

Candidacy WMPA to be president of the committee :  
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Candidate: **Jorge Hernandez** (Spain)

• *Organization* : CERAI

• *Personal experience on the issue* :

- I have been member of the International Promotion Committee of the first Global Forum of Producers of Crops Declared Illicit that took place in Barcelona (Spain) from the 29th to the 31st of January 2009.  
<http://fmpcdi.org/comite-internacional-promotor/>
- I have been promoting the standardization of the use of the coca in the Andean-Amazonian gastronomy through the First Andean-Amazonian Encounter for Sustainable Collective Catering, Fair Trade and Organic Production for Food Consumption.  
[http://www.mensacivica.es/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=category&sectionid=17&id=52&Itemid=97](http://www.mensacivica.es/index.php?option=com_content&task=category&sectionid=17&id=52&Itemid=97)
- The CERAI is working on cooperation projects in Colombia, in Amazonia and in Maghreb where live produceurs of crops declared illicit.
- I promoted the publication of “la Hoja Sagrada de Coca” (the “Sacred Coca Leaf”)

• *Program for action you planned for the thematic group*

- 2011: To promote the creation of an Observatory for the Production of Crops Declared Illicit in Europe
- 2011-2012. To start a process of normalization of the crops and of the producers, by underlying the positive and historic aspects, and by denouncing their criminilization
- 2012. To realize an historic parallel with the story of the wine and of alcoholic beverages in the Eurpean and EEUU countries
- To organize encounters in the Andes in 2011, and in Maghreb and Asia in 2012. During these meetings, the inclusion of these crops in the daily life and making of wine and alcohol will be promoted in order to avoid any eurocentrism
- To denounce the manipulations of the narcotrafic as a way to reorganizes the territories and the activities where these crops are produced
- To promote sustainable alternatives, by condemning monocropping, which is opposed to the natural laws, and by denoucing the use of systemic herbicides as a way to fight again the production of these crops

- To realize a video of about 1h, where the emphasis will be made on the critical mind about this issue
- To maintain relationships with the entities that have altruistic ideas on the issue and the situation of the farmers producers of crops declared illicit

• *How do you plan to do the animation of the thematic group?*

- By constituting a team and by delegating the responsibilities. There are Spanish universities that wish to work on this issue and we are going to meet the Director of the Program for Combating Drugs in Spain

• *Which support do you expect from the technical committee ?*

- Contacts with key persons in this domain, and support for the seeking of financing and sponsoring
- Translation of texts

• *How do you plan to internationalize the work of the thematic group ?*

- The issue is already international. We will look for support within the European Union

• *Do you have key persons, specialists of the issue, you plan to work with ?*

Yes, especially with the Basque University of San Sebastián and universities of Catalonia and Aragon: they are the ones that have worked the most on the issue. Some of them came to the Forum of Barcelona that I mentioned above

**Projected budget:**

<i>Type of expense</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Global observatory	62.500 €
International travels	4.200 €
Publications and Web	15.350 €
Seminars	12.600 €
Material for awareness campaign	25.250 €
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>119.900 €</b>

<i>Type of takings/source of funds</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Spanish Institutions	60.000 €
European Institutions	25.000 €
Public and private Foundations	20.000 €
Other private entities	14.900 €
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>119.900 €</b>