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## FROM THE EDITOR

Although we're in the fourth month of the year 2002 I would like to wish all an enjoyable and challenging year. In the previous newsletter we appealed to our members and interested parties to comment on the establishment of the Criminology Standards Generating Body (SGB), the E-Journal - ACTA CRIMINOLOGICA, and the proposed new membership categories. No reply was received by the editor and I once again request for feedback especially regarding the membership categories to be implemented in

2003.

As indicated by the UN Vienna Declaration on Crime and Justice the focus in the 21<sup>st</sup> century should be on the root causes and risk factors related to crime and victimisation and the development of crime prevention strategies. Crime can be reduced through applying and sharing collective expertise. Read more about the contribution made to inform and assist the old-aged in Pretoria.

An update (see page 5) on the crime trends in South Africa indicated that more people become victims of less violent crimes than those who become victims of serious violence like murder, attempted murder, robbery and rape. The chances of becoming a victim of serious violent crime against the person are just above one out of ten crimes reported to the police, while the chances of becoming a victim of property related/commercial crime are nearly seven out of ten crimes reported to the police.

A list of local and international conferences is once again included to assist you in planning the year ahead. Share your experience and newly gained knowledge with us in a report, such as the report back on the Conference on Disabilities and Abuse that can be read in this issue.

Please contact me with contributions on preliminary research findings, newsworthy items, letters and personalia for inclusion in the following newsletter. Contributions should not exceed 500 words. Your name, full address and telephone number should accompany all letters and material submitted for publication.

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Alice Maree

**UPDATE ON CRIMINOLOGY  
STANDARDS GENERATING BODY  
(SGB)  
Beaty Naudé**

The Criminology SGB has now been registered with the SA Qualifications Authority (as per Government Gazette 23221 dated 20 March 2002) and will be formally launched on 20 May 2002 at the University of Pretoria Postgraduate Center, Theater T02. The launching will be followed by a two-day workshop to train the SGB members in the writing of qualifications.

**EXTRACT FROM THE UN VIENNA  
DECLARATION ON CRIME AND  
JUSTICE: MEETING THE  
CHALLENGES OF THE 21ST  
CENTURY.**

**Beaty Naudé**

“25. We recognize that comprehensive crime prevention strategies at the international, national, regional and local levels must address the root causes and risk factors related to crime and victimization through social, economic, health, educational and justice policies. We urge the development of such strategies; aware of the proven success of prevention initiatives in numerous States and confident that crime can be reduced through applying and sharing our collective expertise.

27. We decide to introduce, where appropriate, national, regional and international action plans in support of victims of crime, such as mechanisms for mediation and restorative justice, and we establish 2002 as a target date for States to review their relevant practices, to develop further victim support services and awareness campaigns on the rights of victims and to consider the establishment of funds for victims, in addition to developing and implementing witness protection policies.

28. We encourage the development of restorative justice policies, procedures and programs that are respectful of the rights, needs and interests of victims, offenders, communities and all other parties.”

**OLD-AGE HOME COMMUNITY  
PROJECT: UNIVERSITY OF  
PRETORIA**

**Linda Davis & Jackie Scott-Saffy**

During the third quarter of 2000, the second year Criminology students, at the University of Pretoria, embarked on an old-age home community project.

These Victimology students set out not only to identify high-risk factors which place the aged in a position of exposure for crime, but also highlighted these hazards, as such contributing to the minimizing of attacks .

The old age homes visited included Nazareth House and the SKDB center, where the students were met with warm welcomes and appreciation. Making use of the Life-style theory as a basis a brochure was drawn up wherein particular areas of danger were identified. The students also gave visual presentations and a demonstration on self-defense moves, especially adapted and made suitable for the aged, was presented by a professional. Their enthusiasm was particularly evident during these demonstrations and their willingness to try out the moves was evidence of their eagerness to learn more. Simple guidelines were also highlighted in the form of a skit which included:

- C Don't accept lifts from strangers
- C Never walk alone
- C Visit an ATM with a friend

C Be wary of strangers

After the presentations, the aged remained behind, wanting not only more information, but also wishing to know when the next visit would be.

Such community projects are not only of invaluable value to the aged, but the participating students truly reflect their self worth, love of the subject, originality and dedication to the upliftment of all. This is truly reflective of the high calibre student taking Criminology as a subject at the University of Pretoria..

**AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF  
CRIMINOLOGY: RESEARCH AND  
PUBLIC POLICY SERIES NO. 40,  
HOMICIDE IN AUSTRALIA**

**Leanne Huddy**

The Australian Institute of Criminology has released Research and Public Policy Series No. 40, Homicide in Australia: 2000-2001 National Homicide Monitoring Program (NHMP) Annual Report by Jenny Mouzos.

ISBN: 0 642 24250 X; ISSN: 1326-6004  
\$27.50 (including GST), soft cover (plus postage and handling)

Abstract : The National Homicide Monitoring Programme was established at the Australian Institute of Criminology in 1990. Prior to this there had been no systematic monitoring of the most extreme form of violence in Australia. After 12 years of data collection and analysis, the NHMP database contains information on over 4 000 homicides, and has been an invaluable source for many studies. These studies have increased our understanding and knowledge of homicide and its subsets through the identification of

the characteristics that place individuals at risk of homicide, victimisation and offending, and the circumstances that contribute to the likelihood of a homicide occurring. Following in the tradition of providing police, policy-makers and the public with timely research on homicide and its subsets, the purpose of this report is to provide a statistical overview of the circumstances and characteristics of the incidents, victims and offenders of homicide in each of Australia's eight States and Territories for the period 2000-2001 . The report presents an overview of 2000-2001 findings and state-by-state breakdowns on the various circumstances and characteristics of homicide. For further information, including tables from the report and information on how to order the publications, see:

<http://www.aic.gov.au/publications/rpp/40/index.html>

## CAMPUS NEWS

### UNIVERSITY OF THE NORTH

Staff: Our discipline has been losing staff for the past two years. We lost the services of two more staff members in January and February 2002 respectively and now have a staff component of 5.

Students: Student numbers at undergraduate level continue to be a worrying factor. We were, however, able to register a new batch of students for a brand new BA Honours programme in Community Policing Management. This is a new area and we are determined to make it a success. Our students are in the process of forming a Criminology Society and they have lined up an exciting number of programmes which they want to take into the neighbouring communities.

New Programs: As indicated above, we have started with a new BA Honours programme in Community Policing Management. This is a course-work programme and we offer it in modules, on a block system of one-week contact sessions on campus.

### UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA

Students: There are approximately 700 first-year students, 225 second-year students and 130 third-year students. The Honours course consists of 15 full-time students and 13 students from other Departments that have enrolled for one or two of the Criminology modules. This amounts to a total of 28 Honours students.

The Department also has a number of registered Masters and Doctoral students. It is worth mentioning that three of the Doctoral students are lecturers from the Department. Mrs Klopper is doing her research on community policing, Mrs Scott-Saffy on female murderers in South Africa and Mrs Booyens on the indecent assault of heterosexual males in non-institutional settings.

### UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AFRICA

Students: After the recent census on 1 March 2002, the figures for the first semester are as follows: The total number of undergraduate learners for the subject Criminology are 2 562 plus 53 from Israel; 547 learners are registered for Criminal Justice. At Honours level a number of 60 learners are registered for Criminology; 33 for Police Science and 18 for Penology.

The following number of learners enrolled for the special programmes offered by the Department of Criminology:

BA programme in:

Asset and Crime Risk Protection - 35

Criminal Investigation - 40

Crime Vulnerability - 14

Offender Profiling - 90

Criminal Justice Administration - 75

**REPORT-BACK ON THE SASPCAN  
AND MIDRAND GRADUATE  
INSTITUTE CONFERENCE ON  
DISABILITIES AND ABUSE: BRINGING  
THE DISABLED INTO THE  
MAINSTREAM OF CHILD  
PROTECTION: MIDRAND: 4-5  
OCTOBER 2001.**

**Robert Peacock  
(Midrand Graduate Institute)**

Throughout history, disabled individuals have been subjected to many forms of abuse, discrimination and even elimination. For instance, the Laws of Solon and Roman Law (circa 450BC) prohibited the rearing of children with physical disabilities, or so-called *monstra*, a practice which was carried over into Roman-Dutch law, also a source of South African law. In classical Greece, both Aristotle and Plato advocated infanticide as a means of controlling the population growth of the City of States, and to eradicate "weaknesses" from the race. Throughout the ages, negative language used to describe disability and disabled people served to influence social attitudes towards disability and has reinforced social stereotypes and prejudice about disabled people. *Disability* should refer therefore to physical and mental impairment whereas *handicap* would relate to the barriers which society puts in the way of disabled people. The main objective of the said conference was then to focus on the multiple victimisation of individuals with mental and physical disabilities highlighting the plight of our "forgotten victims", albeit in the context of the criminal justice system, or in contemporary South African society.

Amongst others, Ms AME Hesselink-Louw (Unisa) and Ms K Booyens (UP) presented criminological analyses of crimes perpetrated against MR/DD abused children and the presentations of Ms Susan Bedil (MGI), Adv Anton du Plessis (MGI), Dr L Jacklin and Mr Lampbrecht (Teddy Bear Clinic) challenged the criminal justice system to deal effectively with disabled victims and perpetrators. Experiential workshops were held on creative healing and a number of recommendations and resolutions were made forging structures for links and information-sharing between government, organisations and individuals alike.

One hundred and fifty delegates attended the conference including mental health workers, legal practitioners, volunteers and representatives from the departments of justice, safety and security and welfare. The White Paper on special needs and inclusive education, launched by the Minister of Education, Kader Asmal, in July 2001, marked a victory for persons with disabilities but advocacy programmes need to be developed in order to ensure the implementation of all policies. Moreover, the Disability Rights Movement asserts the right of disabled people to represent themselves in all decision-making processes and seeks to empower disabled people to develop themselves.

#### **CRIME TRENDS IN SOUTH AFRICA**

[www.saps.org.za/8\\_crimeinfo/200112/crime/report.htm](http://www.saps.org.za/8_crimeinfo/200112/crime/report.htm)

A comparison of the 2000 and 2001 (January to September) figures of the South African Police Service, revealed that crimes had increased: Robbery with aggravating circumstances, other robbery and other thefts. A decrease in the following crimes are noticeable - murder, housebreaking at

business premises, stock-theft, theft of a motor vehicle, commercial crime, arson, hijacking of trucks and robbery of cash in transit.

According to the police report it is the first time since 1997 that stabilisation is evident. The crimes stabilising were attempted murder, rape, serious assault, common assault, residential housebreaking, shoplifting, theft out or from vehicles, malicious damage to property, illegal possession of firearms, drug-related crime, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, car jacking and bank robbery.

Nearly 60 percent of all serious crime reported between January and September 2001 at the South Africa Police Service are other theft (23,1%), both serious and common assault (20,1%), and housebreaking at residential and business premises (15,7%).

## LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

**Title:** Homicide in the family

**Location:** University of Manchester, England

**Date:** 25 April 2002

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**Fax:** 0161 275 4724

**Costs:** 100 pounds

**Title:** Police training and education: A comparative global perspective

**Location:** Antalya, Turkey

**Date:** 21-24 May 2002

**E-mail:** [kbrown@lincoln.ac.uk](mailto:kbrown@lincoln.ac.uk)

**Title:** The crisis of punishment and problems of resocialization

The Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia and the St Petersburg Criminology Club

**Date:** 26-29 May 2002

**Registration fee:** USD 50

**Fax:** (812) 312 9910 or 594 4856

**E-mail:** [criminologyclub@yahoo.com](mailto:criminologyclub@yahoo.com) or [smorgunova@hotmail.com](mailto:smorgunova@hotmail.com)

**Title:** Modernising Criminal Justice: New world challenges

Sixth biennial conference: International perspectives on crime, justice and order

**Location:** London

**Date:** 16-20 June 2002

**Fax:** +44 20 7940 5577

**E-mail:** [crfiminaljustice@event-org.com](mailto:crfiminaljustice@event-org.com)

## European Society of Criminology Conference

**Title:** Sharing Borders, Sharing a Discipline

**Date:** 5-7 September 2002

**Location:** Toledo, Spain

**E-mail:** [J.Tas@wodc.minjust.nl](mailto:J.Tas@wodc.minjust.nl)

## International Conference on Sexual Abuse and Violence

**Title:** From Understanding to Protection and Prevention

**Date:** 18-20 September 2002

**Location:** Vienna University

**Contact details:** [www.medacad.org/iatso](http://www.medacad.org/iatso)

## 2003

### **The Eleventh International Symposium on Victimology organised by the World Society of Victimology**

**Title:** New Horizons for Victimology

**Location:** Stellenbosch, South Africa

**Date:** 13-18 July 2003

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### **Thirteenth ISC World Congress organised by the International Society of Criminology**

**Title:** Reducing crime and promoting justice

**Date:** August 10-15, 2003

**Location:** Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

**Contact details:** Secretary General

**E-mail:** [crim.sic@wanadoo.fr](mailto:crim.sic@wanadoo.fr)

## 2005

### **Fourteenth World Congress of Criminology**

**Organisation:** International Society of Criminology

**Date:** August 6-12, 2005

**Location:** Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA

**Info:** [Professor Tony Peters](mailto:tony.peters@law.kuleuven.ac.be), President of the ISC Scientific Commission, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium.  
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**INVITATION TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE WORLD SOCIETY OF VICTIMOLOGY (WSV)**

Prof John Dussich, Secretary General of the

WSV would like to extend an invitation to all criminologists, victimologists and people working in related fields to become a member of the WSV. The WSV is a non-profit, non-governmental organisation with consultative status category II with the ECSOC of the United Nations and the Council of Europe. Its aim are to promote research on victims and victim assistance; encourage interdisciplinary and comparative research in victimology; and to advance the cooperation of international, regional and local agencies, groups and individuals concerned with the problems of victims. Membership is granted upon written application to the Secretary General and should be mailed to: [wsv@tokiwa.ac.jp](mailto:wsv@tokiwa.ac.jp)

Membership fees are as follows:

1 year regular 40 US\$ and students 20 US\$

3 year regular 100US\$ and students 50 US\$

Members receive *The Victimologist* three times a year.

### **RENEWAL OF CRIMSA MEMBERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP FEES (2002)**

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**E-mail address**

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Level

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Qualifications	Institution	Year
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