Prosecutors’ Exchange Program (PEP)

- Created to further the aims of the IAP:
  - Raising the standards of professional conduct and ethics for prosecutors worldwide
  - Promoting the rule of law, fairness, impartiality and respect for human rights.
  - Improving international co-operation to combat crime.
Prosecutors’ Exchange Program

- Within in the IAP there is a wealth of knowledge.
- PEP facilitates and encourages exchanges between prosecution offices.
- Purpose of exchange can vary:
  - Professional development
  - Capacity building exchanges
  - Secondment to assist with a particular issue or case.
Current PEP Participants

- Over 60 prosecution agencies from around the world
  - Mixture of common law and civil law systems
- Roughly ½ seeking assistance and ½ offering assistance
- Most commonly identified capacity building needs:
  - Domestic violence prosecutions
  - Corruption
  - Cybercrime
  - Complex frauds
  - Sexual violence
  - Trial advocacy
  - Money laundering
  - Crimes of violence
Role of the IAP

- PEP is decentralized
- IAP does not coordinate exchanges
  - Participating offices coordinate their own exchanges
  - IAP is like a ‘match maker’
- IAP provides all of the prosecution offices that have joined the PEP with:
  - Information about the other participants
    - Areas of expertise
    - Which offices are seeking assistance / training and which offices are offering assistance / training
  - Contact information
  - Information about possible funding sources / new programs
Funding

- A challenge for many offices
  - Huge need, but funding limits participation
- IAP has been searching for a secure funding source for this program for many years.
  - Commonwealth Secretariat - funding for Commonwealth Countries
  - Have received funding from local embassies - ad hoc
Examples of Exchanges that have taken place:

- Canada and Turks and Caicos
  - Capacity building Exchange - Domestic Violence Prosecutions
- Canada and Mongolia
  - Long term multi-year exchange - Justice System Reform
- Canada and Uganda
  - Multi month exchange - Trial management and advocacy
- Canada and Solomon Islands
  - Capacity building - trial advocacy
- Australia and Kiribati
  - Capacity building - Cyber crime, corruption and frauds
- Scotland and Turks and Caicos
  - Capacity building - Cyber crime, corruption and frauds
- Australia and Kingdom of Tonga:
  - Australian prosecutor provided assistance with complex prosecution
Canadian prosecutor here to assist DPP

BY ASSumptA BUCHANAN

A CROWN prosecutor from the British Okanagan, Ms. Connor, has been working with the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) in Van
table, October.

Joining her is justice of the British Columbia Supreme Court Judge T. N. Leach and a team of Canadian legal
experts.

The DPP’s Chief Prosecutor, Mr. Lester, has praised the assistance of the Canadian team and expressed his
confidence in the success of the trial.

He said, “I am confident that this team will bring fresh insights and expertise to the case.”

Mr. Lester also thanked the Canadian team for their commitment and hard work.

“I am grateful for the support of our partners in Canada,” he said.

THE CANADIAN PROSECUTOR

John Lester - Crown prosecutor.