

ANNUAL REPORT

on the activities of the National Institute of Criminology (OKRI) in 2010

I. UTILISATION OF RESEARCH RESULTS

Broadly speaking, it can be said that a great deal of attention has been paid to the utilisation of the findings of research work carried out at the Institute in the reporting period. Researchers have collaborated in developing theory, and through their teaching activity have been used in the further training of draftsmen and legal secretaries, in university and college education, and in postgraduate training. Research findings have helped us to satisfy the request for our participation in codification and legal interpretation activities carried out by the Chief Prosecutor's Office. The professional prestige of researchers has had a positive impact on the professional knowledge and popularity of scholarly organisations and also journals where they were active as authors, editors or proofreaders. This year, too, our researchers fulfilled an important role by presenting our research findings, views, approach and opinions to the general public through the media.

1. Lectures

The number of lectures in the reported year increased considerably (by more than 50%) compared to the previous year: in 2010, researchers from the Institute gave a total of **166 lectures** at various conferences and professional forums, of which **39 were presented in a foreign language** and **22 were abroad**.

The large number of invitations to present lectures at conferences is a sign of the professional recognition our researchers enjoy. The lectures presented in Hungary included 55 presentations given at conferences and 89 at other events. The higher number of lectures at other events is partly due to the events of this year's OKRI Anniversary Year.

Our count of lectures is based on the number of events, so two or more lecturers presenting at the same event (such as the lectures given as part of the themed workshops in the Institute) have been counted as one presentation. It should also be noted that the total number of lectures in Hungary still does not include lectures presented as part of ongoing or ad hoc educational activities.

A researcher's being invited to **lead a section** is a sign of professional recognition and assumes important professional skills. In the reported year, researchers from the OKRI were invited to lead section on **11 occasions**, of which **two were at foreign-language conferences**.

2. Publications

In the year in question, our researchers authored a total of **127 publications**, of which **23 were in a foreign language**. Of the latter, eight were published abroad. (The number of professional publications has incidentally grown continuously in recent years: in 2007 there were 74 publications, in 2008 there were 100, and in 2009 there were 147.) The fact that the average age of the research staff has dropped in recent years had less effect than expected on the overall number of publications by the OKRI. The findings of OKRI researchers are published continuously.

This year two monographs and 22 book chapters have been published by OKRI researchers, and we can boast studies published in 42 scholarly journals and 16 conference proceedings. In addition, five papers were published in the volume *Kriminológiai Tanulmánykötet* (Studies in Criminology), and 40

studies in other publications of science for the general public. In the period reported on, there were unfortunately fewer research findings published in publication forums considered 'more valuable' in professional circles. Typically, some scholarly journals are not published in printed format, and are available only on the Internet. It is welcome news, then, that OKRI researchers exploit the flexible publication facilities provided by the internet. This year 11 specialist publications appeared on the Internet. On many occasions (fourteen) our staff were invited to edit various professional publications.

Amongst the publication this year, we have designated a special category '**for the general public**' to cover publications that seek the overlapping points between law and literature or other branches of the arts, and are mainly for the interest of the lay reader. This year two such volumes were published by Complex Publishers, which might be useful to both the general public and to university students. Also included in the 'for the general public' category are publications intended as educational aids.

(It should be noted that publications in which OKRI staff appear as *co-authors* or *co-editors* are shown as *one single publication*. In our view, in spite of a book or study being the work of several OKRI authors, from the point of view of the Institute itself it can be counted as only one publication (as a volume/study). Note: written pieces by OKRI researchers that are *journalistic* in nature continue to be listed not under publications but as *media appearances*.)

II. Domestic and foreign ties

In 2010 the National Institute of Criminology celebrated its 50th anniversary. During the **Anniversary Year** between September 2009 and September 2010, we planned a series of events and programmes that would enable both specialists and laypeople in Hungary and abroad to become better acquainted with the work and staff of the institute. The events of the Anniversary Year were planned so as to honour the scientific achievements and innovations of the outstanding criminologists of recent times, and to seek out both future opportunities for cooperation and the paths along which the profession can progress.

The series of events for the anniversary year began in 2009 with the September opening conference held at the OKRI, and subsequently the one-day **series of lectures** on OKRI research projects held for prosecutors at the Chief Prosecutor's Office. We held the **international closing conference** of the OKRI Anniversary Year on 23–24 September 2010, with the title '*Freedom, Security, Law*'. The conference was opened by Chief Prosecutor Tamás Kovács, and recognised experts from Hungary and abroad gave lectures and participated in round-table discussions during the two-day event. The 198 participants came from many areas of scholarship and practice: for instance there were 32 from the Public Prosecutor's Office (chief prosecutors, prosecutors, draftsmen), 14 from the police force (chief of police, staff), and 68 lecturers and students from higher education. In addition, there were visitors from the courts, from the Ministry of Public Administration and Justice and the Hungarian Prison Service (though unfortunately a smaller number from the latter). On the occasion of the anniversary, to commemorate Dr. József Gödöny, founder of the OKRI and its leader for over thirty years, we published a **scholarly competition** for draftsmen in the prosecutor's office, and university and college students, in six topics ('*Crime prevention and protection of society*'; '*Current issues in investigation and intelligence*'; '*The work of the prosecutor's office in the justice system*'; '*Freedom – Security – Law*'; '*New challenges for the judiciary in the 21st century*'; '*Other issues affecting the justice system*'). A total of 24 entries were made for the competition, of which the first three won a competition prize. The results were solemnly announced at the closing conference.

We feel the closing conference was a fitting conclusion to the events of the Anniversary Year. According to feedback from Hungary and from abroad, and also to the press reviews, it was a well-organised scholarly event of outstanding standard and quality to close the specialist events commemorating 50 years of the institute.

The event, along with the entire Jubilee Anniversary Year, was supported by the Chief Prosecutor's Office.

As part of the Anniversary Year, the series ‘**Topic of the Month**’ was organized each month (for details see: ‘VI The OKRI Internal Training System’).

1. OKRI’s domestic ties

The Institute’s Hungarian ties continued similarly to previous years. The deepening of the ties is reflected by the fact that, with increasing frequency, researchers use the focus-group discussion method in their research, the effectiveness of which is reinforced through the OKRI’s professional ties.

- The closest possible collaboration was again realised with the Chief Prosecutor’s Office and in general with the prosecution service apparatus. This year we undertook research in seven work schedules directly based on the initiative of the Prosecutor General, six of which were completed while one is in process.
- We aspire to a closer working relationship with the Ministry of Public Administration and Justice.
- The OKRI’s researchers use the results achieved in the research in their work as instructors. The Institute staff gave lectures during the course of the year within the framework of the secretary- and draftsman training organised by the Hungarian Prosecutors’ Training Centre.
- Our researchers traditionally participate in the work of various higher education institutions, and many of them have academic titles. Two (*Ferenc Irk*, and *Géza Finszter*) are university lecturers at JPTE, Pécs, and one person (*Klára Kerezsi*) holds the same rank at ELTE’s Faculty of Law and Political Science. One of the institute’s senior employees (*Géza Finszter*) works at ELTE as a university professor, one (*Klára Kerezsi*) as an associate professor, and *Andrea Borbíró* works there as a graduate teaching assistant.

In 2010, our researchers took part in conferences organised in Hungary, as well as at roundtable discussions and professional talks, **on 144 occasions** where **they gave lectures** by special request, and in addition they have participated in conferences in Hungary and abroad **on 83 occasions without holding lectures**.

2. OKRI’s international relations

International relations are of importance in the life of every research institute. The researchers receive feedback through foreign ties, and this also facilitates the evaluation of the OKRI’s research activities, since invitations to participate in international projects, the opportunities offered for joint funding and giving the opportunity to publish in a respected international journal all indicate that the international scholarly community constantly ‘measures’ and appreciates the research activities and professional findings of the OKRI. International relations make it possible to acquire broader experience and knowledge, while the reciprocity of ties fosters the national and international recognition of findings. From a pragmatic point of view, it is also important to emphasise that participation in international funding awards and research cooperation projects also ensures the inflow of additional research funds, which enables undertaking research projects in Hungary which would otherwise be difficult to implement, if at all.

The OKRI’s international renown is shown by the fact that foreign partners invite the Institute to be a **member of a consortium in an EU funds application** increasingly often. In the reported year, OKRI staff featured as members of a consortium in two international research proposals:

- As part of the **ISEC** project of the European Commission: *The Role of Responsibility-taking in Reducing Reoffending*, a study examining opportunities for the reintegration of convicts leaving prison and prevention recidivism; and
- we were invited to participate as members of a consortium in the International Self-Report Delinquency Study **ISR-3**.

In addition to this, there is the ongoing research project '*Mediation and restorative justice in prison settings (MeRePs)*' subsidised by the Criminal Justice programme of the European Commission.

In 2010, two prestigious fellow institutes abroad, the Prague Institute of Criminology and Society Protection, and the Cambridge Institute of Criminology, celebrate their fiftieth anniversary. György Virág also took part as an invited speaker in the conference held to mark the celebrations of the Prague Institute.

At the **closing conference** 'Freedom, Security, Law' held on 22–23 September 2010 to conclude the Anniversary Year, many renowned **foreign speakers** gave talks. Leaders of our partner institutions, Hans-Jörg Albrecht and Ulrich Sieber, directors of the Max Planck Institut in Freiburg, Kauko Aromaa, director of HEUNI, Friedrich Lösel, director of the Institute of Criminology in Cambridge, Miroslav Scheinost, director of the Prague Institute of Criminology and Social Prevention, and Hans-Jürgen Kerner, director of the Tübingen Institute of Criminology and many other recognised foreign experts, including Elspeth Guild, an expert on the European Union, and Michael Hamilton, professor at the Central European University, accepted our invitation and gave talks at the conference.

Renowned **foreign experts** also came to give talks as part of the professional training courses held at the OKRI: in May Michael Stewart, in December Professor Julian Roberts, research director of the Centre of Criminology of Oxford University and Michael Tonry, professor at the University of Michigan, also visited the OKRI. Both of the December visitors are members of the European Society of Criminology, and both are recognized the world over as experts in their fields. Professor Roberts gave a talk on the changes in sentencing practice in England, while Professor Tonry spoke on the consequences of the American 'three-strikes-and-you're-out' criminal policy.

OKRI researchers gave papers at conferences, workshops or professional discussions held **abroad on 22 occasions**. At the same time, they gave presentations **in a foreign language on 39 occasions**, i.e. they had the opportunity to present to foreign colleagues at international conferences located in Hungary. This includes the conference in Balatonlelle organised for young professionals from public prosecutors' offices, where there were (also) young researchers in the foreign language section.

They took part in conferences abroad on four occasions without holding presentations, but even at these events a number of them were section chairs. The researchers covered most of the expenses for conference participation from scholarship or grant money and from other sources, or the inviting party financed it; however, the Chief Prosecutor's Office has also financed conference participation abroad on several occasions.

The Institute is a place of research with traditionally good international ties. One of the oldest and best working ties is that which links us to the Max-Planck Institute in Freiburg, with which we have had a successful exchange of experiences and information and have organised conferences jointly for decades, and the MPI has received and continues to receive OKRI researchers on scholarships on numerous occasions.

Study trips abroad facilitate young and older researchers alike to the gain professional experience. This year, Ferenc Irk was invited to carry out **research work as a guest professor** for one month in Freiburg at the MPI für ausländisches und internationales Strafrecht. The researchers usually use their paid leave to go on study trips, and in many cases they supplement this with unpaid leave.

In addition to its conference participation abroad, the Institute's international profile is also raised by **research projects across borders**. During the past years, the OKRI's participation in numerous international studies has proved that it is capable of holding its ground in them, and is well-suited to fulfilling a strong, regional role as a research centre. We are currently participating in an internationally funded study (MEREPS), which we submitted and won in 2008, and began on 16 March 2009. On the topic of the fight against international organised crime, there is continuous professional cooperation and a cooperative relationship in the exchange of information between the BKA (Federal Criminal Police Office, Germany) and the OKRI in Hungary. The cooperation covers two fields: (1) A comparison of international organised crime, and (2) the formation of a European network of experts (EENeT: European Expert Network on Terrorism Issues).

The OKRI often hosts **foreign delegations organized by the Chief Prosecutor's Office**. On 17 March 2010, the vice chief prosecutor of the Russian Federation and the attendant delegation, Anatoly Romashko, Irina Vericheva, and Viacheslav Isanko, met with the directors of the OKRI as part of a cooperation programme. On 9 April 2010, under the direction of Chief Prosecutor Dr. Tamás Kovács as part of the programme of an official bilateral summit, the OKRI was visited by the chief prosecutor of the Kingdom of Sweden and the attendant delegation, Anders Perklev and Björn Blomqvist. On 16 November 2010, also as part of the programme of an official bilateral summit, the OKRI was visited by the chief prosecutor of the Republic of Poland and the attendant delegation, Andrzej Seremet and Jerzy Szymasnski. During the discussion, the directors of the Institute spoke to their guests about the work in progress at the OKRI.

III. Library information

With the help of our special database, our homepage shows the public what kind of publications and journals are available in our library. Through our Internet Newsletter, we keep colleagues constantly informed about acquisitions and other library news. Thanks to the work of our researchers, our staff gather information from an increasing number of online specialist journals.

In our Newsletter, we regularly published several co-newsletters (EFUS, CJ NEWS, Hungarian Criminological Society) this year too, and in addition have informed our researchers about events in Hungary and internationally through recommended events, invitations and publicising opportunities for publication.

At present there are 8,249 inventory items in stock in the library. During the year in question (until 30 November 2009) the library stock increased by 168 volumes, of which 19 volumes were gifts, or entered the OKRI through exchange. A further 28 volumes are being purchased. Of the 168 volumes acquired by 30 November, 50 were from abroad, mainly in English. A new development this year is the 'clasp book' of Hungarian criminal law, and the journal *Jogesetek Magyarázata* (Explanation of Legal Cases) in electronic format online.

The number of external visitors is twice that of last year: most visitors to the library are working in the profession or writing doctoral dissertations.

We continue to maintain mutual assistance with the Library of the Police Officer's College, the Library of the Crime Expert and Research Institute, and the Library of the Budapest Chief Prosecutor, which improves the flow of information.

Ordering the online subject catalogue continued, as did the content analysis of the journals (Rendészeti Szemle [Law Enforcement Review], Börtönügyi Szemle [Prison Affairs Review], Magyar Jog [Hungarian Law], Jogtudományi Közlöny [Jurisprudence Gazette]), and ordering the records in the catalogue.

IV. OKRI's internal training system

It is now four years since the internal specialist training was renewed and effectively extended. The researchers are eager to learn the broader view given by the invited lecturers, and participate increasingly actively in programmes. Our events are often attended by representatives of related fields. Thanks to the choice of topics and our informative home page, an increasing number of 'outside' visitors register; representatives of various institutions and PhD and university students all attend one lecture or another. Although our capacity is limited, we are happy to welcome visitors when they have a clear professional interest. (The talks are not open to all by their nature, and we wish to maintain this format in future as well.) We collect feedback on our specialist programmes from our researchers every six months through an evaluation questionnaire, and also ask for suggestions for other lecturers and topics to be borne in mind when organising the programmes.

The professional events of the first half of 2010 (as part of the anniversary year) were linked to the series ‘**Topic of the Month**’. Respected speakers, together with specialists in the field and staff carrying out research at the institute, dealt with one important and pertinent topic a month in workshops, presenting many aspects of the issue in question.

Thanks to their rigour and creativity, our researchers (as topic leaders) brought a special colour to the life of the Institute, twice organising a temporary exhibition related to the topic of the month in the lobby.

Having seen the success of this series of events, at the end of the Anniversary Year, we formed a similar concept for the professional events of the second half-year, and our plans are to carry this through to the talks planned for next year. The programmes below were organised within the Institute’s internal training system in 2009:

A) ‘Topic of the Month’

This event series was held six times this year, and the presentation topics and speakers can be found in the tables below:

<i>January's Theme: Cross Border Criminality – Cross Border Protection</i> <i>Moderator: Dr Szilveszter Póczik</i>		
13 th January	Chinese Migrants in Hungary and in rest of world: trends in migration, social roles and experiences on public security	Presenter: Dr Szilveszter Póczik
20 th January	African Migrants in Hungary and in rest of world – trends in migration, integration and experiences on law enforcement	Presenter: Dr István Tarrósy PhD
27 th January	Cross Border Criminality – Cross Border Protection. Hungary in the Schengen System, experiences in defending the frontiers in the border counties	Presenters: Dr József Bencze, János Lukács, Lajos Németh, Dr Róbert Tarcsa
<i>February's Theme: Online Security</i> <i>Moderator: Dr Katalin Parti</i>		
1-28 February	How the notion and judgement of pornography changed during the 20th century and how the internet altered its character	Exhibition
10 th February	Online terrorism (Roundtable discussion)	Moderator: Dr Imre Szabó. Invited discussants: Tamás Szádeczky, Dr Zsolt Balogh
12 th February	Conference for the law enforcement: INFOLAB – Electronic evidence in criminal procedures	Moderator: Dr Katalin Parti
17 th February	Sex, coming out and fashion in the 21st century. Online morality and its criminological aspect	Presenter: Eszter Babarczy
24 th February	Online file-sharing – aspects of criminal law and criminology	Presenter: Dr Imre Szabó
<i>March's Theme: Economic processes – social safety, risks and criminal cases</i> <i>Moderators: Dr Géza Finszter & dr Ádám Mészáros</i>		
3 rd March	The influence of slump on economic delinquency	Presenter: Dr István László Gál
10 th March	Experiences from the investigation of crimes concerning corruption	Presenter: István Benes
17 th March	Crimes of corruption: from the prosecutor’s point of view	Presenter: Dr Sándor Ihász
24 th March	Aspects of criminal politics in the field of the fight against corruption	Presenter: Dr Péter Hack
31 st March	Roundtable conversation on the investigation of corruption	Moderators: Szilveszter Dunavölgyi & Ádám Mészáros
<i>April's Theme: Safety and environmental protection</i> <i>Moderator: dr Szilveszter Dunavölgyi & dr Katalin Tilki</i>		
7 th April	The role of the Hungarian Customs and Finance Guard in environmental protection	Presenters: dr. Szilveszter Dunavölgyi, dr. Katalin Tilki, dr. Andrea Horváth

14 th April	The different aspects of environmental protection	Presenters: dr. Béla Danielisz, Dr. Ferenc Irk
21 st April	The role of the police in environmental protection	Presenter: Attila Ábrahám
28 th April	The role of the local government in environmental protection	Presenters: dr. Szilveszter Dunavölgyi, dr. Katalin Tilki, dr. Attila Tilki
May's Theme: Safety in society – the situation of ethnic minorities in Hungary Moderator: Ágnes Solt		
5 th May	The attitude of Hungarian society towards the largest ethnic minority in Hungary. Prejudices, stereotypes and discrimination	Presenter: Antal Örkény
12 th May	A Romany community and the culture of gypsies in an anthropological approach	Presenter: Michael Stewart
19 th May	Ethnic minority and delinquency. The investigation into homicide cases against Roma inhabitants	Presenter: Péter Krajnák
26 th May	Trends in social policy, opportunities and the issue of integration of the Roma inhabitants	Presenters: András Bíró, Judit Szőke Moderator: Ágnes Solt
June's Theme: Security and Science Moderator: György Virág		
2 nd June	From the History of Science to Professionalism: Questions about knowledge, responsibility and reliability	Presenter: Gábor Zemplén
8 th June	Believes and Misbelieves – the Abuse of Science	Presenter: Gábor Szendy
16 th June	Science and Scientist – the Credibility of Science	Presenter: Jenő Ranschburg

B.) Programmes for second half of 2010

Beginning in this period, the Wednesday specialist programmes (the Institute's internal training scheme) will follow a new content structure, according to the structure below:

I. Sociology

II. Skills Development

III. Research presentation (sociological research from outside the OKRI)

IV. Institute talks (reports on research carried out within the Institute)

The specialist programmes for the second half of 2010 can be seen in the table below:

23-24 September	Freedom, Security and Justice Closing conference of the OKRI Anniversary Year	
29 th September	Sinful Pictures	Presenters: Gabriella Kármán & Anna Kiss
6 th October	Discussion on the current situation in Hungary	Presenter: Csaba Tóth
13 th October	The changes in criminal statistic	Presenter: Miklós Ligeti & Tibor Nagy
20 th October	The 'colour of poverty' (research on poverty among Hungarian women)	Presenter: Angéla Kóczé
27 th October	Research on violence against persons with a common purpose	Presenter: László Tibor Nagy
3 rd November	European Anomie Map	Presenters: György Csepeli & Gergely Prazsák
10 th November	Narrative psychological content analysis	Presenter: Bea Ehmann
17 th November	The severity of criminal sentencing	Presenter: Tibor Papházi
24 th November	Online Sexual Abuse	Presenters: Katalin Parti & György Virág
1 st December	Economic Measures to Reduce Poverty	Presenter: Anna Somos
8 th December	Skills Building	Presenter: Péter Hack
9 th December	How public opinion influences court decisions The chance of symbolic criminal policy in Europe	Presenters: Julian V. Roberts Michael Tonry

V. Institutional publications

1. Institutional volumes and publications

Three volumes were published/edited by the Institute in the reported period.

1. **Kriminológiai Tanulmányok 47.** (ed: György Virág) OKRI, Budapest, 2010.

Volume 47 of Kriminológiai Tanulmányok [Studies in Criminology] is traditional in that a volume like this is published every year, but new in the sense that it is a celebratory volume, with which we commemorated the founding of the OKRI fifty years ago. The items in the celebratory Kriminológiai Tanulmányok were organised around the main topics of the OKRI Anniversary Year, so they examine certain areas of 'freedom', 'security' and 'law', and their overlap.

This year's volume was unusual not only in its topics, but also because, contrary to custom, alongside the Institute's staff, renowned foreign and Hungarian experts were also published in it. In his preface, Chief Public Prosecutor Tamás Kovács makes special mention, writing of the history of the OKRI and the place and role it has in the prosecution service, of the fact that 'the prosecution service truly feels this institute to be its own; we are pleased by its scholarly results, its excellent international reputation, and we rely on the research that aids our everyday work...'

2. **Konfliktuskezelés elítéltekkel** (eds: Tünde Barabás –Szandra Windt – Borbála Fellegi) OKRI, Budapest, 2010.
3. **Resolution of conflicts involving prisoners** (eds: Tünde Barabás–Szandra Windt–Borbála Fellegi) OKRI, Budapest, 2010.

Jointly edited by Tünde Barabás, Szandra Windt and Borbála Fellegi, these volumes summarise the experience of the international research carried out by the authors, and offer them to practising experts, in Hungarian and English.

2. Institutional Newsletter

In the Intranet Newsletter, we keep staff continually informed of current programmes at the Institute, new items in the library, and also – thanks to our researchers' independent activities – draw attention to several online specialist journals.

As well as in-house information, we have regularly published the news content of three 'external' newsletters: from Hungary, that of the Hungarian Society of Criminology, and internationally the 'Criminology Criminal Justice Newsletter' of the University of Tübingen (ed. Professor Hans-Juergen Kerner); and the newsletter of the European Forum for Urban Safety (EFUS), sharing the interesting points from these with our research colleagues.

3 Publications presenting the OKRI in the international arena

This year we published the first two numbers of a new OKRI publication, the **OKRI Review**. The OKRI study booklet contains a brief report in English on the empirical research of international interest carried out by the institute. The plans are for this new publication to carry information about our priority research twice a year, in both printed format and uploaded onto the website: <http://en.okri.hu/content/blogcategory/43/125/>

VI. Maintaining ties, popularising science

1. Tasks carried out by the OKRI in order to popularise its work

- continuous updating of the OKRI webpage in Hungarian and English
- preparation of volume 47 of *Kriminológiai Tanulmányok* [Studies in Criminology]
- preparation for the publication of the OKRI Szemle (OKRI Review) in the coming year
- organisation and other tasks for the conference ‘Freedom, Security, Law’ (including registration of attendees from Hungary and abroad, making presentations, programmes, stickers and flyers, publicising the event, other administrative tasks, keeping contact with the conference speakers and coordination with the hotel providing the event venue)
- participation in the administration and judging works submitted to the Gödöny József Memorial Competition
- editing the Institute's weekly internal newsletter
- organising the four-times monthly training at the institute, and the ‘Topic of the Month’ series of talks as part of the Anniversary Year
- holding press conferences
- maintaining contact with the press, organizing one-to-one interviews
- keeping general contacts, communication
- running the Institute library and ensuring external visitors have access to it
- the temporary exhibition in the library to coincide with the Anniversary Year
- popularisation of OKRI events, preparation of background materials, publicity materials / programmes / flyers etc. (e.g. the programme booklet for the INFOLABOR 2010 conference)
- preparation of printed and background materials for OKRI research project (e.g. MEREPS)

2. Press Conferences

1.) 22 June 2010 – National Institute of Criminology – University of Miskolc Faculty of Political Science and Law

A New Era in the protection of EU financial interests in Hungary

Conference (OKRI, MAJEB [Society of Hungarian Lawyers for European Criminal Law], MKLÜ [Hungarian Chief Prosecutor's Office], VPOP [Customs and Finance Guard], OLAF [European Anti-Fraud Office])

2.) 24 September 2010 – National Institute of Criminology (Mercure Hotel Buda)

‘Freedom, Security, Law’ International conference on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the OKRI (*Tünde Barabás, Klára Kerezsi, György Virág*)

3.) 21 October 2010 – Balassagyarmat Strict and Medium Regime Prison – OKRI

Reconciliation between inmates and their victims in prison – The first prison mediation pilot schemes start in Hungary

Research findings (*Tünde Barabás, Szandra Windt*)

4.) 7 December 2010 – National Institute of Criminology – National Board Against Forgery (Budapest, V., Garibaldi u.)

How great a danger is forgery?

Research findings (*Gabriella Kármán, Ádám Mészáros, László Tibor Nagy, Imre Szabó, Szabó Windt*)

3. Professional focus group discussions

We tailor our institute research projects to the needs of professionals working in the field. In order to facilitate this, there is a growing trend for the Institute to incorporate focus group discussions into the research process.

- On 10 February a discussion was held with the participation of Eszter Sárík, in the joint research project by OKRI and the Vadaskert Child Psychiatric Hospital and Foundation.
- On 18 February Szilvia Gyurkó held a discussion with representatives of the police force related to research on *child abduction*.
- On 8 March 2010 Tünde Barabás and Szandra Windt held a discussion as part of the MEREPS

project *research into prison mediation* with the directors of the Balassagyarmat Strict and Medium Regime Prison, and Tököl National Prison.

- On 11 March a discussion was held for the first time on the research project '*Examination of crimes against intellectual property*', moderated by research director László Tibor Nagy.
- On 18 and 30 March Tünde Barabás and Szandra Windt again met important representatives of the prison service and analysed the research topic of *prison mediation*.
- On 22 April the consultancy body session of the KÉK Vonal Child Crisis Foundations was held, with Szilvia Gyurkó moderating, at which prosecutors, police, officers in the Ministry of Justice and judges from the Pest Central District Court discussed the research topic *International child abduction*.
- On 31 May Katalin Tilki held a round-table discussion with prosecutors entitled '*Enforcing regulations on environmental protection*'.
- On 3 June Eszter Sárík's discussion on the joint study by the OKRI and the Vadaskert Child Psychiatric Hospital and Foundation continued, with the participation of Doctor József Halász.
- On 7 October Tünde Barabás and Szandra Windt invited representatives of the prison service for another *prison mediation* project discussion.
- On 12 October a large-scale round-table discussion affecting two OKRI research projects was held, entitled '*Inmate subculture and the internal regulations of the total institute*'. Participating in the discussion were: researchers Szilvia Antal, Ágnes Solt, Judit Szabó and Dávid Vig from the OKRI, and Budapest and national delegates from the Hungarian Prison Service.
- Also on 12 October, Katalin Tilki held a round-table discussion with representatives of the police entitled '*Enforcing regulations on environmental protection*'.
- Finally on 2 December Anna Kiss organized a round-table discussion for Budapest and county prosecutors entitled '*The relationship between the prosecutor and the investigating authorities*'.

4. Other events

The OKRI regularly provides a venue for the round-table discussion of the Hungarian Society of Criminology and the Ügyészek Lapja (journal of the Hungarian National Society of Prosecutors).

As well as the focus group discussions held as part of the research activities, the Institute provided the venue for several important professional events during the reporting period:

- On 11 March Katalin Parti screened a film for students of the Károli Gáspár Reformed Church University Faculties of Political Science and Law and Humanities, '*Pornography of the 21st century – criminological and criminal law aspects of abuse of prohibited pornographic pictures*'.
- On 17 March, accompanied by Dr. Magdolna Hajdu, Prosecutor and Head of Department at the Chief Prosecutor's Office, and Dr. Antal Miks, Head of Department at the Chief Prosecutor's Office, the Vice Chief Prosecutor of the Russian Federation and the attendant delegation visited the OKRI. As part of the cooperation programme, Anatoly Romashko, Irina Vericheva and Viacheslav Isanko met the directors of the OKRI.
- On 22 May, Petra Bárd held a conference entitled '*Maintaining Law and Order in Europe*', for students of the Universities of Szeged and Pécs, with invited speakers.
- On 9 April, under the direction of Chief Prosecutor Dr. Tamás Kovács and Eszter Mária Kovács, prosecutor and Head of Department at the Chief Prosecutor's Office, as part of the programme of an official bilateral summit, the OKRI was visited by the chief prosecutor of the Kingdom of Sweden and the attendant delegation, Anders Perklev and Björn Blomqvist.
- On 13 April the OKRI was the venue for the session of the Scholarly Student's Circle organised by the Faculty of Political Science and Law at the Károli Gáspár Reformed Church University, with Prosecutor and Head of Section Dr. István Lajtár as moderator.
- On 28 April Anna Kiss discussed '*Everyday practice in law enforcement, the drafting of decisions occurring in procedures*' with members of the specialist college of the Faculty of Political Science and Law at the Károli Gáspár Reformed Church University.
- On 25 May Géza Finszter held a workshop debate at the request of the doctoral school of the Faculty of Political Science and Law at the University of Pécs.
- On 16 August Katalin Parti held a workshop entitled '*Botnet-disinfection – Technical distribution of child sexual abuse images – Internet filtering/blocking techniques around the world and liability of*

ISPs for Hungarian Internet service providers and representatives of the HACP.

- On 13 September the Committee for Law and Order of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences held a session led by Géza Finszter. Participants in the session included Frigyes Janza, Mrs Zsófia Santora Lontai and Miklós Ligeti.
- On 27 September Katalin Parti again screened a film for students from the Faculty of Political Science and Law and Humanities at the Károli Gáspár Reformed Church University, this time entitled *'Pornography of the 21st century – Online child pornography as seen by criminal law'*.
- On 20 October Kinga Veres held a talk related to the 2011 'Social Integration award' application.
- On 16 November, under the direction of Chief Prosecutor Dr. Tamás Kovács and Eszter Mária Kovács, Prosecutor and Head of Department at the Chief Prosecutor's Office, as part of the programme of an official bilateral summit, the OKRI was visited by the chief prosecutor of the Republic of Poland and his delegation; Andrzej Seremet and Jerzy Szymasni.
- On 30 November the session of the Victimology section of the Hungarian Society of Criminology was held, chaired by Tünde Barabás.
- On 1 December Katalin Parti held a discussion on the topic *'Internet blocking'*, with the participation of the Hungarian Alliance of Content-Providers, the Hungarian National Office of Investigation, and psychologist Andrea Ritter.

VII. Webpage

We continuously update our new modernised webpage. Making the most of the benefits offered by the internet, our modern webpage is updated on a weekly basis so that every visitor to our site can view:

- reports on the diverse activities of the Institute (Research projects, Work plans, Reports);
- we continuously provide news on topical events, both at home and abroad (Events);
- all of our researchers have their own personal page where they can update their data, upload their studies and share other information;
- we popularise our publications on a separate tab (Publications);
- we provide an insight into the life of the Institute and, as well as news, we illustrate some of our memorable events with photos, (Intézeti aktualitások [Institute news], Gallery);
- we facilitate more specific searches by subdividing programmes and other options (Publications, Library programme), and provide key data to optimize the results of international search engines (Google, Yahoo, MSNBot etc);
- the English language version of our webpage allows non-Hungarians to browse;
- a survey of the website statistics shows that an increasing number (currently 30) external links point to the OKRI website (e.g. www.mklu.hu; www.bvop.hu; www.bunmegelozes.hu; www.cepol.europa.eu; www.kozlekedesbiztonsag.lap.hu; www.gallup.hu);
- this year we have made detailed information on the Anniversary Year events accessible in a separate highlighted menu item, on both the Hungarian and English pages. Special emphasis should be given to the international conference 'Freedom, Security, Law', for which 80% of registrations arrived electronically through the registration form uploaded onto the website, both from Hungary and from abroad.

The positive feedback we receive shows that our webpage is informative and user-friendly, and the statistical data indicate frequent visits, a trend that is growing year by year.