

# 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NETWORK OF MAGISTRATES/PROSECUTORS RESPONSIBLE FOR SPORTS (MARS NETWORK)

## SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES

TUESDAY, 18 JUNE – MORNING SESSION

### **Jean-Yves Lourgouilloux**

I have been a French judicial magistrate for 28 years and have spent most of my career in the Public Prosecutor's Office. After having held several positions within the jurisdictions of the South of France, I specialised in major complex crime, first as Head of the Organised Crime Section in Marseille and then as Deputy Public Prosecutor for the National Financial Prosecutor's Office. Since 2019, I have been Deputy Public Prosecutor in Marseille, Head of the Specialised Policing Division and in particular of Major Economic and Financial Crime.

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### **Nick Court**

Nick Court was seconded to INTERPOL in 2020 from the City of London Police, the UK's National Lead Force for fraud and cyber-crime. He is currently an Assistant Director within the INTERPOL Financial Crime and Anti-Corruption Centre, with responsibility for the development of strategy and capabilities.

Prior to accepting this role, Nick held varied law enforcement positions in local, regional, and national agencies in the UK and has experience within the fields of intelligence analysis and the investigation of terrorism and fraud. Prior to joining INTERPOL, Nick led the Police Intellectual Property Crime Unit in London for a number of years and is also an experienced hostage and crisis negotiator.

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### **Sophie Kwasny**

Sophie Kwasny is the Head of the Sport Division of the Council of Europe (international organisation based in France). She is responsible for the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) and for the promotion and implementation of ground-breaking legal instruments upholding the integrity and values of sport. Combating doping and the manipulation of sport competitions, and promoting an integrated safety, security and service approach at sports events are the key aims of the three Council of Europe Sport Conventions. She is a graduate of the Strasbourg Law University and has been working for the Council of Europe for 27 years on a variety of topics ranging from data protection to prisons' reforms, or from the independence of the judiciary to nationality law. Her sole objective: Championing human rights in and through sport!

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### **Christian Kalb**

Christian Kalb is an expert of sports organizations and the gaming industry, notably for governance, integrity, and compliance issues. Christian holds a MBA from the HEC Group (ISA – MBA HEC) and an engineer degree from "Institut National des Telecommunications" (INT).

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## **Martin Purbrick**

Martin Purbrick is the Principal of Purbrick & Associates Ltd., a risk advisory firm specialising in business intelligence, due diligence of people and companies, corporate integrity management advice and investigations, as well as sports integrity advice and investigations.

Martin is also the Chair of the ARF Council, a think tank established by the Asian Racing Federation. The purpose of the Council is to foster and enhance international cooperation among horse racing operators, other sports governing organisations, regulators, intergovernmental organisations, and government agencies in order to better combat the threat of illegal betting and other financial crimes to horse racing integrity in particular, and sport in general.

From 2009 to 2020 Martin was Director of Security & Integrity for the Hong Kong Jockey Club. He reported directly to the CEO and he was responsible for a department of 240 people conducting investigations into organised crime and corruption threatening the Jockey Club, horse racing integrity, anti-bribery and corruption prevention, Anti-Money Laundering and financial crime risk management, illegal betting threat research, customer due diligence, physical security, and emergency planning.

From 2004 to 2009, Martin was the Director of Security & Travel Safety for McKinsey & Company, where he established and led the global security function, reporting to the Office of the General Counsel in New York.

Prior to McKinsey, Martin spent three years with the Hong Kong Jockey Club as Executive Manager responsible for creating a due diligence and intelligence team. This followed his stint as Asia Investigations Manager with Intel Corporation working against illegally sold computer processors and combatting theft of Intel products in the Asia region.

Before his private sector roles, Martin joined the Royal Hong Kong Police Force in 1988 and spent eleven years as a Detective Senior Inspector in Special Branch, the Criminal Intelligence Bureau, and Commercial Crime, Bureau dealing mainly with intelligence led investigations in collaboration with overseas agencies.

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## **Jason Stephens**

A football professional with over 20 years of experience in various on and off-field roles (Coaching and Executive positions) across five continents. Since 2018 Jason has been a senior lecturer in International Football Business at UCFB-Wembley, from 2019 started exploring the world of Multi Club ownership recognising the complexities and opportunities within this field. 2024 joined the delivery team at VSI Executive Education for current and future Sporting CEOs.

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## **Philippe Auclair**

Football writer, broadcaster and investigative journalist Philippe Auclair is the England football correspondent for Eurosport, Swiss national radio RTS, and a regular contributor to the Guardian, for which he specialises in governance issues and the geopolitical dimension of football. His investigations are published by Josimar magazine and on the websites of the BBC. He won the 2012 Football Book of the Year prize both in the UK and in France for his biography of Eric Cantona, *The Rebel Who Would Be King*, as well as France's 'Scoop Of The Year' Press Award for his investigation into the 'Qatargate' dossier, to which he also devoted two books, published in France and Belgium in 2015 and 2022. He has spent most of the past three years investigating multi-club ownership in football and the sports betting

industry as part of a multinational team which won the Investigative Journalism For Europe's Impact Award in 2023.

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### **Stephane Piallat**

Since 2021, I have been serving as the Head of the Central Department for Racing and Gaming at the national directorate of judicial police. Prior to this role, from 2013 to 2021, I served as Deputy Director of Operational Support at the Service for Information Systems Technologies of Interior Security (SI(SI)<sup>2</sup>), overseeing budgeting, human resources, and the National Center for Users (CNAU). My professional journey also includes relevant roles such as Mission Officer at the National Police Inspectorate from 2010 to 2013, specialising in auditing, control, and studies, and Mission Officer at the Ministry of Interior's delegation for foresight and strategy from 2008 to 2010, where I tackled major challenges like organised crime and cybercrime. My earlier experiences involved significant responsibilities in international coordination and management of criminal affairs within the Central Directorate of Judicial Police and the General Secretariat for National Defense. My dedication to international police cooperation, notably with Interpol and EUROPOL, has shaped my career since my beginnings at the Prefecture of Police in the 1990s. My initial training at the National School of Police and military service at the Prime Minister's cabinet have molded my professional perspective, enriching my journey in public security service.

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### **Fabrice Rizzo**

56 years old.

Professor at the University of Aix-Marseille.

He teaches the law of obligations, commercial law, security law and sports law.

He co-directs the Professional Master's Degree in Sports Law at the Faculty of Law of Aix-Marseille and co-founded the Cahiers de droit du sport, the first scientific journal exclusively devoted to sports law.

Co-author of a treatise on sports law published by LGDJ-Lextenso and co-author of a book on sports sponsorship contracts published by Lextenso, he is also scientific co-director of the Encyclopedia of Sports Law, a reference work on the subject published on the site [www.droitdusport.com](http://www.droitdusport.com).

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### **Jean-Michel Marmayou**

51 years old.

Professor at the Faculty of Law and Political Science of Aix-Marseille University, Jean-Michel Marmayou teaches contract law, intellectual property law, association law, arbitration law, business law and sports law. Director of the Centre for Sports Law in Aix-Marseille, he is also a member of the Centre for Economic Law in Aix-Marseille (EA 4224).

He is co-author of a textbook on sports law published by LGDJ. He directs the Cahiers de droit du sport, of which he is the founder, and he participates in various scientific councils or reading committees of publishers and specialized journals (e.g. Droitdusport.com editions, Rivista di diritto ed economia dello sport, International Platform of Sports Law Journals).

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## **Pim Verschuuren**

Pim Verschuuren is a researcher at the University of Rennes 2 (France), specialised on the subjects of regulation, governance and integrity of national and international sports. In particular, he completed a PhD (2017-2020) on the implementation and effectiveness of reporting/whistleblowing mechanisms in the international sports sector and has been working for 10 years in the fight against the manipulation of sports manipulation, through private research, education and awareness raising programmes.

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**TUESDAY, 18 JUNE – AFTERNOON SESSION**

## **Francisco Meireles Portugal**

Criminal Intelligence Officer at Interpol Financial Crime and Anti-Corruption Centre, working in the Anti-Corruption unit dealing with cases of Corruption in Sports and Trafficking of Performing Enhancing Drugs (Doping). Also, part of Interpol's Match-Fixing Task Force.

Seconded from Portuguese Police, Policia Judiciaria where, for more than 10 years, he was a Criminal Investigator, investigating cases of Corruption, Corruption in Sports and Trafficking of Performing Enhancing Drugs (Doping).

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## **Martin Kostov**

Martin Kostov is Counsel-Coordinator at the Notices and Diffusions Task Force (NDTF), Executive Directorate Legal Affairs, INTERPOL General Secretariat. Before joining NDTF in 2018, he worked in other departments of the General Secretariat, mainly in the field of fugitives and war crimes.

Martin has almost 30 years of law enforcement and criminal justice experience, most of it at International level. In addition to INTERPOL, he also worked for the United Nations and the International Criminal Court. His career started in the Bulgarian police and prosecution service in 1992.

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## **Sumathi Dharmawardena**

Sumathi Dharmawardena President's Counsel, currently holds the Office of Additional Solicitor General of Sri Lanka and had worked in the Attorney General's Department of Sri Lanka for a period of 30 years.

He is an alumnus of the prestigious National University of Singapore and was awarded Master of Laws (LL.M) in year 2001. Sumathi Dharmawardena was appointed as an Adjudicator and certified Sports Arbitrator of the Asian International Arbitration Centre (AIAC), in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Sumathi Dharmawardena was a member of the Panel of Arbitrators of Shenzhen Court of International Arbitration of China appointed with effect from 21st February 2019 for a period of three years.

He supervises matters related to Commercial Law, Sports Law, Telecommunication Law, and Information Technology at the Attorney General's Department and contributed in drafting IT Laws, Prevention of Offences Relating to Sports Act in Sri Lanka and most recently Amendments to the Telecommunication Act of Sri Lanka.

Sumathi Dharmawardena, President's Counsel, has an impressive array of roles and expertise within the legal and regulatory spheres of Sri Lanka and beyond. As an Additional Solicitor General of the Attorney

General's Department of Sri Lanka, Sumathi's influence also reaches the realm of sports regulation and governance. He advises the Ministry of Sports, contributes to drafting Sports Regulations, and has played a significant role in amending the Sports Law of Sri Lanka.

Notably, his contribution in enacting the Prevention of Offences Relating To Sports Act No 24 of 2019, signifies a significant step forward in combating corruption and safeguarding the integrity of sports within the nation and the first similar kind of legislation in South Asia. Sumathi has played a pivotal role to foster an environment where fair play and transparency can thrive.

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### **Franz Schwarzenbacher**

Chief Inspector Franz Schwarzenbacher has headed the Integrity in Sports Unit at the Federal Criminal Police Office in Vienna since 2010.

He has been a police officer for 40 years and has worked in almost all areas of crime, but mainly in the fight against organised crime.

Among other things, he led Operation "Aderlass" during the Nordic World Ski Championships in Seefeld and is currently leading the investigation into Operation "Cap".

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### **Ana Boskovic**

I work as a Programme Manager at the Council of Europe Committee MONEYVAL, where I offer expert assistance in evaluating jurisdictions against FATF standards, with a particular focus on legal and law enforcement issues. Additionally, I am involved in the Conference of the Parties to the Warsaw Convention (COP 198), contributing to the analysis of the implementation of key provisions such as the reversal of the burden of proof, liability of legal persons, and asset management. Prior to working for MONEYVAL, I was a Special State Prosecutor in Montenegro, specialising in combating various types of crime, including organised crime, corruption, and money laundering.

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## **WEDNESDAY, 19 JUNE – MORNING SESSION**

### **Nicolas Saydé**

Nicolas Saydé is the Head of the Council of Europe Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions (the Macolin Convention). The Macolin Convention is a legal instrument and the only rule of international law on the manipulation of sports competitions. It requests public authorities to co-operate with sports organisations, betting operators and competition organisers to prevent, detect and sanction the manipulation of sports competitions. It proposes a common legal framework for an efficient international co-operation to respond to this global threat.

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### **Corentin Segalen**

Corentin Segalen is responsible for the integrity of sports betting at ANJ and coordinator of the French platform against the manipulation of sports competitions. In 2021, he was elected Chair of the Group of

Copenhagen, the international network of national platforms and advisory group of the Macolin Convention's Follow up Committee. After studying History and Criminal Justice Policy at the Sorbonne and the London School of Economics, he was an assistant to a Member of the European Parliament, then to a Member of Parliament before becoming the parliamentary and diplomatic adviser to the Minister of Sport in 2012 before joining the Gambling Regulatory Authority in 2015.

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### **Madalina Diaconu**

Madalina Diaconu is an Associate Professor at the University of Neuchâtel and a Swiss attorney-at-law specializing in Sports and Gambling Law. She is a renowned specialist in Sports Integrity, having worked and [researched](#) in this field for more than fifteen years.

A former magistrate in Romania, Dr. Diaconu notably worked for the [International Olympic Committee](#) (IOC), the Swiss lottery ([Loterie Romande](#)) and for the [European Court of Justice](#). She is also a member of the [UEFA Control, Ethics and Disciplinary Body](#).

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### **Mikołaj Tyburczy**

Mikołaj Tyburczy already has 19 years of experience in the justice system. From 12 September 2005 to 29 February 2007 he was a fiscal prosecutor in one of several tax offices in Poland, and his main duties included: conducting investigations and prosecutions in cases of fiscal offences and investigations of fiscal offences in accordance with the provisions of the Fiscal Penal Code, Criminal Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure.

On 1 August 2007, Mikołaj Tyburczy became the lowest-level prosecutor at the District Public Prosecutor's Office in Chełmno i Grudziądz, and then, from 27 November 2023, a prosecutor at the District Prosecutor's Office, initially in Bydgoszcz and then in Warsaw. His duties included the conduct and supervise of all types of investigations, including cases related to the manipulation of sports competitions and the security of mass events, including sports competitions. Above all, however, he specialises in economic cases, particularly those involving VAT fraud and extortion of European Union funds.

As of 1 January 2019, seconded to the Ministry of Justice in the Criminal Law Legislative Department as Chief Specialist within the Criminal Division and the European and International Criminal Law Division.

As this time becomes member of the Polish National Platform created by the Ministry of Sport and Tourism within the framework of the Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions.

From 1 March 2023 to the present, seconded to the Economic Crime Department of the National Prosecutor's Office with the main responsibilities: supervising proceedings in multithreaded and factually and legally complex cases, including those under superior official supervision, in particular in the field of VAT extortion and cases related to EU funds, coordination of cases concerning violation of EU sanctions.

Member of the Network of Judges and Prosecutors Responsible for Sport (MARS) created by the Council of Europe and the member of Board (MARS), actively participating in meetings at the international level in connection with the Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions.

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### **Andrea Zammit (contribution)**

Andrea Zammit is a Prosecutor from the Financial Crimes Unit of the Malta Attorney General's Office (OAG). Zammit studied law at the University of Urbino Carlo Bo and the University of Malta. He was subsequently called to the bar in 2019. After having practised the profession of lawyer in the civil and commercial law spheres, Zammit joined the OAG in September 2020 and was one of the first lawyers to prosecute money laundering, an offence which was previously prosecuted by the Executive Police. Besides prosecuting money laundering, Zammit is also tasked with the prosecutions of financial crimes ranging from fraud and misappropriation to bribery, corruption and trading in influence. Zammit is the OAG's contact point with regards to legal advice given to the Police in cases dealing with sports corruption. As of September 2023, following the second meeting since its inception, Zammit became a member of the Network of Magistrates/Prosecutors responsible for Sports (MARS).

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### **Rafael Carlos De Vega Irañeta (contribution)**

Official Prosecutor of the XXV Promotion of the Public Prosecutor's Career in Spain (1990).

I have spent most of my career in several positions within the jurisdictions of Barcelona (1991-2000) and Zamora (2000-2018), in this last place like Official prosecutor chief from 2006 to 2018. Finally, in the Technical Secretariat of the State Prosecutor's Office since 2018 until today.

I have developed my work in the specialities of economic crime, corruption, international legal cooperation, administrative law, computer crimes and hate crimes; and currently in the Technical Secretariat in ethics, computer crimes, sports, digital justice, artificial intelligence and data protection.

I have also been involved in integrity issues as a member of the Commission that drafted the 2021 Code of Ethics of the Spanish Public Prosecutor's Office.

In sports matters, member of the Spanish Commission against Violence, Intolerance, Xenophobia and Racism in Sport since 2020; as well as of the MARS Network of the Council of Europe since November 2022 and Director of the Spanish version of the Help course 'sports and human rights' held between December 2023 and March 2024.

Moreover, I have been participating in conferences on issues of violence in sport, hate crime, sport corruption, match-fixing and doping and medicine trafficking, and I have been leading the cooperation between police units and public prosecutors in the field of corruption in sport in Spain.

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### **Claudio Marinelli (contribution)**

Claudio Marinelli is Operations Coordinator within the INTERPOL Financial Crimes and Anti-Corruption Centre at the General Secretariat of INTERPOL in Lyon (France), where he is the Head of the Anti-Money Laundering and Asset Recovery Unit. Previously, he's been the INTERPOL Match-Fixing Task Force Lead, a world-wide network of investigators dealing with manipulation of sport competitions cases. He is a Financial Investigator from the Italian Financial Police (Guardia di Finanza), seconded from Italy, and prior to joining INTERPOL, he was dealing with criminal and financial investigations both at national level in Milan and Rome as well as internationally within the International Police Cooperation Service, the INTERPOL National Central Bureau in Italy. Having reached a strong international aptitude and speaking three foreign languages, upon decree of the Head of Police and the General Director of Public Security, he was appointed as National Point of Contact in different international working groups and as International Expert for Italian Authorities. Claudio is graduate in Economy and Companies Legislation and is specialized at the Economic and Financial Superior School of Guardia di Finanza. He has been

responsible for the management of numerous international case coordination and for the organisation, both at domestic and at international level, of workshops and seminars as trainer/speaker in a wide range of topics including money laundering, financial investigation, asset recovery and match-fixing. He is also author of professional books.

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### **Douglas Mackay**

Douglas has 31 years' experience of working in the criminal justice system and is the Deputy Chief Crown Prosecutor in the Crown Prosecution Service's West Midlands area. He is the national lead prosecutor for criminality in sport and regularly engages with the national media, the UK Football Policing Unit, the National Crime Agency, the Premier League, the Football Association, and other leading sporting organisations to keep sport fair, safe and inclusive. Douglas represents the Crown Prosecution Service in the MARS group of prosecutors overseen by EPAS and the Council of Europe.

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### **Fernando Martins Cesconetto**

Graduated on law school in Curitiba (2008). Post graduated on Constitutional Law (2009) and Public Law (2010). State Prosecutor of Goias (2013 -). Former member of the Group Especialized on Combat Organized Crime - GAECO (2018, 2020-2023). Currently Subcoordinator of Institutional Security and Intelligence of Public. Ministry of the State of Goias (2024 -).

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### **Brett Clothier**

Brett Clothier is the Head of the Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU), the independent body that manages all integrity related issues for the sport of athletics globally. The AIU became operational in 2017 following changes to the World Athletics Constitution. These changes enshrined the operational independence of the AIU from the rest of World Athletics and put in place an independent Board to oversee its functions. Mr Clothier has worked in sport integrity for 20 years. Prior to becoming the inaugural Head of the AIU, Mr Clothier worked in Australia as Head of Competition Integrity for the Australian Football League (AFL) and Legal Counsel to the Integrity Services Department of Racing Victoria.

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### **Stefano Caneppele**

Stefano Caneppele is a Full Professor of Criminology and the Deputy Director of the School of Criminal Justice at the University of Lausanne. He teaches courses on sport and deviance, economic and organized crime, and internet crime. He is also the co-director of the UEFA Academy program Fight the Fix and a member of the Scientific Committee of the UNIL CAS in Regulation of Global Sport. Previously, he was an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Political and Social Sciences at Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore in Milan. Additionally, he worked at Transcrime on several international and national research projects from 2002 to 2015 ([www.transcrime.it](http://www.transcrime.it)).

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## **Elena Casero Cañas**

Elena Casero is a Programme Manager at the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS), a Council of Europe intergovernmental platform of co-operation on sports policies. EPAS currently counts 41 member states and up to 30 partner sports organisations.

At EPAS, Elena Casero is the co-ordinator of the Council of Europe's Network of Magistrates / Prosecutors Responsible for Sports (the MARS Network) and of the DACCS database on alleged cases of corruption in sport. She is also responsible for the "Start to Talk" project on child safeguarding in sport.

She is a qualified lawyer with a six-year experience in private practice in Sport and Entertainment, Litigation and Arbitration at the Spanish law firm Garrigues. She has also served as an assistant lawyer at the European Court of Human Rights.

Elena Casero has written articles on child safeguarding in sport, anti-doping, dispute resolution and commercial rights in the field of sport, and on the case-law of the European Court of Human Rights concerning the rights of persons with migrant and refugee backgrounds and persons with disabilities. She has participated as a speaker in numerous conferences and seminars and has taught Master's level courses.

Elena Casero holds a Bachelor and Master of Laws and a BSc and Master of Management and Business Administration from the Carlos III University (Madrid, Spain).

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