A close-up photograph of a child's hands holding a large, light-colored teddy bear. The child is wearing blue denim jeans and a white long-sleeved shirt. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

**8 million children will go missing this year**

**2 million children will be victims of commercial sexual exploitation**



**International Centre**  
FOR MISSING & EXPLOITED CHILDREN

# A Letter from our Chairman of the Board



It is my privilege and honor to serve as Chairman of the Board of the International Centre for Missing & Exploited Children (ICMEC), an extraordinary organization that leads the fight to eradicate child abduction and child sexual exploitation around the world.

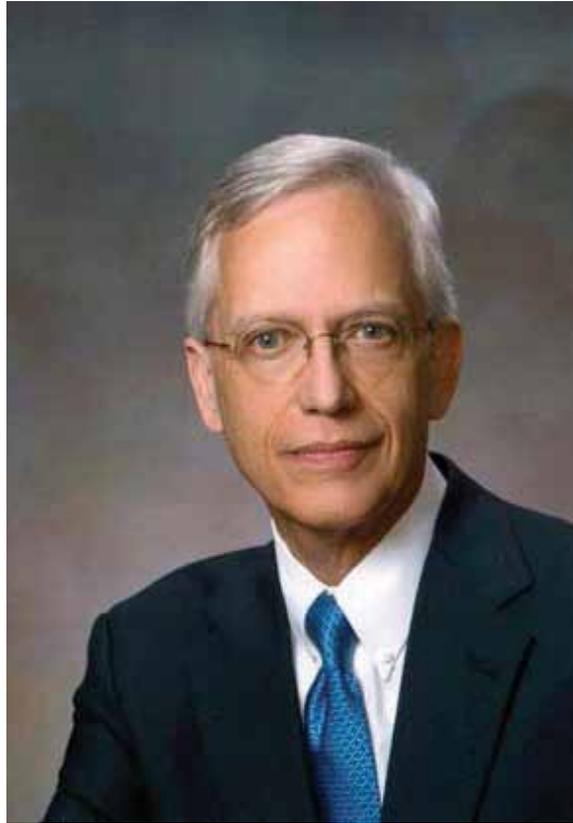
An estimated 8 million children will disappear and another 2 million will fall victim to sexual exploitation in just this year alone. This crisis is large, growing and underappreciated – and the global community’s response is not adequate to reverse this horrifying trend.

These acts not only affect the hearts, minds and souls of our young; they are also detrimental to their physical health. This must be viewed for what it is – a growing public health crisis. I call on the health care community, the pharmaceutical industry, medical institutions and related sectors to support ICMEC’s efforts by providing guidance, networks and financial resources as we raise global public awareness around the world.

Please join us in our work to create a safer world for our children.

**Dr. Franz B. Humer**  
Chairman of the Board

# A Message from our President & CEO



At the International Centre for Missing & Exploited Children we believe every child deserves a safe childhood. Across the globe, we fight every day to help children grow up free from sexual exploitation and safe from the dangers of abduction. Every day we are faced with the daunting statistics:

- 8 million children will be missing at some time this year.
- Another 2 million children will be sexually exploited.
- 300 million children in this generation will be victimized sexually before they reach adulthood.

The victimization of the world's children is a matter of human rights. It is a crisis made worse by the Internet and the fact that 100 million males are sexually attracted to young children. Yet, of the 196 countries reviewed by ICMEC, only 45 have legislation sufficient to combat child pornography offenses and 89 have no legislation at all that specifically addresses child pornography.

These shameful numbers require action. We call on governments around the globe to take action. Together, we must protect and ensure the future of children around the world.

**Ernie Allen**  
President & CEO

# Making the World a Safer Place for Children

**T**he International Centre for Missing & Exploited Children (ICMEC) leads the global movement to protect children from sexual exploitation and abduction. ICMEC is a non-governmental, nonprofit organization that relies solely on individual and corporate donations to operate, spending 95% of revenues on programs and services. It is a sister to the renowned National Center for Missing & Exploited Children that is based in the United States.



French President Jacques Chirac opens 2007 Paris meeting of Honorary Board.

The mission of the International Centre for Missing & Exploited Children is simple: to make the world a safer place for children.

To address the unique issues surrounding international abductions and child sexual exploitation, ICMEC provides advice, training and support to governments, policy makers, law enforcement, prosecutors, industry, civil society and others across the globe.

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## Programs that Make an Impact

**The Financial Coalition Against Child Pornography (FCACP)** – The FCACP is a powerful alliance of 35 of the world’s foremost financial and Internet companies – representing nearly 90% of the U.S. payments industry. In 2006 the coalition instituted a method to “follow the money” in the multi-billion dollar child pornography industry and, since its launch, has virtually eliminated credit card and other payment options for the criminals who sell these images and videos. Today, the coalition has expanded its work worldwide and remains diligent in monitoring and anticipating new payment mechanisms that may be abused by the enterprises looking to sell images of child sexual abuse.

**The Technology Coalition** — ICMEC leads a voluntary collaboration of nine major Internet companies. The coalition develops and implements technology-based solutions to disrupt the ability of predators to use the Internet to exploit children or traffic child pornography.

**Law Enforcement Training** – Our extensive training programs provide the appropriate knowledge, skills and technology to be applied to the investigation and prosecution of those who prey upon children. Working with INTERPOL and Microsoft®, ICMEC has trained law enforcement officers in 121 countries and now has a worldwide cadre of experts in identifying and responding to crimes against children.

**International Conferences and Meetings** – Hosted by ICMEC and attended by government leaders from around the world, these meetings bring greater attention to the global problem of missing children and child sexual exploitation. Past gatherings in Paris, Dublin, Cairo, Athens, Switzerland and Rome have produced ground-breaking achievements.

- The Dublin Forum resulted in the creation of *The Dublin Plan*, a blueprint for eradicating child pornography on a global basis.
- In Lyon, France, ICMEC held a meeting in partnership with INTERPOL to address the problem of child pornography in the 186 member countries.
- An historic U.S. - European Summit on Missing & Exploited Children was held in Buonas, Switzerland with representatives from 23 countries and resulted in the recommendation of a Europe-wide missing children’s phone number and the development of a Child Abduction Alert System in Europe.
- A Balkan Forum on Missing & Exploited Children was held in Athens, Greece. Representatives from 13 countries, many of them historic adversaries, worked together to create a new regional center, the Southeastern European Centre for Missing & Exploited Children which was opened in 2010 in Athens and Thessaloniki, Greece.
- A meeting of the ICMEC Honorary Board in 2007 was hosted by Madame Bernadette Chirac at the Elysée Palace in Paris. Nine powerful women representing eight nations gathered to review the worldwide problem of missing children, sexually exploited children and the global epidemic of Internet child pornography. The meeting was described by the French newspaper *Le Figaro* as the “G-8 for Children.”

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■ In 2009, the ICMEC Honorary Board met in Cairo, Egypt for the first-ever conference on missing and exploited children in the Arab world. More than 400 Arab leaders from countries throughout the Middle East attended and helped develop *The Cairo Declaration*, a call to action to protect the rights of children throughout the world. Saying that the problem of abused and exploited children has remained in the shadows too long, the board urged international leaders to make child abuse and exploitation a priority, called for new legislation to be enacted and new centers be created around the world to address the problem.

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■ In 2011 ICMEC hosted an historic meeting in Rome, Italy to address the global problem of child sexual exploitation. The forum, “The World’s Children and the Abuse of Their Rights” was held in collaboration with three of the world’s preeminent organizations: SOS II Telefono Azzurro Onlus, Ospedale Pediatrico Bambino Gesù and the Mayo Clinic. That meeting resulted in the creation of *The Declaration of Rome*, a detailed action plan with 20 recommendations for protecting the world’s children. ■

## National and Regional Operational Centers

In many areas of the world, national and regional operational centers, affiliated with ICMEC, have opened to address the issues of child abduction and exploitation on a local level. These include: Child Focus in Belgium; The Smile of the Child in Greece; the Romanian Center for Missing & Sexually

Exploited Children (FOCUS); the South African Centre for Missing & Exploited Children; and the Southeastern European Centre for Missing & Exploited Children, which opened in 2010 and serves as a hub for 13 countries in the Balkan region.

Albania, Bulgaria, India, Russia and several other countries are actively moving toward the creation of new ICMEC-affiliated national centers.

In addition ICMEC works with independent national centers in South Korea and Taiwan. ■



L to R: Princess Victoria (Sweden); Jolanta Kwasnieska, First Lady of Poland; Queen Silvia (Sweden); Queen Paola (Belgium); Bernadette Chirac, First Lady of France; Princess Astrid (Belgium).

# Understanding the Health Impact of Sexual Abuse

**T**he numbers are staggering. An estimated 1 in 5 girls and 1 in 10 boys will be sexually victimized before they reach age 18. That means at least 200 million girls and 100 million boys worldwide will be sexually victimized before they reach adulthood. Yet only one-third will report the crime to a trusted adult.

Health care providers play a significant role in recognizing the indicators of sexual abuse and probing for abuse during office visits. Yet, many receive little or no education or training on the signs.

Children have become a commodity for sale or trade. At least 1.8 million children are used in commercial sex, many sold into sexual slavery by poor families and others abducted and trafficked into brothels. The UN reports that 79% of human trafficking is sexual exploitation.

With the Internet, pedophilia has become an even greater concern. Most victims of child pornography are prepubescent. Canadian researcher Dr. Michael Seto estimates that three percent of the male population is aroused by pedophilic stimuli. ■

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## Addressing the Issue of Sexual Exploitation

To date, the primary response to this crisis has been through law enforcement investigation and prosecution. However, it is clear that because of the problem's sheer size and complexity that we will not be able to arrest and prosecute our way out of the problem.

The sexual abuse of children is a problem that is severely under-recognized, under-reported and misunderstood. We need far more research on the impact of child sexual abuse and exploitation on children's health, short-term and long-term. Some research has been conducted, including pioneering studies by the Mayo Clinic, the American Heart Association, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the University of Modena in Italy, among others, that demonstrate that this is an issue with serious implications for the public health.

More must be done to research and address the impact of this abuse on a child's physical and mental health. The sexual abuse of children is not just a legal or enforcement issue, it is a global public health crisis that is affecting the lives and well being of millions. The medical community must engage in the fight against child sexual abuse and exploitation. ■

# The Declaration of Rome

**I**n November 2011 the International Centre for Missing & Exploited Children hosted a meeting in Rome, Italy to address the global crisis of child sexual abuse and exploitation. The forum, "*The World's Children and the Abuse of Their Rights*" was held in collaboration with three of the world's preeminent organizations: SOS Il Telefono Azzurro Onlus, renowned Ospedale Pediatrico Bambino Gesù and the internationally acclaimed Mayo Clinic. It was an historic meeting to raise global awareness of the crisis of child sexual exploitation, child pornography and child sex trafficking and to work with global leaders to address the issues on a worldwide basis.



L to R: Prof. Giovanni Maria Flick, Constitutional Court of Italy; Prof. Stefano Vicari, Bambino Gesù Hospital; Monsignor C. J. Scicluna, Promotor of Justice, The Vatican; Pavel Astakhov, Commissioner of Children's Rights in Russia.

Speakers at the forum included the wife of the President of the European Commission, the President of the Italian Senate, the Vice President of the European Parliament, representatives from the Vatican, a member of the British Parliament, the Russian Commissioner of Children's Rights and leading pediatricians, child neuropsychiatrists and researchers. One of the most powerful and compelling speeches of the day was delivered by Monsignor C. J. Scicluna, Promoter of Justice, The Vatican, who said, "Sexual abuse of minors is not just a canonical delict or a breach of a Code of Conduct internal to an institution, whether it be religious or other. It is also a crime prosecuted by civil law."

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The meeting produced *The Declaration of Rome*, a detailed plan for protecting the world's children by outlining 20 recommendations for action to help mobilize caring, concerned citizens around the world. As it implements *The Declaration of Rome*, ICMEC has set five primary goals:

- **Create and Implement a Global Health Initiative to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation.** ICMEC will create a new Global Health Care Coalition and adopt and implement the Public Health Model to better address child sexual abuse and exploitation. This will include the creation of training programs for health care workers and medical students and an effort to incorporate these issues into medical school curricula.
- **Create and Implement a Global Public Awareness Campaign.** ICMEC will launch a campaign to engage the world's great religions, non-governmental organizations and others and will develop and disseminate multi-lingual educational programs for parents and children worldwide. It will



include a proactive strategy to involve the world's news media.

- **Create and Implement a Global Campaign to Change Public Policy.** ICMEC will seek to mobilize key world leaders to include these issues on the agendas of important international meetings. ICMEC will also promote child pornography and child protection model laws to key public officials and urge countries to create a senior-level government position focused on the rights of children.
- **Create and Implement a Global Research Initiative to Quantify the True Extent of the Problem of Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation.** The Koons Family Institute will conduct a comprehensive review of existing research and data and conduct new research on a regional and global basis to generate reliable empirical information about the extent of the problem.
- **Create and Implement a Global Technology Initiative to Interdict the Redistribution of Images of the Sexual Abuse of Children on the Internet.** ICMEC will convene key leaders with the goal of developing a global technology infrastructure and implementing a process for identifying and interdicting the worst images of child sexual abuse. ICMEC will also work with leading technology companies to develop tools and systems to permanently remove these images so that a child is not victimized every time his or her image is re-circulated.

The International Centre for Missing & Exploited Children has begun to implement *The Declaration of Rome*. However, it needs the participation and support of global leaders in the healthcare and technology industries. ■

# The Koons Family Institute on International Law & Policy

In 1993, Ludwig, the infant son of world-renowned contemporary artist Jeff Koons, was abducted from New York and taken to Italy by his former wife. For more than a decade, Jeff waged an expensive and frustrating battle to recover his son. Yet, despite his legal custodial right, his fame and his resources, his efforts were unsuccessful. Today, his son remains in Italy.

Jeff is a fervent advocate for protecting children and worked with ICMEC to co-found The Koons Family Institute on International Law & Policy (The Koons Family Institute).

improve the protection of children. We have seen movement in numerous countries since the *Child Pornography: Model Legislation & Global Review*, now in its 6th edition, was first released in 2006:

- 19 countries enacted anti-child pornography legislation for the first time;
- 23 passed legislation defining child pornography;

## Building a Global Child Protection Movement

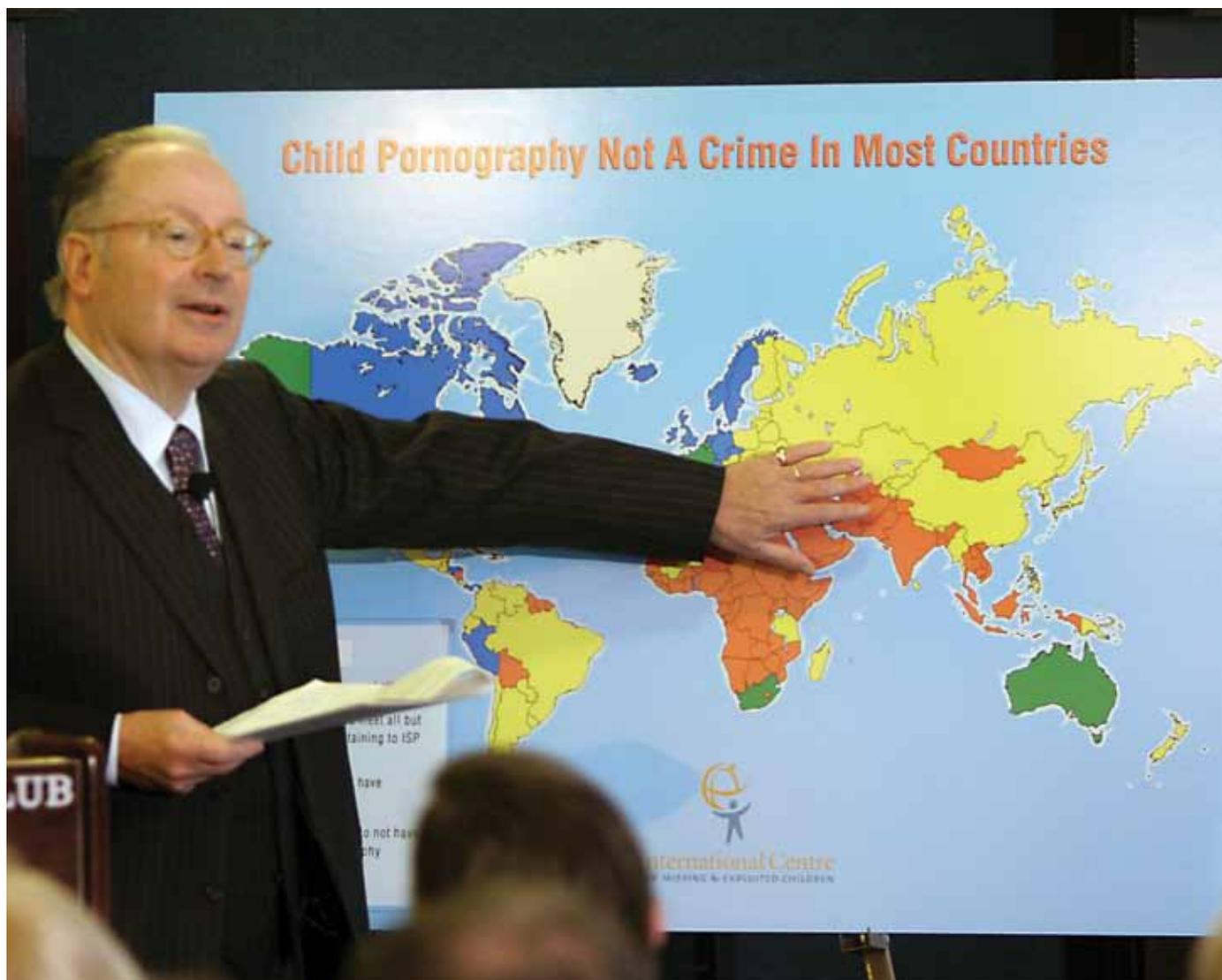
As the research and policy arm of ICMEC, the Koons Family Institute impacts the issues through several important projects.

The report, **Child Pornography: Model Legislation and Global Review**, analyzes child pornography legislation in 196 countries and recommends model legislation for universal adoption.

ICMEC and The Koons Family Institute works with government leaders around the world to



Renowned artist Jeff Koons and founder of the Koons Family Institute on International Law & Policy.



- 26 enacted legislation criminalizing computer-facilitated offenses;
- 27 criminalized simple possession; and
- 2 mandated reporting by Internet Service Providers.

Among the countries enacting new laws were India, Indonesia, Cambodia, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Latvia, Nicaragua and the Philippines. While this is positive news, much remains to be done.

**The Child Protection Project**, in partnership with the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, recommends

a comprehensive model law to protect children from neglect, abuse, maltreatment and exploitation. The primary goals of the project are to: research existing child protection laws in the 193 member states of the United Nations (UN); convene regional expert working group meetings to establish a common definition for “child protection”; create a database of national legislation and case law on child protection issues from around the world; and draft, publish, and disseminate model child protection legislation.

**A Central American research project** addresses the lack of international standards that could

help protect children from abduction and provides guidelines on how to effectively respond when a child goes missing.

**Existing research and incidence study reviews** quantify the true nature and extent of the problem of missing and exploited children. Most countries lack basic systems to assist searching parents or a central missing children registry. ICMEC is examining what does exist to produce estimates of the true extent of the problem on a national, regional and global basis. ■

# The Global Problem of International Child Abduction

**A**cross the globe, children are abducted at alarming rates and for many reasons. At least 8 million children go missing each year whose families seek their return. Yet, most countries lack systems to assist, most do not even count the missing, and definitions vary widely. In the United States, an estimated 800,000 children younger than 18 years of age are reported missing each year. An estimated 230,000 children under the age of 18 were reported missing in the United Kingdom from 2009 to 2010; 100,000 in Germany; 50,000 in Canada; 45,000 in Mexico; 40,000 in Brazil; 39,000 in France; and 20,000 in Spain.

It's a problem facing every country, and it requires a strong, co-ordinated response. Innocent children are abducted by strangers for sexual or other reasons, by traffickers for commercial reasons and by non-custodial family members. The world's missing children also include runaways, who run the highest risk of being exploited and victimized.

ICMEC works with world governments and global leaders to develop ways to report missing children, rescue those who are abducted and prosecute the criminals.

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**The Hague Conference on Private International Law** collaborates with ICMEC to bring about positive changes for the benefit of children and families. Since 2003 ICMEC has worked with the Permanent Bureau of the Hague Conference on Private International Law to bring about positive changes for the benefit of children and families, including:

- A more consistent and uniform implementation of the Hague Convention of 25 October 1980 on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction (Hague Convention).
- The creation of “Good Practice Guides” for Hague Convention Contracting States to help countries address international child abduction issues, organize their judiciary and systems and fulfill obligations under the Hague Convention to best ensure the swift return of an abducted child.
- Support for statistical research in partnership with the Hague Conference on Private International Law and Cardiff University Law School in the United Kingdom.



**The International Judicial Conference on Cross-Border Family Relocation** meeting in Washington, DC brought together more than 50 family law judges and experts from around the world and resulted in the creation of *The Washington Declaration* which aims to change the way the international judicial community views and addresses this growing problem.

**Global Adoption and Implementation of AMBER Alert** is an important step toward galvanizing an entire community in the search and safe recovery of an abducted child. With the support of the U.S. Department of Justice and the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, ICMEC assists countries around the world to develop and implement an AMBER Alert, or similar missing child alert program.

**The Global Missing Children’s Network (GMCN)** was created by ICMEC to establish a global network for law enforcement agencies and non-governmental organizations to share best practices on recovering missing children. The problem of missing children touches every nation. Yet, most countries lack basic systems to respond. The Global Missing Children’s Network currently has members from 19 countries. It needs to have many times that number.

The member countries receive annual training and access to an international, multilingual database of information and photographs of missing children from around the world. The GMCN also raises public awareness each year on May 25 by commemorating International Missing Children’s Day. ■

# The Important Role of Technology and Innovation

**T**oday's technology enables organizations such as ICMEC to transmit information on missing children instantly worldwide and to receive reports on missing and exploited children quickly and effectively. Yet, technology also has a dark side. The problem of child pornography and images of the sexual abuse of children has exploded over the Internet. It has become the primary tool used by those who prey upon children.

## Maximizing the Use of Technology for Good

Most people will never be exposed to photos of children being sexually abused by predators. But images of that abuse can be found in dark corners of the online world, where networks of child abusers and child-pornography consumers produce and propagate photos of children being victimized. ICMEC is playing a leading role developing and implementing a [Global System for Interdiction of Child Pornography](#), which will provide an infrastructure and process for identifying the worst images of child sexual abuse and engaging the world's leading technology companies to use this system to remove these images and prevent them from traveling across the Internet.

One example of the power of innovation is [PhotoDNA](#), an extraordinary new technology developed and donated by Microsoft Research and Dartmouth College. The basis for PhotoDNA is a technology called "robust hashing," which calculates the particular characteristics of a given digital image. Its digital fingerprint or "hash value" enables it to match it to other copies of that same image. Like human beings, every photo is a little different. The weakness in most common forms of hashing technology

is that once a digital image has been altered in any way, whether by resizing, resaving in a different format or through digital editing, its original hash value is replaced by a new hash. The image may look exactly the same to a viewer, but there is no way to match one photo to another through their hashes. PhotoDNA enables the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) and leading technology companies to match images through the use of a mathematical signature with a likelihood of false positive of 1 in 10 billion.

Once NCMEC assigns PhotoDNA signatures to known images of abuse, those signatures can be shared with online service providers, who can match them against the hashes of photos on their own services, find copies of the same photos and remove them. Also, by identifying previously "invisible" copies of identical photos, law enforcement may get new leads to help track down the perpetrators. PhotoDNA will enable companies to begin with a mathematical algorithm, a "hash value" of a photo deemed by NCMEC to be among "the worst of the worst" images of prepubescent children being sexually abused, images that no one believes are protected speech, and then search their servers and databases to find matches of that image. When matches are found, the images can be removed as violations of the company's terms of

use. This is a precise, surgical technique for preventing the redistribution of such images and it is based on voluntary, private sector leadership.

ICMEC is taking PhotoDNA worldwide. Major international law enforcement organizations have expressed interest, as have large Internet-related corporations. The first major user of PhotoDNA is Facebook, the world's largest photo sharing site, and many more companies will sign on in the near future. Most importantly, thanks to Microsoft's generosity and commitment, PhotoDNA is available to companies and law enforcement for free.

The ICMEC-led **Technology Coalition** is a consortium of nine major technology companies – AOL Inc., Comcast Corporation, EarthLink, Inc., Google, Inc., Microsoft Corporation, PayPal, Time Warner Cable, United Online, Inc., Yahoo! Inc. – that develops new technologies to better address the online sexual exploitation of children.

ICMEC is the global project manager for Microsoft's **Child Exploitation Tracking System (CETS)**, a powerful software tool designed to manage and enhance investigations and enable law enforcement worldwide to search, share, and collaborate on online child sexual exploitation investigations. ICMEC manages the implementation and roll-out of CETS, which today is deployed in Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Italy, Romania, Spain, the United Kingdom and the United States.

ICMEC is also building **law enforcement capacity** by providing training on how to investigate Internet-related child exploitation cases. In many countries law enforcement lacks the basic tools and expertise to investigate complex, intricate Internet-related cases. ICMEC provides law enforcement with important tools and expertise, and more importantly, is building a cadre of law enforcement experts around the world. To date ICMEC, in conjunction with INTERPOL and Microsoft, has trained law enforcement officers in 121 countries. ■

## Photo DNA™: Step-by-step

During its lifetime, a digital photo can be distributed, copied and edited thousands of times. Each step in this journey leaves the image slightly transformed.



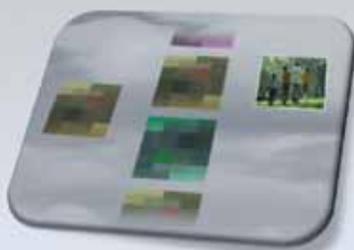
We asked ourselves the question, "Given the billions of digital photos that exist in the world, how could we match copies of a single image?"



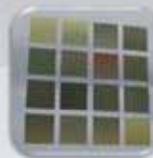
Photo DNA provides a way to create a unique signature – similar to a fingerprint – from a photo that will remain consistent even after it's edited or manipulated.



The photo's DNA is computed by converting it to black and white, resizing it, and breaking it into a grid.



While you can't reconstruct the photo from its DNA, if two images share similar DNA we know they are the same. The amount of data in the Photo DNA is small, which helps us to quickly find matches across large data sets. Which allows us to find the needle in the haystack.



In each grid cell a histogram of intensity gradients or edges is found. The photo's DNA is created from the gradient information.

**Microsoft**

# Training for Law Enforcement

In 2003 ICMEC, in conjunction with INTERPOL and through the generous support of Microsoft, launched an international law enforcement training initiative focused on training law enforcement, prosecutors, and other professionals from around the world on how to investigate Internet-related child exploitation cases. Around the world, ICMEC has trained law enforcement officers in 121 countries.

The **Computer Facilitated Crimes Against Children** training seminar was designed to provide law enforcement with the tools and techniques needed to investigate Internet-related child exploitation cases. It includes sessions on:

- Computer Facilitated Exploitation of Children
- Conducting the Online Child Abuse Investigation
- Managing the Law Enforcement Response to Computer Facilitated Crimes Against Children
- Technical Aspects of the Investigation
- Tools and Techniques for the Prosecutor

ICMEC continues to provide law enforcement training in collaboration with the Organization of American States, Microsoft Latin America and others and has provided additional training in Brazil, Panama, Chile, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ukraine, Sweden, Qatar and Egypt.

ICMEC is also working with the Organization for Security & Cooperation (OSCE) in Europe to

develop distance-learning training programs for OSCE member countries. ■



Law enforcement training class in Hong Kong.

# Our Vision of the Future

**A**t the International Centre for Missing & Exploited Children, we are proud of our many accomplishments. Policies and laws are changing in places and in ways no one dreamed possible. More missing children come home safely today than at any time in history and more offenders are brought to justice than ever before. Countries around the world have more effective legislation and better technology to fight these crimes. Law enforcement is better prepared to respond swiftly and effectively. Families and children are more alert and aware.

But there is still so much work to be done.

Our vision is to lead a global movement that ends child abduction and sexual exploitation.

We call on governments around the globe to take action. Specifically:

- Every country must act to create a system for finding missing children.
- Every country must act to outlaw child pornography/sexual abuse images.
- Every country must commit to prosecute those who exploit and victimize children to the fullest extent of the law.

We are awakening the world to the reality that child sexual abuse and exploitation are more than simple violations of law – they represent a global health crisis. To help address this, we are building a **Global Health Care Coalition** of leading pharmaceutical, hospital and other

health leaders to develop new, collaborative strategies to prevent child sexual abuse and exploitation, and to improve treatment options for victims.

Before we can really impact this problem, we must truly understand it. Using the public health model, ICMEC's Koons Family Institute will undertake epidemiological research, both through cataloguing and reviewing existing research, and through undertaking new research to demonstrate and quantify the long-term impacts on the health and well-being of children resulting from child sexual abuse and exploitation.

We will seek to inform and empower those who work with child victims. We will help expand law enforcement training, promote changes in medical school curricula to include more content on child sexual abuse and exploitation recognition and intervention and provide training programs for

health care professionals to improve recognition and awareness and assess the adequacy of current mental health services available for child victims and for offenders.

Our work will not stop until every child in every nation is guaranteed the most basic of human rights. Please join us in creating a world where every child has a safe and healthy childhood. Together, we can make a difference. ■

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**We see a world where child abduction and the sexual exploitation of children do not exist. Our children deserve no less.**

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