



International Centre
FOR MISSING & EXPLOITED CHILDREN

Global Movement

Updates from around the world



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We make the world safer for children by eradicating child abduction, sexual abuse and exploitation.

Our mission, by definition, is global. For more than 15 years, we have been a leader in identifying gaps in the global community's ability to protect children, and expertly assembling the people resources and tools needed to fill those gaps.

Our Focus

Safeguarding children around the world is a responsibility every one of us shares - creating a world that is safer for today's children and safer still tomorrow. To this end, we advocate, train and collaborate to protect the world's children.

We focus on programs that have an impact on addressing the complex issues surrounding missing children, child abduction, child sexual abuse and child sexual exploitation. We offer support to governments, policymakers, law enforcement, prosecutors, industry, civil society and others across the globe.

Thank you for taking the time to read this quarterly update and learn more about our work around the world.



Global Initiative for Child Health & Well-Being

Our Goals:

- Promote research to identify the risk factors for child sexual abuse and exploitation.
- Empower children to reach out to a trusted adult when faced with sexual abuse or exploitation.
- Educate adults to understand the warning signs of child sexual abuse and exploitation and provide them the skills needed to intervene.

Our Impact:

- Through the Global Initiative for Child Health & Well-Being, ICMEC is partnering with the International Task Force on Child Protection, which is comprised of members of the international school community, and the U.S. Department of State, to deliver resources and training to educators and school personnel in more than 1,135 schools across 109 countries to combat child sexual abuse and exploitation.
- The Global Health Coalition includes 33 health-sector members, including 4 of the largest pharmaceutical companies in the world, who have joined forces to address child sexual abuse and exploitation as a public health crisis.

Global Health Training Programs

- Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation: How Can We Protect Our Children?

Program Update:

The Global Initiative for Child Health & Well-Being has been working on the development of training materials for professionals regarding the health consequences of child sexual abuse and exploitation, and the appropriate ways for first responders to interact with possible victims. In the last quarter we presented a 90-minute interactive presentation at a conference of international school administrators and teachers in Dubai, as well as at an international school conference in Accra, Ghana. Through our representation in Latin America and the Caribbean (ICMEC LAC), we recently incorporated this training into the *“Together for a Protected Childhood: Combating Technology-Facilitated Child Sexual Abuse”* conference in Quito, Ecuador. All of these trainings have been well-received and have led to contacts with medical providers in Austria, Chile, Ghana and Kenya, all of whom are interested in receiving training on the medical evaluation of child sexual abuse. We are exploring strategies for training and mentoring these practitioners, to include having them visit Dr. Jordan Greenbaum, ICMEC Medical Consultant for the Global Initiative for Child Health & Well-Being, at her child advocacy center in Atlanta; providing one-on-one mentoring; and potentially providing videoconference “peer review” sessions to increase skills and knowledge on a continuing basis once practitioners return to their home countries. Currently, a nurse from Accra, is scheduled to visit Dr. Greenbaum’s center in early January 2016. The nurse will attend a week-long training for sexual assault nurse examiners sponsored by the Georgia Network to End Assault and then receive mentoring by Dr. Greenbaum at the Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta child advocacy center.

In addition to training, the Global Initiative has been working on the advocacy front as well. At a recent hearing of the Helsinki Commission in Washington, D.C. Dr. Greenbaum testified about the adverse health consequences of sex trafficking and exploitation, discussed the need for health care provider training on human trafficking and described ICMEC’s initiative to introduce new ICD-11 codes for sexual exploitation. The International Classification of Diseases (ICD) is a tool used to monitor the incidence and prevalence of diseases and other health problems. Including sexual exploitation as a medical diagnostic code will help define the scope of the issue in countries and populations. The chairman of the Commission, Rep Christopher Smith, expressed strong interest in supporting the ICD initiative and ICMEC will continue to communicate with his office regarding specific ways in which the Commission can advocate for acceptance of the ICD-11 proposal by the World Health Organization.

Global Missing Children's Center

Our Goals:

- Increase membership in the Global Missing Children's Network (GMCN) to enhance international information sharing.
- Advocate and assist with the introduction of Rapid Emergency Child Alert Systems.
- Expand the use of technology in the recovery of missing children (i.e. age progression technology).
- Increase global support for the Hague Convention of 25 October 1980.

Our Impact:

- We have helped 11 countries develop Rapid Emergency Child Alert Systems. There are now 23 countries with alert systems in place.
- The Global Missing Children's Network currently has 24 member countries on 4 continents.

Missing Children Training Programs

- Fundamentals of Responding to Missing Children
- Developing and Introducing Rapid Emergency Child Alert Systems

Program Update:

We want to thank the 50 member and non-members who joined us for the 7th **Annual GMCN Conference** in Singapore earlier this month. We had participants from as many as 25 countries, including several new guests from Asian countries in the region.

The conference, sponsored by Motorola Solutions Foundation, provided the opportunity to engage with like-minded individuals and organizations who not only work every day to help protect children, but who understand the issue of missing and abducted children and how it connects to other areas of child protection.

This year's conference focused on several key topics:

1. Stakeholder involvement;
2. Challenges of cross border investigations;
3. The link between missing and exploitation; and
4. Best practices and prevention strategies.

The discussions had at this year's event will drive the future direction and partnership initiatives of the GMCN.





Law Enforcement Training & Technology Tools

Our Goals:

- Introduce advanced tools and technology to law enforcement around the world to increase the number of victimized children who are identified and the speed with which those children are recovered.

Our Impact:

- Since 2003, ICMEC has conducted more than 75 law enforcement trainings across 6 continents.
- ICMEC has trained more than 8,000 law enforcement officers, investigators, prosecutors, and other specialists from more than 115 countries.

Law Enforcement Training Programs

- Essentials of Technology-Facilitated Crimes Against Children
- Essentials of Technology-Facilitated Crimes Against Children – Prosecutor Training
- Advanced Online Exploitation Investigations
- Advanced Technologies
- Project VIC Training

Program Update:

Our Law Enforcement Training and Technology Tools program has had a busy year. This year alone we have trained police officers, investigators, prosecutors, and other specialists in 13 countries. Since September we have visited the Bulgaria, Philippines, Romania, Taiwan and Thailand. We are so grateful for these partnerships and the opportunity to work with people around the world to enhance global capacity to keep children safe from harm.

The Project VIC team has been active as well this quarter. We would like to start by thanking the many different partners who provide the tools we use through Project VIC for their participation this year and for being a part of expanding our reach internationally. Because of this support, today we have thousands of users leveraging Project VIC tools to help investigators decrease workloads and take a more victim-centric approach to policing. A special thank you to THORN: Digital Defenders of Children for their technical project support, and to all the investigators and victim identification specialists working each and every day to save children from sexual exploitation.

2015 Law Enforcement Training Locations:

- Argentina, June 2015
- Australia, April 2015
- Bulgaria, October 2015
- Hong Kong, July 2015
- India, February 2015
- Peru, April 2015
- Philippines, September 2015
- Qatar, January 2015
- Romania, October 2015
- Taiwan, November 2015
- Thailand, June 2015
- Thailand, September 2015
- United Arab Emirates, January 2015

LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINERS

We are excited to introduce you to several of the trainers who partner with us to provide Law Enforcement Training around the world.



**Julian Milan
Platero**

» Julian Milan Platero is an Investigator with the Spanish National Police. He has presented at several trainings and international conferences at INTERPOL and Europol focusing on online investigations.

“International cooperation among law enforcement is necessary to fight online child exploitation. I’m honored to be part of ICMEC’s international instructors. Because of these trainings we have been able to identify children and have been able to network with other law enforcement peers from around the world.”

-Julian Milan Platero



**Apichart
Hattasin**

» Police Lieutenant Colonel Apichart Hattasin is one of our elite instructors from Changmai, Thailand. He runs the online child exploitation and human trafficking teams.

Lt. Col. Hattasin has participated at several ICMEC trainings and international conferences at INTERPOL and the UN.

Lt. Col. Hattasin has assisted in multiple international sex tourism cases.



**Michael
Sullivan**

» Deputy Chief Michael Sullivan is a 36-year veteran of law enforcement and holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Law Enforcement Administration from Western Illinois University. Prior to his recent retirement, he served as the Deputy Chief of the Investigations Division for the Illinois Attorney General’s Office and the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Commander.

Deputy Chief Sullivan has brought his years of experience to ICMEC as a trainer at several international trainings.



**Jon
Rouse**

» Detective Inspector Jon Rouse heads Argos Taskforce, an elite team in Australia whose main purpose is to protect children online and to find online child sex offenders. His team of 35 dedicated officers works around the clock to protect children around the world. Det. Inspector Rouse has received numerous international awards and frequently works with international organizations.

Det. Inspector Rouse has dedicated his time and effort to ICMEC as an instructor and a law enforcement training advisor since 2007.

“I believe in ICMEC’s law enforcement training initiatives. ICMEC brings us together- to exchange best practices, success stories and share the latest technologies available to protect children.”

**-Det. Inspector
Jon Rouse**

The Koons Family Institute on International Law & Policy

Our Goals:

- Increase the number of countries developing and implementing policies and legislation that protect children.
- Improve the reliability and consistency of the data available regarding child abduction, sexual abuse and exploitation.
- Create replicable legal tools.
- Collaborate with partners in the field to identify and measure threats to children.
- Equip young professionals with the skills needed to better understand and address the issues related to child protection.

Our Impact:

- Since 2009, The Koons Family Institute has hosted 158 interns and volunteers, resulting in 29,950 volunteer research hours.
- Since *Child Pornography: Model Legislation & Global Review* was first released in 2006, 100 countries have refined or implemented new anti-child pornography laws.

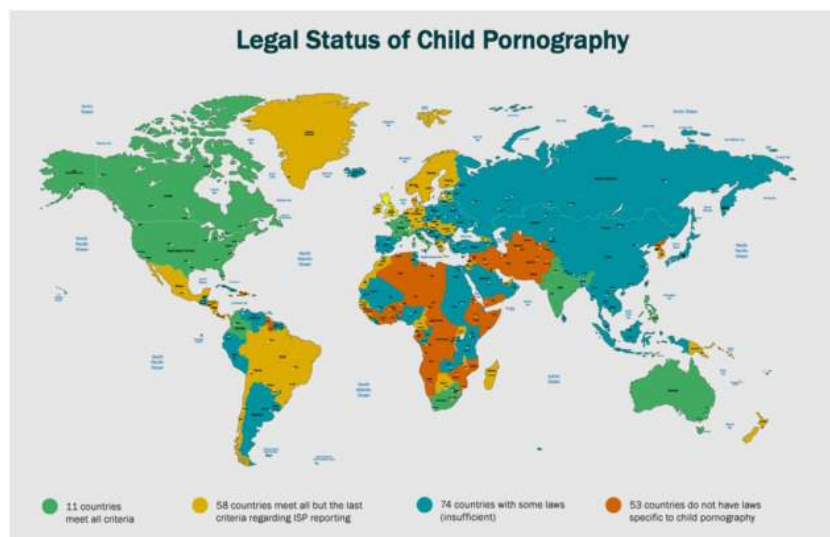
Program Update:

The Koons Family Institute on International Law & Policy is preparing to release the 8th Edition of the *Child Pornography: Model Legislation & Global Review*. ICMEC has been publishing this innovative report for nearly 10 years in an effort to raise awareness of the growing issue of child pornography, to understand how governments are addressing the issue, and to encourage policymakers around the world to change and enact new laws to better protect children.

The problem of child pornography exploded with the advent of the Internet. ICMEC has been working to slow the growth of this global issue and to help make children safer. The *Global Review* was first published in 2006 and showed that 95 out of 184 countries had no law in place to address child pornography offenses. In comparison, the report was last published in late 2012 and demonstrated some positive forward movement, nonetheless showed that 53 out of 196 countries still had no law specifically criminalizing child pornography offenses.

Between 2006 and 2012, 100 countries enacted new laws or improved existing laws. We anticipate additional progress in the next report as more countries recognize the seriousness of the problem and begin to develop legislative measures to address it.

We invite you mark your calendars and to visit ICMEC's new website in early 2016 to read the new 8th Edition report.



Regional Representation: Latin American & Caribbean



Program Update:

Since our last update, the team at ICMEC Latin America & Caribbean (ICMEC LAC) has been busy!

This quarter, ICMEC LAC has:

- Participated at the first workshop convened by UNICEF Brazil to design the country's response protocol for combating child sexual abuse and exploitation online. ICMEC LAC presented on the different manifestations of child sexual abuse and existing Brazilian legislation that can be used to prosecute child sexual abuse offenses.
- Joined 2 Child Online Protection (COP) Guidelines implementation roundtables: 1 in Costa Rica, and 1 in El Salvador.
- Led a workshop in Costa Rica on the implementation of a Rapid Emergency Child Alert System.
- Attended the annual Internet Governance Forum meeting in Brazil, where ICMEC LAC participated in the Dynamic Coalition on Child Online Protection, presented on Project VIC, and led a discussion about the databases available to help increase child protection and enhance police investigations.
- Delivered a presentation on protecting children against technology-facilitated sexual abuse and exploitation during the Director's Meeting of the Inter American Institute of the Child (IIN) in Guatemala. This meeting is part of ICMEC LAC's work to position the issue of technology-facilitated child sexual abuse and exploitation on the political agenda of the IIN in the coming years.

Finally, during this last quarter ICMEC LAC launched a joint project with the UNICEF Latin American & Caribbean Regional Office, which is supported by the #WePROTECT Children Online global initiative. As part of this endeavor, ICMEC LAC is coordinating a series of events throughout the region focusing on protecting children from technology-facilitated child sexual abuse and exploitation. The first of these events was convened in Quito, Ecuador in December, and featured high-level international and regional speakers and instructors. There were more than 200 participants from throughout South America. To learn more about the event in Quito, please visit: www.icmec.org/quito-event.

Regional Representation: Singapore



Program Update:

Civil Society Collaboration

ICMEC Singapore was invited to join the East Asia and Pacific Regional Working Group on Child Protection lead by UNICEF's East Asia and Pacific Regional Office. The Working Group was established to coordinate and support regional input into the United Nations Secretary General's Study on Violence against Children.

Cross-sector Collaboration

ICMEC Singapore presented at the Australia New Zealand Policing Advisory Agency' (ANZPAA) Child Protection Working Group meeting in Melbourne, and briefed the group on the work of the Asia-Pacific Financial Coalition Against Child Pornography (APAC-FCACP). Through this meeting, ICMEC Singapore confirmed a commitment for law enforcement representation to the APAC-FCACP Australia working group.

Awareness

ICMEC Singapore was a guest lecturer on the issue of child sexual exploitation at *Child Exploitation: Reality and Challenges*, a seminar class at the National University of Singapore's College of Alice and Peter Tan.

Cross-sector Awareness

ICMEC Singapore was invited by the Motion Pictures Association Hong Kong to the *Making Online Advertising Click: Promoting Online Safety and Protecting Brand Integrity* conference co-hosted by the Motion Pictures Association, with the Cable and Satellite Broadcasting Association of Asia and the Global Intellectual Property Centre.

ICMEC Singapore presented and was part of a panel discussion on *Online Safety and High Risk Advertising: How advertising placed on piracy sites places users (including children) at risk*. The focus of the event was to spotlight the efforts of the Asian advertising industry in dealing with the global malpractices affecting online digital advertising and the placing of high-risk advertising inappropriately on children's sites and elsewhere.

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