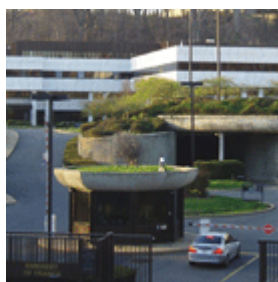


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## WASHINGTON, MAY 28, 2014: SEMINAR ON TRAFFICKING AND COUNTERFEITING OF MEDICINES



During the World Anti-Counterfeiting Day, IRACM attended a day-long seminar in Washington on the fight against trafficking and counterfeiting of medicines involving in the international law enforcement community and their U.S. partners. The seminar was held at the French Embassy in Washington. On its booth, IRACM presented its new e-learning on counterfeit medicines dedicated to the law enforcement officers.

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## OPERATION PANGAEA VII: A NEW HUGE INTERPOL OFFENSIVE AGAINST PHARMACEUTICAL CRIME

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### **Herceptin traffic: organized crime at the heart of the investigation**

A highly organized criminal network was behind the distribution of stolen and counterfeit treatment against cancer (Herceptin) throughout the Western Europe: UK, Finland, Germany, Austria and Sweden.

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### **Products for skin whitening and slimming pills are more counterfeit**

IPOPHL announced willing to intensify its cooperation with



9.4 million illicit and counterfeit drugs were seized in 111 countries between 13 and 20 May 2014 during the operation organized by Interpol. 239 people were arrested and \$36 million of potentially dangerous drugs were seized. 543,000 packages were inspected by Customs and regulatory authorities, in which 20,000 were seized. During this operation, 10,600 illegal medicines e-commerce were shut down and 19,000 adverts for illicit pharmaceuticals via social media platforms have been removed.

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## TRAFFICKING IN ILLICIT AND COUNTERFEIT GOODS WORKSHOP IN CAMEROON



From 6 to 8 May 2014, IRACM participated in the workshop organized by the regional office of Interpol in Yaoundé. The dangers of fake medicine and Customs seizures led by WCO – with the support of IRACM – in Africa over the past two years were presented.

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## MODEL LAWS TO FIGHT COUNTERFEIT MEDICINES



As part of its cooperation with UNODC, IRACM is working on the needs and preparation of model laws to assist states to fit from a legal point of view to better fight counterfeit medicines.

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national health agency to fight against the proliferation of fake medicines.

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### **Some doctors import illegal medicines on the grey market**

Federal authorities claim that some physicians buy prescription drugs from companies or wholesalers domiciled outside the United States - unapproved by the US FDA - and then prescribe them to their patients. A discount up to 20% compared to those distributed in U.S.

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### **Hub for trafficking in fake medicines in West Africa**

Tens of tons of fake drugs would be in circulation in Mauritania; the country becoming a hub for the traffic in West Africa. The medicines come from China, India and the Arab Emirates.

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**The Istanbul Police arrested a hundred people involved in the sale of counterfeit or expired anti-cancer treatments.**

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