

Conference 2008



(Item II on the Agenda)

Introduction

Alan Hall – Capacity Building Directorate





Background

- Small beginnings
- Informal Group
- Lack of Research
- Lack of Knowledge Recognition
- Meeting the needs of Members





Two Streams



- Establishment of *academic standards* to support *professionalism in Customs* practice and management.
- Creation of an environment to support *academic research* in the field of Customs.





“PICARD”



- Partnership
- In
- Customs
- Research
- And
- Development





PICARD Management



- WCO Secretariat
- International Network of Customs Universities
- PICARD Advisory Group
- International Customs Journal
- Annual Conference





Progress



- INCU established – xx members
- Educational standards set
 - executive management
 - operational management
 - vocational (future work)
- Formal recognition process established
- International Customs Journal (3 editions published – xx articles)

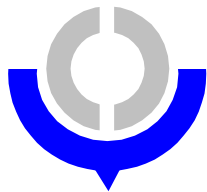




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Future Developments



- Promote professional standards
- Formal recognition of institutions applying the professional standards
 - Based on Advisory Group recommendations
- Advise Members
- Alignment with WCO E-Learning
- Develop vocational standards
- Fuel the research agenda

