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CRIMINOLOGICAL AND VICTIMOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

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CRIMSA COMMUNIQUÉ 1/2013

WELCOME

This is the first communiqué to CRIMSA members for 2013. The purpose of this communiqué is to keep the CRIMSA community informed of the latest developments resulting from the activities of the year as well as the main approvals and decisions emanating from the 2012 AGM. In addition provided is a brief outline of the new EXCO's preliminary plans for CRIMSA for 2013.

I would like to congratulate all members of CRIMSA EXCO and council who were elected for 2013-2014. Congratulations also to Prof Anthony Minnaar of UNISA who was confirmed in the position of Editor-in-Chief of *Acta Criminologica* and to Prof Lilly Artz of UCT who was appointed as the third sub-editor of our Journal.

All members are encouraged to renew their memberships for 2013. The relevant forms will be sent out to all 2012 members in February 2013.

Prof Michelle Ovens
CRIMSA President (2013-2014)

CRIMSA COUNCIL (2013-2014)

The new Council for the period 2013-2014 was elected at the 2012 AGM which was held on 23 November 2012 at the University of Pretoria:

FULL NAME	AFFILIATION
Prof Lillian Artz	University of Cape Town (Centre for Criminology)
Dr Jaco Barkhuizen	University of Fort Hare (Criminology)
Ms Julie Berg	University of Cape Town (Centre for Criminology)
Prof Ian de Vries	Tshwane University of Technology (Safety & Security Management)
Dr Jackie de Wet	University of KwaZulu-Natal (Criminology & Forensic Studies)
Ms Julia Matetoa	University of South Africa (Corrections Management)
Dr Jacob Mofokeng	Tshwane University of Technology (Safety & Security Management)
Prof Michelle Ovens	University of South Africa (Corrections Management)
Prof Cornelis Roelofse	University of Limpopo (Criminal Justice)
Mr Johan Schnetler	South African Police Service (Strategic Research)
Dr Marelize Schoeman	University of South Africa (Criminology & Security Science)
Ms Sarika Sewpersad	University of South Africa (Criminology & Security Science)
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS	
Prof Anthony Minnaar (Editor-in-Chief: <i>Acta Criminologica</i>)	University of South Africa (Criminology & Security Science)
Vacant (Editor: <i>CRIMSA News</i>)	
Prof Beaty Naude (ret.) Honorary Member	Formerly of University of South Africa (Criminology)
Prof Johan Prinsloo Honorary Member	University of South Africa (Centre for Criminological Sciences)
Prof Jan Nesor (ret.) Honorary Member	Formerly of University of South Africa (Criminology & Security Science)
Prof Anthony Minnaar Honorary Member	University of South Africa (Criminology & Security Science)

ELECTED OFFICE BEARERS: EXCO (2013-2014)

Michelle Ovens	President
Lillian Artz	Vice-President
Marelize Schoeman	Treasurer
Sarika Sewpersad	Secretary
Anthony Minnaar	Co-opted member

CRIMSA AGM 2012

The 2012 CRIMSA Annual General Meeting was held on 23 November 2013 at the University of Pretoria. The following are the main decisions and discussion points resulting from the AGM:

CRIMSA MEMBERSHIP

- Approval given that the Student Fee for hard copies of the journal be decreased from R250 to R200.
- A separate CRIMSA email address will be set up for the treasurer and secretary with regards to membership lists and fees and other CRIMSA related matters for 2013. (this has been done. The new email address is: crimsasouthafrica@gmail.com).
- The Treasurer requested that any payments to CRIMSA should be made electronically. The meeting decided that it must be phased in from 2013 and that members must be notified that EFTs are the preferred method of payment for CRIMSA fees in future.

ACTA CRIMINOLOGICA AND NEWSLETTER – EDITOR’S REPORT

The Acting Editor, Prof Minnaar, presented his report to the AGM meeting. The following main points regarding *Acta Criminologica* were extracted from Prof Minnaar’s report.

***Acta Criminologica* editions 2012**

Of the 68 articles received in 2011 as overflow from Edition 24(1) of 2011 and older submissions and new submissions during 2011, nine and ten respectively were published in the editions of 24(2) and 24(3), with 23 being rejected for various reasons. Accordingly 26 articles received for 2011 editions were pushed over for use in 2012

editions. In 2012 an additional 24 new submissions (up to 23 November 2012) were also received. But due to the problems of filling editions with suitable academic articles all 2012 editions were considerably delayed with *Acta Criminologica* 25(1) only going to the printers in the first week of November with *Acta Criminologica* 25(2) was due to go to the printers at the end of November 2012. As a consequence the editors took the decision to move the planned *Acta Criminologica* edition of 25(3) to 2013 as *Acta Criminologica* 26(1).

Totals

Total number of articles managed for 2012 editions = 50

Accepted for publication: 15

Rejected as not publishable or unsuitable for journal: 21

Withdrawn: 2

Still out on review (at the time of editor's report) or to be returned after major/minor revisions affected: 12

Crimsa Conference 2011 Special Editions/2012

With reference to the Special Editions, a total of 27 articles were submitted; four articles have been rejected as unsuitable or not fitting the discipline focus of the journal; eight have been accepted with minor revisions still to be done; 15 still out on review (at the time of editors report) or have been returned for major revisions to authors. It was hoped to have at least one of the editions ready for the printers by mid-December 2012 and the second edition – if it could be filled – to stand over for publication in 2013, depending on developments within the last few weeks of 2012.

Other journal matters

In his report Prof Minnaar also mentioned that a request to all members will be sent out in 2013 for members to act as reviewers and to submit their information and areas of specialisation to the editors so that a database of reviewers can be built and drawn on for review of articles purposes.

Writing for publication workshop

In October 2012 *Acta Criminologica* in conjunction with the Institute for Security Studies' *SA Crime Quarterly* (editor Dr Chandre Gould) and the Journal *Gender* (Prof Lilly Artz) held a two day writing for publication workshop. International presenters such as Dr Bill Dixon (Keele University, UK); Prof Todd Clear (Rutgers University, NJ, USA) and Prof Sheldon Zhang (UCLA, CLA, USA) were invited to present and facilitate at the workshop.

African Journal Archive Project

SABINET have a funded project regarding the scanning in of old journal articles. They approached the editors in mid-year of whether we would not like to become part of the project and have past editions (1988-1999, volumes 1-12) scanned in and placed on the project's open access database (at no cost to CRIMSA). This was accepted and they are busy doing that (they have an arrangement with the Johannesburg Library to access back copies of journals). This will not impact on the current electronic archives of the journal (volumes 13-25) as hosted by SABINET on our website.

ELECTION OF EDITORS

Prof Minnaar was appointed and confirmed as such by the meeting as Editor-in-Chief for 2013 and 2014.

Prof Artz was appointed as Sub-editor for 2013 and 2014.

Dr A Le Roux-Kemp was co-opted as guest editor

(Dr Francois Steyn (UP) and Dr Doraval Govender (UNISA) remain as the other two Sub-editors)

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

A number of amendments to the CRIMSA constitution were presented to the meeting by Prof Anthony Minnaar for discussion, approval or rejection by the AGM:

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AS PROPOSED TO CRIMSA AGM HELD ON 23 NOVEMBER 2012 AT BURGUNDY'S UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA

[Deletions indicated by scoring through word/s. New additions are underlined]

“POWERS OF THE COUNCIL....

15.3 determining page fees of Society's journal payable by authors

[numbering from 15.3 to 15.12 to be adjusted if this amendment approved]

15.13 selecting and appointing the Editor-in-Chief and a maximum of three (3) sub-editors of the Society's journal: *Acta Criminologica: Southern African Journal of Criminology*; and the Editor of the Society's newsletter, *CRIMSA News*.

[term 'Editor' to be corrected throughout Constitution to 'Editor-in-Chief' if this amendment approved]

15.14 the role and duties of the Editor-in-Chief and Sub-editors and newsletter Editor to be established through practice and written policy guidelines and confirmed by EXCO through noting in EXCO/Council meeting minutes.

15.15 the Editor-in-Chief to be delegated the powers to co-opt and/or appoint 'Guest Editors' and/or 'Guest Sub-editors' for specific editions of the Society's journal as and when such need arises

15.16 to approve on recommendation by the Editor-in-Chief the publication of periodic 'Special Editions' of the Society's journal

[numbering adjusted if new 15.3 approved. If not numbering to be 15.13-15.15]

After discussion the above amendments were approved by the meeting. The revised Constitution has been loaded on the website (www.crimsa.ac.za)

2013: THE YEAR AHEAD

Prof Minnaar has been co-opted onto EXCO on the request of the President Prof Ovens.

Acta Criminologica matters

2013 Special Editions

At the first meeting of the new EXCO held on 4 December 2012, Prof Minnaar, as Editor-in-Chief, recommended the following special themed editions of *Acta Criminologica* for 2013:

- Multi-inter-trans-disciplinary research in law and criminal justice
- Policing & Forensic investigation

- Research in prisons

The e-journal

Due to the abuse of the access of the journal's archived articles on the CRIMSA website it was decided that the e-journal be sent out to all e-journal subscribers only as a pdf document.

At the EXCO meeting held on 22 January a proposal that hardcopy subscription members, due to delays in printing, will also be emailed the e-journal (in a pdf file).

Hardcopies of journal for Society archives

Since CRIMSA are not in possession of a full set of *Acta Criminologica*, particularly prior to 2000, the EXCO make a request to any member, that if willing, to donate hard copies of the journal to the Society. Any copies of the volumes 1-12 (1988-1999) can either be posted to the Society or arrangements made to drop off with the Editor.

CRIMSA Biennial Conference 2013

The holding of the CRIMSA Biennial Conference was discussed at an EXCO meeting held on 22 January 2013. Council members to be requested, if any of their institutions are willing to host such, to come to the next Council meeting with an 'expression of interest' to organise the next biennial conference with a proposed date in late August or early September.

CRIMSA Newsletter editor

The EXCO have decided that each Council member will be given the opportunity to edit a quarterly issue of the CRIMSA News instead of appointing only one editor to manage every issue.