WHAT´S UP IN THE INSTITUTE

MAIN NEWS - FIRST MEETING OF THE INSTITUTE DIVISIONS



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Since 20th December 2018, applicants for Institute membership were sent decisions on their applications on admission to the Institute. Currently, the Board of Directors records 29 duly registered members. At the same time, the Board also plans the first meeting of individual Institute divisions in the last January week. We are going to inform the members about the date and place of the meeting in the first January week.

WHAT ELSE

- Since 1st January 2019, **Mgr. Petra Razím Ďurovičová** will be a new **addition** to the team of the Institute for Gambling Regulation and she will hold the position of the Secretary of the Institute.
- On 19th December 2018, the Institute Director met with **DOC. MUDr. Viktor Mravčík**, the head of the National Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Addiction. The Institute and its objectives were presented and the cooperation between these two institutions was established.

WHAT´S NEXT

- Initial meetings at Ministry of the Interior, the Financial Analytical Office and the General Financial Directorate will take place in the first half of January.
- First working meetings of individual divisions will take place in the last January week. The invitation will be sent to the member at the beginning of January.

AML AMENDMENT AND FUTURE COOPERATION OF INSTITUTE AND FAO



The Financial Analytical Office (FAO) is preparing an amendment to Act No. 253/2008 Coll., On Certain Measures Against the Legalization of Proceeds from Crime and Financing of Terrorism. Institute is among those entities who will receive a proposal to comment during the comment procedure. Moreover, a meeting between Institute and FAO representatives on their future cooperation will take place in January.

WHAT´S UP IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

- **Reporting Decree of MoF**
  The draft of the Decree on how to report and send information and data transmission by gambling operators, the scope of the transmitted data and other technical parameters of the data transmission is likely to have its final version as the notifying process in the EU was finalised without comments. **It should take effect on 1st April 2019.**

- **The Ministry of Finance has completed the public procurement on a gambling information system.**
  On 19th December 2018, the Ministry of Finance issued an official report **on the signing of a contract with the supplier of the Information System for Supervision of Gambling (AISG).** The **CCA Group** was selected from 5 candidates. The purpose of creating an information system is to facilitate communication between governmental bodies involved in tax administration or operating in the field of gambling operation. The system itself consists of **three parts – administrative part, supervisory part and analytical module**.

  Workers of supervisory authorities will only work with pseudonymized identifiers within the information system. **The protection of gamblers' data** can thus be ensured if MoF takes the necessary further steps. **The Institute is looking for a solution with the MoF.**
  The press release to the information system (unfortunately only in Czech) can be found here.
  The contract between MoF and CCA Group (unfortunately only in Czech) can be found here.

- **Changes in MoF Gambling Department**
  In Gambling Department of the Ministry of Finance, there happened and will take effect on 1st January 2019 **extensive organizational measures which will be linked to personnel changes.** Gambling will newly fall under **73rd Department - Process Agenda and Gambling Regulation.** There is also a selection procedure for the director of this division. Details can be found here.

WHAT´S UP IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

- **Amendment regarding § 59 of Act No. 186/2016 Coll. On Gambling was rejected by Chamber of Deputies (CHoDs)**
  In the second reading of tax package in the CHoDs (Chamber Press No. 206), deputy Tomáš Martínek (Czech Pirate Party) field **an amendment requesting the complete annulment of § 59 of GA**. The provision states conditions for the operation of the so-called guaranteed tournaments. In addition to the abolition of this provision, the Deputy proposes to complete the new provision of § 3 (3) of Act No. 187/2016 on Gambling Tax. **This proposal was rejected by the Committee on Budgets, and o n21st December 2018, this amendment was rejected by the ChoDs.**
  The amendment is probably related to the activity of the Association of Poker Players, whose representatives met on 8th November 2018 with representatives of the 34th Department - State Supervision of Gambling, and of 32nd Department - Tax Legislation. You can find out more here, for example.

EXPRESS NEWS FROM ABROAD

- **Slovakia**
  On 4th December 2018, the National Council of the Slovak Republic approved the new Lottery Act.
  Institute is preparing detailed analysis, which will be ready in English in coming days.
- **The Netherlands**
  Company William Hill received a fine of € 300,000 from Dutch supervisory authorities for illegal gambling operation. This fine was immediately and voluntarily paid. It is very likely that this is a trend that also emerges in other countries and follows from operators' fears that sanctions from supervisory authorities should not affect licensing procedures in another country, especially USA. In the Czech Republic, foreign operators have already paid nearly CZK 35 million for unauthorized gambling operation over the last two years.