GRENADA HOSTS REGIONAL SEMINAR ON DIVERSION OF CHEMICALS

Law enforcement Officers, and other officials involved in the control of drugs, in Grenada are now trained in dealing with matters pertaining to the diversion of chemicals. Sixteen (16) officers from the Royal Grenada Police Force, Customs and Excise department, Produce Chemist laboratory, and the Pharmacy Unit of the Ministry of Health, participated in a regional seminar on the diversion of chemicals, during 28 January to 1 February 2013, in Grenada, organized by the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD).

The seminar is part of a series of similar programs conducted by CICAD, to develop knowledge and skills of officers to prevent diversion of such chemicals which are used in the manufacturing industry, but can be diverted for the production of illicit drugs.

Issues examined at the seminar included:

- Chemicals used in the production of illicit drugs.
- Field tests for cocaine.
- Smuggling and diversion of chemicals from licit channels.

Ambassador Terence Craig, OAS Representative, Grenada, and Mr. Smith Roberts, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Royal Grenada Police Force with responsibility for Administration, delivered remarks at the commencement of the seminar.

The seminar was funded by the OAS, Government of Canada. Technical assistance was provided by the Government of France. Facilitators of the seminar were: Ziggy Malyniwsy, Chief, Supply Reduction and Control Section, OAS/CICAD; Laurent Colibeau of the National Directorate of the Intelligence and Customs Investigations, France, and Wayne Jeffery, Instructor, Chemist, Former Royal Canada Mounted Police Officer. It was coordinated by the Royal Grenada Police Force and the Drug Control Secretariat.

The Drug Control Secretariat would endeavour to create an atmosphere of non-tolerance towards drugs, through the implementation of appropriate programmes, which would promote the well-being of all persons in the State of Grenada.
**FROM THE EDITOR’S DESK**

*Dave Alexander, Drug Control Officer*

As we commence the New year 2013, the Drug Control Secretariat extends best wishes to the Government and people of Grenada, and all our colleagues, friends, and institutions both in and out of Grenada, with whom we collaborate. We are excited about the various programs which would commence in 2013, and the continuation of existing projects.

Some of the programs slated for 2013 include:

- Sixth Evaluation Round of the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM).

- The Caribbean Prevention and Treatment Training and Certification Program (PROCCER), Pilot Phase.

- Secondary Schools’ Drug Prevalence Survey.

- Introduction of new Indicators for the Grenada Drug Epidemiology Network (GREN DEN).


The Drug Control Secretariat will continue the implementation of all its regular programs, geared toward drug control. We stand ready to provide technical assistance and other forms of support, in this critical area.

**JAPAL ATTENDS REGIONAL WORKSHOPS**

Assistant Drug Control Officer, Ms. Elizabeth Japal attended two regional training workshops during the months of January and February respectively. The first workshop was held in Paramaribo, Suriname, during the period January 28 to 30, 2013. The objective of the workshop was to train participants from twelve (12) Caribbean countries as Coordinators and Technical Advisors for the 2013 Secondary Schools’ Drug Prevalence Survey, being implemented by the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD). One of the highlights of the workshop was the preparation of implementation plans for the surveys. Grenada is scheduled to implement its survey in April 2013.

Grenada was represented at the workshop by Dr. Cecilia Younger, Professor at St. Georges University (SGU) in the capacity of Technical Advisor, and Ms. Elizabeth Japal, as Project Coordinator.

Participating countries included Barbados, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago.

Meanwhile, the second workshop was held in Nassau, the Bahamas, February 28 to March 1, 2013. It was organized by the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM) Unit of CICAD to train the National Entities (NCE’s) from the thirty-four (34) member states of the OAS on components of the new evaluation instrument for the Sixth Evaluation Round of the MEM, 2013 to 2015. The evaluation process would employ a new methodology, different from that used in the previous rounds. The process will now be based on a set of twenty-seven (27) common recommendations, on the basis of which member states will be evaluated. The Evaluation Survey is divided into five chapters, in accordance with the structure of the Hemispheric Drug Strategy and its Plan of Action, 2011-2015, as follows: Institutional Strengthening, Demand Reduction, Supply Reduction, Control Measures and International Cooperation.

The Drug Control Secretariat is the NCE for the MEM in Grenada.
REPORT ON DRUG PROBLEM IN THE AMERICAS

Drug Control Officer, Dave Alexander, along with several experts from the Caribbean, attended the regional meeting on the preparation of a report on current and possible new approaches to addressing the drug problem in the Americas, held 16 to 17 January 2013, in Trinidad. It would address issues including:

- Relationship between drugs and public health.
- Security challenges as reflected in the nexus between drugs, violence and organized crime.
- Production and supply of drugs, pharmaceuticals, and chemical precursors.
- Legal and regulatory approaches to the drug problem.

Hemispheric leaders meeting in Cartagena, Colombia in April 2012 mandated the Organization of American States (OAS) to prepare the report.

PHOTOS, REGIONAL SEMINAR ON DIVERSION OF PRECURSOR CHEMICALS, GRENAADA, 28 JANUARY TO 1 FEBRUARY 2013

Participants At Regional Seminar On Diversion of Precursor Chemicals, Grenada, 28 January 2013

Laurent Colibeau, Instructor, French Customs/DNRED

Ziggie Malyniwsky, Chief, Supply Reduction Section, OAS/CICAD

Wayne Jeffery, Instructor, Chemist, Former RCMP Officer, Canada
IN THE NEWS

The Drug Control Secretariat extends condolences to the family of the late Crispin Frederick-James, Probation Officer; ick, former Project Coordinator of Robert Phillip, Counsellor; the Project Coordination Unit, Arthur Pierre, HIV/AIDS Ministry of Finance and Perma-Response Coordinator; Lydia en Secretary of the Ministries of Phillip, Health Promotion Works and Education, and a for-Officer; Cecilia Rougier; mer Teacher at the Grenada Boys Psychologists) from Grenada Secondary School, who entered participated in a Trainer of into eternal rest on 26 December Trainers program, organized by 2012 at the age of 54 years. Mr. CICAD, held 4 to 8 February, Frederick provided significant in Miami, United States of technical assistance to the Secre-Ameria. The training is part tariat in the formulation of drug of the Caribbean Prevention control projects and technical doc-And Treatment Training And, and participated in several Certification Program, local and regional drug control ini-(PROCCER). These Officers tiatives. He was instrumental in would conduct a series of train-arranging the secondment of Drug ing programs to health profes- Control Officer Dave Alexander to nionals, social workers, com- the Regional Office of the United munity leaders, and other inter- Nations International Drug Control ested persons, who are involved Program in 2000 and 2001. May in drug prevention later in rest in peace.

PROCCER is an inter-agency and interdisciplinary program in the Caribbean for the development and institutionalization of training and certification mechanisms for drug prevention and treatment personnel.

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Jenifer James, student at the St. George’s University, Grenada, did a one-month practicum assignment at the Drug Control Secretariat. During her assignment, Ms. James prepared statistical reports on drug use and analyzed data on students arrested. Ms. James is pursuing her Masters degree in Public Health. She is also a Probation Officer at the Ministry of Social Development, and a member of the Grenada Drug Epidemiology Network (GRENDEL).