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WELCOME

This is the first communiqué to CRIMSA members for 2014. The purpose of this communiqué is to inform the CRIMSA community of the main approvals and decisions emanating from the 2013 AGM.

All members are encouraged to renew their memberships for 2014. The relevant forms will be sent out to all 2013 members in March 2014 as well as the new form to be placed on the CRIMSA website at www.crimsa.ac.za. Members also requested to circulate the 2014 membership form as widely as possible to colleagues and other interested academics, especially senior students in criminology & criminal justice, who might not be members as yet.

Prof Michelle Ovens
CRIMSA President (2013-2014)

CRIMSA AGM 2013

The 2013 CRIMSA Annual General Meeting was held on 21 February 2014 at the University of South Africa's Brooklyn Campus. The following are the main decisions and discussion points resulting from the AGM:

CRIMSA MEMBERSHIP

It was decided that membership fees will not be increased for 2014 and remain at current fee structure.

ACTA CRIMINOLOGICA AND NEWSLETTER

- Two editions published in 2013 (26-1 & 26-2).
- 2014: CRIMSA 2013 Conference Special Editions planned. Thirty conferences papers submitted. Currently in the process of being reviewed. Special Edition Editors: Prof Cherita Morrison and Dr Andra Le Roux-Kemp.
- Special Edition 2014: Violent crime in the maritime domain with emphasis on maritime piracy. Prof Henri Fouche has been appointed editor of this special edition. Submission deadline for this special edition was the end of January. So far ten articles have been received of which seven have already been submitted for review.
- Editor-in-Chief was given approval to approach all members for the setting up of a Reviewers' Database to which the journal's editorial team can consult when allocating articles for review purposes.
- Each teaching department of criminology/criminal justice at South African universities to be approached and requested whether they have hard copies of the journal on display. If they were short of any volumes/issues to inform the Editor-in-Chief of such missing copies so that they can be replaced to make up a full set.
- University repositories and open access to journals: Decision was made to put a 24-month embargo on Acta articles loaded on author's university repository databases. Access to those Acta published articles will only thereafter be opened for accessing via university library annual subscriptions to the SABINET e-Pub database of journal articles. This is in line with many publisher's current policies regarding academic journals they publish.
- The SABINET African Journals Archives Project was completed and volumes 1-12 (1988-2000) are now available on the SABINET website as open access.
- It was pointed out that private universities and independent research centres/institutes in South Africa do not receive a subsidy for articles published in accredited journals. It was therefore decided that author(s) at such institutions – as

well as international universities, will not be charged page fees. This decision will be written into the editorial policy.

- Mrs Stephina Thobane was elected as the editor of the CRIMSA quarterly newsletter.
- Mrs Thobane's portfolio to include developing a Blog for the CRIMSA website.

BIENNIAL CONFERENCE:

- Decision to remain being offered bi-annually.
- Regional colloquiums will continue to be held in the alternate years. Any university wishing to host such in 2014 to apply directly to the president for support funding.
- The conference's best paper prizes will be awarded at the following conference. Evaluation for such awards will be based on submitted papers for publication in the Conference Special Edition(s) of the journal.
- A discussion was held regarding the timing of the biennial conference. It was decided that the next biennial conference will be held in mid-March 2015.
- The hosting of the CRIMSA Biennial Conference was discussed and members were requested to think about whether any of their institutions are willing to host the next biennial conference.
- Prof. Anthony Minnaar announced that the 2013 conference would be the last conference he would be organising since it is time to hand over to a new batch of younger members to organise future conferences.

OTHER MATTERS

CRIMSA Treasurer:

Reported that finances of the Society in a healthy state (End of 2013 an accumulated amount of R 294 914.11 in CRIMSA accounts). SABINET annual royalties remain our biggest income stream. Biggest costs are printing and bulk mailing of journal.

Prof Marelize Schoeman resigned after serving four years as the CRIMSA treasurer.

Since a quorum was present, CRIMSA council met directly after the AGM to discuss the appointment of a new treasurer.

Mrs Leandri van Schalkwyk of Unisa was nominated by Prof Schoeman and council approved the decision to appoint her as the new CRIMSA treasurer.

2014: THE YEAR AHEAD

EXCO to formulate a marketing strategy to grow new membership.