

Conference recommendations

AT the end of extensive plenary sessions during the 11th Asian Regional Conference of Interpol in Canberra in February, the delegates made 16 recommendations to be taken to the next General Assembly of Interpol later this year.

Those recommendations were:

- That all General Assembly resolutions concerning international co-operation and mutual assistance in Criminal police matters be applied to the greatest extent possible.
- That National Central Bureaus (NCBs) encourage their governments if they have not already done so, to ratify the 1988 UN Convention on Narcotic Drugs.
- That NCBs encourage their governments to enter into bilateral mutual assistance treaties concerning law enforcement co-operation in order to speed up and make more efficient the co-operation through Interpol channels.
- That where extradition or mutual assistance agreements do not exist the provisions of UN Conventions be used where appropriate, as the legal basis on which such extradition or assistance may be provided.
- That every possible legal means, including administrative procedures, such as immigration sanctions, be used to ensure the rapid return of fugitive criminals to the country where they are to be brought to trial.
- That the General Secretariat of ICPO-Interpol monitor action taken as a result of these recommendations to assure their effectiveness.
- That the General Secretariat consider the strengthening of the ICPO-



Rehwinkel's Animal Park, a tourist attraction north of Canberra, was a popular item on the accompanying persons' program

Interpol Drugs Liaison Office at Bangkok, Thailand.

- That the General Secretariat study measures to enhance co-operation and to co-ordinate action relative to the theft and international disposition of motor vehicles.
- That the General Secretariat closely follow the activity of the Asian and Pacific Secretariat of the UN Economic and Social Commission relating to drug abuse issues, and consider actively participating in a proposed drug abuse control co-ordinating centre.
- That the General Secretariat assure that counterfeit currency and credit card fraud issues be included on the agenda of the economic crime conference to be held later this year.
- That the commercial crime group

of the General Secretariat consider the development of a publication that compiles national and regional legislation, which relates to economic, commercial, and financial crime. It is additionally recommended that this proposed publication include a collection of typical cases for reference by police authorities.

- That the General Secretariat develop regional workshops which deal with financial matters.
- That the General Secretariat develop a drug related statistical data base which is composed of arrest and seizure statistics that will be accessible to the Customs Co-operation Council and the United Nations.
- That NCBs make every effort to provide the General Secretariat with information copies of their communications.
- That the General Secretariat obtain clarification from the 12 countries/regions that indicated a willingness to host a Drug Law Enforcement Training Centre, for the details of their offer.
- That the General Secretariat consider the development and distribution of an annually updated catalogue of each member country's pre-emptive crime prevention activities such as the Koben System and the neighbourhood citizen watch schemes which now exist in various areas of the world.



Senator Tate and Mr Kawada at the conference reception