

ANNUAL REPORT

on the activities of OKRI (National Institute of Criminology) in 2012

I. UTILISATION OF RESEARCH RESULTS

A significant component of the work at the Institute is the utilisation of research results; considerable attention was devoted to it in this reporting period as well. The research output may be utilised by participating in the drafting of theories, and the presentation of research results in education - in the further training of junior prosecution staff and clerical workers and in universities and colleges as well as post-graduate courses. Our research results also assisted our involvement on request in the codification and statutory interpretation activities of the General Prosecutor's Office. The professional prestige of researchers enhanced the proficiency and awareness of magazines where they appeared as authors, editors or proofreaders as well as the scientific organisations in which they participated. Our researchers expressing their views in the media also played an important role in informing the public by presenting our results, approaches and opinions in broad circles in the course of the current year as well.

1. Presentations

In 2012, researchers of the Institute delivered a total of **116 presentations** at various conferences and professional forums. Out of these presentations, **32** were delivered **in a foreign language** and **18 abroad**. (Please note that presentations held in the framework of continuous and periodic courses of education are still not included in the aggregate number of presentations.)

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 **nine out of them at conferences held in foreign languages**.

2. Publications

In the current year, researchers published a total of **81 publications**, **26 of them in a foreign language**. **Seventeen** of the latter were published abroad. The number of publications increased steadily and continuously in the course of the past few years: in 2009, twice as many scientific works were published by us than two years before. This growth was not expected to be continued, particularly not without any quality impairment. As early as in 2010, fewer studies were published than the year before, and this tendency continued in 2011 as well. This is why it is fortunate that the number of publications did not decrease in the current year in spite of a considerable reduction in research staff; moreover, it exceeded the previous year's figure slightly.

This year, OKRI's researchers published *6 monographs* and *18 chapters in books*, and were authors of studies published in *23 scientific periodicals* and *3 conference publications*. In addition, *12 papers* were published in publications of the Institute, as well as *6 studies on the internet*; and our colleagues were asked *6 times* to *edit* various professional volumes. It is an increasingly characteristic phenomenon that some part of professional periodicals are not

published in a printed form: they are only available on the world wide web. It is therefore fortunate that the researchers of the Institute also exploit the flexible publication opportunities provided by the internet.

(Please note that publications listed by the staff of the Institute as *co-authors* or *co-editors* are listed as a *single publication*. In our standpoint, although a book or a study is produced by the joint work of several authors of the Institute, it can be taken into consideration as a single publication - volume / study - at the level of the Institute. It is also indicated that the *journalism* type writings by OKRI's researchers are not included in publications but as *press appearances*, as earlier.)

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

Seven research project proposals were submitted in the year of the report. Some of them were proposals applying for domestic research funding (National Scientific Research Fund - OTKA), or for various EU research programmes, submitted as consortium partners jointly with foreign partners.

1. A proposal was submitted to OTKA in cooperation with the Department of Criminology at Eötvös Loránd University, titled "*Football and crime – a study of the legal policy and social policy treatment of criminal behaviours related to football and cheering*". Although the qualities and utility of the proposal were recognised in the evaluation (the proposal was successful), the research plan was not granted support due to a lack of funds.
2. Similar was the outcome (or rather failure) of our proposal titled "*Re-integration into society: desistance from a criminal's life*".
3. Our proposal titled "*Crimes of corruption in criminal justice*", submitted jointly with Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Law, also to OTKA, was successfully admitted.
4. No decision has been made yet on the assessment of the EU proposal titled "*The Evolving Concept of Security: Mapping the Dynamics of Security in Europe*", submitted jointly with nine European participants.
5. The proposal submitted to OTKA jointly with Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Faculty of Law, titled "*Operation and potential consequences of corrective education (criminology, law enforcement)*" was not admitted.
6. The proposal submitted together with EU Member States under the title "*International Self-report Delinquency Study 3rd round*" was not granted support either this year.
7. Another failed proposal was the one titled "*Studies of aggressive strategies related to psychopathic operations of the personality*", submitted to OTKA jointly with Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Pedagogy and Psychology, and Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Faculty of Humanities.

4. Involvement in professional organisations

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

In 2012, staff members of the Institute were involved in the work of the following professional bodies:

- Institute of Applied Social Research, External Boundaries Fund *member*
- American Society of Criminology *member*
- Association Internationale de Droit pénal *member*
- Scientific Council of Internal Affairs *member*
- Börtönügyi Szemle (Penitentiary Review) *member of the editorial board*
- Scientific Council of Sentences *member*
- Criminal Review *member of the editorial board*
- COST A21 management committee *member*
- CPT *national liaison officer*
- EUCPN (EU Crime Prevention Network) *scientific contact point*
- European Migration Network *OKRI delegated membership*
- European Expert Network on Terrorism *member*
- European Forum for Restorative Justice *member*
- European Journal of Probation, Editorial Board *editorial board membership*
- European Society of Criminology *member*
- White Ring Public Benefit Association *member, member of the Bureau*
- Fényes Elek Social Statistics / Social Science Society *member*
- National Board Against Counterfeiting in Hungary *Head of working group against artifact counterfeiting*
- IARS (Independent Academic Research Studies) *member*
- International Society of Criminology *member*
- International Society of Criminology, Scientific Committee *committee member*
- Expert panel of school violence research *member*
- Iustum Aequum Salutare *co-chairman of the editorial board*
- Legal Certification Examination Board *ensor*
- Faculty Acta (Acta Facultatis Politico-Iuricae Univ. Sc. Budapestiensis) *member of the editorial board*
- General Prosecutor's Office, Trade Union Committee *member*
- Hungarian Accreditation Committee *expert on commission*
- Hungarian Alpbach Society *vice-president*
- Hungarian Autoclub, Legal and Interest Protection Committee *member*
- Hungarian Prison Service Society *founder and member of the Bureau, Head of Legal Department*
- Hungarian Association of Penal Law *member*
- Hungarian Association of Penal Law *member, founder and member of the Bureau*
- Hungarian Higher Education Accreditation Committee *member*
- Hungarian Association of Law and Political Sciences *founder member*
- Hungarian Association of Law and Political Sciences, *president*

Professional Section of Criminal Sciences	
• Hungarian Lawyers' Society, National Legal Professional Section of Sentences	<i>president</i>
• Association of Hungarian Lawyers for the European Criminal Law	<i>member, Secretary-General</i>
• Hungarian Military Law and Martial Law Society	<i>honorary chairman</i>
• Hungarian Society of Criminology	<i>member. founder member, deputy chairman, member of the Board</i>
• Hungarian Society of Criminology, Section of Restoration Justice	<i>deputy chairman</i>
• Hungarian Society of Criminology, Victimology Section	<i>member, president</i>
• Hungarian Psychological Association	<i>member</i>
• Hungarian Association of Police Science	<i>member</i>
• Hungarian Association of Police Science, Migration Section	<i>member of the Bureau</i>
• Hungarian Police Museum Friends' Circle Cultural Society	<i>member</i>
• Hungarian Sociological Association	<i>member</i>
• Hungarian Europe Society	<i>Supervisory Board member</i>
• Miskolc Legal Review Advisory Council	<i>member</i>
• Public Board of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences	<i>member</i>
• HAS SYLFF Society	<i>member</i>
• Hungarian Society for Urban Planning City Security Action Team	<i>member</i>
• University of National Public Service, Doctoral School	<i>core member</i>
• Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Doctoral School	<i>core member</i>
• Police Hungarian Public Security Foundation	<i>Supervisory Board member</i>
• Committee Reviewing Sports Events in Terms of Security	<i>representative of the General Prosecutor's Office</i>
• Ügyészek Lapja (Prosecutors' Journal)	<i>legal reviewer, member of the editorial board</i>
• Hungarian Association of Prosecutors	<i>member, founder member, chairman of Ethics Committee</i>

5. Education

An important part of research work is to pass on the knowledge acquired. With the Director's prior permission, the Institute's researchers continuously provided education throughout the reporting period.

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

- Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Law
- Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Law, Doctoral School
- Eötvös Loránd University, Masters Course in Criminology
- ESSCA Hungary
- Pázmány Péter Catholic University

- Károli Gáspár Reformed University, Faculty of Law
- Pécs University of Sciences, Faculty of Law
- Pécs University of Sciences, Doctoral School
- Szent István University
- Central European University
- Sapientia, Transylvanian Hungarian University (Cluj)
- Jesuit Roma College
- University of National Public Service, Faculty of Law Enforcement

György Vókó, Tünde Barabás and Ádám Mészáros also participated, upon request, in performing the educational duties of prosecutor training.

6. Media appearances

According to our records, researchers from the Institute featured as experts in printed and electronic media on a total of **194** *registered* occasions in 2012. (As regards media appearances, it should be emphasised this year as well that we are unable to give a comprehensive report on the statements made, interviews given by and other media appearances by OKRI researchers. Appearances are collected primarily by the researchers themselves.)

Out of these appearances: **43 cases** featured in the printed media,
 35 instances were on the radio,
 63 cases on a TV channel, and
 53 cases on the internet.

II. DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN RELATIONS

Indices of domestic and foreign relations include participation at conferences, presentations at various domestic and international conferences, education, and offices, and, membership of and appearances in a variety of organisations.

1. OKRI's domestic relations

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

Cooperation was the closest again with the General Prosecutor's Office and with the prosecution apparatus in general. This year, five work plan research projects were conducted on direct initiatives by the General Prosecutor's Office, and eight more documents were produced on request during the current year.

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

In 2012, researchers participated in domestic conferences, round table or professional discussions on 98 occasions where they delivered presentations on special request and, on a further 107 occasions, they participated in 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. Researchers get feedback by way of international relations; on the other hand, this helps evaluate OKRI's research activities as well, since invitations to participate in international projects, joint proposals, or opportunities offered for publications in high-ranking international periodicals all indicate that both the research activities and the professional results of OKRI are appreciated by the international scientific community.

OKRI's researchers delivered **presentations abroad on 18 occasions** at conferences, workshops or expert discussions. At the same time, a total of **32 occasions** involved presentations held in a **foreign language**. On two other occasions, participants took part in foreign conferences without delivering a presentation. Most conference participations were covered by researchers from their grants and other funds or were financed by the inviting party, but even the General State Prosecutor's Office provided funding for participation at conferences abroad on several occasions.

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 working well for decades, and the institute has received and is receiving several of OKRI's researchers with *grants*. In the reporting year, Ferenc Irk, Katalin Parti and György Virág were invited to perform research *work as guest researchers* and were offered opportunities for research as grant holders at the Max-Planck Institute.

The international reputation of the Institute can be established by *cross-border research projects* besides appearances at international conferences. In the year of reporting, the Institute participated in several international projects.

- The MEREPS programme – *Mediation and restorative practices in prison settings III.–* (I.T.III/A/11), an empirical investigation performed in the framework of an international consortium, was closed this year.
- The international project I titled “*How can peacemaking circles be implemented in countries governed by the principle of legality?*” (I.T.III/A/13) is in progress, managed by the Institute of Criminology of Tübingen University, and with the involvement of the Institute of Criminology of Leuven University, as well as our Institute and the Foresee Research Group from Hungary. (I.T.III/A/13). The programme is intended to establish a model and best practices for the peacemaking circles method, a new procedure in restorative justice and not really applied yet in Europe, with the involvement of Germany, Belgium, and Hungary.
- It was this year that the COST programme titled “*Offender Supervision in Europe*” (OS) (I.T.III/A/16.) was started, granted under COST no. IS1106 and running in 2012–2016. The researcher of our Institute takes part in the work of the team to examine the work of decision makers (judges, prosecutors), involving 9 European countries at present.
- The third round of the 2011–2013 ISRD research titled “*ISRD-3: International Investigation of Latent Deviations Based on Self-Assessment*” (E.5) – is in a preparatory phase. The research did not start with the involvement of 30 countries as originally planned because the EU funding applied for was not granted.
- We were involved in a victim protection research project by request of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights – “*Legal Thematic Study on Victim Support Services – Umbrella Organisations working at EU level*” – (E.1.), in cooperation with Brussels-based CEPS. In the framework of the research project on umbrella organisations of victim protection working at EU level, contacts were established with

general collection organisations of victim protection and with special organisations focused on certain victim groups or types of crime. We reviewed their capabilities for networking and coordination and their lobbying powers, intending to get a picture of the status of victim protection in the EU, as well as the state of implementation of EU legislation by Member States, and the results and quality thereof.

In the framework of international cooperation, the Institute was the venue of an important international conference. Between 17 and 19 October, EENet's (European Expert Network on Terrorism Issues) annual terrorism conference was held in Budapest by the EENet Administrative Office (Bundeskriminalamt) and OKRI.

III. LIBRARY INFORMATION

Our website makes our library's stock of publications and magazines publicly available with the help of our library database. Our Intranet Newsletter also provides information to colleagues about new developments at our library. Researchers are able to become familiar with an increasing number of online professional magazines due to the activities of our staff.

In the course of the current year, several partnering newsletters have been published in our Newsletter on an on-going basis (EFUS, CYBEX, Hungarian Society of Criminology, Central Office for Statistics); in addition, our researchers are informed of domestic and international events by programme offers, invitations, and announcements of publication opportunities.

At present, library stocks comprise **8,566 inventory units**.

In the current year – between December 2011 and 15 November 2012 – our library stock increased by **224 volumes**, 13 volumes of which were purchased in December last year. Of the 211 volumes procured this year, 134 were included in the collection as presents or by way of barter. Fifty-five of the 211 volumes procured by 15 November are foreign publications, mainly in English.

In 2012, 21 books were made available to researchers by inter-library lending.

The online catalogue subject heading system has been expanded and library records are entered on an on-going basis. At present, the library subscribes to the following periodicals:

Állam- és Jogtudomány (Political Science and Jurisprudence)	Magyar Tudomány (Hungarian Science)
Belügyi Szemle (Review of Internal Affairs)	Pszichológia (Psychology)
Bírósági Határozatok (Court Decisions)	Szociológiai Szemle (Sociology Digest)
Börtönügyi Szemle (Penitentiary Review)	Ügyészségi Közlöny (Prosecution Gazette)
Fundamentum (Fundament)	Ügyészek Lapja (Prosecutors' Journal)
Jogesetek Magyarázata (Legal Case Explanations)	The British Journal of Criminology
Jogtudományi Közlöny (Jurisprudence Gazette)	European Journal of Criminology
Magyar Jog (Hungarian Law)	Kriminalistik (Criminalistic)
Magyar Közlöny (Hungarian Gazette)	Kriminologisches Journal
Magyar Pszichológiai Szemle (Hungarian Psychology Digest)	Monatschrift für Kriminologie und Strafrechtsreform

During the year, the library was visited by 60 external students on a total of 157 occasions.

There is an ongoing relationship of mutual assistance between the Libraries of the General Prosecutor's Office, the Metropolitan District Prosecutor's Office, the Institute for Criminal Expertise and Research, and the University of National Public Service.

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	Theme	Presenter/s
15th January	<i>The possibilities of mediation in prisons based on the results of MEREPS research</i>	Tünde Barabás, Szandra Windt
1st February	<i>The trial of István Bibó and associates under the system of Kádarian retribution</i>	Tibor Zinner
29th February	<i>Desistance and the prevention of recidivism: tertiary prevention in Hungarian penal institutions</i>	Judit Szabó
28th March	<i>Child Friendly Justice in Hungary</i>	Szilvia Gyurkó
25th April	<i>The other face of Budapest – The situation of violent crime in the night clubs</i>	László Tibor Nagy
30 May	<i>Drug economics</i>	Ildikó Ritter
13th June	<i>Hungary versus Strasbourg</i>	Petra Bárd
5th September	<i>Expert Interpretation of Haunting Political Crimes</i>	Tibor Zinner
26th September	<i>Industrial disasters criminality</i>	Szilveszter Dunavölgyi, Katalin Tilki
17th October	<i>The tripartite model of corruption</i>	Endre Béla Huff
7th November	<i>From the birth of the first Hungarian military procedure to the termination of military prosecution</i>	Tamás Kovács
14th November	<i>Extremist political violence in Western and Eastern Europe in comparison</i>	Szilveszter Póczik
28th November	<i>The Criminological Examination of the Aggressive Behavior of Children and Youngsters</i>	Orsolya Bolyky, Eszter Sárík
12th December	<i>The prevention of torture and other inhuman treatment</i>	György Vókó

V. PUBLICATIONS BY THE INSTITUTE

1. Volumes by the Institute

During the reporting period, the Institute published/edited four volumes:

- 1. Kriminológiai Tanulmányok 49. (Criminology Studies 49.)** (Ed.: György Vókó) OKRI, Budapest, 2012
- 2. Responsibility-taking, Relationship-building and Restoration in Prisons'** (Ed.: Tünde Barabás, Borbála Fellegi, Szandra Windt) OKRI-PT Workshop, Budapest, 2012

3. **Tanulmányok Irk Ferenc professzor 70. születésnapja tiszteletére (Studies in Honour of the 70th Birthday of Professor Ferenc Irk)**
(Ed.: Tünde Barabás) OKRI, Budapest, 2012
4. **OKRI Szemle (OKRI Review) 2011/1.** (Ed.: György Virág) OKRI, Budapest, 2012
(*After last year's electronic publication of the OKRI Review, the printed volume was also published this year.*)

Both institutional and other notable publications are presented in detail at our homepage.

2. Newsletter of the Institute

Our Intranet Newsletter provides ongoing information to colleagues on current institutional programmes and library developments ;in addition, attention may be brought to several online periodicals as a result of the individual activities of our researchers.

In addition to Hungarian information, we regularly published news from three 'external' newsletters this year: from the Hungarian publications, from items of interest published in the newsletter of the Hungarian Criminology Society, while from international publications, in the "Criminology Criminal Justice Newsletter" (ed.: Professor Hans-Juergen Kerner) of the University of Tübingen; and in the newsletter of the European Forum for Urban Safety (EFUS) were shared with fellow researchers.

VI. Contacts, popularisation of science

1. Press conferences

- 1.) **Criminalexpo 2012** (*Hungarian Association of Prosecutors – Mária Misi; General Prosecutor's Office – Géza Fazekas; OKRI – György Virág*)
3 November 2012 – National Institute of Criminology
- 2.) **Results of the research project titled "Safety issues of youth entertainment"**
(*László Tibor Nagy, Eszter Sárk*)
18 December 2012 – National Institute of Criminology

2. Conference

- 1.) **"How can we implement the conflict management system of peacemaking circles in jurisdiction systems governed by the principle of legality?"**
Two-day international conference
29-30 March 2012 – National Institute of Criminology
- 2.) **Selections from the scientific life of OKRI**
3 October 2012 – National Institute of Criminology
- 3.) **EENeT CONFERENCE**
17–19 October 2012 – National Institute of Criminology / EENet-Administrative Office (Bundeskriminalamt)

4.) **Professional and Scientific Prosecution Conference**

25-26 October 2012 – Balatonlelle Continuous Development Centre of the General Prosecutor's Office

Senior associate Ádám Mészáros took part as a presenter at the professional and scientific conference held at Balatonlelle.

5.) **KRIMINÁLEXPO IT-SEC 2012 19th international conference and exhibition of security, crime prevention, criminal investigation, justice, disaster management and information technology**

Science to serve Justice – Research by the National Institute of Criminology in the fields of security and IT

20 November 2012 – General Prosecutor's Office/Hungarian Association of Prosecutors/National

Institute of Criminology/Hungarian Telecom's Tölös Conference Centre

3. Other Events

In addition to the focus group discussions aligned with the framework of the Institute's research activities, OKRI hosted a number of important professional events during the reporting period:

- Visits to the Institute were organised on two occasions to promote the operations of our Institute;
- In the framework of the research project titled *Cyberbullying – Survey of the volume of online harassment at schools* – teacher and peer mentor trainings were held on two occasions;
- Our Institute served as the venue of a discussion with members of a Norwegian crisis centre dealing with crime victims and on a study trip to Budapest;
- arrangements were continued to be made for discussions by the Hungarian Society of Criminology and the Hungarian Association of Prosecutors.

VII. HOMEPAGE

Our website is updated continuously. The administration interface is managed by the staff of the Department of Research Organisation, Documentation and International Relations. Our state-of-the-art web interface, updated on a weekly basis, is currently available to all viewers. Here:

- reports are published on wide-ranging operations at the Institute (Research, Work Plans, Reports);
- information is provided on an ongoing basis on current domestic and international programmes (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 are promoted in a separate section recommending literature (Book recommendations);
- insights are provided into the life of the Institute; news is supplemented by photos of memorable events (Current issues at the Institute, Gallery);
- parties interested are assisted by software and other solutions (Publications, Library software), as well as by key data to enhance hits by international search engines (Google, Yahoo, MSNBot etc.);

- the English version of the homepage assists foreigners in browsing;
- in cooperation with an increasing number of partnering pages, many external links point to the homepage of our Institute (e.g. www.mklu.hu; www.police.hu; www.bvop.hu; www.bunmegelozes.hu; www.cepol.europa.eu; www.kozlekedesbiztonsag.lap.hu; www.rendor.lap.hu; www.kriminologia.hu; www.kriminalexpo.hu etc.);
- our annual publication titled Criminology Studies is fully available at our homepage, in an electronic version as well.
- our repertory was extended from 2012 by the category of “E-books”: thus, visitors can read unabridged earlier publications by our researchers in an electronic format (see e.g. <http://www.okri.hu/content/view/265>).

According to the positive feedback, our homepage is informative and can be properly used; statistical data indicate frequent visits, increasing in numbers year by year.