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At this writing the forward thinkers of the border services are the G4 and include the United Kingdom, Singapore, the Republic of South Africa and New Zealand. The representatives of these border organizations have determined that Borderpol is an organization whose time has come. The G4 have recognized that the principles which govern this organization and the mission which drives its existence is not only honorable but has significant merit in these very difficult times.

Why we do what we do...

Borderpol is a concept that a lot of folks – especially “bad guys” would like to see fail.

After all if the border police, immigration and customs services worked together, shared information and pursued a policy of cross border cooperation then the human traffickers, the weapons smugglers, the passport fraudsters – to name but few – would have a much tougher time making money. Their worst nightmare is Borderpol successfully bringing together the aforementioned services and working seamlessly together.

Since Borderpol first came into existence, it has always had enthusiastic supporters. Forward thinking professionals who see cooperation among various border policing services as the rule not the exception.

Borderpol has been promoting the three “C’s” of success, cooperation, communication and consultation since it began its work in 2000. Now six years and two growth phases later, the international border police organization IBPO-Borderpol has embarked on its most ambitious and possibly most dramatic projects.

The establishment of the Border Enforcement Committee represents the transformation of the voluntary association of border policing experts into a small but very effective border enforcement organization with global influence.

It is well known that the decision to proceed with the reorganization of Borderpol was based on the fact that despite our institutional experiences and knowledge, our global network of contacts in government and industry and our track record of successfully accomplishing objectives despite having very limited resources, Borderpol needed to expand to meet the needs of the international community

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During the past weeks while the Secretariat has been actively promoting the BEC it has come to our attention that there are a small number of senior officials from western European border policing services who have for inexplicable reasons determined that Borderpol is problematic for them.

These officials have suggested through interlocutors that Borderpol does not complement but rather complicates the work of existing European Union organizations; that it is too America centric and, that it is actually a private firm that cannot be permitted to be involved in trans border security issues for security reasons. These notions are wholly subjective and of dubious intent made by individuals who are laboring under a series of misapprehensions.

To suggest that Borderpol is a duplication of existing EU institutions is patently inaccurate. Borderpol is a world wide organization whose policies are to complement and not to compete with existing regional or international organizations that share our principles and mission. Borderpol does not seek nor enjoys a singular legal character in Europe. It most certainly does not have the financial resources to duplicate EU border enforcement programs.

This organization is indeed registered in Canada but to suggest that Borderpol is America centric is somewhat exaggerated. At the time of this writing there are no confirmed BEC members from the Americas. Borderpol is dedicated to building bridges across the Euro-Atlantic divide and manages a European Secretariat that works to reduce regional compartmentalization on security or border facilitation issues.

Borderpol is not a commercial enterprise. It is a wholly transparent organization whose leadership consists of dedicated and respected police and border management professionals from around the world and whose constitution is based on a very famous and well respected international institution called Interpol.

In recent days the Borderpol Secretariat has been engaged in discussions with various enforcement organizations with global audiences. The purpose of these dialogues is to find and harness positive synergies that can manifest themselves in programs that will hopefully make the worlds borders safer and smarter. And that’s why we at Borderpol like to do what we do.

Thomas A. Tass, Executive Director

The Original G4: the first members of the Border Enforcement Committee

The first four representative members of the BEC by precedence are the United Kingdom, Singapore, the Republic of South Africa and New Zealand.

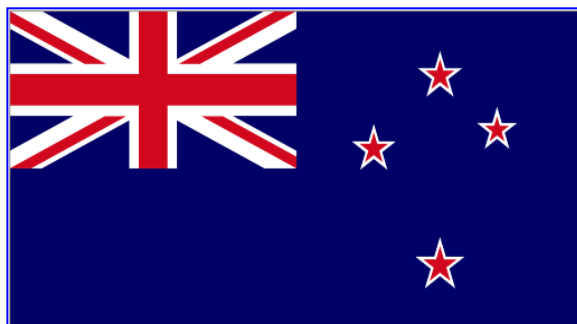
The formation of the BEC was authorized by the executive of Borderpol on August 1, 2006 as part of the reorganization program. The purpose of the BEC is to provide governance and guidance to Borderpol when it takes over as the supreme supervisory body following its congress meeting in 2007 – 2008. A President of the BEC will be chosen from within its membership who will also become the Chairman of Borderpol for a period of four years.

Recognizing that border policing and border management is a multi-disciplinary function interim membership in the BEC is open to any national border policing service. Nominees must be senior officials of an agency or service that is responsible for the control, safety or security of a country that is recognized by the United Nations. Interim membership is without fee or financial obligation. Interim membership is available with full voting rights or as observers with limited or no voting rights.

The BEC is supported by the Administrative Council of Borderpol. Additional support is provided when required by the Technical Committee and where appropriate the European Secretariat or Americas Secretariat.

The work of the BEC is governed by the Constitution of Borderpol which prohibits any activities that are of a political, religious or racial character.

For further information please contact the Borderpol Secretariat by e-mail at borderpol@borderpol.org



...the national flags of the border services of the G4, United Kingdom, Singapore, Republic of South Africa and New Zealand.....

UGD's: *the traveling criminals worst nightmare*

Until now Borderpol has been known for training and development, reporting on border issues, exhibitions, conferences and consulting. In reaction to the need for providing more "value added" as requested by the border enforcement community Borderpol has embarked on the development of a series of encrypted Internet based programs that will provide the members of the organization with the worlds most comprehensive set of electronic tools to deter and detect the criminal community on the go. These programs are called UGD's or User Generated Databases.

Providers and users will be authorized border policing organizations, services or agencies that are members of Borderpol and have active representation on the BEC.

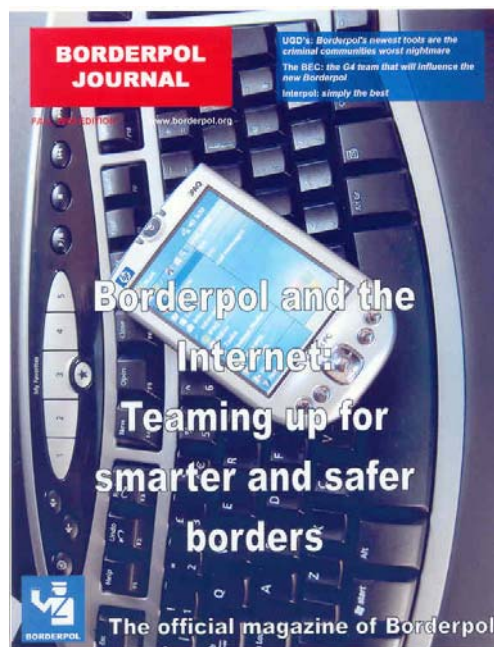
UGD's will contain information that relevant to the core enforcement mission of Borderpol. These include the detection and suppression of persons, groups or organizations involved with the trafficking of human beings, countering the proliferation of fraudulent travel documents, an international missing children registry and a program called BePrac which will contain a library or operational best practices for operational and educational development purposes. Another feature of the system will include the global Borderpol IM or instant messaging system.

UGD's are not intended to duplicate or compete with any existing programs or projects of any legacy organization.

Since Borderpol's UGD's will be owned and operated by the users access and usage governance will be determined by them.

Technical details of the program will be announced in June 2007. The anticipated introduction the full UGD program is 2008.

For more information this program please contact the Borderpol Secretariat.



Cover story:
The implementation of UGD's by border policing organizations will seriously impact the operative capabilities of human traffickers and users of counterfeit, altered or stolen travel documents.

Interpol: *simply the best*

Imitation, it is said, is the sincerest form of flattery. In actual fact Interpol's history and modern accomplishments were the deciding factors which greatly influenced the development of Borderpol.

When the Borderpol Constitution was drafted many of the principles and governance structures of Interpol adopted or adapted. The great institution of Interpol is a shining example to all law enforcement bodies everywhere that real international cooperation can make the world a safer and better place for everyone.

Interpol is the world's largest international police organization, with 186 member countries. It exists to help create a safer world by supporting law enforcement agencies worldwide to combat crime.

Interpol has three core functions, which provide:
Secure global police communications,
Data services and databases for police and
Operational Police Support Services.

THB is one area where Interpol and Borderpol are entirely complementary.

Interpol aims to end the abuse and exploitation of human beings for financial gain. Women from developing countries and young children all over the world are especially vulnerable to trafficking, smuggling or sexual exploitation.

Trafficking in women for sexual exploitation is a multi-billion-dollar business which involves citizens of most countries and helps sustain organized crime. A violation of human rights, it destroys the lives of its victims.

Human trafficking is distinct from people smuggling in that it involves the exploitation of the migrant, often for purposes of forced labour and prostitution.

People smuggling implies the procurement, for financial or material gain, of the illegal entry into a state of which that person is neither a citizen nor a permanent resident. Criminal networks which smuggle and traffic in human beings for financial gain increasingly control the flow of migrants across borders.

Child sexual exploitation on the Internet ranges from posed photos to visual recordings of brutal sexual crimes. One of Interpol's main tools for helping police fight this type of crime is the Interpol Child Abuse Image Database (ICAID).

Created in 2001, it contains hundreds of thousands of images of child sexual abuse submitted by member countries, thereby facilitating the sharing of images and information to assist law enforcement agencies with the identification of new victims.



Did you know that....

The emblem, in use since 1950, comprises the following elements:

>a representation of the globe, to indicate that Interpol's activities are worldwide

>olive branches either side of the globe to symbolize peace

>the name 'INTERPOL' below the globe in the centre of the olive branches

>a vertical sword behind the globe, representing police action

>the abbreviations 'OIPC' and 'ICPO' above the globe either side of the sword

>the scales below the olive branches symbolize justice.

A little historical note:

In 1923 the Creation of the International Criminal Police Commission (ICPC) with headquarters in Vienna, Austria, on the initiative of Dr. Johannes Schober, president of the Vienna Police. Wanted persons notices first published in Interpol's International Public Safety Journal.

Since then it has become the world's pre-eminent and well respected law enforcement organization.

See www.interpol.int for more information.

The Monthly Bulletin: *border security matters*

On November 1, 2006 the first issue of the Border Security Matters was published and distributed to subscribers of the Borderpol Journal via the internet. . The 57 page document is compiled and edited by Scott Newark, Director of the Americas Region.

The PDF based document chronicles issues and events that are of significance interest to the global border policing community.

This bulletin will be issued on a monthly basis and will form part of the growing library of materials available to Borderpol members via the internet.

For further information on how to receive or contribute to the bulletin please contact the Borderpol Secretariat.



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1. The Americas

Canadian Feds' cameras target Canadian airports

Kim Bolan, Vancouver Sun

OTTAWA -- Canadian airports have been outfitted with a state-of-the-art camera system allowing officials at an operations centre in Ottawa to zoom in on luggage or passengers as they are being screened across the country.

The high-tech equipment, considered the most sophisticated in the world, has provided another level of security in the new age of almost regular terrorist threats.

A network of more than 500 cameras at 25 airports has been installed at a cost of \$1.8 million in the first phase of the project by the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority.

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