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IRAM PARTICIPATED IN A STAKEHOLDER ROUNDTABLE WITH EXPERT ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED IN PROTECTING PEOPLE FROM ILLICIT MEDICINES ONLINE IN THE EU, BRUSSELS (JUNE 17, 2016)



The meeting, convened by Alliance for Safe Online Pharmacy in the EU (ASOP EU) and hosted at Google offices in Brussels, welcomed representatives from ASOP Global, IRACM, the European Healthcare Fraud and Corruption Network (EHFCN), Fight the Fakes, the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP), the European Healthcare Distribution Association (GIRP), the European Association of Mail Service

Pharmacies (EAMSP), the Center for Safe Internet Pharmacies (CSIP) and FakeShare.

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CONFERENCE-DEBATE ON « DRUG COUNTERFEITING IN FRANCE, IN EUROPE AND IN THE WORLD » AT THE

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JUNE 2016

Operation Pangea IX: over 12m fake and illicit medicines seized in 103 countries

Operation Pangea IX was carried out in 103 countries between May 30 and June 7, 2016. The operation targets the illicit online sale of medicines and medical devices and was coordinated by police authorities, customs and health authorities. The operation saw the suspension of 4,932 illegal websites and 393 arrests. In addition to raids on illegal pharmacies, 334,000 parcels were inspected and 170,340 were detained during the international action week.

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LUXEMBOURG PALACE, PARIS (JUNE 20, 2016)



On June 20, 2016, IRACM together with the French anti-piracy committee (CNAC) organized a conference-debate on drug counterfeiting. The event brought together at the Luxembourg palace a hundred people coming from both the private and the public sector as well as from NGOs. Experts from international organizations (WCO, Interpol, Council of Europe, Chirac Foundation, IRACM) and national

organizations (French council of Pharmacists, Central office against attacks towards the environment and public, customs, French Pharmaceutical Companies Association, the ambassador at large on transnational criminal threats) spoke.

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IRACM INTERVENED AS EXPERT DURING THE SUB-REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON FIGHTING DRUG COUNTERFEITING AND THE ILLICIT SALE OF MEDICATIONS IN CENTRAL AFRICA (JUNE 21-23, 2016, DOUALA, CAMEROON)



IRACM participated in the 14th ordinary meeting of the six Central African Economic and Monetary Community (CEMAC) member countries (Cameroon, the Congo, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, Chad and the Central African Republic) in Douala, Cameroon, from June 21 to 23, 2016. This session lead to the Douala declaration which aims to eradicate fake medicines and illicit medicine trafficking in this part of

Africa. IRACM intervened on June 23rd as a panelist in the roundtable of health ministers dedicated to cross-sectoral coordination.

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TRAINING SESSION IN CHAD WITH INTERPOL (JUNE 27-30, 2016)



IRACM together with the French Central office against attacks towards the environment and public (OCLAESP) and INTERPOL conducted a three-day training session on fake drugs. The aim of this training session was to allow law enforcement officers to take stock of the different types of fake medications, the methodologies of survey, the supply channels of fake drug and inter-agency

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Massive fake medicines destruction in Benin

Around 28 tons of fake medicines have been incinerated following the court decision. The National laboratory of counterfeit products has confirmed the inconstancy of these products, as well as their toxicity. This destruction has been led by a seizure at Cotonou, where a container departing from India to Nigeria has been interfered by Benin's forces.

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Philippines regulatory agency warns against fake hepatitis C medicine

The Philippines FDA has issued a warning against falsified versions of {Sofosbuvir 400mg + ledipasvir 90mg} and Daclatasvir 60mg following a World Health Organization advisory targeting South-East Asia. Fake versions of these two products used to treat hepatitis C have been circulating in South-East Asia and could reach the Philippine market. The FDA said that the fake medicines were labeled as manufactured by the Pharco Corporation based in Alexandria, Egypt.

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cooperation. This training is part of LUCRIPHAC (fight against pharmaceutical crime in Central Africa) operation which brings together Cameroun, Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gabon, Guinea, Sao Tomé and Principe and Chad.

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IRACM LAUNCHED TOGETHER WITH INPI, ANEPF, CNAC AND THE FRENCH NATIONAL PHARMACISTS COUNCIL A PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN TO TRAVEL SAFELY WITH MEDICATIONS (JUNE 28, 2016)



Just before summer vacations and the departure of numerous French holiday makers abroad, IRACM together with the French National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI), the National Union of the Students in Pharmacy of France (ANEPF), the French National Pharmacists Council (ONP) and the the French anti-piracy committee (CNAC) launched on June 28, 2016 a nationwide campaign to raise

awareness among the general public about good habits to adopt in relation to medications before their travel, at the airport and during their travel.

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IRACM INTERVENED AS EXPERT DURING THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF SOUTHERN CAUCASIAN COUNTRIES ON COUNTERFEIT MEDICINES (28&29 JUNE 2016, TBILISSI, GEORGIE)



IRACM participated in the conference of Southern Caucasian countries on counterfeit medicines on June 28 & 29 in Tbilissi, Georgie. On June 28, IRACM talked about “General survey of the global threat and the impact in the southern Caucasian region”. IRACM especially highlighted the treat posed by Russian, Ukrainian and Turkish organized crime networks in the region and the need to address it with laws

and deterrent judicial cooperation including a real action against corruption.

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CANADA

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Canadian pharmacist may lose license for medicine trafficking in 40 pharmacies

In Canada, an alleged pharmacist bought around 40 pharmacies under the Uniprix banner in which illegal and dangerous practices have been revealed. The latter was drawing up fake prescriptions (which some customers then used to sell their narcotics on the black market) and stocking out-of-date medicines which were packaged with no labeling, fake labels, boxes of Sildenafil for bulk sale to other pharmacists (this is an illegal practice). The pharmacist sold tranquilizers without prescriptions and generic medicines at brand-medicine prices. He also created fake documents and forged signatures, etc. The Order of Pharmacists has requested the provisional removal of his license.

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Leaders of a vast fake medicines network sentenced to only two years for selling online fake medicines in Spain

After pleading guilty, the offenders of the largest network of fake Viagra in Spain were sentenced to only two years of jail and their associates to five months. The traffickers imported counterfeit drugs from China, Pakistan and India, and sold them online. The police arrested them during a raid and seized



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nearly 160.000 fake pills worth almost €2.5m and seized also around five kilos of a new type of psychoactive ecstasy derivative. The investigation began in September and October 2009 when the police became aware of a group of people collecting parcels from Pakistan, China and India.

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