

Innspill til ICK's tale på konferansen, 8.11.07

- It's a great pleasure for me to welcome you all to Norway and the ICPC's seventh annual colloquium hosted by the Norwegian Police Service
- I am delighted to see the great interest for this event both nationally and internationally.
- The Norwegian Police Service is a young member of ICPC, but I am pleased that our membership has already resulted in us hosting this colloquium. In this regard I will particularly underline the excellent cooperation with the ICPC secretariat during the preparations for this colloquium.
- Furthermore, I would like to emphasise the fact that the membership has also helped us to strengthen our own crime prevention strategies.
- The theme of this conference is "The role of the police in crime prevention". In order to explore this role we will focus on a number of factors. I will mention some:
 - building effective and sustainable partnerships with external organisations and institutions
 - structures and cultures of police services
 - the need for a knowledge based approach based on broad data collection and analysis
 - and the need to constantly evaluate our own performance
- Moreover, the colloquium will focus on international assistance to police reform and the notion of crime prevention as well as international cooperation in crime prevention and community safety.
- The Norwegian Police Service clearly recognise the need to develop improved methods to prevent crime. For instance we have a strong interest in the work to identify indicators to more accurately measure crime prevention.
- I also urge you to share experiences and enhance your networks at this conference.
- I wish you a very successful colloquium and hope you will have a pleasant stay in Norway.