Online child sexual abuse material ‘taken down’ quickly

2012 has seen impressive advances in the time taken to remove images and videos of children being sexually abused online. Whereas in the past, evidence of these horrific crimes may have remained online for many months, occasionally years, we can now report that in the majority of instances the content is taken down in days and sometimes just hours. This hasn’t happened by chance. A concerted effort by all INHOPE Hotlines, their law enforcement partners and internet companies has made this huge difference. Without everyone playing their part in a professional and pragmatic way this outcome would never have been thought possible.
Message from the INHOPE President

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Message from the Interim Executive Director

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OBE, QPM
Interim Executive Director

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What is INHOPE?

INHOPE is the International Association of Internet Hotlines. It is an umbrella organisation coordinating a network of Internet Hotlines all over the world, supporting them in responding to reports of illegal content to make the Internet a safer environment. INHOPE Members operate a public Hotline to receive complaints about apparent illegal content, they then assess the content in accordance with their national laws and if they consider it to be illegal they trace the material to a hosting country. If the content is illegal in the hosting country then the national Hotline takes steps to have the material ‘taken down’ in consultation with their law enforcement partners.

As the definition of illegal content varies from country to country the landscape is quite complicated as to what practical measures can be taken. But in the case of child sexual abuse material there is a global consensus on tackling the problem and so all INHOPE Members have a common purpose which is to remove child sexual abuse websites from the Internet as soon as possible.

INHOPE’s Mission

To support and enhance the performance of Internet Hotlines around the World; ensuring swift action is taken in responding to reports of illegal content making the internet a safer place. To achieve this mission, INHOPE has five specific objectives:

- To establish policies and best practice standards for hotlines and encourage exchange of expertise among members through fostering good working relationships and trust.
- To ensure rapid and effective response to illegal content reports around the world by developing consistent, effective and secure mechanisms for exchanging reports between Hotlines internationally and ensuring a coordinated approach is taken.
- To expand the network of INHOPE Hotlines around the world by identifying and supporting new Hotlines to become members by providing consultation and training to meet best practice standards.
- To promote a better understanding of the work of hotlines to policymakers at an international level, including government, law enforcement and other related bodies, with the aim of achieving better co-operation internationally.
- To raise awareness of INHOPE and member hotlines with key stakeholders as well as the general public as a “one stop shop” for global reports of illegal content from around the world especially Child Sexual Abuse Material.

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This was achieved with funding and support from the European Commission under the Safer Internet Programme. In recent years Internet usage, connectivity and connected devices have grown rapidly. This has changed the way we communicate, the way we do business and ultimately the way we live. Sadly there are those who use this technology for illegal activities especially to spread child sexual abuse material and this content is the primary focus of attention for all Hotlines.

INHOPE is a member owned and driven body led by an elected Executive Committee also known as the Board. Day to day management of the organisation is vested in the Executive Director who manages a team known as the Secretariat.

Key functions of INHOPE are to:

- Exchange expertise
- Support new hotlines
- Exchange reports
- Interface with relevant initiatives
- Educate and inform policy makers at the international level
VALUE FOR MONEY ACTIVITIES

In Action

From INHOPE Members, INHOPE benefits from substantial funding through an EC Grant Agreement. This entails INHOPE contracting with the European Commission to deliver a number of objectives on a project basis. So in addition to representing INHOPE Members’ interests on a global scale, INHOPE also devote resources to delivering work programmes stipulated within the Agreement. It is a prerequisite of the Agreement that INHOPE work with Insafe in a consortium approach. This means knowledge and experience is shared between both organisations and meetings to explain the INHOPE strategy in dealing with child sexual abuse material capable of being ‘fingerprinted’ such as the Photodna development.

External engagement
✓ INHOPE actively support initiatives which impact directly on online child sexual abuse material including innovative approaches to identifying child sexual abuse material capable of being ‘fingerprinted’ such as the Photodna development.
✓ INHOPE organise Industry and Law Enforcement conferences to discuss ways of maintaining and improving relationships together on key aspects of the Grant Agreement. This has resulted in a Written Memorandum of Understanding between INHOPE and law enforcement agencies.
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Mobile App
INHOPE have developed a mobile application which enables mobile users to make reports to any INHOPE Hotline quickly and easily via their portable devices.

Expert Exchange Scheme
Together with our Insafe consortium partner we administer an expert exchange scheme. This scheme financially supports individuals outside the European Union to visit European Safer Internet Centres to encourage them to open similar centres in their own countries.

Bursary Program
A Bursary program is overseen by INHOPE. Bursaries are awarded to Hotlines to visit other Hotlines to exchange knowledge, experience and techniques in running an effective hotline.

Vanguard Program
INHOPE administer a Vanguard Program. This program enables new or emerging Hotlines to attend INHOPE Members’ meetings to mix and learn from established Hotlines.

Training
Tracing illegal content is a critical component essential to the success of the INHOPE model. Basic and advanced tracing techniques are taught and experienced shared at training workshops. Technical training is also provided to Analysts across the Network to use the INHOPE child sexual abuse websites’ database.

Network Expansion
INHOPE staff visit and inspect prospective new Hotlines before they are admitted to Membership. This entails new Hotlines having to achieve an agreed standard before their application can succeed.

Website
The INHOPE website continues to add new content all the time. INHOPE were shortlisted as a finalist in the Golden Spider web design awards.

Joint portal with Insafe
We share a joint website portal with Insafe to provide information and awareness of both organisations’ role and remit.

Awareness raising activities
New media services such as Twitter and Facebook are actively used to convey information. Daily newsfeeds are sent to our stakeholders and Members and quarterly newsletters are published.

Best Practice Papers
INHOPE produce best practice papers which Members approve before they are committed to comply with their requirements within a Code of Practice.

Support Line
INHOPE has a “support line” for Hotlines to call with technical questions. An average of 12 calls per week are handled.

INHOPE has a flourishing relationship with our consortium partner Insafe. INHOPE representatives attend all Insafe training meetings and likewise INHOPE attends Insafe meetings. informal daily contact between personnel in both organisations enables faster responses to joint problems and an excellent exchange of knowledge and expertise.

In addition to receiving subscriptions from INHOPE Members, INHOPE benefits from substantial funding through an EC Grant Agreement.
The primary purpose of Hotlines is to help remove illegal content from publicly accessible web pages. There are many other IT channels that are available where the possibility exists for criminals to exploit technologies to distribute illegal material. If it is not possible to issue a ‘notice’ to have the content ‘taken down’ then the solution rests with other stakeholders to manage rather than INHOPE Members. INHOPE’s added value is the fact that Analysts sift through hundreds of thousands of public reports to identify quality leads for law enforcement attention.

In 2012 approximately 150 Hotline Analysts processed over 1,000,000 reports across the whole INHOPE network. Analysts have to decide whether the content is illegal according to its national law. If so determined then the Analyst traces the content to a hosting country. If the Hotline in the hosting country has a similar definition to the alleged illegal content, then the information between the two Hotlines will be exchanged and attempts will be made to have the content ‘taken down’. If the laws are incompatible, then the content cannot be removed. Members of the public are advised of this process and limitations when reporting.

INHOPE data sources

Volume reports

All INHOPE Members record the total number of reports they receive from the public, irrespective of whether the content is illegal or not. The importance of this data is that it reveals the volume of complaints handled by Hotlines. Most of the 43 Hotlines offer a variety of remits to the public based on national agreements. These range from child sexual abuse material, to racism, to terrorism to pornography publicly available to minors and more. To put this into context, if a video is reported to a Hotline, an Analyst must view its full duration before determining its legality. This is a very time-consuming activity which does not always translate into a decision that the material is illegal. One of the challenges for INHOPE Analysts is that over the last few years the proportion of reports referring to videos has grown significantly. It is important when making resource decisions to ensure sufficient Analysts are deployed to handle the volume.

Specifically child sexual abuse material

Most INHOPE Members participate in a child sexual abuse resource management system. This means that as Analysts assess child sexual abuse material as illegal they trace the content to a hosting provider. If that hosting provider is outside their national jurisdiction they deposit the web address in the INHOPE resource management database. At regular daily intervals participating Hotlines access the database and draw down the data that claims child sexual abuse material is hosted in their country. The receiving Hotline then assesses the content in accordance with their national law and, if they confirm the content is illegal, they pass that information to their law enforcement partner. If both parties agree with the judgement then a decision is made as to how to tackle the content. Sometimes the law enforcement agency will commence an investigation or otherwise both parties agree a process with the Hotline to contact the hosting provider and have the content removed from public view. This database is the only database in the world that stores details of websites of child sexual abuse material classified by Hotlines as illegal. In 2012 4,828 videos were entered into the INHOPE system as containing child sexual abuse material. This unique data now enables INHOPE to publish highly relevant trends in how effective Hotlines and their partners are at removing child abuse content. Moreover, the database captures hosting trends on a worldwide basis to assist legitimate hosting providers and law enforcement agencies devise tactics to prevent hosting services from being exploited. This data is also a major source of information to law enforcement officers working on the European Financial Coalition initiative to tackle commercial websites.
INHOPE MEMBERS PASS QUALITY LEADS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

In Action

Case studies

These four cases are just a small sample from many instances where original work undertaken by INHOPE Members has led to the arrest of offenders and the identification of victims.

Case 1

Information supplied to the Australian Hotline by the UK Hotline led to the arrest of an Australian male. He was charged with one count of using a carriage service to access child pornography material, one count of distributing child exploitation material, two counts of making child exploitation material and five counts of possessing child exploitation material.

Case 2

One of our Members received an anonymous report concerning child sexual abuse websites hosted in Germany. Information was exchanged between two Hotlines. An Analyst was checking the relevant website and witnessed an announcement of new images and videos. This information was passed to law enforcement officers in two different countries. As a consequence an offender was identified and arrested and later was sentenced to seven years in prison.

Case 3

A US Analyst viewed sexually abusive images and videos of an unidentified female child. An adult male was depicted in the videos, in which only the side of his face was seen. Following further work it was established that the material was produced in a specific area of the UK. Open source searches on the internet located images of the suspect which appeared consistent with the sexually abusive images. Police Officers also identified the child victim. The offender concerned was the father of the victim. The suspect was sentenced to 18 years for sexual assault and distribution of child sexual abuse material.

Case 4

Operation Carole, coordinated in Austria but started in Luxembourg with an investigations stemming from an anonymous report to the local Hotline. This operation led to 670 suspects worldwide being identified, followed by 456 arrests in many different countries.

Many more examples can be found on our Facebook page.
2012 in Statistics. Facts, figures and trends: five infographics that put the fight against Online Child Sexual Abuse in perspective

INHOPE and member hotlines are the “one stop shop” for global reports of illegal content online

**Statistics**

**INHOPE is an active and collaborative network of Internet Hotlines responding to reports of illegal content on the web**

Overall volume of source reports by region for 2012

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1,059,758 total reports processed by 150 analysts worldwide

Serving 1.3 billion internet users worldwide

**Infographic 1: Map of the INHOPE network, Illegal Content and Volume Stats**

This infographic shows the total of all reports recorded by INHOPE Member Hotlines at over 1,000,000. These reports include a vast spectrum of complaints such as terrorism, racism, pornography available to minors, peer to peer content, content posted to social media services, newsgroups and many more online channels. Most of the 43 Hotlines offer a variety of remits to the public based on national agreements. These range from child sexual abuse material, to racism, to terrorism to pornography publicly available to minors and more. All INHOPE Members record the total number of reports they receive from the public irrespective of whether the content is illegal or not. The importance of this data is that it reveals the volume of complaints handled by Hotlines. To put this into context, if a video is reported to a Hotline, an Analyst must view its full duration before determining its legality. This is a very time consuming activity which does not always translate into a decision that the material is illegal.

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**Reports and victims**

**Volume of CSAM* reports exchanged between hotlines**

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**Age of victims**

![Age of victims infographic]

- Infant: 9%
- Pubescent: 76%
- Pre-pubescent: 71%

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**Infographic 2: Reports and Victims**

This infographic relates to the worst of the worst area, Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM). There are no grey areas here. Many people find it difficult to imagine pornographic images of children, and therefore do not understand what is meant by “child pornography”. In many countries this is referred to as “Child Sexual Abuse Material” (CSAM) to reinforce that behind images of child pornography, there is sexual abuse of real children. The data provided in this infographic is the result of considerable, substantiated quality assessments and fine judgments. A worrying and developing trend is the increasing incidence of very young children including babies as victims.

**Sexually abused children**

Sexually abused children are victimised again and again every time their images are viewed online.
Infographic 3: Hosting

This infographic is a comparison in hosting trends between North America and Europe. Hosting patterns change over time depending on the popularity of technological services provided within countries. Cloud services or file hosting sites also known as cyber lockers are a favourite way for consumers to store and share their pictures and videos with friends and families. Regrettably these services are sometimes exploited by criminals who randomly distribute links to child sexual abuse material. INHOPE Members are tackling this trend by working in partnership with legitimate hosting businesses to have the material removed as quickly as possible. The infographic also shows the geographical span of INHOPE Members with 92% of confirmed child sexual abuse material traced to services covered by the INHOPE network.

Hosting patterns change over time depending on the popularity of technological services provided within countries.

Hosting by region
- Europe: 56%
- USA and Canada: 38%
- Caribbean: 6%

Hosting (overall)
- INHOPE countries: 92%
- Non-INHOPE countries: 8%

Hosting in Europe
- Germany
- Netherlands
- Russia
- France

Hosting in Non-INHOPE countries
- 23
- 62
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Top 14 hosting companies worldwide (% anonymised)
- Netherlands: 42
- France: 8
- Russia: 5
- Switzerland: 5
- Netherlands: 4
- Russia: 4
- Germany: 2
- USA: 2
- Russia: 2
- France: 2

*Child Sexual Abuse Material
Commercial vs. Non-Commercial Hosting

Statistics

INHOPE is proud to be part of the game changing European Financial Coalition against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children.
Closer cooperation with ISPs and law enforcement have resulted in images of child sexual abuse being taken down more quickly and effectively than ever before.

**Notice and takedown**

**Europe¹ vs. the USA**

Comparative takedown time²

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**Focus on Europe**

Hotline reports to law enforcement (days)

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**Time taken before CSAM³ is removed from public access³**

* All EU member states, minus Sweden, plus Bosnia and Herzegovina, Iceland, Russia and Turkey.

² Time between date of reporting to Content Service Provider (CSP) and removal date.

³ Time between date of reporting to Content Service Provider (CSP) and actual removal date.

* Child Sexual Abuse Material

Infographic 5: Notice and takedown

This is the process where illegal content is removed from the Internet. It clearly shows that the reported CSAM content is in the vast majority of cases removed within a week. The time spans may be longer in duration when dealing with foreign entities and because of time zone differences.
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**NEW!**

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Since the start of operations in 1998, INHOPE has carried our projects for the European Commission under its Safer Internet Programme. The EU has coordinated and supported INHOPE efforts to make the Internet a better place, especially for children. The Safer Internet Programme will become part of the Connecting Europe Programme in 2014.

**Insafe** — **our Safer Internet Consortium Partner**

Insafe is a European network of Awareness Centres promoting safe, responsible use of the Internet and mobile devices to young people. The mission of the Insafe cooperation network is to empower citizens to use the internet, as well as other online technologies, positively, safely and effectively. The network calls for shared responsibility for the protection of the rights and needs of citizens, in particular children and youths, by government, educators, parents, media, industry and all other relevant actors. Insafe partners work closely together to share best practice, information and resources. The network interacts with industry, schools and families in the aim of empowering people to bridge the digital divide between home and school and between generations.

**Virtual Global Taskforce**

The Virtual Global Taskforce (VGT) seeks to build an effective, international partnership of law-enforcement agencies, non-government organisations and industry to help protect children from online child abuse.

**Interpol**

INTERPOL is the world’s largest international police organization, with 190 Members. Their role is to enable police around the world to work together to make the world a safer place. Their high-tech infrastructure of technical and operational support helps meet the growing challenges of fighting crime in the 21st century.

**Europol**

Europol is the European law enforcement agency. Their job is to make Europe safer by assisting the Member States of the European Union in their fight against serious international crime and terrorism. Large-scale criminal and terrorist networks pose a significant threat to the internal security of the EU and to the safety and livelihood of its people.

**EuroISPA**

EuroISPA is a pan European association of European Internet Services Providers Associations. It is the world’s largest association of Internet Services Providers (ISPs), representing over 1800 ISPs across the EU and EFTA countries. The Association was established in 1997 to represent the European ISP industry on EU policy and legislative issues and to facilitate the exchange of best practices between national ISP associations. EuroISPA is recognised as the voice of the EU ISP industry and is the largest ‘umbrella’ association of Internet Services Providers in the world.

**The European Commission’s DG Connect**

The European Financial Coalition against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Online (EFC) brings together key actors from law enforcement, the private sector and civil society in Europe with the common goal of fighting the commercial sexual exploitation of children online. Members of the EFC join forces to take action on the payment and ICT systems that are used to run these illegal operations.

**Europol chair the European Financial Coalition of which INHOPE is a partner**

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**InhoPe Sponsor**

INHOPE and its member Hotlines would like to acknowledge the on-going support and assistance of Microsoft over the past 10 years. The Microsoft Corporate Citizenship program has assisted INHOPE and its members in accessing the most up to date software on a no cost basis through the Microsoft software donations program for non-profits.
INHOPE is a Member organisation governed by Articles of Association and Rules and Regulations and Member Hotlines have to comply with a Code of Practice. Members vote to elect a President who leads an elected Executive Committee, also known as the Board. The Executive Committee is charged with the management and administration of the Association. The Committee is also known as the INHOPE Board and currently consists of five people. The Secretariat carries out the day to day business of the Association and is accountable to the Executive Committee.

Fred Langford (UK)
President
Fred has been a Director at the IWF for over four years and has extensive experience in Internet technologies and Information Security. He is the current Director of Operations, Technology and Content and IWF–International at the IWF in the United Kingdom.

John Shehan (US)
Vice President
John is the Executive Director of the Exploited Children Division at the National Centre for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) in the United States. At NCMEC, he is responsible for the operations within the CyberTipline, Child Victim Identification Program and NetSmartz411 program.

Zuzanna Polak (PL)
Treasurer
Zuzanna is a content analyst at Dyzurnet.pl the Polish hotline. She also manages educational projects concerning Internet Safety for teachers and pupils. Dyzurnet.pl is a part of the NASK organization in Poland.

Imme Pathe (DE)
Imme joined the FSM Hotline in Germany as an in-house lawyer in 2003 and has gained vast experience in all the fields relevant to hotline work, including legal questions surrounding the hotline work and liaison with law enforcement and stakeholders. At present, she is in charge of legal affairs, EU funding, INHOPE topics and other international matters.

Agnese Krike (LV)
Agnese has been the Latvian hotline Manager for over five years and is an integral part to the Latvian Safer Internet Centre as a whole. She brings her in-depth knowledge of a complete Safer Internet Centre and communications experience to the Board.
Realizing the challenges developing countries face, the INHOPE Association created an innovative but simply designed program to support the development of hotlines in areas of greatest need, through the INHOPE Foundation. The INHOPE Foundation has five primary objectives in order to enhance international cooperation to eliminate illegal content, especially child abuse material, from the Internet and other online communication services. Those five primary objectives are:

1. To raise funds to use in the development of new hotlines worldwide
2. To financially sponsor and support start-up activities of participants of the foundation in the development of new hotlines to enable a controlled expansion of the INHOPE network, prioritizing countries where child sexual abuse material (child pornography) is being facilitated, or distributed online
3. To utilize funding for the purpose of identifying potential participants
4. To develop regional training, coordination and implementation of best practices and standardization of reporting and analysis for participants
5. To continue development support and education for participants and to advise participants in the creation and operation of a hotline.

The INHOPE Foundation can provide initial “start-up” support and training on best practices to the staff of qualified organizations within specifically targeted countries to develop a hotline that addresses the issue of child sexual victimization via the Internet. The Foundation also provides guided oversight during the initial start-up phase, including instruction on best practices for staffing requirements, equipment needs, location security, data safeguarding, and internal & external policy development. INHOPE Foundation staff can also work with the local organization to report on the development of the new hotline within an agreed upon time frame.

The INHOPE Foundation is considered the “charitable arm” of the INHOPE Association network. The link between the two organizations is that the Board of the INHOPE Foundation and the supervisory board of the Foundation comprise of representatives from the INHOPE Association Board and Secretariat, ensuring a strong link between both organizations in achieving a mutual goal. Through a generous grant agreement from the Oak Foundation, the INHOPE Foundation is aiming to help create and/or enhance nine to twelve new hotlines outside Europe over the next three years. The first Hotline to receive direct assistance from the INHOPE Foundation is Te Protejo, operated by Red Papaz in Bogota, Colombia. We are also actively communicating with Mexico, Peru, Ecuador, Thailand and others.

The INHOPE Foundation has a three person Board:
• Chair - John Shehan, the Vice President of the INHOPE Association
• The INHOPE Association Executive Director
• Derek Able, Treasurer and INHOPE Secretariat Member

Supervisory Board
The INHOPE Foundation has a Supervisory Board made up of elected Members of the INHOPE Association and a Member Representative as follows:
Fred Langford, President of INHOPE Association
Agnese Krike, an INHOPE Association Board Member
Ana Luisa Soares, INHOPE Member from the Protégeles Hotline, Spain.

Role of the Supervisory Board
The role of the Supervisory Board is to ensure INHOPE Association interests are protected whilst granting the Foundation Board access to Association resources as appropriate.
The majority of INHOPE’s financing is received as a donation from the European Commission under their Safer Internet Programme. Members also contribute a fixed amount each year to support the project and the Association. Budgets and funding sponsorship requirements are produced and submitted to the European Commission at least 12 months in advance for their review and acceptance of the finances and objectives of the Association, with a full costing/accountability review performed by the European Commission on the project costs within specified deadlines.

The summarised financial statements are taken from the audited financial statements of the INHOPE Association for the year ended 31st December 2012. The audited financial statements, on which the auditors have expressed an opinion, were approved by the Board and have been submitted and accepted by the Membership.

The summarised financial statements may not contain enough information for a full understanding of the INHOPE Association. Copies of the full audited financial accounts may be obtained on request from our Secretariat, International Association of Internet Hotline Providers – INHOPE, Jozef Israëlskade 46V, 1072 SB Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

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**BALANCE SHEET AS AT December 31, 2012**

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| EQUITY AND LIABILITIES | | |
| Capital | | |
| Reserves | 187,354 | 143,298 |
| Unappropriated result for financial year | 330,238 | 44,056 |
| Non-discretionary reserves | 517,592 | 187,354 |
| Restricted fund reserve | 0 | 205,000 |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Creditors | 6,005 | 9,840 |
| Deferred Income from EC | 0 | 155,450 |
| Membership Fees for coming year | 2,847 | 4,994 |
| Taxation | 6,265 | 16,039 |
| Other payable and deferred expenses | 13,678 | 21,098 |
| Total Equity and Liabilities | 556,019 | 611,619 |

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**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Z. Polak, INHOPE Treasurer

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INHOPE PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

We have an ambitious Strategic Plan for the years ahead. This 2013–2015 plan has been agreed by members for focus and development. Members are currently being consulted on the desired actions to support the first year of the plan.

1. Establishing INHOPE as a world-leading and trusted body for Hotlines such as future-proofing INHOPE beyond 2015 by positioning the Association as relevant, effective and accountable in its global mission and representing INHOPE as a centre of excellence for Hotline activities.

2. Placing working partnerships at the heart of INHOPE’s effort such as positioning INHOPE as an effective and indispensable partner to law enforcement through formal engagement with law enforcement bodies including cybercrime agencies such as INTERPOL, EUROPOL, the Global Alliance and the Virtual Global Taskforce.

3. Speed up the removal of illegal content from the Internet such as developing INHOPE as a centre of expertise for notification and take-down practices, with specific applicable best practice guidelines and to promote and foster their adoption by law enforcement and industry worldwide.

4. Active promotion of INHOPE’s mission and values to the world such as developing and implementing a communications plan that includes activities on national and international levels.

5. Support the critical work of Hotlines such as providing first-class training to the highest level of technical and scientific excellence and developing advanced tracing techniques to keep pace with emerging technologies.

6. Active engagement with rapidly changing online technologies and political environments such as sharing knowledge on a world-wide basis of initiatives designed to eradicate illegal content, particularly child sexual abuse material.

Help INHOPE make the internet safer. Report any websites you suspect may be illegal to: www.inhope.org

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