

Training Programmes

Lebanon Programme (second semester)

The inter-university programme on international criminal law and procedure was launched in November 2011 by the T.M.C. Asser Instituut in cooperation with the Special Tribunal for Lebanon. This programme was unique in that it enabled law students from no less than eight different universities in Lebanon to follow a 2-semester module (14 lectures) on international criminal law and procedure, from a central location in Lebanon. Not only has this initiative filled an obvious gap in the current curricula of the individual participating universities, but it provided a unique academic experience for all involved as the individual lectures (every other week) were delivered by prominent (international) academics and practitioners in the field, via internet streaming, from the T.M.C. Asser Instituut in The Hague, the Netherlands, to the lecture theatre where the students were gathered, in Beirut.

The second semester ran from January to May 2012. The participating universities were: Lebanese University, Beirut Arab University, Université Saint Joseph, Université La Sagesse, Université Saint Esprit de Kaslik, Notre Dame University, American University of Science and Technology and Antonine University. The top students from the first cohort were awarded a four-day study trip to The Hague in July 2012.

The second season will start in February 2013.

Washington Summer Law Programme in The Hague

4 – 30 June 2012

The Summer Law Programme in The Hague is the product of a unique collaboration between the War Crimes Research Office of American University's Washington College of Law and the T.M.C. Asser Instituut. It was the 6th time that the Institute organised this programme for a group of 40 Washington College Law students. This year we had an additional 10 interested students /young professionals from across the globe joining the programme.

The Summer Programme 'Countering Terrorism in the Post- 9/11 World'

27 – 31 August 2012

The Summer Programme 'Countering Terrorism in the Post- 9/11 World' was organised in cooperation with the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism (ICCT) - The Hague for the second year and was attended by thirteen participants from various countries and backgrounds.

Third Annual Summer Programme on 'Disarmament and Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction in a Changing World'

2 – 7 September 2012

The Annual Summer Programme on 'Disarmament and Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction in a Changing World' was organised in cooperation with the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) for the third time this year. We were honoured to welcome Ms Rose Gottemoeller, Acting U.S. Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security. She addressed participants on "Arms Control in the Information Age".

Inside International Justice

5 – 9 November 2012

In cooperation with the RNTC (an international training institute serving media professionals working in broadcast, print and online media) we organised a 1 week training for professional journalists reporting or intending to report on the work of the various international tribunals and courts in The Hague. It was the second year this training was organised.

Matra Pre-Accession Training Programme (Matra PATROL) - Strengthening Institutional capacity in the Rule of Law

18 – 28 November 2012

Commissioned by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Europe Department (DEU), the T.M.C. Asser Instituut, with its partners, Ecorys Nederland BV and The Hague Academy for Local Governance, will implement the Matra Pre-Accession Training Programme (Matra PATROL) - Strengthening Institutional capacity in the Rule of Law - during the period 2012 – 2015.

Each year, eight, 10-day training courses will be delivered on: Administration of Justice, Access to Justice, Public Procurement, Integrity, Management of Public Finances, Decentralisation, Quality, Implementation and Enforcement of Legislation and Alternative Dispute Resolution to participants from Albania Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, and Turkey.

This training programme aims to stimulate, support and contribute to the efficient implementation of the EU acquis in the area of 'rule of law' and to strengthen relations between the Netherlands and the target countries by sharing the necessary knowledge and skills with policy advisors, members of the judiciary and other civil servants.

From 18-28 November 2012 the first three trainings of Matra PATROL took place: Access to Justice, developed and delivered by Asser, Public Finance Management, developed and delivered by ECORYS and Integrity developed and delivered by HALG.

Matra South Programme for Arab Countries - Supporting Democratic Transition in the Arab Region

2 – 12 December 2012

Commissioned by Agentschap.NL, EVD Internationaal, the TMC Asser Instituut will implement the Matra South Programme for Arab Countries - Supporting democratic transition in the Arab region, on behalf of the Netherlands Ministry for Foreign Affairs. The programme will be delivered in 2012, 2013 and 2014.

This programme aims to stimulate and support the democratic transition in the Arab region and to strengthen relations between the Netherlands and the target countries by sharing the necessary knowledge and skills with policy advisors, members of the judiciary and other civil servants working for the administration of justice in order for them to lead and inspire the modernisation of the judicial systems of their home countries building from the Dutch experience. Eligible countries for the Matra South training programme are: Morocco, Tunisia, Libya and Jordan.

From 2 -12 December the first training of the Matra South Training Programme, 'Administration of Justice', took place at the T.M.C. Asser Instituut. A follow-up workshop with the participants will take place in Tunis in March 2013.