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FROM THE EDITOR

I again make an appeal to all members, colleagues and interested academics to send in news about the activities of their department and students – any news snippets about the various departments, organisations or institutions regarding completed and new research projects, completed masters research (of students), attendance at conferences/seminars/workshops, papers delivered, articles & books published etc. My longterm vision is for the CRIMSA Newsletter being a true clearing house of criminological information. In this issue there is an announcement of the appointment of an interim president for CRIMSA, the submission of the CRIMSA application (on the further professionalisation of the discipline) to the Social Sciences Professional Board and an appeal for articles for the e-journal Crime Research in South Africa (CRISA).

Besides the above I again include snippets on new publications of interest and forthcoming conferences. Members and prospective new members are also **REMINDED** that all membership fees are due at the **end of March**. (A membership form is attached at the end of the newsletter – electronic format of form is available from the Newsletter editor and the editor of Acta Criminologica). Could we all make an effort in recruiting new members and particularly students in the broad field of criminology, its sub-disciplines and criminal justice.

The editor

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INTERIM PRESIDENT FOR CRIMSA

At the CRIMSA EXCO meeting on the 20th February 2006, the President, Prof. Kris Pillay, tendered his resignation citing personal reasons and the fact that with his appointment as the Head of Department the extra demands on his time have limited his ability to serve CRIMSA to his fullest capacity. While his resignation was reluctantly accepted he did, however, agree to continue to serve on the EXCO until further notice. As an interim measure, Prof. Anthony Minnaar agreed to be the interim president but on the condition that it would only be until the AGM in August.

APPLICATION TO SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS (SACSSP)

After a long period of soliciting information and support from individuals and other organisations the CRIMSA application (for membership and setting up a Professional Board for Criminologists) to the SACSSP was finally ready for submission. It was submitted to the Registrar of the Council on 14 March 2006 (incidentally exactly 20 YEARS after the establishment of CRIMSA. The Editor would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved in this process and in particular Prof. Beaty Naudé, Linda Davis and Harriet Klopper, all of whom largely drove the process (with the full support of the CRIMSA EXCO). We now await a full Council meeting of SACSSP where the CRIMSA application will be presented by members of EXCO.

CALL FOR ARTICLES: E-JOURNAL CRISA

Dear CRIMSA Members

I have been appointed as the new Editor for the e-journal Crime Research in South Africa (CRISA). This is a peer-reviewed e-journal formerly administered by the Department of Criminology at the University of South Africa (UNISA) and was established in 2000 by Prof. Herman Conradie. Since that date four issues have been published on the web (see <http://www.crisa.org.za>).

In an initiative of the School of Criminal Justice (inclusive of the 'old' UNISA Department of Criminology and the former TechnikonSA programme groups of Corrections Science, Police Practice and Security Risk Management) in the 'new' UNISA College of Law, the Editorial Board of CRISA have made a decision to work towards getting this journal accredited with the Department of Education (long-term objective). With regard to this aim there is then the obvious need to publish regular issues of this journal (one of the criteria for DoE accreditation and listing on the SAPSE list).

For that reason I make a call on all interested CRIMSA members to send me articles for publication so that I can publish at least three issues within the next twelve months (i.e. I need a minimum of twenty articles – between 5-6 articles per issue). (Articles can be e-mailed to me in MSWord to aminnaar@unisa.ac.za). All submissions will go through a 'blind' review process by a minimum of two selected reviewers drawn from the CRISA list

of Review Editors and from the Editor's list of independent external panel of expert reviewers – and if possible the reviewers will be selected on the basis of their specific fields of expertise and experience in the relevant discipline or sub-discipline.

As the title indicates articles to have a broad focus on research on crime and crime-related issues in South Africa but would obviously include relevant aspects from the broad fields of criminology, criminal justice (and aspects of law, courts and prosecutors), victimology (victims of crime, crime surveys), penology/corrections science, police science/police practice, security risk (crime) analysis, community security, crime prevention/reduction etc.

Notes for authors

Notes for authors appear on the web but in brief articles for CRISA can be from 10-15 pages (5 000-8 000 words) making use of the standard abbreviated Harvard referencing technique. (Work-in-progress/student articles to be no more than 5 000 words – see details below). The Editor retains the prerogative to edit and cut down longer articles (if necessary) although longer articles will still be considered for publication as full length articles.

Work-in-progress/student articles

I would also like to institute a work-in-progress/student article section in future issues of CRISA. So please encourage your post-graduate students to send in work-in-progress/student articles (8-10 pages in length, max 5 000 words) on their work for publication in CRISA. Articles to be focused possibly on one aspect of their research (honours research articles and masters mini-dissertations or one chapter of a Phd would in particular lend themselves to these kind of articles). In addition, publication of such post-graduate student research would not stop them/supervisors from publishing a more detailed and longer article in an accredited academic journal at a later stage.

In conclusion, I need to emphasise that the continued publication of CRISA with the end objective of getting it accredited provides an opportunity for academics, researchers and post-graduate students in these broad fields (as outlined above) to get published in a peer-reviewed journal. This is doubly important in all our disciplines where publication opportunities are at best limited in the specific specialised fields of criminal justice and criminology.

So keep the articles coming, the more the merrier!!

Subscription

Please note that subscription to CRISA is free. To subscribe to this e-journal merely e-mail your e-mail address to the author with the words 'SUBSCRIBE TO CRISA' in the subject box and your full name, organisational affiliation, and other contact and address (postal) details in the message box. All members of both CRIMSA and POLSA (who have provided these two professional associations with their e-mail addresses) will from 2006 automatically receive the electronic copy of each issue of the journal.

Yours in publishing (CRISA)

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FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

ERCES 2nd International Conference, Borovetz, Bulgaria, 3-6 May 2006

<http://www.erces.com/conf2.htm>

Theme: Crime, Culture and Crime Culture: The Balkan, Europe and the World
Cross-cultural approaches to Crime, Criminal Justice and Social Control -
interdisciplinary perspectives

International Interdisciplinary Conference on Children's Rights: An appraisal of the Children's Rights Convention - theory meets practice

Ghent, Belgium, 18-19 May 2006 (Hosted by the Belgian IAP Research Network on Children's Rights)

If you wish to attend the conference, please visit the conference website:

http://www.law.ugent.be/pub/iuap/c_welcome.html regularly as more details - including full programme, registration form and accommodation/transport details - will appear on the website in due course. Those who are interested in presenting a paper (in English or French – see website) at one of the workshops are kindly invited to react to the call for papers on the website.

5th International Conference on Drugs & Young People. Sydney, Australia. 24-26 May 2006. (Hosted by The Australian Drug Foundation and its Centre for Youth Drug Studies, in partnership with the Ted Noffs Foundation)

Call for papers: Participants are invited to contribute to the 5th International Conference on Drugs & Young People program by submitting an abstract from Monday 5 September 2005 until Friday 21 October 2005 , 5pm (AEST). The abstract submission form is available on the conference website

<http://www.adf.org.au/browse.asp?ContainerID=5dyp>

Law, Religion And Social Change

An international conference organised by the Law Program, Research School of Social Sciences, Australian National University, Canberra, 25-27 May 2006

Third International Conference on Therapeutic Jurisprudence

Perth, Western Australia. 7-9 June 2006 (Hosted by the Australian Institute of Judicial Administration in cooperation with the Magistrates Court of Western Australia, the International Network on Therapeutic Jurisprudence, the University of Miami's Institute on Law, Psychiatry and Psychology, Edith Cowan University's School of Psychology, Faculty of Business and Law and School of Law and Justice, the International Association of Drug

Treatment Courts, William and Mary Law School's Therapeutic Jurisprudence Program and the Association of Australian Magistrates).

For further information concerning therapeutic jurisprudence, see

www.therapeuticjurisprudence.org

Abstracts should be submitted by email to:

aija@law.monash.edu.au Closing date for abstracts: 30 November 2005

Fourth Conference of the European Forum for Restorative Justice, Barcelona on 15-17 June 2006. You can find the conference brochure, the registration form, the waiver application form and the call for presentations on their website

<http://www.euforumrj.org/conferences.htm>.

The Stockholm Criminology Symposium, 15-17 June 2006, Stockholm, Sweden

The Swedish National Council for Crime Prevention (Brå) is an authority under the Ministry of Justice and functions as an expert body within the field of criminal policy. It is committed to reducing crime and increasing public safety through the gathering of facts and the dissemination of information about crime, crime prevention work and the legal system's reactions to crime.

The purpose

The Swedish Government has commissioned Brå to arrange an international symposium in criminology. The primary purpose of the symposium is to create an interface where international working criminologists and others engaged in criminal policy matters could take part of the latest research findings of importance for crime policy. Brå arranges the symposium in collaboration with authorities within the criminal justice system in Sweden, the Stockholm University, the Scandinavian Research Council for Criminology (NSfK) and the international organization International Society of Criminology (ISC).

The symposium has been given the title **The Stockholm Criminology Symposium**, with a standing under headline *Recognizing Knowledge to Reduce Crime and Injustice*. The symposium will be an annual event in Stockholm. The symposium 2006 takes place at the Stockholm University during three days, June 15th - 17th.

The objectives

To sum up, the objectives of the symposium is to promote the development of:

- improved knowledge on causes of crime on individual and structural levels
- more effective and human public policies for dealing with criminal offenders
- greater knowledge of alternative crime prevention strategies inside and outside the criminal justice system
- policies for helping the victims of crime

The symposium will contribute to this development by:

- giving a yearly opportunity to illustrate different areas within criminology
- increasing the international cooperation within the criminological sphere
- increasing the publicity around and the awareness about criminology
- increasing the interest to study and work with criminological matters

Registration and call for papers

The primary target groups for the symposium are criminologists and other researchers within the area of criminal policy, decision makers within the criminal justice system as well as other agencies with supervision and control tasks, politicians and personnel within relevant ministries around the world. A website has been set up for the symposium and the information is updated regularly. The address to the symposium registration site is: <http://worldcriminology.org/> and is located at Penn University, USA. The website offers the possibility to register, call for paper and presentation submittal for a session at the symposium. The last day to submit an abstract is May 1st 2006. The website also provides other information such as hotel accommodations and information about Stockholm etc.

The Stockholm Prize in Criminology

The Stockholm Symposium in Criminology starts Thursday the 15th of June at 9 a.m. and ends Saturday the 17th of June at 2 p.m. The symposium will offer a great range of parallel seminars, workshops and other kinds of sessions. Existing networks will have the opportunity to access rooms to have their internal meetings during the symposium. In conjunction with the symposium, *The Stockholm Prize in Criminology* will be awarded. The prize is awarded for outstanding achievements in criminological research or for the application of research results by practitioners for reduction of crime and the advancement of human rights. Among other things the prize aims to promote and make the criminological research visible. To read more about The Stockholm Prize in Criminology please visit www.criminologyprize.com

Speakers

A program for the symposium will be presented shortly on the registration website at <http://worldcriminology.org/>. The program will be updated as sessions and speakers get scheduled. Already the following persons have confirmed that they will be holding lectures and panels at the symposium:

Dr. Hans Andersson, Nordic Folk High School, Sweden
Dr. Jan Andersson, National Council for Crime Prevention, Sweden
Dr. Kauko Aromaa, Heuni, Finland
Prof. Alfred Blumstein, Carnegie-Mellon University, USA
Prof. Serge, Broschu, University of Montreal, Canada
Senior Analyst Peter Bröms, Europol
Dr. Lolita Aniyar de Castro, University of Zulia, Venezuela
Dr. Sunil Choenni, WODC, The Netherlands
Dr. Nicholas Dorn, Cardiff University, UK
Prof. Frieder Duenkel, Ernst Moritz-Arndt-Universität Greifswald, Germany
Prof. Petrus C. van Duyne, Tilburg University, The Netherlands
Prof. David Farrington, Cambridge University, UK
Prof. Martin Gill, University of Leicester, UK
Prof. Peter Grabosky, Australian National University, Australia
Ass. Prof. Karl Gräter, Södertörn University College, Sweden

Prof. Katalin Gönczöl, Eötvös Loránd University, Hungary
Prof. Mark Haller, Temple University, Philadelphia, USA
Prof. Per-Ole Johansen, University of Oslo, Norway
Prof. Hans-Jürgen Kerner, Eberhard-Karls-University of Tuebingen, Germany
Dr. Lars Korsell, Head of division, National Council for Crime Prevention, Sweden
Dr. Klaus von Lampe, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany
Dr. Tapio Lappi-Seppälä, The National Research Institute of Legal Policy, Finland
Dr. Erik Leertower, WODC, The Netherlands
Prof. Michael Levi, Cardiff University, UK
Dr. Heidi Mork Lomell, University of Oslo, Norway
Prof. Tiyanjana Maluwa, Pennsylvania State University, South Africa
Chief Constable Peter Neyroud, National Policing Improvement Agency, UK
Prof. Tony Peters, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium
Mr. Alex Piquero, University of Florida, USA
Prof. Jerzy Sarnecki, Stockholm University, Sweden
Prof. Ernesto Savona, Transcrime, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Italy
Prof. Jonathan P. Shepherd, University of Cardiff, UK
Prof. Lawrence Sherman, University of Pennsylvania, USA
Prof. Hiroshi Tsutomi, University of Shizuoka, Japan
Prof. Tom Vander Beken, Ghent University, Belgium
Dr. Brandon Welsh, University of Massachusetts, USA

Thematical sessions

Among the themes that the above mentioned persons will hold lectures or arrange panels about, the following can be mentioned:

- Improving policing through evidence based approaches
- Prisons and prison rates in a comparative perspective
- Crime in cyberspace
- Key issues in criminal career research: New findings from the Cambridge study of delinquent development
- The local dimension of organized crime
- Victim-offender mediation for violent offenders
- Images against crime and insecurity – smart camera surveillance
- Methods to identify good practice in local crime prevention
- Saving children from a life of crime
- Public perception of crimes and victims
- Evidence-based drug policies
- Measuring organized crime in Europe
- Rebuilding criminal justice in post-conflict societies
- Criminal justice and health service
- The academic status of the discipline of criminology
- Criminology and human rights
- Criminological network analysis
- Economic crime and illegal enterprise in an historic perspective
- Exclusive and inclusive tendencies in criminal justice
- Victim offender mediation (VOM) in the criminal justice system

- Cultural heritage crime
- The future for the criminal justice system – simulations and prognosis of the workload through the criminal justice chain

More topics and call for papers

You are welcome to register papers within the following or other themes at <http://worldcriminology.org/>.

- Hate crime – how to measure it, what to do about it
- The mentally ill and the criminal justice system
- Electronic monitoring - today and tomorrow
- Restraining order – is it an effective approach for the protection of women?
- National crime victim surveys – strengths and weaknesses
- Risk assessment – what are they good for?
- Cost benefit analysis of crime and crime prevention
- Unlawful influence against officials – a threat to society

20th International Conference of the International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law: *Justice for All – Victims, Defendants, Prisoners and the Community.* Brisbane, Australia. 2 – 6 July 2006

The Organising Committee seeks early expressions of interest from those who wish to contribute by either presenting papers or participating in workshops or suggesting topics or speakers. Please email expressions of interest to isrcl2006@cdpp.gov.au or check their website at www.isrcl.org

British Society of Criminology Annual Conference. Glasgow, 5-7 July 2006

'Research and Theory: New Directions in Criminology'

Hosted by Glasgow Caledonian, Glasgow and Strathclyde Universities

Full details on: <http://www.caledonian.ac.uk/bscconf2006>

E mail: bscconf2006@gcal.ac.uk

Sentencing and the Community: Politics, Public Opinion & the Development of Sentencing Policy Conference. Friday 21 July & Saturday 22 July 2006. Langham Hotel, Southbank, Melbourne

The Victorian Sentencing Advisory Council will be hosting this two-day conference which will examine the role of the public in sentencing policy, with a particular focus on victim and community representation on sentencing councils, parole boards and other bodies. The conference will look at both the theoretical framework for public participation as well as the practical work being undertaken by sentencing councils and parole boards from Australia, United Kingdom, USA and South Africa. The first of the two days will discuss the theoretical framework for this public participation, while the second will focus on the work of sentencing councils and parole boards. The conference program will cover a range of issues, including: Historical perspectives on the role of the public and public opinion in the development of sentencing policy; Institutional mechanisms for incorporating the public; Public opinion on sentencing: What do we know and how do we measure it? The role of the media in sentencing policy; The role of the public in Australia: victim and community representation on sentencing councils and parole boards: The role

of the public in the UK, the US and Scotland: victim and community representation on sentencing panels and commissions.

If you're interested in registering for the conference, or would like further information,

please contact Jenni Coady at jenni.coady@sentencingcouncil.vic.gov.au

More details can also be accessed at: <http://www.sentencingcouncil.vic.gov.au>

NATIONAL CONFERENCE: Victims of Crime & Justice Issues in an Indigenous Context. 17-18 August 2006, Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia

Call for Conference Papers and Workshops

The theme of the conference will be 'Victims of Crime and Justice Issues in an Indigenous Context', and is aimed at creating an awareness of the crime victim and justice issues for Indigenous people across Australia and especially in the Northern Territory. The conference presents a unique occasion to examine and compare similar Indigenous issues experienced by service providers across Australia and in countries such as New Zealand and Indonesia, and to explore the potential to adapt and apply successful management strategies. The conference will be an opportunity to showcase services and initiatives designed to respond to the needs and interests of Indigenous victims of crime, and that facilitate access to justice.

Abstracts may be posted or faxed to:

Victims of Crime NT Inc

GPO Box 1258 Darwin NT 0801

Phone: 8941 0995

Fax: 8941 0459

or by email to vocalnt@bigpond.com

The 6th Biennial International Criminal Justice Conference: Policing in Central and Eastern Europe - Past, Present and Futures. Ljubljana, Slovenia, September 21-23, 2006. Hosted by the Faculty of Criminal Justice & security, University of Maribor, Slovenia; Leicester University, UK & the European Group of Research into Norms, France.

Call for papers: Paper proposals to be submitted by 24 April 2006. See website: <http://www.fpvv.uni-mb.si/conf2006> for detail on topics and themes (tracks).

NEW PUBLICATIONS

The Australian Institute of Criminology

No. 18 in the series Technical and Background Papers giving statistics on juvenile detention in Australia: 1981-2004. It can be found on the AIC website at:

<http://www.aic.gov.au/publications/tbp/tbp018/>

Crime facts info no. 110 – Motives for Homicide

<http://www.aic.gov.au/publications/cfi/cfi110.html>

Jenny Fleming. 2005. Working Together: Neighbourhood Watch, Reassurance Policing and the Potential of Partnerships. Australian Institute of Criminology. Canberra, Australia (ISBN 0 642 53887 5)

WEBSITES

The Independent Police Complaints Commission, UK. www.ipcc.gov.uk

Department of Criminology (formerly Scarman Centre), Leicester University.
www.le.ac.uk

Centre for Criminological Research, University of Sheffield.
<http://ccr.group.shef.ac.uk>

Institute for Criminal Justice Studies, Portsmouth University. www.port.ac.uk

British Security Industry Association. www.bsia.co.uk

Security Industry Authority, UK. www.the-sia.org.uk

NEWS FROM DEPARTMENTS

Department of Criminology, Univ. of Pretoria

Prof. Linda Davis has resigned from the department and will be spending her time being a full-time domestic manager (mother and wife!!!).

School of Criminal Justice, UNISA

The following new heads (or confirmation in the posts after a period of acting) were announced in March 2006.

Director of School of Justice: Prof Divya Singh

Head of Department: Criminology: Prof Coen Marais

Head of Department: Penology (formerly Corrections Science): Prof. Johan Kriel

Head of Department: Police Practice: Prof. Rika Snyman

Head of Department: Security Risk Management: Prof. Kris Pillay

Prof. Charl Cilliers, formerly of the UNISA Department of Criminology has moved to the newly named Department of Penology in the School of Criminal Justice.

CRIMSA MEMBERSHIP (RENEWAL) AND MEMBERSHIP FEES

Student members

(NB – only for undergraduate students) R100.00 (US\$25.00) for the financial year if the e-journal and newsletter are received (electronically) *via* Sabinet Online. However, should hard copies be required a fee of R200.00 (US\$115.00)* will be charged inclusive of postage and handling.

Active individual members

(Members possessing a 4-year bachelor degree or higher) R250.00 (US\$40.00) for the financial year if the e-journal and newsletter are received (electronically) *via* Sabinet Online. Should hard copies be required a fee of R450.00 or US\$115.00* will be charged inclusive of postage and handling.

Institutional (group) members

R800.00 (US\$115.00) inclusive of postage and handling. If institutional members are willing to receive the e-journal electronically, a reduced fee of R650.00 (US\$90.00) will be charged.

International active individual members

All foreign members will pay the same membership fees as the other members in the respective categories for which they qualify provided that they receive the e-journal and newsletters (electronically) *via Sabinet Online*. In other words, a student living in France will qualify for student membership (R100.00 or US\$25.00) provided that such a student receive the journal and newsletters electronically. However, should hard copies be required, a fee of R800.00 (US\$115.00) inclusive of postage and handling will be charged.

NB – Please note that the above membership fees are inclusive of all taxes.

A membership application and/or renewal form is attached. Please complete the form and mail it with the necessary payment to:

CRIMSA
PO Box 28936
SUNNYSIDE
0132 SOUTH AFRICA

Alternatively, deposit payment in the current account of CRIMSA **AND** fax the deposit slip and membership form to fax number: (int)+27-12-429-6766/(local)012-429-6766

Swift code (International transactions): ABSAZAJJCPT
Name of bank: ABSA Bank
Address: 1102 Burnett Street, Hatfield, Pretoria.
P O Box 7263, Pretoria, 0001
Branch code: 335-545
Account number: 010471656

CRIMINOLOGICAL & VICTIMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH AFRICA (CRIMSA)
(est. 1986)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND/OR RENEWAL FORM

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, HEREWITH APPLY FOR THE FOLLOWING CATEGORY OF CRIMSA MEMBERSHIP: (Please tick √ the selected category)

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Tel code & number (W):

Cellular/mobile:

Fax number:

E-mail address:

STUDENT MEMBERS:

Educational institution where registered:

Student number:

Qualification registered for:

Level:

ACTIVE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS:

Qualifications obtained

Institution

Year

Relevant experience:

Field(s) of interest:

(Signature)

(Date)