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## **Alex Brenninkmeijer European President International Ombudsman Institute**

**National Ombudsman of the Netherlands Alex Brenninkmeijer has just been appointed President of the European chapter of the International Ombudsman Institute (IOI). The part-time post is unpaid and is for a period of four years. Brenninkmeijer is recognized internationally for his experience and innovativeness as an ombudsman.**

The International Ombudsman Institute serves ombudsman institutes worldwide. It fosters collaboration, organizes conferences and information exchanges, and provides support for them generally. Brenninkmeijer: 'I feel honoured that my colleagues in the European region have elected me as their president.' As President of the European chapter, Brenninkmeijer will have a seat on the world Board of Directors of the IOI.

### **International Ombudsman Institute**

The tenth World Conference of the International Ombudsman Institute is taking place from 12 to 16 November in Wellington, New Zealand. The IOI has over 140 members, most of them ombudsman institutions. The membership is divided into regional chapters, of which the European chapter is the largest, with over 80 members. The board of the European chapter numbers 7 members.

### **Note to editors**

Website on the World Conference: [www.confer.co.nz/wcioi/index.htm](http://www.confer.co.nz/wcioi/index.htm)

Main IOI website: [www.theioi.org/](http://www.theioi.org/)

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The National Ombudsman of the Netherlands is an independent institution. Each year it assists some 45,000 people who are experiencing problems with government. Alex Brenninkmeijer is the current National Ombudsman. He is appointed by the Dutch parliament.