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**IJJO Day by Day**

**12/12/2014**

**International**

Latin American delegation conducts a study visit to Europe and participates in the EUROsociAL II programme’s session during the 6th IJJO International Conference.

**OIJJ**

From 1 to 5 December 2014, the IJJO organised a study visit in London, Brussels and The Hague, including a meeting for the raising of issues in juvenile justice in Latin America. Participants included representatives from Latin American institutions and governments competent in the field of juvenile justice. In Brussels, they had the opportunity to participate in the 6th IJJO International Conference through the Workshop ‘Reforming and Strengthening Public Policies on Juvenile Justice in Latin America – EUROsociAL II’. The study visit and meeting took place as part of the technical support service developed by the IJJO together with Latin American governments in the field of juvenile justice, under the EUROsociAL II Programme, financed by the European Union. [+]$$

**22/12/2014**

**Europe**

4th Meeting of the European Council for Juvenile Justice

**OIJJ**

The 4th Meeting of the European Council for Juvenile Justice, organized by the International Juvenile Justice Observatory, took place in Brussels on December 4th and 5th, under the title ‘Towards the Effectiveness of Juvenile Justice Policies in Europe: Lessons Learned and future challenges.’ The meeting, funded by the Justice Programme of the European Union, saw the participation of representatives from the 28 EU member States who belong to the different sections of the Council academic, public administration and civil society. During the meeting, the European Model on Restorative Justice for Juveniles, currently being developed by a selected group of ECJ experts and researchers, was presented and discussed by its members. The 4th ECJJ Meeting was funded by the Justice Programme of the European Union. [+]$$

**07/01/2015**

**European Union**

The IJJO is taking part in project REVII, which seeks to compare measures of reparation to the victim in different European law systems

**OIJJ**

The 3rd of November launched the beginning of the European Project REVII, ‘Reparation to the victim in the European Juvenile Justice Systems: Comparative analysis and transfer of best practices’. The International Juvenile Justice Observatory is one of the partners of this project, led by the Fundación Diagrama (Spain), which also has the participation of European organisations like the Association Diagrama (France), the Diagrama Foundation (United Kingdom), the Istituto Don Calabria (Italy) and the Universidade Catolica Portuguesa do Porto (Portugal). [+]$$

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**Juvenile Justice in the World**

**19/12/2014**

**International**

Against attacks on children in armed conflict

**OIJJ**

The Taliban attack of 16th December on the military college of Peshawar in Pakistan has caused the deaths of at least 148 people, 132 of them children. It has sent shockwaves not only through the country, but also through the entire international community. During the attack, nine insurgents dressed in army uniform entered the school, throwing grenades and shooting students and teachers before army officials succeeded in neutralising them. [+]$$

**26/12/2014**

**North America**

Study shows US jurisdictions often fail to keep juvenile records confidential

**OIJJ**

The confidential nature of juvenile records, as well as their eventual sealing (closed to the public) or expungement (destruction) is of great importance for a child that has been in contact with the juvenile justice system. Any form of public access to these records could impede his future success in society, creating barriers for employment, education, housing and other opportunities. According to a recent scorecard study that measures juvenile record protection in the US, published on November 13th by the Juvenile Law Center with the title Failed Policies, Forfeited Futures: A Nationwide Scorecard on Juvenile Records, most states are failing to protect this highly sensitive information. [+]$$

**07/01/2015**

**International**

The UNODC releases a legal tool to reduce violence against children in contact with the justice system

**OIJJ**

In November, the UNODC (United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime) presented a new normative instrument, the United Nations Model Strategies and Practical Measures on the Elimination of Violence against Children in the Field of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, approved by the UN General Assembly’s Third Committee. This new tool provides a set of guidelines to prevent and eliminate violence against children who come into contact with justice systems in any capacity: as victims, witnesses, or alleged or sentenced offenders. [+]$$

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**Legislative File**

**Bolivia**
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. [+]