The Fifth IJJO International Conference, Criminality or Social Exclusion? Justice for Children in a Divided World, aims to address the impact of the global crises on the administration of justice for children and young people. In the last years, as a result of social and economic polarisation and global crises, growing numbers of children, young people and families are finding themselves at the margins of society where social exclusion and involvement in criminality might constitute a higher risk.

The International Juvenile Justice Observatory (IJJO) is pleased to announce its V Biennial Conference: "Criminality or Social Exclusion? Justice for Children in a Divided World", which will take place in London, at Park Plaza Riverbank Hotel, from Tuesday 6th to Wednesday 7th November 2012.

The ExOCop, European learning network focusing on the rehabilitation of (ex) offenders, held its annual policy forum in Berlin on 18th and 19th June 2012. Together with forty European partners and a dynamic and challenging working group this network has managed to gather several representatives of European institutions, mostly the members of the European Commission as like as the members of the civic society and local authorities and national stakeholders in order to reintegrate former prisoners.

In the context of EUROSociAL II programme, where IJJO is an operating partner, missions to 6 Latin American countries were carried out: Colombia, Ecuador, Salvador, Honduras, Uruguay and Mexico. The main aim of these missions was to bring together public actors responsible for the development and implementation of public security policies and specifically the prevention of violence.

In many countries - especially in developing countries with high poverty and poor schooling opportunities - children slavery and the lack of legislation to prevent forced and bounded labour of children are still prevalent. This problem has recently been formally recognized as a human right issue.

Like every year, since the UN General Assembly Resolution 54/120, the 12th of August 2012 takes place the International Youth Day. The theme of this year's celebration has been "Building a Better World: Partnering with Youth". In this way, the United Nation Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon sent his message to the international community in order to encourage greater and deeper participation of youth in decision-making process at all levels.
**LEGISLATIVE FILE**

**BELARUS**

The aim of the legislative file is to provide IJJO Users with access to national legislation on minors in an ordered and organised way, including all laws in force, partial reforms and other laws regarding the protection of the rights of the child. [+]

**IJJO INTERVIEWS**

**BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

Ms. Aleksandra Marin, Head of Department for Protection of the Rights of the Child, Bosnia-and-Herzegovina

In this interview, Ms. Marin, the Head of Department for Protection of the Rights of the Child, gives an overview of the current state of the youth justice system in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Through her expertise and knowledge of Children Rights, she lists the recommendations of the recently created Institution of Human Rights Ombudsmen of BiH for improving that system. [+]

**RESEARCH AND THESIS**

**SPAIN**

Isabel de Blas Mesón, Judicial secretary of the Provincial Court in Santa Cruz de Tenerife

The juvenile delinquency is a social phenomenon that raises awareness and mobilizes the public and especially the media. The press, in this sense, takes the responsibility of exposing this information discourse in its real dimensions and has to do everything possible so that the rights and duties of the juvenile offenders are known and publicly discussed by the receiver, and thus forming a real public debate on the political agenda insular. [+] Do you wish to publish your research?

**COLLABORATION FORUM**

Children with disabilities more likely to be victims of violence

Children with disabilities are almost four times more likely to experience violence than non-disabled children, according to a review commissioned by the World Health Organization (WHO) and published on the 12th July 2012 in the medical journal The Lancet.

What strategies and measures need to be set of action in order to prevent violence and protect children with disabilities?

**JOB & INTERNSHIP DATABASE**

The Job and Internship Database contains information on the latest job and internship offers sent by organisations working in juvenile justice; our purpose is to facilitate the gathering of people and organizations that are involved in the juvenile justice field.

**PRESS ROOM**

UNICEF: Law on "Juvenile justice" in Azerbaijan to solve problems with child protection

In China, des milliers d'enfants de migrants à Pékín privés de rentrée scolaire

El Salvador aplicará disciplina militar a jóvenes

Suicides d'enfants : sans doute plus qu'on ne le croit, selon un rapport de Boris Cyrulnik

Es crítica la situación de niños explotados laboralmente y que viven en extrema pobreza

Senate seeks suspension of Juvenile Justice Law implementation

Education can keep youths out of jail

UK riots cause 8% rise in jailed children

**DOCUMENTATION CENTER**

Plan International Vietnam, "Social Re-integration for Children in Conflict with the law"

Regional Mechanism and initiative on children rights and juvenile justice

Social reintegration for children in conflict with the law


Politica municipal para el desarrollo integral de la niñez y la adolescencia

Violences à l'école: un député propose des sanctions financières

Enfance sans barreaux

**AGENDA**

**OCTOBER 2012**

10 Mental Health Gap Action Programme (mhGAP) "mhGAP Forum"

11 Unaccompanied minors victims of violence: Origins, manifestations, and prevention strategies to overcome the hidden phenomenon of children suffering in the shadow.

15 V World Congress for Rights of Children and Adolescents, "Childhood, Adolescence and Social Change"

**EDITORIAL NEWS**

Too Young to Wed: The Secret World of Child Brides


**LINKS**

The Juvenile Justice Reform Project (JJRP)

**ORGANIZATIONS**

Together against Cybercrime