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## FROM THE EDITOR

The implication of technological developments on crime once again came to the fore with the cloning of bankcards in South Africa and the wave of Internet viruses/worms experienced worldwide during 2004. Most cardholders face possible victimisation and financial losses as a result of this abuse of technology. However, it could also result in individual cardholders becoming more aware of crime risks when offering their cards for payment and using ATMs. Businesses, educational institutions and home users, to name but a few, can be targeted by Internet worms such as the infamous "MyDoom" which created a backdoor used by other worms, including "Doomjuice", to re-infect systems with a new wave of malicious code. The intention of hackers is not merely to have fun and games; their actual aim is to steal money. In order to succeed, attacks aimed at obtaining confidential information such as credit card numbers, passwords and encryption keys, are on the increase. Some of the implications include automated updating on the part of operating systems to patch vulnerabilities, a greater awareness of the threat of cybercrime and possible precautionary measures not only for the corporate world but also for homeowners who rarely keep track of vulnerabilities and infrequently update their computer systems. The computers of home-based users that are infected or controlled by hackers can be used to target companies via at-home workers who are electronically linked to the enterprise.

In this issue the focus falls mainly on a call for papers (see page 5) and Conferences (see page 8).

Please take note of the new membership fees for the year 2004. Thank you to those members who have already renewed their membership during January and February 2004. Please renew all membership fees by no later than April (see the last four pages of this newsletter). A hearty welcome is extended to all our new members. Your membership certificates will be handed to you at the Annual General Meeting, which will be held during August 2004. / Your membership certificate will be send to you by post as soon as possible.

Many thanks to everyone who contributed by means of articles, letters, academic discourse, feedback on conferences, updates, calls for papers and notices of conferences during the past year. This newsletter serves as a mouthpiece for CRIMSA's members; hence you are urged to support its initiatives and contact the editor regarding contributions on preliminary research findings, research projects, newsworthy items and letters for inclusion in the next newsletter. Contributions of this nature should not exceed 500 words. Your name and e-mail address should accompany all letters and material submitted for publication.

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Alice Maree

<p><b>UPDATE ON THE CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE STANDARDS GENERATING BODY (SGB)</b></p>
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**Alice Maree**

At the workshop held at the Holiday Inn in Pretoria from on 2 to 3 February 2004, SGB members from all over South Africa convened, with a view to reviewing the draft FETC(4) Criminology qualification. The draft was distributed to 61 providers and critical interest groups, including ten schools currently teaching Criminology at level 4, for their comments. The received comments were reviewed and resulted in adjustments and editorial amendments. Proff Naudé and Davis finalised and submitted the qualification during February 2004. The SGB members also managed to compile draft Exit Level Outcomes for the Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Criminology, the Masters degree in Criminology and the Doctor of Literature and Philosophy in Criminology.

**REPORT-BACK ON VICTIM' S DAY SEMINAR, 20 FEBRUARY 2004**

**Phia van Tonder  
Honours Student**

**Department of Criminology, University of Pretoria**

To celebrate International Victim's Day on 22 February 2004, the University of Pretoria in collaboration with UNISA (Florida campus) and CRIMSA, held a Morning Seminar at Burgundy's (University of Pretoria) on Friday, 20 February 2004.

Living in South Africa, with our high crime rate, it is comforting to know that victims here and in the rest of the world have found their voice. Even more rewarding is the fact that victims are finally being heard!

The Seminar commenced with a paper delivered by Prof. Divya Singh from UNISA, focusing on the implementation of the Domestic Violence Act. She highlighted some of the problems with the Act and emphasised that dedicated people are necessary to ensure successful implementation. The importance of training was also highlighted.

The rest of the Seminar was devoted to Restorative Justice. The attendees listened to how Colin Ketshabile had robbed Mrs. Van Blerk in her home in Johannesburg and how he came to realise that he needed Mrs. Van Blerk's forgiveness. Their story of reconciliation, of how people can change when given the opportunity, of how victims can forgive and be healed through this process as well as how victims and former perpetrators can become friends, serve as an example to everyone.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT: AWAITING-TRIAL JUVENILES**

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In June 2003 the first-year Criminology students under the guidance of Mrs Booyens started with a community service project focusing on awaiting-trial juveniles (14-17 years) at Pretoria Local Prison. Twice weekly the students visited the juveniles and offered recreational programmes such as basic reading and writing, HIV/Aids awareness, and drama (in the form of plays).

The drama project in particular was a huge success. Crime, Life in prison, and HIV/Aids all form part of the reality of South African life and were the themes the juveniles chose to perform. The awaiting-trial juveniles should be credited for their ideas and input; it was their own knowledge, experiences and understanding of life which clearly came accross in these plays. Those who participated did so with enthusiasm and excitement, even though the real motivation probably was to escape from reality for just a few hours.

The leaders of the each group immediately took control and decided on the theme and what role each participant would play. The scenes were practised repeatedly as they wished it to be perfect. The groups also had a final say in what was to be included in their plays. The co-operation and support resulted

in a bond that lasted even after the plays had been performed. The juveniles practised all hours of the day in order to develop the plays to their satisfaction. On 28 October 2003 the performances took place at the Pretoria Local Prison in front of invited guests, such as members from the Department of Correctional Services Head Office, the Legal Aid Board, academics from the University of Pretoria and UNISA as well as the media. The performances ran smoothly with the addition of a few spontaneous scenes, and overall it can be said that the satisfaction and achievement that was reflected on the juveniles' faces cannot be described in words.

Over the months of preparation one tends forget that you are interacting with violent criminals, ones who have been accused of murder, robbery and rape. Not only is one assisting with the plays, but you also listen when they need to talk – about the crimes they have committed, their fears and their hopes for the future.

This project will again run in 2004 thanks to funding from the Legal Aid Board.

#### **WEB PAGE INFORMATION**

The following articles are available on the web for those who are interested in the topics:

Factors that influence public opinion of the police. Available electronically at <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/197925.pdf>

Satisfaction with police – what matters? Available electronically at <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/194077.pdf>

Police response to officer-involved shootings. Available electronically at <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/192286.pdf>

#### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

**Announcement of an important national conference for people involved in criminal justice and crime-prevention work in South Africa.**

The conference entitled, ***A Decade of Criminal Justice Transformation – Reflecting on the past to shape the future***, will be held at the Spier Estate, Stellenbosch, Western Cape, from 13 to 16 July 2004.

Details of the conference can be found at <http://www.csvr.org.za/cjsconf.htm>.

The draft outline of conference sessions can be found at – <http://www.csvr.org.za/outline.htm>.

If you are interested in presenting at the conference go to – <http://www.csvr.org.za/present.htm>.

Information on costs of registration and accommodation can be found at – <http://www.csvr.org.za/cjsconf.htm>.

The following organisations are currently involved in organising the conference:

- The Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation.
- The Institute for Democracy in South Africa.
- The Institute for Security Studies.
- The Institute of Criminology at the University of Cape Town.

Further information

- Email: [cjsconference@csvr.org.za](mailto:cjsconference@csvr.org.za)
- Tel: (011) 403-5650; Fax: (011) 388-0819
- Postal address: Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation, PO Box 30778, Braamfontein, 2017, South Africa
- Contact persons: Bilkees Vawda or David Bruce

**International Conference on New Frontiers in Restorative Justice: Advancing Theory and Practice.**

**Date:** 2 to 5 December 2004

**Venue:** Massey University, Albany, Auckland, New Zealand.

Information on papers, plus registration and other details about the conference, are available at <http://justpeace.massey.ac.nz/>

Submission deadlines:

An “initial round” for submissions will run until **30 May 2004** for the purpose of preparing the conference programme. Papers that are submitted after that date will be accommodated within the programme as it then stands. Papers can be submitted for inclusion in the programme until **5 November 2004**. Abstracts of all papers will be posted in the Sessions area of this website as they come to hand.

Conference themes:

Theme 1: Human Rights Abuses and Terrorism

Keynote speaker: Mr. Aniceto Guterres (Chair, East Timor Commission for Reception, Truth and Reconciliation)

Theme 2: Sexual and Domestic Violence

Keynote speaker: Ms. Berma Bushie (Community Holistic Circle Healing project in Hollow Water, Manitoba)

Theme 3: Indigenous Land Grievances

Keynote speaker: Ms. Anita Jowitt (School of Law, University of the South Pacific)

Conference dinner speaker: Judge Joe Williams (Chief Judge of the Aotearoa/New Zealand Maori Land Court and the deputy chairperson of the Waitangi Tribunal)

Theme 4: Religious Violence

Keynote speaker: Dr. Chris Marshall (Bible College of New Zealand/Victoria University of Wellington)

Theme 5: Police Culture

Keynote speaker: Sir Charles Pollard (United Kingdom Justice Research Consortium)

Theme 6: The application of Standards and Values to restorative justice practice

Keynote speaker: Prof. Howard Zehr (Conflict Transformation Programme, Eastern Mennonite University)

#### **4th Annual conference of the European Society of Criminology**

Hosted by the Criminology Departments of the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and Erasmus University Rotterdam

**Venue:** Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

**Date:** 28 August 2004

**Theme:** Global similarities, local differences

Call for papers:

Persons who would like to propose a panel are asked to make this known to the organising committee before 15 April 2004.

Papers for presentation should be submitted by 15 May 2004, while abstracts should be submitted on-line using the abstract form available at:

[www.eurocrim2004.com](http://www.eurocrim2004.com). The authors will receive confirmation by 1 July 2004.

#### **An International Conference hosted by the History Department, Oxford Brookes University**

**Title:** "Assaulting the Past": Placing Violence in Historical Context

**Date:** 7 to 9 July 2005

**Location:** St Anne's College, Oxford, UK

In recent years our knowledge and understanding of the rate at which interpersonal violence (particularly homicide) occurred in early modern Western Europe has expanded, showing that its incidence and classification are inextricably linked to the wider social forces operating in any given period or region. This conference seeks to build on such work by approaching the theme from a variety of historical perspectives centred on the notion of "place". It will consider the factors evident at other times and in other geographical areas, examine the spaces in which quotidian acts of violence (as opposed to political or military violence) might flourish, and show how these change with time, location, education, modernisation, etc., to create an international, comparative and qualitative assessment of violent behaviour and the experience of violence in the post-medieval period.

By drawing together the various strands of thought explored by historians (of crime and gender, law and society, science and medicine) and social scientists (criminologists, geographers, psychologists and sociologists), and expanding upon them, it is hoped that a body of findings relevant to the study of violence and its place in modern society will emerge. Papers of an interdisciplinary nature are particularly encouraged.

Proposals for 30-minute papers are invited on themes which include the following:

The history of violence in non-Western European nations  
Historical trends in regional patterns of violence  
Contrasts between violence in urban-rural, public-private, centre-periphery settings  
Local contexts for violence  
Relationships between period- and location-specific forms of violence  
Gender and violence  
Non-homicidal violence  
Violence against the self, including suicide  
Legal, medical and social responses to violence  
Theoretical assumptions about violence

Contact details:

Please send an abstract of 300 words, together with a brief CV, to the conference organiser, Dr Katherine Watson, School of Arts and Humanities, Oxford Brookes University, Gypsy Lane, Oxford, England, OX3 0BP ([kwatson@brookes.ac.uk](mailto:kwatson@brookes.ac.uk)), before **1 June 2004**.

### **International Conference by the International Institute for Restorative Practices (IIRP)**

**Title:** Building a Global Alliance for Restorative Practices and Family Empowerment Part 2

**Date:** 5 to 7 August 2004

**Location:** Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

This will be the IIRP's Fifth International Conference on Conferencing, Circles and other Restorative Practices, bringing together social workers, probation officers, police, teachers, administrators, researchers, criminologists, counsellors, peacemakers, academics, judges, public planners, corrections officers and others.

Except for various featured speakers and events, the conference will be created by you and your colleagues volunteering to give 40-minute and 80-minute presentations in breakout sessions.

The conference runs from Thursday, 5 August to Saturday, 7 August and is preceded by pre-conference workshops, from Monday, 2 August to Wednesday, 4 August 2004.

Submit a proposal to present a conference breakout session, sharing your knowledge and experiences. No formal written papers are required. A reduced conference rate is available to presenters.

Contact details:

For more information about the conference, visit the following website:

<http://www.restorativepractices.org/bc04/>

The Call for Presenters form is short and easy to complete.

You may submit the Call for Presenters form online at:  
<http://www.restorativepractices.org/bc04/bc04proposal.html>

The Call for Presenters form may be downloaded as a PDF file from:  
<http://fp.enter.net/restorativepractices/bc04call.pdf>

For those with slow internet connection, download a text-only version of the Call for Presenters from at the following web address:  
<http://www.iirp.org/bc04/bc04call.txt>

## LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

### **5<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference on Child Abuse of the SA Professional Society on the abuse of children**

**Title:** Towards multidisciplinary expertise in handling child abuse

**Date:** 18 to 20 May 2004

**Location:** SANLAM Auditorium, Conference Centre, Economics and Business Sciences Complex, University of Pretoria, South Africa

**Contact details:** Tel/Fax (+27) (012 332 3109 or [sapsac@cybertrade.co.za](mailto:sapsac@cybertrade.co.za) or <http://www.sapsac.co.za>

### **SCOPIC (The Social Contexts of Pathways in Crime) Annual Conference**

**Title:** "The theory of social contexts of pathways in crime: Development, context and mechanisms"

**Date:** 2 to 3 June 2004

**Location:** Cambridge, UK

**Contact details:** <http://www.scopic.ac.uk>

### **American Humane's National Center on Family Group Decision Making**

**Title:** From Margin to Mainstream

**Date:** 6 to 9 June 2004

**Location:** Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, USA

**Contact details:** American Humane's National Center on Family Group Decision Making, at:

[http://americanhumane.org/site/PageServer?pagename=pc\\_fgdm](http://americanhumane.org/site/PageServer?pagename=pc_fgdm)

### **British Society of Criminology Conference 2004**

**Title:** Criminology, Governance and Regulation.

**Date:** 6 to 9 July 2004

**Location:** Institute of Criminal Justice Studies, University of Portsmouth

**Contact details:** <http://www.port.ac.uk/icjs>

### **The National Institute for Justice Annual Conference on Criminal Justice Research and Evaluation**

**Title:** "Challenges of Evaluation Work."

**Date:** 19 to 21 July 2004

**Location:** Washington DC, USA

**Contact details:**

<http://eventcalendar.ncjrs.org/ConfDetailsPub.asp?strConfID=6302>

### **Second International Conference**

**Title:** Towards a Safer Society: Understanding and tackling violence

The conference will be looking at evidence and practical experience in:

- The origins of violent behaviour
- Systematic approaches to the assessment of violence risk
- Management of violent offenders in the community
- Family violence and stalking
- Legal and ethical issues
- Youth violence
- Alcohol and crime
- Spousal violence

**Date:** 31 August to 3 September 2004

**Location:** Edinburgh, UK

**Contact details:** <http://safersociety.gcal.ac.uk/index.html>

### **14<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Criminology**

**Theme:** Reducing Crime and Promoting Justice (a continuation of the 2003 theme)

**Date:** 6 to 12 August 2005

**Venue:** University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA

**Registration fee:** US\$300 if paid by 31 December 2004

Students pay half price, and low-cost dormitory accommodation is available at about US\$30 per night. Hotel accommodation is also available.

See <http://www.crim.upenn.edu/2005.html>

**Contact details:** Conference Secretariat: E-mail [2005@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:2005@sas.upenn.edu); Fax +215-898-1202.

### **XVII<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Penal Law**

**Title:** Penal Law

**Date:** 12 to 19 September 2004

**Location:** Beijing, China

**Contact details:** American Humane's National Center on Family Group Decision Making, at:

[http://americanhumane.org/site/PageServer?pagename=pc\\_fgdm](http://americanhumane.org/site/PageServer?pagename=pc_fgdm)

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

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Alternatively, a direct deposit may be made into the current account of CRIMSA at ABSA Bank, Esselen Street, Sunnyside, Pretoria, South Africa. (Current account number: 010471656.) Please fax the deposit slip and membership form to: (0027 12) 012 429 6766.

Please clearly mark all the above forms for the attention of the CRIMSA co-ordinator.

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