The International Challenge
Speaker biogs

**Greg O’Connor, Chair, International Council of Police Representative Associations**

Greg is a Police Officer with over 39 years’ experience. His time in Police working in a variety of roles includes undercover, detective work including training detectives and command roles.

His recent years have been spent as the elected head of the New Zealand Police Association, the voluntary professional body of Police which represents all but a few Police staff and includes civilian staff.

Greg has remained in the position considerably longer than he intended due to the considerable challenge and opportunities to gain an understanding of Police, not only in the context of the broader New Zealand society but also internationally. In this respect Greg is in his fourth term as Chair of the International Council of Police Representatives Association (ICPRA) which represents 1.5 million Police officers in the developed World, including South Africa.

The Police Association endeavours to act in the best commercial as well as welfare interests of its members and to this end owns the 5th largest health insurer in New Zealand. Also through partnerships with AIA, Lumleys and the National Bank, the Association offers life and general insurance products and mortgages. Greg chairs the Boards administering these businesses. The Association also has a significant property portfolio including 60 holiday homes and commercial property.
This commercial exposure combined with the need to adapt to the ever changing political and crime landscape within New Zealand has kept Greg interacted and involved in the job.

He is Wellington-based where, by osmosis, he has learned some of the intricacies of the Wellington bureaucracy and how it should knit with the Government of the day.

Greg is still a sworn officer; having spent his time in Police working in a variety of roles includes undercover, detective work including training detectives, and command roles. He holds the rank of Senior Sergeant.

As he reflects on his time as President, Greg would like to see a greater involvement of women in Association activities.

Greg is also in his fourth two-year term as Chair of the International Council of Police Representative Associations (ICPRA), which represents 1.5 million law enforcement officers from more than 30 countries across four continents.

Anna Nellberg Dennis, President, European Confederation of Police

Anna Nellberg Dennis is the President of the European Confederation of Police (EuroCOP). EuroCOP represents the interests of almost half a million police officers in 25 European countries, dealing with issues which range from police cooperation across borders to a safer working environment for police officers on the street. Mrs Nellberg Dennis is also a board member of ICPRA (The International Council of Police Representatives) where she represents Police officers in Europe. This international network of police unions was started by the Canadian Police Association (CPA) in 1996 and now has approximately 1.5 million members from four continents affiliated through national police associations and federations. At the national level, she is the Vice Chairman of the Swedish Union national board.

Since her election as President of EuroCOP, Mrs Nellberg Dennis has been working hard to bring the challenges being faced by the police today to the attention of EU policymakers. As an advocate for Police officers across Europe, she champions both the role of the police in ensuring the safety and security of European citizens, and the need to improve the working environment and resources available to Europe’s police.

Mrs Nellberg Dennis joined the Swedish Police in 1999, and has been a serving police officer since 2001. Elected into the regional Police Union board in 2002 and the Swedish national Police union board in 2006, her main areas of responsibility included developing
the Police profession, advocacy work, health and safety and international cooperation. Mrs Nellberg Dennis was the National health and safety representative for the Swedish National Police union board from 2009-2011. Since 2014 she is the Vice Chairman of the Swedish Union national board.

In 2001 Mrs Nellberg Dennis developed an eight year long democracy project in Ethiopia which focused on helping ENAPH, a national organisation for disabled people, establish a strong, democratic organisation. She has also worked from 2006 to 2008 on a project with Police Unions in South Africa tackling the issue of HIV/AIDS in the Police.

Rob Wainwright, Director of Europol

Rob Wainwright was born in 1967 in Carmarthen, Wales, UK. Having graduated in 1989 from the London School of Economics, University of London with a BSc, he worked for the following ten years as an intelligence analyst in the UK in the fields of counter-terrorism and organised crime.

Between 2000 and 2003, Mr Wainwright was the Head of the UK Liaison Bureau at Europol, and also responsible for the Europol National Unit in London. The Liaison Bureaux are a key link in Europol’s cooperation with the EU member states.

In 2003, he was promoted to the position of Director International of the National Criminal Intelligence Service (NCIS), where he was responsible for its international operations and for developing and implementing the UK strategy against facilitated illegal immigration. He also managed the UK’s National Central Bureau for Interpol and its Europol National Unit.

Between 2006 and 2009, he was Chief of the International Department of the UK Serious Organised Crime Agency (SOCA). In this leading role, he oversaw 20,000 law enforcement cases each year as well as establishing the international strategy and operational capabilities of the newly formed agency. His mandate extended from SOCA’s international operations and global partnerships to the worldwide network of SOCA liaison officers and the national bureaux for Interpol and Europol.

Mr Wainwright was appointed Director of Europol in April 2009. He was reappointed for a second term in 2013, having overseen Europol’s transition from intergovernmental organisation to EU agency status in 2010, ensured Europol’s pivotal position in the new EU Policy Cycle for serious and organised crime from 2011, and secured the establishment at Europol of the new European Cyber Crime Centre (EC3) in 2013.

Mr Wainwright’s main priorities as Director have been to focus Europol’s efforts on operational impact in priority crime areas while achieving savings in running costs. During
his tenure, the number of cases initiated at Europol has more than doubled, to over 18,000 in 2013, and Europol has significantly strengthened its portfolio of operational support tools and services.

Mr Wainwright has twice chaired the World Economic Forum’s ‘Global Agenda Council on Organised Crime’ and was on the steering board of its ‘Partnering for Cyber Resilience’ project.