
ACTA CRIMINOLOGICA COMMUNIQUÉ 2/2018
RE-STRUCTURING OF ACTA CRIMINOLOGICA EDITORIAL BOARD(S)

Dear CRIMSA colleagues and future authors of ‘Acta Criminologica’,

We firstly want to congratulate the newly appointed CRIMSA Council! We welcome:

Full Name	Affiliation
Prof Jaco Barkhuizen (President)	University of Limpopo (Criminology & Criminal Justice)
Dr Karen Booyens	University of Pretoria (Social Work and Criminology)
Dr Foster Manganyi	University of Venda (Criminal Justice)
Prof Thabiso Matshaba	University of South Africa (Corrections Management)
Prof Jacob Mofokeng	Tshwane University of Technology (Safety and Security Management)
Dr Kholofelo Mothibi (Secretary)	University of Venda (Criminal Justice)
Prof Emeka Obioha	Walter Sisulu University (Social Sciences)
Prof Adewale Olutola	Tshwane University of Technology (Safety & Security Management)
Mr Ashwill Phillips	University of Free State (Criminology)
Dr Mahlogonolo Thobane (Vice-President)	University of South Africa (Criminology & Security Science)
Mrs Leandri van Schalkwyk (Treasurer)	University of South Africa (Criminology & Security Science)

We also want to inform you of some exciting developments in relation *Acta Criminologica: Southern African Journal of Criminology* in 2018.

1. Professor Lillian Artz will ‘officially’ take over as Editor-in-Chief of *Acta Criminologica* from 1 May 2018. We thank Prof Anthony Minnaar for completing and submitting all outstanding editions in 2017 and for mentoring Lillian in the editorial process throughout that year. In conjunction with the Editorial Board, she will be working on a new system to more efficiently receive, review and publish articles in the journal.

Please send all journal articles from this date forward to EditorActaCriminologica@gmail.com and kindly copy Lillian.Artz@uct.ac.za to ensure that all articles are received in good order.

2. At the August 2017 AGM of CRIMSA several important issues relating the progressive transformation of *Acta Criminologica* were discussed. The new Council of CRIMSA approved these proposed changes on 13 April 2018. These include:

a) **There will be a total restructuring of the Editorial Board of *Acta Criminologica*:**

In March 2017 a communiqué was sent out to Council and Editorial Board members asking for nominations for new Editorial Board members with a view to ensuring better inclusivity, diversity, institutional and regional representation, as well as more diverse range of (inter)disciplinary knowledge(s) on the Editorial Board. The new Council has discussed these nominations and will be sending out letters within the next week to those who could help us achieve the goals of this important ‘transformation project’ of *Acta*. The new Editorial Board will take a more proactive role in the review of publications, strategic editorial decisions, as well as play an oversight role to ensure quality control of the publication process and supporting the publication of works by emerging scholars in criminology, criminal justice, and associated disciplines. The names members of this Board will be announced in two weeks.

b) **A new ‘Junior Editorial Board’ is being established:**

Also resulting from the above (March 2017) communiqué regarding nominations for the restructuring of the Editorial Board, a Junior Editorial Board will now be established (we will obviously revisit the name of this Board to better reflect the role of this Board). This team will be composed of post-graduates and emerging African scholars who are eager to participate in the editorial process, to improve their writing and editing skills, and to play a similar oversight role in terms of assessing the quality of submissions to, and the reviews of articles for, the journal. We will also be inviting these nominated members to sit on this board over the course of the next week. This new structure will be open to new editorial team members annually, or as needed, as we are mindful of the pressures on post-graduates to complete dissertations and of the workloads of emerging and early career scholars. The Editorial Team has committed to proactively creating learning opportunities for the members of this Board. The names of members of this Board will be announced in a week.

c) **Name change of the Journal:**

It was discussed at the August 2017 AGM, and confirmed at the April 2018 meeting of new Council Members, that *Acta Criminologica: Southern African Journal of Criminology* will be changed to:

Acta Criminologica: ~~Southern~~ African Journal of Criminology and Victimology

The aim of this name change is to encourage more submissions to the journal from the rest of the African continent and to ‘grow’ the journal as an African-based, African-led, African-focused publication for crime, victimisation and criminal justice issues on the continent.

d) **30 Year Anniversary Edition(s) of *Acta Criminologica*:**

In 2018, we celebrate the 30-year anniversary of *Acta*. We propose doing two editions: (1) focusing on the history of South African Criminology (including origins, contradictions, contestations and advancements), and (2) a second edition focusing on the future of criminology in Africa (re-envisioning the discipline). We strongly encourage the submission of articles from emerging and early career scholars, post-graduate students as well as more established scholars. We also encourage the process of co-writing of articles between more ‘senior scholars’ and those who are ‘emerging scholars’. The call will reinforce the importance of co-writing projects as part of the bigger project of ‘re-imaging’ criminology and associated disciplines.

3. Special Editions for 2019/2020

In order to properly prepare for the next couple of years, and to ensure timely production of *Acta*, we would like to ask that you send your ideas for special editions for 2019/2020. As *Acta* is a product of CRIMSA, it is important that we get as many people involved as possible in the generation of ideas, in the submission and review of articles, and in our capacity-building efforts.

Please send these ideas directly to EditorActaCriminologica@gmail.com and kindly copy Lillian.Artz@uct.ac.za.

4. Emerging Researcher Symposium 2018

Working with the new members of the Junior Editorial Board, *Acta Criminologica* will be hosting a symposium on *Publishing Research: Opportunities and Challenges*. This symposium will be a forum for emerging and early career criminology scholars to discuss the challenges they face in research, academic writing and publishing. This facilitated discussion will be an open but structured opportunity to not only explore what these challenges are, but ways in which these challenges might be addressed. It will also be an opportunity for participants to reflect on the future of *Acta Criminologica* and to learn about the publishing process. We hope to hold the symposium in August or September of this year.

A call for “Expressions of Interest” will be sent out to CRIMSA members. It will also be posted on the CRIMSA website and in the next Newsletter, so watch this space!

Kind regards,
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