



# INTOSAI CBC

## Sub-Committee on Peer Review



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**Cape Town, RSA**  
**October 3, 2016**

**Presenter: Imrich Gál**  
**SAO SR**



# 2016 meeting programme





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## ***1. A bit of history***

**Members and meetings**

**Peer review surveys**

**Global peer review about SAIs independence**

**Open discussion**

## ***2. Revised INOSAI 5600***

**The presentation of the revised standard**

**Milestones for the draft endorsement**

**Open discussion**

## ***3. New strategic development of the SC PR after 2016***

**Suggestions by the Chair and the SC 3 members**

# ***1. A bit of history***

# *Members and meetings*



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# 14 members





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## 8 meetings

**2005 Sub-committee established with SAI Germany as Chair**

**2012 SAI Slovakia became Sub-committee Chair**

### *Sub-committee meetings:*

- **2007 in Bonn, Germany**
- **2008 in Bonn, Germany**
- **2010 in Bonn, Germany**
- **2011 in Vienna, Austria**
- **2012 in Luxemburg, Luxembourg**
- **2013 in Bratislava, Slovakia**
- **2014 in Lima, Peru**
- **2015 in Stockholm, Sweden**

# *Peer review surveys*



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## Surveys to date

year	number of peer reviews known to date	number of reports
<b>2012</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>2014</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>2015</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>2016</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>total</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>56</b>



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*documents at CBC web <http://www.intosaicbc.org/>*

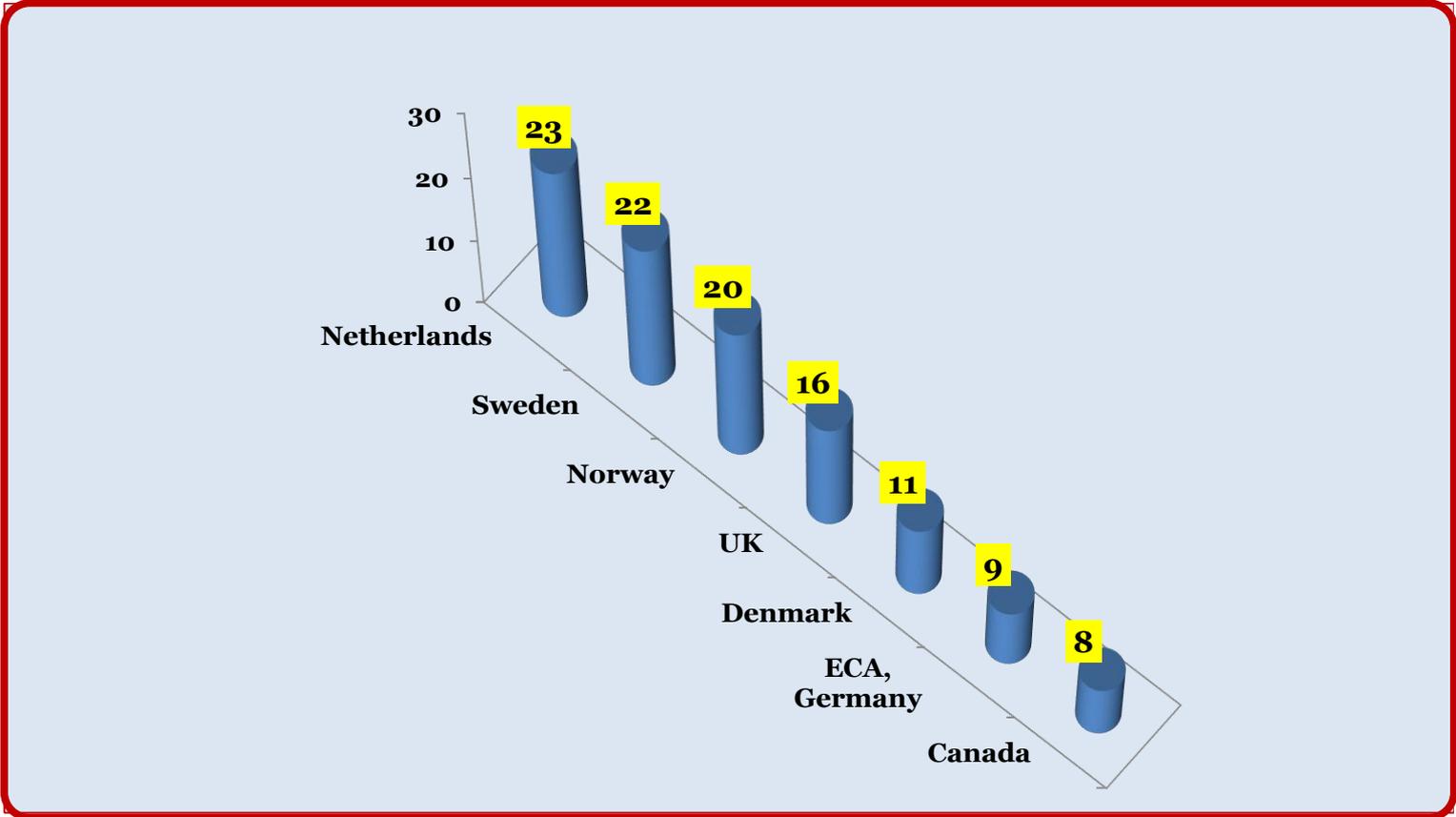
language	number of reports	number of MoU
 English	45	5
 French	2	x
 Russian	1	x
 German	3	2
 Spanish	4	1
 Dutch	1	x
total	56	8



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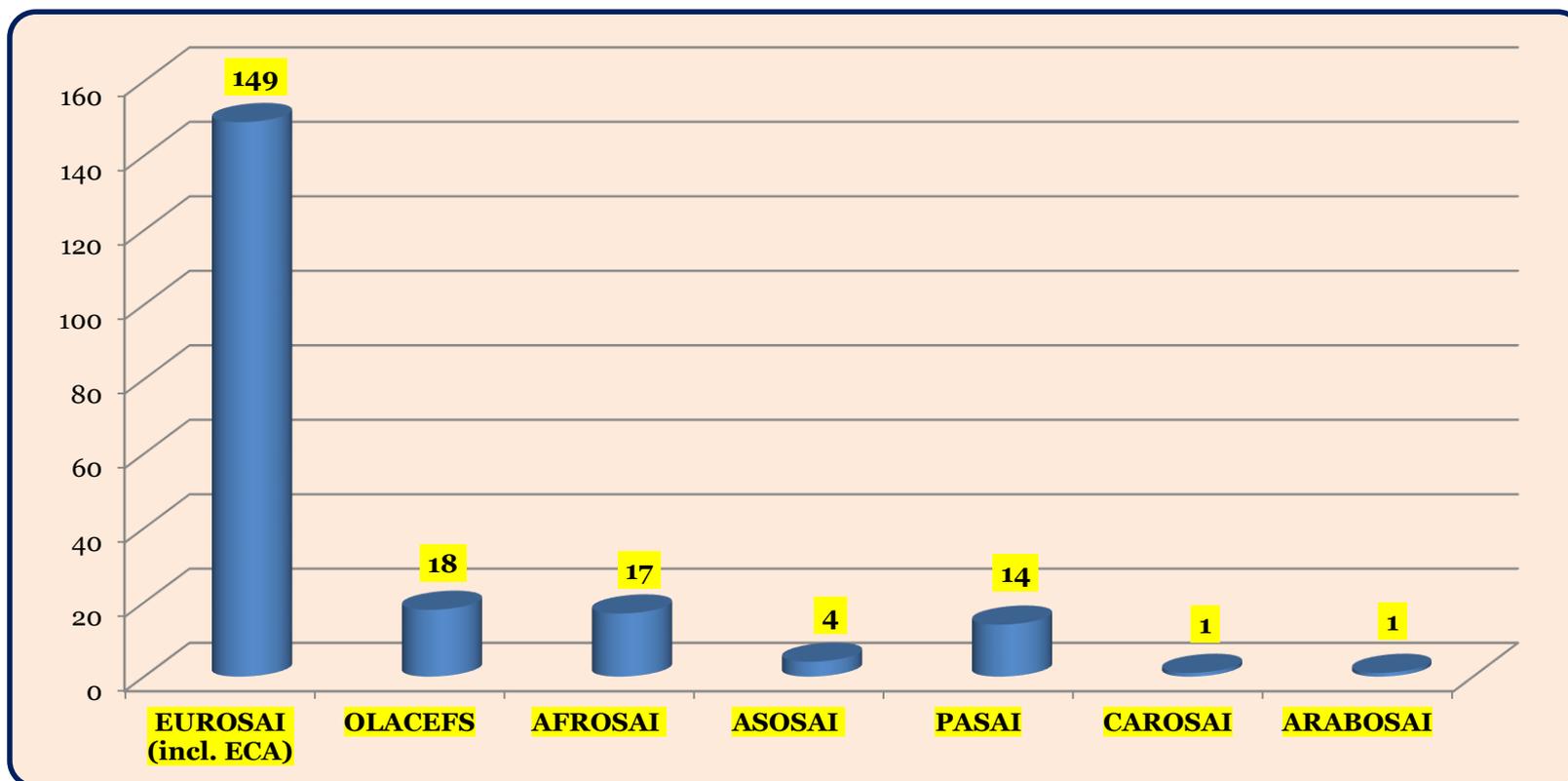
# SAIs engagement as peer reviewer





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# SAIs engagement by INTOSAI Regions





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## SAIs to become reviewing entity by regions

INTOSAI REGION	Number of SAIs
EUROSAI	<b>11</b>
OLACEFS	<b>3</b>
ASOSAI	<b>4</b>
ARABOSAI	<b>1</b>
AFROSAI	<b>3</b>
CAROSAI	<b>1</b>
PASAI	<b>1</b>



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## General facts from surveys

- In period 1999 – 2016 there were 5.4 peer reviews/year.
- In total, 54 SAIs were engaged as peer reviewer (28% of INTOSAI membership).
- A peer reviewing team was composed from 3 SAIs.
- Average number of auditors from reviewed SAI directly involved in the peer review: 12;
- Average number of auditors from reviewing SAIs directly involved in the peer review: 6.
- Average number of days spent by the peer reviewing team at the peer reviewed SAI premises: 14 days;



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## General facts from surveys

**Topics and scope of the peer reviews varied according to the peer review goals:**

- management and organizational setup (core audit, administrative and management functions);**
- legal framework;**
- audit methodology, standards and manuals;**
- planning and quality control;**
- auditors and SAls staff training and development, etc.**



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## General facts from surveys

- Recommendations ranged from few to several dozen;
- Follow-ups by the peer reviewing team were seldom;
- ISSAI 5600 and Checklist were used primarily for constructing MoU, planning and selection of the questions used for peer review.



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## General facts from surveys

**The peer review projects were welcomed by all involved. They viewed peer review as opportunity to:**

- confirm good work done by the reviewed SAI;**
- uncover gaps in the reviewed SAI activities;**
- source and get ideas for continuous improvement in the given SAI audit activities and help to build the SAIs as modern institutions;**
- benefit participants in form of information, knowledge and experience exchange.**

***Global peer review about  
SAIs independence***



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**This project was initiated against knowledge from IDI  
Global Survey in 2013 that over  
40 % of SAIs reported cases of undue interference  
and a general lack of independence.**





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## The project goal is to identify:

- problems related to 8 Mexico Declaration principles. The reports could become a tool to address reviewed SAIs' Parliaments and media to rectify the situation.



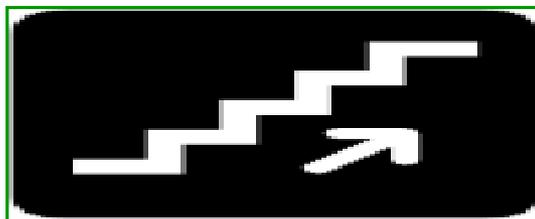
- necessary measures for improving independence.



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## Steps done so far by the SC PR Chair:



**July 2015:** SAO SR gave presentations and advice the project auditor team on topics related to project process and methodology;

**August 2015:** INTOSAI Secretary General J. Moser asked SAO SR to become the project reviewer and SAO SR President K. Mitrík gave his consent;

**November 2015:** SAI of Norway was asked to joint the project as the reviewing team member;

**November 2015 – May 2016:** assisted to the INTOSAI GS to prepare the MoU for the project review;

**June 2016 –** MoU was signed by J. Moser (INTOSAI SG), P. K. Foss (AG of Norway) and K. Mitrík (SAO SR President);

**July 2016 –** ToR being prepared by the INTOSAI GS.



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# ISSAI 5600 revised Peer Review Guide and PRAQ

## Best practices and quality assurance





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## *Peer review according to ISSAI 5600 revised*

A peer review is *not an audit* but an assessment and advice provided voluntarily by peers.

The decision to undergo a peer reviews is always *voluntary*.

The reviewed SAI is not bound by the conclusions and recommendations of the peer review team, and can decide how to use the results.



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# ISSAI 5600 revised Peer Review Guide and PRAQ Exposure draft

- **available on ISSAI web page October 2015 – mid February 2016;**
- **generated 138 comments and suggestions from 30 SAIs:  
98 were accepted and 40 were noted.**



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<b>chapter</b>	<b>ISSAI 5600</b>	<b>chapter</b>	<b>revised ISSAI 5600</b>
<b>preface</b>	<b>preface</b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>Introduction</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Introduction</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Definition</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Definition</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Initial consideration</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Strategic considerations</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Peer review agreement</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Partners and resources</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Preparation and conduct</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Memorandum of Understanding</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Follow-up and Evaluation</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Planning</b>
		<b>7</b>	<b>Field work</b>
		<b>8</b>	<b>Reporting</b>
		<b>9</b>	<b>Implementation of results, follow-up</b>
<b>pages</b>	<b>21</b>		<b>29</b>
	<b>Check list</b>	<b>appendix</b>	<b>Peer Review Areas and Questions</b>
<b>pages</b>	<b>21</b>		<b>27</b>
<b>appendix</b>	<b>Glossary</b> <b>2</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Glossary on</b> <a href="http://www.intosaiglossary.org.mx/Main.aspx">http://www.intosaiglossary.org.mx/Main.aspx</a>



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## Last milestones

TRANSLATION  
and handing over to GS

MAY 2016  
SEPTEMBER 2016

ADOPTION  
by INCOSAI  
2016

DECEMBER 2016



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**The result after uncounted versions and  
amendments is:  
reader – friendly**



**clearly structured standard with the latest  
knowledge amassed over the time that was  
funnelled into the standard.**

***3. New strategic  
development  
of the SC PR after 2016***



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## Peer review promotion

**The SC PR will continue to inform INTOSAI community and others on progress in the SC PR work, and other peer review related topics on:**

[www.intosaijournal.org](http://www.intosaijournal.org)

[www.intosaicbc.org](http://www.intosaicbc.org)

[www.issai.org](http://www.issai.org)

[www.eurosai.org](http://www.eurosai.org)

**and, occasionally, in form of presentations at expert seminars organised by entities like**  
**Institute of Internal Auditors, Slovak Chapter**



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## 2017 – 2022 SC PR will:

- continue to develop and update the existing peer review documentation;
- further develop the PRAQ document to widen the scope of peer review areas;
- continue to promote peer review as a tool for quality assurance and capacity building through articles in electronic media in cooperation with INTOSAI Regional Organizations and other INTOSAI bodies;

## 2017 SC PR will:

- conduct a global survey among INTOSAI members followed by a study on peer review as method to apply INTOSAI assessment tools.
- support and perform a review of the *Global peer review on independence* project with SAI of Norway.

## 2018 SC PR will:

- hold a global conference on peer review as method to apply INTOSAI assessment tools.

## 2019 SC PR will:

- publish the results of the global survey, study and global conference in a comprehensive paper summing up the knowledge collected.

? ? *SUGGESTIONS* ? ?

? ? *COMMENTS* ? ?

? ? *OBSERVATIONS* ? ?

