F ive Officers from Grenada participated in the seminar, ‘Seminar on Internet Sales of Drugs’, held 21 to 25 September 2009, in The Bahamas. The Seminar was part of technical assistance being provided by the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD), in response to its recommendation, ‘Carry out research and training activities related to the prevention and control of illicit traffic of pharmaceutical products and other drugs via the internet, which will enable the country to identify its regulatory and operative needs’, which was issued to all its member states during the Fourth Round of the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM), 2005 to 2006.

Issues addressed at the Seminar included: internet basic principles, investigation of electronic mail and other investigative methods, live chat and tactical behavior. Participants also engaged in several practical sessions, case studies and discussions.

This seminar is of paramount importance to Grenada, as it lays the groundwork for the implementation of appropriate mechanism to deal with any matters pertaining to the sale of drugs via the internet.

At the Fifth Annual General Meeting of the Grenada Drug Information Network (GRENDIN), held on 11 December 2008, Mr. Darshan Ramdhani, Senior Crown Council in the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, presented a paper on the subject, ‘Legal Implications For The Prevention And Control Of Illicit Traffic Of Pharmaceutical Products And Other Drugs Via The Internet in Grenada’. This presentation examined the legal and administrative framework which would be required to adequately address this issue. This presentation was in response to CICAD’s recommendation, mentioned earlier. One of the matters to be further explored in 2010 is the possible establishment of a Cyber Crime Unit/Special Internet Task Force, comprising of Law Enforcement Agencies.

Participating countries were: The Bahamas, Barbados, Grenada, Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago. The seminar was conducted by CICAD and INTERPOL.

The Drug Control Secretariat wishes to than the Government and people of Grenada, and all local, regional and international Organizations, for their financial and technical support in 2009. We are most grateful for your steadfast support. Your assistance has rebounded to the success of our anti-drug initiatives. We look forward to your assistance in 2010.
The successful conclusion of the Sixth Annual Meeting of the Grenada Drug Information Network (GRENDIN), is yet another clear signal by the Government of Grenada of its commitment in the campaign against drugs and related problems. When GRENDIN was established on 11 December 2002, the issue was raised about its viability and sustainability. This issue was uppermost in the minds of the Officials at the workshop which established GRENDIN.

The Sixth Annual Meeting of GRENDIN, is evidence that GRENDIN has developed and maintained an active and formidable presence in the national anti-drug campaign. At the commencement of the Fifth Round of the Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM), GRENDIN contributed over ninety (90) percent of the statistical information requested in the MEM Indicators. Further, the network of Officers which has developed as a result of GRENDIN, enabled the Drug Control Secretariat, which is the National Coordinating Entity (NCE) for the MEM in Grenada, to complete and submit the MEM Indicators, several days ahead of the deadline established by CICAD.

GRENDIN has proven that it has made a significant contribution to the National drug control programme!
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Grenada Seventh Day Adventist Pathfinders Rally Against Drugs, 27 September 2009

Dave Alexander at Drug Information Workshop, 29 to 30 October 2009, Jamaica

‘Living Drug Free” a half hour television program on GIS Television Channel 12, Tuesdays & Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Benedict Newton & ASP Vannie Curwen at Seminar on Sale of Drugs via The Internet, The Bahamas 21 to 25 September,

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IN THE NEWS

Grenada made a submission for possible technical assistance to enable the country’s full participation in the United Nations convention against corruption. The submission was made during a workshop in Canada, 29 September to 1 October 2009. Grenada’s representatives Ms. Cyrilla Steele, Foreign Service Officer at the ministry of foreign Affairs, and Detective Inspector Senneth Joseph, Officer in Charge of the Financial Intelligence Unit gave an account of the island’s anti-corruption policies and measures. They also outlined steps being taken towards ratifying or acceding to the UN Convention against corruption. Although Grenada is a party to the Inter American Convention against Corruption, it is not yet a signatory to the UN Convention against Corruption.

Grenada’s Commissioner to the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD), Mr. Dave Alexander attended the Forty-Sixth Regular Session of the CICAD (CICAD 46), convened 18 to 20 November 2009, in Miami, USA.

Officers attached to Drug Squad and Special Services Unit arrested and charged two Grenadians on 3 October 2009 for the offence of possession and trafficking of two hundred and eight pounds of Cannabis. The following items were found in their possession: cash amounting to $9,266.50 ECC, one Suzuki Escudo van, registration number PAA371 and one boat. One of the persons arrested was also charged for possession of a controlled drug within one hundred yards of a school.

Meanwhile, 2,651 cannabis plants were eradicated by the Drug Squad on 1 October 2009, in a single operation. No one was arrested and charged for cultivation of the plants.

A British national was arrested and charged for the possession and trafficking of 3.62 kg. of cocaine on 15 October 2009. In another drug bust, five nationals of St. Vincent and the Grenadines were arrested and charged for possession and trafficking of 5.44 kg. of marijuana, also on 15 October 2009.

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Ms. Elizabeth Japal, Assistant Drug Control Officer of the Drug Control Secretariat made two presentations on the topic, ‘Drugs and Their Effects on the Human Body,’ to Secondary School students on the 23 and 24 October, 2009 respectively. The first presentation was made at a Youth Camp organized by the Ministry of Education in collaboration with UNESCO, for Secondary students who exhibit behaviours which may put them among the high risk and vulnerable groups in the society. The second presentation was done at the St. George’s University, at a Drug Awareness Retreat, organized by the LEO Club of Grenada.

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