

### BOMCA-CADAP Staff Retreat: Colleagues Got Together To Discuss Programme Implementation and Build Team Spirit

BOMCA-CADAP Staff Retreat was held in Tashkent during 9-10 October 2007. The main purpose of this exercise was to ensure that all staff members from the region are aware of the current and future activities under the BOMCA and CADAP programmes at both national and regional levels.

They were acquainted with programme management principles and shared their own knowledge and experience in their respective fields with their colleagues (in programme, finance, procurement fields). Colleagues had an opportunity to discuss issues of concern, particularly relating to specific programme implementation difficulties in particular countries.

The new Regional Programme Manager was introduced to BOMCA-CADAP staff: Mr. Scott Pilkington, who had served Combined Task Force Commanding General; Inspector General for an international security agency operating in 90 countries; Consultant to FAO on refugee resettlement projects; Director of humanitarian relief operations in Bosnia, Rwanda and Angola; and Senior Programme Manager for United Nations post-conflict recovery and capacity development programmes in Yemen, Iraq and Ethiopia.



### Training in Drug and Precursor Detection at the Border

Training in drug and precursor detection, search techniques, profiling of passengers and vehicles at the border was conducted by Mr. Bernard Figini, international expert in the field of drug interdiction, drug detection, profiling and investigation in all Central Asian countries in October-November 2007. The course in drug and precursors detection, profiling and selection was designed for representatives of agencies involved in the control of persons and goods at the border, mainly customs officers and border guards in pilot zones.

The Course aimed at providing ad-hoc advice and recommendations to border officers in organizing efficient control at land borders and focused on current drug trends, opiates and precursors trafficking.

The Course's participants learnt techniques of identification of illicit products (drugs, precursors and chemicals), concealment and detection methods, search techniques, travelers' and cargo document analysis, use of specialized equipment and drug detection dogs.



*The European Union is funding a number of projects under its Drug Action in Central Asia (CADAP) Programme. The overall objectives of the Programme is to foster a development oriented drug control strategy in Central Asia that ensures a sustained reduction of drug consumption and trafficking in line with the European Commission drug strategies.*

