child trafficking, developed operating procedures on national/transnational cooperation between private and public actors, training seminars, training courses in central police schools and a final report published.
Document Security in Ukraine

“Strengthening capacities and cooperation in the identification of forged and falsified documents in Ukraine”

In co-operation with the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine (SBGSU) ICMPD organised the first in a series of pilot trainings on identification of forged and falsified travel document at the National Academy of Border Guards in Khmelnytsky on 26-31 August 2008. The training was conducted by two national trainers, representatives of the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine, who were trained as National trainers by the European document security experts in the framework of this project in May 2008. 19 Inspectors from the border crossing points at the western borders of Ukraine were trained to conduct 1st and 2nd line document control. “Officials involved in document control in Ukraine with many years of experience are not necessarily equipped with the knowledge and skills to detect forged and falsified worldwide travel documents. This type of training is so essential to update the participants on worldwide documents and to enhance their capacities to identify the latest forgeries at the border crossing points,” said Janos Pal, a Hungarian document security expert who supervised the trainers. The national trainers in their turn received a valuable opportunity to evaluate the training curriculum and training materials prepared by them.

Consular officials trained on methods of travel document control

Together with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, ICMPD organised a training for Ukrainian consular officials in the Diplomatic Academy from 3 to 5 September in Kyiv. The purpose of the training was to ensure that the officials possess the skills required to identify visa and travel document forgeries. More than 20 officials participated in the 3-day training, whereby the National trainer from the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine together with two Polish colleagues provided a basic training course on document security and methods of travel document control for staff to be posted to Diplomatic and Consular missions abroad. The participation of the representatives of State Security Service and Ministry of Interior of Ukraine enhanced inter-agency co-operation. The European experts presented the EU experience in document security, existing EU databases with information on worldwide travel documents and the equipment used to control travel documents.

3rd Management Board Meeting

The 3rd Management Board meeting of the project took place on 18 September 2008 in Vienna. It gathered representatives from ICMPD, the Czech Republic, Hungary, the Netherlands, Poland and Slovakia, as well as the Geneva Centre for Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF). The aim of the meeting was to present the results of the project implementation, relations with the Ukrainian beneficiaries and to discuss the concrete level of involvement of partners in further project implementation.

Mr Martijn Pluim, ICMPD Director of Capacity Building and Operations opened the meeting and briefed participants on project developments and further expectations. The meeting was chaired by Mr Guy Schmit, ICMPD Programme Manager. A detailed overview of the past activities since the 2nd Management Board Meeting (August 2007) was followed by discussions on the foreseen project activities, amended Work Plan and possible extension of the project. Moreover, the meeting also served as a forum to discuss a content of the equipment transfer agreement and ICMPD-FRONTEX co-operation.

All partners expressed satisfaction with the results of the implementation phase achieved so far and agreed on the need to extend the project for an additional 6 months, given the limited implementation period until December 2008 and the number of activities still to be implemented.
GDISC ERIT Ukraine project in full operation

Since the launching earlier this year of the project “GDISC Ukraine - Capacity Building and Technical Support to Ukrainian Authorities to Effectively Respond to Irregular Transit-Migration (ERIT)”, the project has reached its full implementation speed.

Several workshops have been held in and outside Kyiv. Study visits to Hungary and the Czech Republic focusing on European practice of detention and screening (temporary holding) centres were organised successfully. Ten Ukrainian state border guards and eight representatives of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine participated. The technical specifications for actual acquisition of equipment for the two already opened detention centres in the north-western part of Ukraine as well as eight temporary holding centres around the eastern border of Ukraine are under preparation.

Intensive consultations on various alternatives for a visa IT-system in Ukraine produced fruitful results and form a solid basis for further activities and discussions on the specific technical aspects of the needed visa IT-system. A planned study visit to the Netherlands will contribute greatly to the development of a new visa IT-system in Ukraine. Possible options and solutions for a cross-border permit were elaborated.

The latter activity reflected urgent needs of Ukraine which came up following the recently signed bilateral agreements with Hungary, Poland and Slovakia on local travel for cross-border traffic for nationals living in the border areas.

The first meeting of the Return Working group took place in Kiev. During the meeting, the participants agreed that the main tasks of the Working Group are to contribute to legislative reform work in Ukraine as well as to the development of the Operations Manual on implementing return, drawing particularly upon provided results in the seminars on return.

Currently a seminar for judges on asylum procedure is under preparation. Representatives of the Ukrainian High Administrative Court, Judges of different regions of Ukraine, Judges and Migration Service from Poland and Slovakia will meet to exchange experiences on asylum procedures in Ukraine, Slovakia and Poland. Experts from the EU and GDISC Member States the Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary, Slovakia, the Netherlands and the UK are working closely, together with their Ukrainian counterparts and ICMPD, in all project activities.

As such, the project has been successful in promoting colleague-to-colleague- and is a good example of state-to-state co-operation contributing to capacity building in different migration related areas as well as inter-agency co-operation and co-ordination.
In September 2008, ICMPD started to implement a project under BOMCA VI, called “Development of Integrated Border Management Training, Central Asia”. The project will last for 15 months and benefit Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan. The main target groups in these countries are the Directors and the staff of Central Asian border agency Training Centres (mainly, but not exclusively from border guard and customs services), as well as staff at selected border crossing points along the Central Asian borders.

The overall aim of this project is to enlarge the pool of potential trainers in the border agencies in all five Central Asian countries through training and capacity building activities which aim to demonstrate the goals and benefits of Integrated Border Management (IBM). Two regional Train the Trainers cycles, as well as a number of national and cross-border workshops are foreseen. Furthermore, the project foresees three study visits to the EU for representatives from Central Asian border services, as well as two high level conferences to further increase the awareness on IBM in the region, the update of the “Handbook for Implementation of the EU Integrated Border Management Concept in Central Asia” and the development of an expert roster of qualified EU border management experts.

The BOMCA Programme is implemented by UNDP and financed by the EC. As contractor to UNDP, ICMPD has been involved in the BOMCA Programme since June 2005.
On 16-17 September 2008 the sixth meeting of the Budapest Process Working Group on Return and Readmission was held in Warsaw, chaired by the Polish Border Guard Service, co-chaired by the UK Border Agency and hosted by the Ministry of Interior and Administration of Poland. The specific focus of the meeting was identification of irregular migrants and returnees. The meeting catered for interesting and qualitative presentations, covering three main areas:

1) the recently agreed “Return Directive” (Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on common standards and procedures in Member States for returning illegally staying third-country nationals);
2) experiences relating to the identification of irregular migrants; and
3) co-operation with countries of origin in the field of return and the sustainability of return.

The continued importance of the topic of identification in return was demonstrated by the active participation and discussions during the meeting as well as by expressed priorities for areas of further co-operation.

The first Budapest Process Working Group on the Black Sea Region will take place in Sofia on 13 - 14 November 2008. The objective of the meeting is to discuss irregular transit migration through the Black Sea region and intergovernmental co-operation with and in the region. The invitation, including draft agenda, was sent to Budapest Process focal points on 14 October 2008.
A BRUSSELS PERSPECTIVE

ICMPD Brussels launched series of policy debates

The preparations of the new multi-annual Justice and Home Affairs programme – known as the Stockholm Programme – that is to be published by the Swedish EU presidency in 2009, have prompted ICMPD Brussels to launch a series of policy debates focussing on the most crucial elements of European migration management. With this series, ICMPD aims at stimulating and contributing to the formulation of a coherent and comprehensive multi-annual programme on EU migration affairs. Given its European outlook, ICMPD invests great efforts in finding innovative approaches and effective solutions that create added value for European migration systems. Together with its partners, ICMPD Brussels will organise a number of key events throughout the next year.

The series commenced on 7 October when ICMPD Brussels organised together with the European Policy Centre (EPC) and the King Baudouin Foundation (KBF) a policy debate on the impact of the Immigration Pact and the future for regularisations of irregular migrants in Europe. Speakers from the French Ministry of Immigration, Integration, National Identity and Mutually Supportive Development, ICMPD, Amnesty International and the City of Utrecht highlighted different aspects of regularisation policies and practices. With the active participation of the 100 participants, the discussion explored the positive aspects as well as the limitations and impact of regularisation programmes and mechanisms throughout the EU. Despite a comprehensive empirical base, it was concluded that the great majority of EU Member States apply some form of regularisation of statuses of migrants in order to reinforce and complement their immigration systems. For a number of reasons it can be readily assumed that the issue of regularisation will continue to occupy practitioners as well as policy makers in the years to come. In order to shed light on the topic, ICMPD has just completed a comprehensive analysis of policies and practices of regularisation of all EU Member States on behalf of the European Commission, the results of which will be made available soon.

About 65 participants attended the second event in this series, which took place on 9 October. Hosted and organised together with the Swiss Mission to the EU, the policy briefing focused on the external dimension of migration management. Specifically, the debate explored forms of co-ordination and cooperation with third countries in migration management. Speakers representing the present and the future EU presidency of France and the Czech Republic, from Switzerland and the European Commission explained and explored the different forms of migration and mobility partnerships. The European Commission outlined its mobility partnership policy and provided an update on the Global Approach to migration and its plans to increase co-ordination, coherence and synergies. The incoming Czech EU presidency provided a detailed account of their plans concerning the strengthening of the Global Approach by focussing on the enhancement of relations with the countries east and south east of the European Union. The experience gained and the structures created in the Budapest Process will be utilised in bringing togeth-

Together with its partners, ICMPD Brussels will continue its series of policy debates on the crucial aspects of migration. In this way, ICMPD will continue to accentuate its profile as one of the most relevant think tanks on European migration policies and practices. The results of the policy debates are to support the preparation of the next multi-annual JHA programme, the so-called Stockholm programme. Relevant information on the upcoming events will be communicated timely. Watch out for the next events.
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ICMPD EXPERT ROSTER ONLINE

After several months of design and development work, ICMPD is proud to announce the initiation of its new online recruitment system. It is part of a wider initiative to integrate ICMPD’s information management solutions. The new expert roster allows interested parties to save their CVs and highlight information on their experience and skills in a user-friendly format. Applicants do not have to submit their full CVs every time they wish to apply for one of the vacancies posted on our website: (http://www.icmpd.org/1210.html), but can state their interest in being considered for a certain vacancy by the click of a button. In addition, experts as well as interns can file unsolicited applications specifying their availability.

The new expert roster allows ICMPD recruiters from all departments to easily match the profiles they look for with key information from the posted CVs, making their search for the perfect candidate even more efficient in the face of tight deadlines.

By the end of the year we strive to have some 1000 CVs included in our database. Hence we are looking for both senior and junior consultants, experts from our Member States and other countries, young professionals and support staff interested in either long-term or short-term project missions or regular employment or internship with ICMPD...

We welcome your applications for both short- and long-term assignments!

INSIDE ICMPD - NEW STAFF

In autumn 2008 two new research officers joined the research unit that currently consists of eight researchers. Saskia Bonjour will support the R&D team especially with her insights on migration policy and family migration, gained in her former position at the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences of Maastricht University. Saskia is currently finishing her PhD on the history of Dutch family migration policies and is keen to implement her theoretical knowledge in researching civic stratification and family migration policies in Europe, and discrimination of migrants and minorities in the area of employment. She will also coordinate the writing of policy papers in the area of racism, xenophobia, Islamophobia, and anti-Semitism for the Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA).

Maren Borkert started her work as research officer at ICMPD. She holds a Doctorate in Sociology from the Universities of Bamberg (DE) and Padova (IT) and co-ordinates several EU-funded projects in the area of migration, development and integration. She has worked on comparative studies and indicators for best practices and has contributed and edited several publications. In the area of integration and social inclusion she conducted research on the ‘Integration and Access to Social Rights of Migrants: The Contribution of Local and Regional Authorities’ on behalf of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (EUROFOUND) and investigated “Identity and Social Inclusion of Young Migrants and Women with Migrant Background in Germany – Evidence on Causalities and Policy Implications”.

As of mid-September 2008, Slávka Zborovianová has taken up the position of ICMPD External Relations Officer for next two years. Slavka holds a Master’s Degree in Political Science and History and has more than six years of working experience as a police officer in the Slovakian Border and Alien Police Service; as well as experience in legislation and external relations in the Slovakian Ministry of Interior. She will support ICMPD in its effort to reinforce and strengthen the already existing co-operation with its Member States in order to further elaborate on the topics and actions in the Member States’ interest. Another task will be to promote the wide range of ICMPD activities among other co-operation partners and donors. Being seconded by the Ministry of Interior of the Slovak Republic, she will also maintain close liaison with the sending authority on issues of mutual concern and interest.

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