

REPORT

on the activities of the National Institute of Criminology (OKRI) in 2016

I. UTILISATION OF RESEARCH RESULTS

Considerable attention was devoted to the utilisation of research results in this reporting period as well. Areas for the utilisation of results include cooperation in theoretical development, and the representation of research results in educational activities – in development training courses for staff and drafters from the Prosecutor's Office, university and college education and postgraduate training courses – as well as at conferences and other professional events. Our research results also assisted our involvement on request in the codification and statutory interpretation activities of the Prosecutor General's Office. Our researchers have published in and worked as editors or proofreaders for several professional journals. Their active involvement in scientific organisations is also a significant factor. Our researchers expressing their views in the media also played an important role in informing the public by presenting our results, approaches and opinions to broad circles in the course of the current year.

1. Presentations

In 2016, researchers from the Institute delivered a total of **107 presentations** at various conferences and professional forums. Of these presentations, **29** were delivered **in a foreign language** and **20** were **abroad**.

Requests **to chair sessions** also indicate professional recognition and presume professional skills. In the year of the report, researchers from the Institute were requested to chair sessions on **11 occasions**, with **8 out of them at conferences held in foreign languages**.

2. Publications

In the current year, researchers published a total of **123 publications**, **15 of them in a foreign language**. Of the latter, **11** were published **abroad**.

This year, OKRI's researchers published **36 chapters in books** and **7 monographs** (books, notes), and were authors of studies published in **36 scientific periodicals** and **16 conference publications**. In addition, **9 papers** were published in publications of the Institute, as well as **15 studies on other platforms** (*abstract, beyond the website of the institute, other web interfaces etc.*), and our colleagues were asked **9** times to *edit* various professional volumes. It is an increasingly characteristic phenomenon that some parts of professional periodicals are not published in a printed form: they are only available on the world wide web. It is therefore fortunate that researchers from the Institute also exploit the flexible publication opportunities provided by the internet.

3. Involvement in domestic and international professional cooperation and project tenders

1. Professional cooperation

- *Editing of the volume titled "Security Challenges of the 21st Century"*
Cooperating institution: MTA (Hungarian Academy of Sciences) and the Scientific Council of Internal Affairs
- *Formulation of the indicators of hate crimes*
Cooperating institution: Helsinki Committee, Working Group Against Hate Crimes

- *Preparation of the technical conference titled "Asymmetric Warfare"*
Cooperating institution: Hungarian Defence Forces Scientific Research Centre
- *Participation in the work of the Personality, Health and Emotional Control Research Group (formerly Criminal Psychology Research Team) of the ELTE Institute of Psychology, with special regard to the research on criminology.*
Cooperating institution: ELTE PHECRG (PISZEÉK - Hungarian abbreviation)
- *Developing a professional protocol for special education judicial expert activity*
Cooperating institution: Gusztáv Bárczi College of Special Education
- *PoMigra – Politically Motivated Crimes related to Migration*
Cooperating institution: Bundeskriminalamt (BKA), Germany

2. Tenders

In the year of reporting, we submitted **one research tender** and **a further** application submitted in 2014 was being implemented.

1.	Year of submission: Designation of the project, topic: Cooperating partners:	2016 PoMigra (Politically motivated crime in the light of current migration flows) BKA Extremismus Forschungsstelle, EENeT Office, OKRI, OCCAM and other international universities and institutions
2.	Year of submission: The project: Title and topic: Cooperating partners:	2014 HORIZON 2020 Fear of crime University of Barcelona, Departament d'Interior de la Generalitat de Catalunya, Università di Milano – Bicocca, EuroCrime (Italy) University College London, TNS BMRB (UK), Observatoire national de la délinquance et des réponses pénales (France)

4. Involvement in professional organisations

Professional recognition of the Institute's researchers is indicated by requests to participate in the work of various professional organisations and bodies, and effective contributions to them. Most researchers are members and/or officers of one or more Hungarian or international organisations having a profile associated with research topics.

In 2016, the Institute's staff took part in the work of the following international professional bodies:

- American Society of Criminology – *member*
- Balkan Criminology Network – *national representative, contact point*
- EUCPN (EU Crime Prevention Network) – *scientific contact point*
- European Expert Network on Terrorism (EENet) – *member*
- European Forum for Restorative Justice – *member*
- European Journal of Probation, Editorial Board – *member of the editorial board*
- European Law Institute – *member*
- European Society of Criminology – *member, codification working group member*
- Independent Academic Research Studies – *member*
- International Bullying Prevention Association – *member*
- International Journal of Information Security and Cybercrime (IJISC) Scientific Board – *member*
- International Society of Criminology – *member*
- Policing & Society – Advisory Board – *member*

5. Education

1.1 OKRI researchers provide regular training courses at the following **higher education institutions**:

- Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Law and Political Sciences, Department of Criminology
- Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Law and Political Sciences, Doctoral School
- Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Faculty of Law and Political Sciences, Department of Substantive Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure and Sentencing
- Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Deák Ferenc Institute
- Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church, Doctoral School
- Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church, Faculty of Law and Political Sciences
- Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church, Faculty of Humanities, Institute of Social and Communication Sciences
- Central European University (CEU)
- National University of Public Service, Faculty of Law Enforcement, Department of Criminology
- National University of Public Service, Faculty of Law Enforcement, Doctoral School of Military Sciences
- Hungarian University of Fine Arts, Doctoral School
- Goethe University (Frankfurt)

1.2 *Taught subjects, courses*

- data protection
- judicial and prosecutorial management
- criminal law
- criminal-enforcement law
- crime prevention
- violent crime, domestic violence
- "EU constitutional law"
- "EU criminal justice"
- European criminal-enforcement law
- European criminal law
- children and the elderly becoming victims
- criminal policy
- criminal psychology
- criminology
- international criminal law
- poenology
- "selected issues in criminology and forensic sciences"
- "theories of European Integration"

2. Prosecutor training activities

The researchers of the Institute took an active part in the **training activities of prosecutors** in the reporting year, too. Three lectures were held:

Date	Case / lecture title	Location, participants
27 January	Protecting the European Union's financial interests, in particular the European Public Prosecutor's Office	Prosecutor General's Office, Budapest; Anna Kiss
10 May	Criminal justice issues of migration	Prosecutor General's Office of Bács-Kiskun County, Kecskemét, Anna Kiss

17 October	Consultation with assistant public prosecutors in the criminal law division Title of the presentation The criminology and victims of sexual assault and exploitation	Prosecutor General's Office, Balatonlelle, György Virág
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6. Media appearances

According to our records, researchers from the Institute featured as experts in printed and electronic media on a total of **107 registered** occasions in 2016.

Of which: **13** were in print media,
22 were on the radio,
58 were on a TV channel, and
14 were on the internet.

II. DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN RELATIONS

1. OKRI's domestic relations

The Hungarian relations of the Institute were generally similar to those of previous years. The application of the focus group qualitative research methodology also strengthened our professional relations in the reporting year by virtue of establishing direct working relations with external professional operators.

A professional cooperation agreement initiated in 2014 continued this year also with the Institute of Legal Studies of the Centre of Social Sciences of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (MTA TK JTI); preparatory work (editing, correction) has been prepared for the conference publication publishing the results of a joint series of conferences from last year and the year prior, and the volume is expected to be released next year.

Cooperation was the closest again with the Prosecutor General's Office and with the prosecution apparatus in general. This year, the Prosecutor's Office initiated more than one third (34.2%, 13 tasks) of all projects in the process. Of the work plan projects, 8 were initiated by the Prosecutor's Office (three by the Prosecutor General's Office and five by the county Prosecutor's Offices), two by the Scientific Council and one by the Ministry of Justice. Five additional tasks were performed on request by the Prosecutor General's Office during the year, in addition to the work plan and the research conducted alongside the work plan.

Our researchers traditionally participate in the work of higher education institutions; many of them hold university positions.

In 2016, researchers participated in domestic conferences, round table or professional discussions, on **87 occasions** where they delivered **presentations** on special request, and on a further **105 occasions** where they attended domestic and foreign conferences **without delivering a presentation**.

2. OKRI's international relations

International relations play an important role in the life of research institutes. International relations provide researchers with feedback, and it also helps to evaluate OKRI's research activities, considering that invitations to take part in international projects, joint applications, or offers to publish in renowned international professional magazines all imply that the international scientific community continuously evaluates OKRI's research activities and professional accomplishments.

OKRI's researchers delivered **20 presentations abroad** at conferences, workshops or expert discussions. At the same time, a total of **29 occasions** involved presentations held in a **foreign language**. On 6 other occasions, participants attended foreign conferences without delivering a presentation. Conference participations were covered in part by the Prosecutor General's Office, the researcher's grants and other funds, and in part financed by the inviting party.

The Institute is a research location with traditionally good international relations. One of the Institute's oldest and best functioning relations is with the *Max Planck Institute* of Freiburg, with which the exchange of experience and information and the organisation of joint conferences has been ongoing for decades. In addition, the MPI has in many cases received OKRI researchers as grant holders. In the current year, two institute researchers were awarded research grants to the MDI and another researcher was a scholar at the Goethe Institute in Frankfurt.

In the context of international relations, the staff of the Institute participated in the following forums:

- *COST Conference: Bridging Research, Policy and Practice*
10–13 March, Brussels, Belgium
- *EENeT – Subgroup Meeting 2016*
14–16 March, Budapest (migration conference)
- *An EU mechanism on Democracy, the Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights*
7 April, European Parliament, Brussels, Belgium
- *Hungarian Victimisation Surveys*
19 May, PPSUC, Beijing, China
- *8th International Conference on Global Education*
7 June, Bridgewater, Massachusetts, USA
- *XI. Spanish Criminology Conference*
15 June, Barcelona Departament d'Interior, Barcelona, Spain
- *3rd Annual Conference of Balkan Criminology*
4 September, University of Bucharest - Faculty of Law, Bucharest
- *POMIGRA (Politically motivated crime in the light of current migration flows)*
5-7 September, Eltville, Germany
- *Intercultural Education at the Crossroads International Conference*
7 September, ELTE PPK (Pedagogical and Psychological Faculty), Budapest
- *Global Trends in Law Enforcement Training and Education*
5–7 October, NKE (National University of Public Service), Budapest
- *Theories of European Legal Integration*
15 November, Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany
- *American Society of Criminology annual conference*
16 November, New Orleans, USA
- *Symposium on Social Inequalities and Education of Marginalized Young People*
24 November, Cologne, Germany
- *Presentation of Shanghai Academy's Chinese delegation*
25 November, Prosecutor General's Office, Budapest
- *18. World Congress of Criminology*
16–18 December, Delhi, India

III. LIBRARY

The library stocks consists of 9,118 inventory units.

In 2016 the library stock increased by 124 volumes, of which 40 were received as gifts or in exchange. Of the 124 volumes, 40 are in foreign languages, primarily in English.

Exchanging and gifts are important sources for our collection. We consider it important to maintain good relations with libraries collecting books from similar sources. Of the exchange partners, there is outstanding cooperation with the libraries of the Max Planck Institute of Freiburg, the Pázmány Péter

Catholic University, the University of Miskolc and the National University of Public Services, Faculty of Policing Studies, but from this year an exchange relationship was formed with the Library of the Centre for Social Sciences of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

This year, a verbal agreement was reached with the Parliamentary Library, in which the library undertook that its specialists will provide continuous information on a specific field, and traditional and electronic information sources related to thematic topics on domestic and international online databases. Within the context of this service, the contents of current foreign curricula, selected by us, are sent electronically, which allows researchers to find out about the newly published literature.

At present, the library subscribes to the following international periodicals:

- The British Journal of Criminology
- European Journal of Criminology
- Kriminalistik
- Kriminologisches Journal
- Monatsschrift für Kriminologie und Strafrechtsreform

IV.

INTERNAL CONTINUOUS DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM OF THE INSTITUTE

The following presentations were delivered in the internal continuous development system of the Institute during the current year:

Date	Title of presentation	Presenter
24th February	Usury offenses in Hungary	Petronella Deres
23rd March	Life imprisonment	Ágnes Solt – Szilvia Antal
22nd June	International migration and security based on theory and practical experiences	Szilveszter Póczik
28th September	Risk assessment in the Criminal Justice System	Judit Szabó
26th October	Green Criminology	Ferenc Irk
30th November	Religion, values and criminal deviancy among juveniles	Eszter Sárík

V.

CONTACTS, POPULARISATION OF SCIENCE

1. Conferences in OKRI, 2016

1. 13th April
The experiences of the criminal procedures started from January 2006 concerning damaging nature of the „Natura 2000” areas
Organiser: OKRI
2. 20th April
Sexual Violence – Myth and Reality (the conference is held in english)
Organiser: OKRI

3. 25th May
Legal and public safety issues of sport hooliganism outside sports facilities
Organiser: OKRI
4. 17th November
Law application practice in cases of life imprisonment and conditional release
Organisers: Ministry of Justice & OKRI

VI. WEBSITE

As a result of rapidly evolving technology, it has become necessary to update and modernise the site of the Institute, which has now been operating for ten years. During the reporting period, the acquisition of the required additional software package was concluded, then in the first half of the year a staff member of the Department of Research Management, Documentation and International Relations uploaded the content of the website in Hungarian, then in English in the second half of the year, while also updating the data.

As a result of our upgrading works, our modern web interface is enabled for browsing with other data carriers (smartphones, tablets, laptops, etc.) beyond "traditional" (desktop, PC) applications.

The updated website comprehensively fulfils its information provision duty, as it did before, including

- reports published on wide-ranging operations at the Institute;
- information provided on an ongoing basis on current domestic and international events;
- each of our researchers has an individual personalised interface where they can update their particulars, post their studies, and disclose other information;
- our publications promoted in a special section;
- insights provided into the life of the Institute; news is supplemented with photos of memorable events;
- with key data we assist in producing more specific searches, as well as enhancing hits through international search engines;
- the English version of the homepage that assists foreigners in browsing;
- both in Hungary and internationally, in partnership with partner sites, there are more and more external links to the website of our Institute, therefore we also publish website access to many organisations and institutions in the "Useful links" section.

Following the updates, the renewed website is user-friendly, informative and its appearance is worthy of a European level research institute.