



# IRACM NEWS



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## THE MEDICINE COUNTERFEITING: FROM THE ORIGINS TO THE PRESENT DAY



A new page has been posted on IRACM website and may interest you: the history of medicine counterfeiting. You will discover the emergence of the international political awareness, the geopolitical and sociological analysis of developments, and the key dates. We invite you to visit this page to learn more!

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## FAKE MEDICINES QUARTERLY REVIEW – OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2014

IRACM compiles the global news issued on fake and falsified / counterfeit medicines during the last three months. The quarterly review also presents the IRACM key initiatives.

## NEWS SECTION BELGIUM

FEBRUARY 2015

### Belgium is going to join the Medicrime convention

The Belgian ministers approved on February 13, 2015 a draft law to join the Medicrime convention. [MORE](#)

## NEWS SECTION AFRICA

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### Security in veterinary medicines is increasingly threatened

The trade of substandard and unregistered drugs in Africa is the same size as the official market: US\$400m a year. [MORE](#)



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## PHARMACRIME 4: EUROPEAN SEMINAR FOR SPECIALIZED JUDGES AND PROSECUTORS ON FALSIFIED MEDICINES



Initiated and funded by the IRACM, the Pharmacrime 4 validation conference was scheduled on January 22 and 23, 2015 near Paris, France. The conference gathered nearly 90 attendees including Prosecutors, Judges and Experts from international organizations from the 22 States of the 28 European Member States.

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## HOW TO FOLLOW US ON TWITTER?



The IRACM is expanding its presence on social networks and keeps you informed on a regular basis. All the relevant international news are posted in French and in English. Get in-the-moment updates on the items that interest you.

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## 2 NEW FILMS DIRECTED BY IRACM ON COUNTERFEITING OF MEDICATIONS

Pr François Chast and to Michèle Ramis are two eminent French personalities who present two aspects of the counterfeit medicines: the public health concern and the fight on an international level. Is the

## NEWS SECTION RUSSIA

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### Tougher legislation to criminalize counterfeit medicines

The Russian Parliament enacted new legislation intended to criminalize pharmaceutical counterfeiting and distribution of counterfeited and falsified medicines and medical devices. [MORE](#)

## NEWS SECTION SAUDI ARABIA

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### 8 tons of fake medicines seized

A large quantity of fake drugs against erectile dysfunction and other sexual stimulants have been seized in Riyadh. [MORE](#)

## NEWS SECTION ASIA

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### Emergency to stop antimalarial drug resistance

The Lancet study conducted in Southeast Asia reveals that about 40% of the samples gathered from patients across Myanmar showed resistance to artemisinin. This serious threat is due to fake and adulterated drugs. [MORE](#)

## NEWS SECTION UNITED KINGDOM

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### Biggest crime syndicate



battle already lost?  
[VIDEO 1](#) - [VIDEO 2](#)

Three versions are available for both films: English, French, Spanish on our [TV channel](#).

## A NEW WEBSITE FOR IRACM



The IRACM website brings together multiple sources of information that make it an international reference documentation center. A new design of the website facilitates navigation and the number of generated pages has been increased. A new seizures map is now available and you can have a look at the seizures compiled by country.

We invite you to visit the IRACM website [here](#).

## convicted for trafficking of fake medicines and money laundering

11 crime syndicate members have been sentenced for having sold fake Viagra. 100,000 fake Viagra pills have been seized worth £150,000 (or around USD233,000) in East Sussex.

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## NEWS SECTION UNITED STATES

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### Up to 1,000 new rogue Internet pharmacies identified

1,075 Internet pharmacy websites potentially unsafe and rogue were identified by LegitScript. More than 100 of them are in Chinese, Japanese or Russian. [MORE...](#)

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