

International Network of Customs Universities (INCUI)

INCUI's Role in International Customs Education, Research and Capacity Building

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INCU Objectives

INCU is an international not-for-profit organisation established to:

- **promote the academic standing of the Customs profession;**
- **promote academic excellence in Customs matters;**
- **support research in Customs matters;**
- **generate greater public awareness of the Customs profession;**
- **provide the World Customs Organization and other organisations with a single point of contact with universities and research institutes that are active in the field of customs research, education and training;**
- **provide a global resource for governments and the private sector, and an educational source for students and researchers wishing to further their knowledge in customs and related fields.**

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INCU Management Committee

The INCU is managed by the INCU Management Committee, which comprises the following persons:

- **President – Prof David Widdowson** (Centre for Customs and Excise Studies, Australia)
- **Vice-president – Prof Michael Wolfgang** (University of Muenster, Germany)
- **Committee Member – Dr Andrew Grainger** (Nottingham University, United Kingdom)
- **Committee Member - Prof Yuhao Cong** (Shanghai Customs College, China)
- **Committee Member – Prof. Wieslaw Czyzowicz** (Warsaw School of Economics, Poland)
- **Committee Member – Mr Samuel Bautista** (Academy of Developmental Logistics, Philippines)

INCU Secretariat

Located in Canberra, Australia.

- coordinating the activities of INCU members and affiliates,
- providing support to the INCU Management Committee, and
- where appropriate, providing advice to the WCO.



- **New Membership Affairs Officer appointed – Ms Henrike Lobeck**

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Membership

- A Membership base comprised of both Individuals and Academic Institutions involved in customs-related matters;
- An Affiliate base comprised of Academic Institutions and Non-academic Institutions; and
- An elected Management Committee comprising of Individual Members and representatives of Institutional Members.

As at 2 December 2021:

- **23 Institutional Members** (only academic institutions)
- **104 Individual Members** (academics, consultants, researchers, customs officers, government officials)
- **176 Affiliates** (academic institutions, private sector, Customs administrations and other government agencies)

Countries Represented in INCU

A world map with a light blue background. The landmasses are outlined in black. 94 countries are highlighted in a darker blue color. These include: Canada, the United States, Mexico, Central American countries (Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama), Caribbean islands (Cuba, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Jamaica, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, Guyana, Suriname, French Guiana), South American countries (Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Paraguay, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, Brazil), European countries (Iceland, United Kingdom, Ireland, France, Germany, Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Austria, Hungary, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Turkey, Bulgaria, Romania, Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia, Hungary, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Macedonia, Kosovo, Albania, Bulgaria, Romania, Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia, Hungary, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Macedonia, Kosovo), Russian Federation, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, China, Mongolia, North Korea, South Korea, Japan, Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Brunei, Singapore, Thailand, Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia, Myanmar, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Australia, New Zealand, and several Pacific Island nations (Fiji, Samoa, Tonga, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Palau, Micronesia, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Kiribati, Tuvalu, Cook Islands, Niue, Tokelau, Wallis and Futuna, French Polynesia, New Caledonia, Easter Island).

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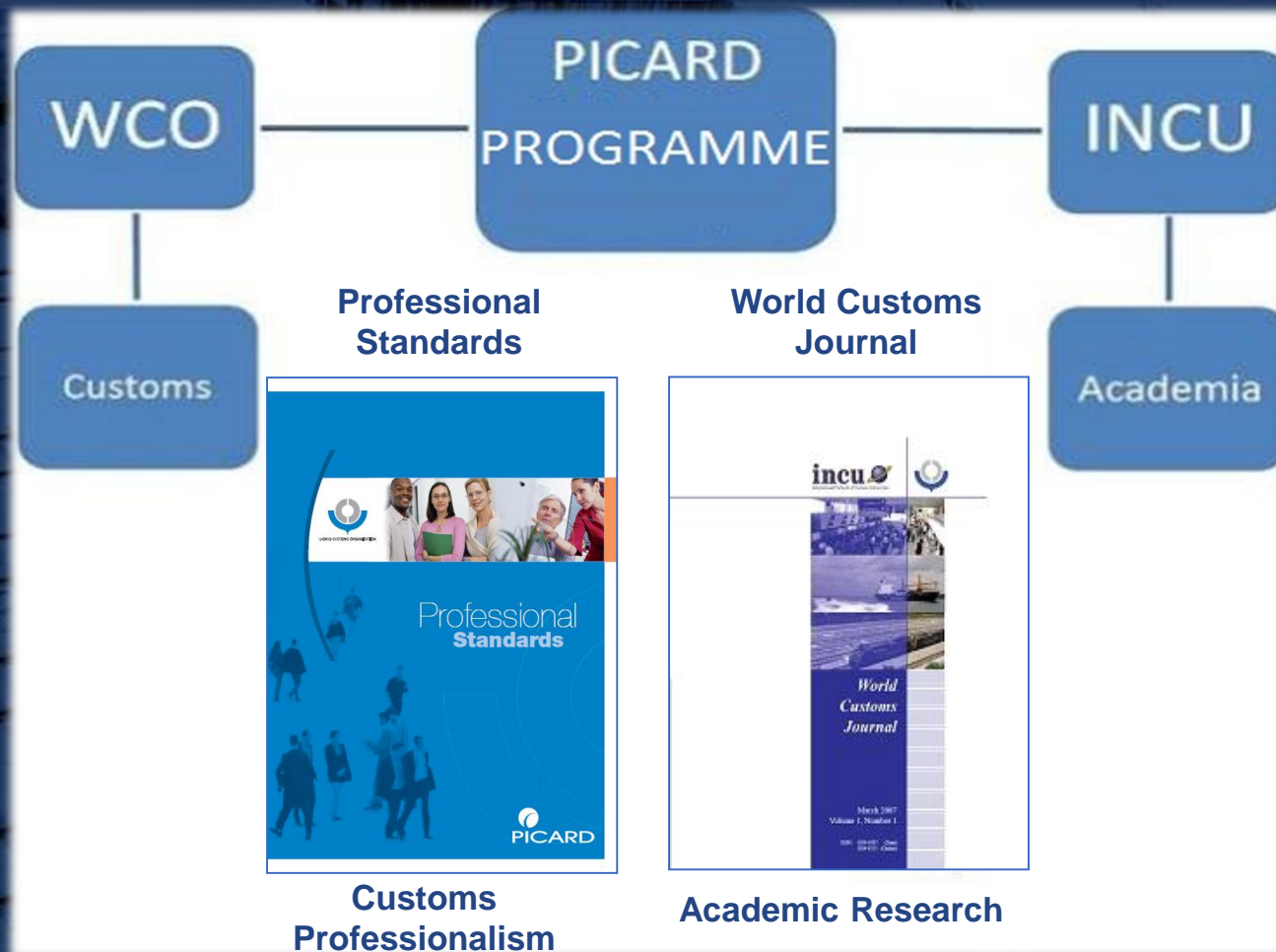
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INCU Role in Customs Research and Education

- Education and training
 - Recent Activity: Continued to provide advice/consultation to WCO and INCU members on Professional Standards, WCO recognition and assistance with development of academic programs.
- Research
 - Recent Activity: Published WCJ Special Edition in cooperation with WCO, continued to publish World Customs Journal twice a year
 - Several academic books published by INCU members and affiliates
- Organising academic conferences
 - Recent Activity: Launched “INCUB in Conversation With” Online Seminar Series.
- Support to other international organisations
 - Recent Activity: Continued to engage with international organisations including WCO, WTO, UNCTAD, ITC, IPCSA, UNODC, World Bank and others

INCUB Collaboration with WCO

Partnership in Customs Academic Research and Development (PICARD) Programme



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INCU in Conversation With

Launched in August 2021, seminars held so far:

- **Dominik Schnichels, Director of Customs Directorate of TAXUD**
- **Valentina Ferraro & Maka Khvedelidze, WCO**
- **Virginie Bohl, Coordinator of IMPACCT Working Group**
- **Steven Pope, DPDHL**

Upcoming Seminars:

- **21 Jan 2022 – Poul Hansen, UNCTAD** – “Do National Trade Facilitation Committees work?”
- **24 Feb 2022 – Sue Probert, Chair UNCEFACT** – “Why are standards so important for facilitating trade and customs?”
- **24 Mar 2022 – Mohammad Saeed, International Trade Centre** – “Are the needs of SME businesses well enough articulated in trade and customs policy?”
- **28 Apr 2022 – Richard Morton & Uwe Liebschner, IPCSA** – “Latest developments in Port Community Systems and issues relevant to Customs”

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