



Technology Solutions Group

ICPA Conference Bucharest – October 2016

Meetings

Expert Group Meeting – 23/10/2016

Round Table Expert Groups – 26/10/2016

Participants

Jeff Shipp – Harris Corporation	Ken McGovern – Abilis Solutions
Hans Meurisse – Europris	Simon Bonk – Corrections Service Canada
Stephen Johnson – ICRC	Kevin Skipper – Southern Folger
Francis Toye – Unilink	Dave Lageweg – Telio
Zaneta Whitworth – Unilink	Oliver Drews – Telio
Asaf Gigi – Q Technologies	Rory Doyle – Smiths Detection
Paul Crowhurst – JSI	Milesh Shah – BI ² Technologies
Ken Middlebrook – JSI	John Kirtland – Track Group
Pieter Bezuidenhout – GEO Group	Jan Steven Van Wingerden – OD Security
James Levy – Prisontechnology / L&G	Steven Van De Steene – Smart Corrections
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Agenda

1. Introduction
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 - b. ICPA Technology Solutions Group
2. Work done so far
3. Conference Programme
4. Next Years Challenges
5. Questions & Expectations

Introduction

Since there were a lot of new people joining this Expert Group meeting, we've started with a short introduction and a brief explication about ICPA and the Statement on the use of Technology in Offender Management which can be found on our website¹

Work done so far

TECHNOLOGICAL DISPARITY ACROSS PRISON SERVICES

Last year we have worked together with the Research & Development Expert Group on a survey around the adoption of technologies in Corrections around the world. The results of this have been presented by Toon Molleman during the conference. As soon as possible, more information will be put on the ICPA website.

TECHNOLOGY IN CORRECTIONS PROMOTION FILM

During the previous conference in Melbourne the participants on the expert group meetings stressed out their concern on finding other ways of promoting the use of technology in corrections with a stronger focus on 'showing' how this could work. Unfortunately, despite several meetings and discussions, we could not find a way to put this forward before the Bucharest Conference. This will not mean that the idea will be completely abandoned. We will look into alternative ways of showing and sharing good examples of technology usage in Corrections.

1ST INTERNATIONAL CORRECTIONAL RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

In collaboration with the research and development group we've started up the preparation of a symposium on Correctional Research. The importance of innovative data science and data analytic systems and examples will be part of it and the first draft of a program has been finalised. As soon as a date and venue is agreed upon, we will share this with the group.

Major activities upcoming year

In 2017 we will – in collaboration with CEP (<http://cep-probation.org/>) and Europris (<http://www.europris.org/>) organise the 2nd Technology in Corrections Conference. This will be held in Prague, probably in May 10 – 12 (*Dates have to be confirmed shortly!*)

¹ <http://icpa.ca/about-us/founding-statements/the-use-of-technology-in-offender-management/>



More information on the format and topics will be send out very shortly, but the major idea behind this conference will stay the same:

- Challenge the private sector to develop innovative digital solutions for use in corrections to address issues facing prisons and probation today;
- Trigger Public Sector, NGO's, ... to engage into technology solutions
- Provide networking opportunities for technology experts in the corrections arena;
- To promote the use and implementation of advanced Digital Technology Solutions in corrections.

Future plans Technology Solutions Group

Based on Feedback from several people, board discussion & strategy and a dialogue with the other expert groups, we've would like to put a stronger focus on **Correctional Leadership** and **Correctional Technology Strategies**.

Correctional Leadership

Related to the difficult adoption and usage of technologies in a lot of countries, we would like to put a special focus on Developing Countries and look into some very practical ways of helping those countries to develop realistic and working technology solutions in their correctional systems.

This could be done by sharing information, organise trainings and share (open-) source software. We would like to inspire and influence people on what Technology could mean for Corrections and closer our collaboration with the other expert groups within ICPA.

Correctional Technology Strategies

We would like to Collect, Analyse, Develop and Diffuse information & best Practices on topics such as:

- Digital Transformation in Corrections
- Inmate-centric approaches
- Evidence-based approaches

The ICPA Technology Solutions group will promote research in this field.

How?

We would like to establish a core Expert Group of a few engaged people, from the sector (SME'S) with a strong focus on the Business. ICT & Technology is there to support a general Correctional Strategy, so the closer collaboration with the other expert Groups is crucial. We will continue to hold our Bi-Annual TIC Conference and try to promote publications related to the usage of Technology in Corrections.