

KJI NEWSLETTER

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Introduction

The Kosovo Judicial Institute has been given the mandate to train the magistrates of the Kosovo judiciary and prosecution. In August 1999 the Judicial Training Section of the Department of Human Rights and Rule of Law of the OSCE began to present its Continuous Legal Education Programme (CLEP) to the magistrates in Kosovo. The KJI's CLEP includes education activities both in Kosovo and abroad. Through 2002, the KJI has sought to address the needs of magistrates working in Kosovo through the CLEP.

In an effort to more fully inform the magistrates of Kosovo of the training activities offered by the KJI, this newsletter has been formed. It will be sent out to judges and prosecutors throughout Kosovo.

Project activities for November

A Professional Skills Training

B Practical Skills Training

C Seminar on Administrative Law

D Seminar on Application of International Conventions and Standards for MOC

E Round Table Discussion on Co-operation among Police, Prosecution and Judiciary

F Training for the Bar Exam

G Study Visit to Germany

H Study Visit to Strasbourg

Professional Skills Training 13-15 November and 18-20 November 2002

A. KJI, in conjunction with the International Development Law Organisation (IDLO), formerly IDLI, has organised a series of Professional Skills Training Courses. This series of training will focus on development of essential skills necessary in the work of judges and prosecutors.



- The first day of training will have discussions on the introduction on the role of courts in a modern democracy, the role of the judge in a modern democracy, the concept of “fair trial”, judicial and prosecutorial skills and practical aspects of pre-trial process.
- The second day will cover an introduction to case flow management, international standards and local practice, handling of evidence, relevance of evidence and recording of evidence.
- The third day covers questioning of witnesses, relevance of witness statements, recording of witness statements and courtroom management. This three-day training will be held from 13-15 November 2002 for Criminal judges and prosecutors and from 18-20 November 2002 for Criminal judges and prosecutors. Invitation will sent out, to notify participants which session they will be invited to. Later session will be held for Civil Law judges and MOC judges.

Practical Skills Training 04-13 November 2002

B. KJI, CDRC and the USDoJ are holding a series of training sessions addressing practical skills. The next session will begin on 04 November and continue through 13 November, held in Brezovica. Public prosecutors and defense attorneys will again participate. Case studies are prepared and utilised in this interactive event.

Seminar on Administrative Law 21 November 2002

C. Seminar on Administrative Law will be held by the KJI. During the training, a comparative analysis administrative procedure and civil procedure will take place. Three local experts will provide the presentation on administrative law. This event is planned for 21 November 2002.

Seminar on Application of International Conventions and Standards for Minor Offences Court 25-26 November 2002

D. KJI is organising a training on International Conventions and Standards for magistrates working in the Minor Offence Courts. International experts have been identified with the assistance of the Council of Europe to give presentations. This event is scheduled for 25 and 26 November 2002. Two one-day events, will allow opportunities for all MOC magistrates to attend one of the days

Training for the Bar Exam 04 October-23 November



E. Judicial Training Officers of the KJI are providing ongoing support to the Legal Community Support Section of OSCE, giving lectures in the training for the bar exam review course held each Friday and Saturday at the KJI. The fourth class for 2002 began on 4 October and will conclude on 23 November.

**Round Table Discussion on Co-operation among Police, Prosecution and Judiciary
27 November 2002**

F. KJI in order to augment facilitation of co-operation among members of the judiciary, prosecution and police is organising Round Table Discussion. This session will cover co-operation in the area of narcotics and UNMIK Regulation 2002/7 on the use in criminal proceeding of writing records of interviews conducted by Law Enforcement Authorities. A total of 18 participants are invited, including investigative judges, public prosecutors and members of the police force. The KJI selected 6 investigative judges and 6 public prosecutors from District and Municipal Courts/Prosecutors Officers. KPSS has selected 6 Police Officers to attend. This seminar is planned for 27 November.

STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMME

**Study Visit to Germany
Date: 10-16 November 2002**

G. KJI has made preparations to send a group of ten (10) judges and prosecutors for a study visit to Germany. The participants will divide their time among German Courts in Berlin, Erfurt / Thuringia and Lepwipzig. They will observe the judicial system and have an opportunity to interact with German magistrates in these cities. The study visit to Germany is planned for the period of 10 to 16 November 2002.

**Study Visit to Strasbourg
Date: 26-27 November 2002**

H. KJI and CoE are organizing a two-day study visit to Strasbourg, France for 4 judges from Kosovo. They will visit the European Court and the Council of Europe. This study visit will provide the participants an opportunity to learn more about the functions of the European Court and how international Conventions are applied.

