



## **International Association of Prosecutors**

The Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr. James Hamilton, has been elected as President of the International Association of Prosecutors (IAP). His election as President is for a three year term which commenced at the IAP's annual conference in the Hague this September. He succeeds Mr. François Falletti, Prosecutor General of the Court of Appeal of Paris.

His predecessor the Irish Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr. Eamonn Barnes, was also President of the IAP from 1996 -1999.

The IAP was established in June 1995 at the United Nations offices in Vienna. The main impetus leading to its formation was the rapid growth in serious transnational crime, particularly drug trafficking, money laundering and fraud. The need was perceived for greater international cooperation between prosecutors and for greater speed and efficiency in mutual assistance, asset tracking and other international cooperative measures.

The IAP is the only worldwide organisation of prosecutors. It is committed to setting and raising standards of professional conduct and ethics for prosecutors worldwide; promoting the rule of law, fairness, impartiality and respect for human rights and improving international cooperation to combat crime.

The IAP has more than 130 organisational members as well as many individual members. All organisational members are expected to commit to the Standards of Professional Conduct for Prosecutors adopted by the IAP in 1999.

Further information on the IAP is available on its website <http://www.iap-association.org>.

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