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TIME TO GO: ALICE MAREE

After a period of six years it is time for me to say goodbye as editor of the CRIMSA NEWSLETTER and welcome Prof Anthony Minnaar who will take over the responsibility. I left the services of the Department of Criminology, at the University of South Africa (UNISA) for an appointment in the private sector. I am appointed at the South African Banking Risk Intelligence Centre (SABRIC) situated in Midrand, South Africa, responsible for research and strategy development. It is a wonderful opportunity to apply theoretical knowledge in practice. It further emphasis the diversity of criminology as an applied science.

I want to thank all contributors to the Newsletter in my term of office and would like to invite you all to keep in touch with me regarding future developments in the field of criminology, practical appliances, conferences and crime combating strategies. I will still remain a member of CRIMSA, as it is the leading association for Criminologists in Southern Africa.

In conclusion, I want to encourage all CRIMSA members to recruit new members and to forward contributions to the Newsletter, as it is our mouthpiece to inform
and debate critical issues, community involvement, conference outcomes and research projects.
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FROM THE NEW EDITORS

With the resignation of Alice Maree from UNISA and her move to the corporate private sector a change has occurred in the editorship of the CRIMSA newsletter. The CRIMSA EXCO appointed Prof. Anthony Minnaar and Ms Harriet Klopper as the new editors. The editors accordingly make a call on all members as well as students to send in news to them for insertion (conference reports, information on attendance at seminars, workshops, new research projects, masters/docotoral research registered, publications, conference presentations etc.)

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ESTABLISHING A PROFESSIONAL BOARD FOR CRIMINOLOGY

The Criminology and Victimology Society of Southern Africa (CRIMSA), have been exploring the possibility of establishing a professional board for Criminologists for some time. The recent change of the Bachelor of Arts Criminology Qualification developed by the SGB (Standard Generating Body) for Criminology and Criminal Justice, to a career focussed Bachelor of Criminology (a four year degree), set the stage for exploring this matter further. Representatives of CRIMSA, Proff Beaty Naude, Van der Hoven and Davis made an appointment with Berto Lombaard of SACSSP (the South African Council for Social Service Professions) to discuss the possibility of registering a professional board for Criminologists. During the discussion it became clear that there exists the possibility for affiliation with the Professional Board for Probation Officers. Further discussions with Mr Coenie du Toit, who represents the profession Probation Officers, indicated that although the Probation Officers Board is not constituted yet and no decisions can be made until this council has been established, the possibility of a joint board, is not excluded. Agreement was reached that as soon as the Professional Board for Probation Officers is established, further consultation with CRIMSA members will follow.

A copy of the application for the establishment of the Professional Board for Probation Officers at SACSSP was provided to the representatives from CRIMSA and it was interesting to note that their proposed qualification includes various aspects that are directly related to the field of Criminology and the B Criminology Qualification.
Although the process of establishing a professional board for Criminologists (or affiliating with another professional board such as the Board for Probation Officers) can take up to two years, CRIMSA is in consultation with various experts working in the field of Criminology, post graduate students, other professional boards and councils as well as institutions such as the Restorative Justice Centre to obtain their support for the establishment of a professional board for Criminologists.

2nd STUDENT AND PRACTITIONER COURSE IN VICTIMOLOGY, VICTIM ASSISTANCE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The second Student and Practitioner Course in Victimology, Victim Assistance and Criminal Justice, organised by the World Society of Victimology, was presented at the Main campus of the University of Cape Town from 5 to 9 July 2004.

Although the small number of individuals attending the course was disappointing, the weeklong course was characterised by presentations of a very high quality and all the presentations elicited lively discussions. Various experts in the field of Victimology as well as individuals dealing with victims on a daily basis, participated in the course. These include Juan Nel (Centre for Applied Psychology, UNISA), Barbara Holtmann (CSIR Crime Prevention Centre), Allison Wainwright (Department of Social Services), Venessa Padayachee (NICRO), Cindy Celliers (NICRO: Women Support Centre), Pearl Dastile (Department of Criminal Justice, University of Venda), Divya Singh (School of Justice, UNISA), Gerhard Swanepoel (CROWA, South Africa), Hugo van der Merwe (CSVR), Lillian Artz (University of Cape Town, South Africa), Karen Booyens (Department of Criminology, UP), John Cartwright (University of the Western Cape) and Aubrey Theron (Department of Criminology, UP). Three international guests, namely Stephan Parmentier Kris Vanspauwen and Elmar Weitekamp (all from the Law and Society Institute, Leuven, Belgium) also joined the group.

Various themes, such as victim empowerment in South Africa, victim support versus trauma counselling, working with perpetrators of domestic violence to prevent domestic violence in South Africa as well as sentencing practices and their impact on deterrence in cases of intimate violence, were discussed. Practical information regarding Ikhaya Lethemba, a one-stop centre for victims of crime in South Africa, a NICRO community victim support programme to stop the domestic violence perpetrator’s use of violence as well as results from a three year study regarding the Monitoring the Domestic Violence Act (116 of 1998), were also exchanged, while specific crime phenomena such as sexual harassment and rape of female students on campus, male rape in prison as well as ecological victimisation as an often forgotten form of victimisation, also received attention.
Contributions from the international presenters included the World Report on Violence and Health, Victims of Political Crimes and Transitional Justice. Closely related to these topics, criminology lessons for dealing with the past as well as restorative justice in the context of political violence in South Africa were also addressed. This section was concluded by a practical and visual example of the functioning of the Community Peace Programme in Zwelethamba (Worcester), where residents are mobilised to deal with and resolve disputes and conflicts that affect people’s freedom to live, work and play in peace.

On the final day of the course the power of effective counselling as a way of surviving crime was highlighted by Debbi Rozowsky (a bomb survivor), who shared her personal experiences with the course attendees. This was followed by a practical workshop on the use and value of art therapy principles. As part of the final session of the week, course participants were asked to share their experiences regarding the course as well as their feelings about it with other attendees.

The highlight of the week was the site visit to Pollsmoor Prison on Wednesday, 7 July 2004. Organised by the Judicial Inspectorate of Prisons, course participants were given the opportunity to see/experience and appreciate the unique problem of overcrowding in South African prisons. This field trip allowed course participants to network and share some of their experiences when dealing with victims of crime with each other.

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FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

*Marcus Evans Conference: Safety & Security at Public Events & Venues*
Park Hyatt, Rosebank, Johannesburg. 6th - 7th September 2004
Contact: Marcus Evans Event Team at 011-516 1000 for a registration form.

*People & safer communities: the CPTED advantage*
Ninth International CPTED Conference, Brisbane, 13-16 September 2004

*17th International Congress of Penal Law*
Beijing, 12-19 September 2004
http://chinalawsociety.com/htdocs/conference/criminallaw/invite.htm

*Proportionality: cost-effective justice? 22nd Australian Institute of Judicial Administration Conference*

*Building and engaging safer communities: delivering effective partnerships to tackle antisocial behaviour, improve the physical environment and reduce the fear of crime.* Birmingham (UK), 28-29 September 2004
http://www.iqpc.co.uk/cgi-bin/templates/genevent.html?topic=234&event=5162&
Restorative justice in Europe: where are we heading?
Third conference of the European Forum for Victim-Offender Mediation and Restorative Justice, Budapest, 14-16 October 2004
http://www.euforumrj.org/html/about.activities.asp#conferences

Birchwood Conference Centre, Midrand. 21 October 2004. All enquiries to be directed to Rosemary Cowan Tel: (011) 454 2474; Fax: (011) 454 2301


Third Annual Australasian Jury Conference: Conceptions and misconceptions-jury research and practice. Melbourne, 18-19 November 2004, for inquiries, contact Dr David Tait at David.Tait@canberra.edu.au

The Council for Crime Prevention of Lower Saxony and the European Union have initiated a project with the aim of permanently improving the quality of crime prevention work. In the framework of the "Beccaria Project: Quality Management in Crime Prevention", the 1st International Beccaria Conference will take place from January 20th to 22nd, 2005 in Hanover, Germany. www.beccaria.de.

The Third International Conference on Violence in Schools: Violence in school, public policies and social inclusion of young people
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, May 30-31 and June 1, 2005

The 14th World Congress of Criminology: Preventing crime and promoting justice: voices for change, will be held at the Jerry Lee Center of Criminology, University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, 7-12 August 2005. http://www.worldcriminology2005.org/

NEW PUBLICATIONS

Criminology Research Council, Australia
New additions to website.
Resilience to offending in high-risk groups
Two reports were commissioned on the question of resilience to offending amongst Aboriginal youth over the last 10 years, from both individual and community perspectives. Both reports are titled 'Resilience to offending in high-risk groups' and are authored by Stephen R Zubrick and Anna Robson; and Les Samuelson and Boni Robertson. http://www.aic.gov.au/crc/reports/2003-10-zubrick.html

The psycho-social environment of prisons and its relationship to recidivism
Youth offending in relation to young people
The aim of this paper by Rob White is to explore the connection between chronic youth offending and the patterns of use of many different kinds of services by young people. http://www.aic.gov.au/crc/reports/2003-03-white.html

**Sentencing trends for violent offenders in Australia**

**Safeguarding fairness for children in interactions with adults in authority: computer-based investigations of the judgments of secondary school students**
This is the final report by Jeanette Lawrence on a project partially funded by the Criminology Research Council. The project aimed to systematically examine young people's understanding of procedural fairness, and specifically their preferences for procedural safeguards for young offenders in encounters with authoritative adults. http://www.aic.gov.au/crc/reports/200001-35.html

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The Office of Crime Statistics and Research (Australia) have released the following publications which are now available on their website:
- Research findings - Child Sexual Abuse;
- Technical paper - Child Victimisations;
- Technical paper - Explanations for the High Proportion of SA matters classified by the ABS as withdrawn in 2001/02
www.ocsar.sa.gov.au

And Crime facts info No 76: *Recorded crime - victims 2003*

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**BOOKS**
Abigail Kohn. 2004. 'Shooters: Myths and Realities of America's Gun Cultures'. Oxford University Press, New York


NEW JOURNALS

Members may be interested in the new "Journal of Experimental Criminology," to be published by Kluwer starting in January 2005. The Journal will be associated with the Campbell Collaboration Crime and Justice Group. The Journal's Editor is Professor David Weisburd of Hebrew University and the University of Maryland, and co-Chair (with David Farrington) of the CCJG Steering Committee. A call for papers, manuscript instructions, editorial board, and other pertinent information about the Journal is available at: http://www.kluweronline.com/issn/1573-3750

You may also be interested in a new journal to be launched in January 2005 entitled "Evidence & Policy: A Journal of Research, Debate and Practice." Several members of the Campbell Collaboration are on the Editorial Advisory Board. You can find out more about the journal, including notes for contributors, at: http://www.evidencenetwork.org/JournalOfResearch.html

MAGAZINES

Police Chief Magazine. The Police Chief (ISSN 0032-2571) is published monthly by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). Articles are contributed by practitioners in law enforcement or related fields. Manuscripts must be original work, previously unpublished and not simultaneously submitted to another publisher. Has an archives of old articles that can be accessed at www.policechiefmagazine.org

SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS

The Open Society Foundation (OSFSA) held a two-day workshop on civilian oversight of police in Cape Town on 10-11 May 2004. The workshop was also the occasion for the launch of the Police Accountability website:
The Institute for Security Studies (ISS) have held a series of seminars dealing with a variety of topics inter alia the following:


Most of these presentations and monographs have been loaded on the ISS website: www.iss.co.za.
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