

# ANNUAL REPORT

## on the activities of the National Institute of Criminology (OKRI) in 2013

### 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 2013, researchers of the Institute delivered a total of **133 presentations** at various conferences and professional forums. Out of these presentations, **38** were delivered **in a foreign language** and **25** abroad.

Requests **to chair sessions** also indicate professional recognition and presume professional skills. In the year of the report, researchers of the Institutes were requested to chair sessions on **9 occasions**, with **seven out of them at conferences held in foreign languages**.

#### 2. Publications

In the current year, researchers published a total of **99 publications, twenty 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. It was fortunate that the number of publications did not decrease in 2012 in spite of a considerable reduction of research staff; moreover, it exceeded the previous year's figure slightly. This year the rising trend continued, as the researchers of the institute increased their publications by 22% over the preceding year, primarily as a result of an increase in the number of publications released in Hungary (64) and online (18).

This year, OKRI's researchers published **9 monographs** (books, notes) and **14 chapters in books**, and were authors of studies published in **27 scientific periodicals** and **7 conference publications**. In addition, **12 papers** were published in publications of the Institute, as well as **18 studies on the internet**; and our colleagues were asked **4 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 ifortunate that researchers of the Institute also exploit the flexible publication opportunities provided by the internet.

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

**4 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.	Year of submission: The project: Title and topic: Cooperating partners:	2012 EU FP7 Coordination and Support Action SEC-2013.6.3-2 <i>The Evolving Concept of Security: Mapping the Dynamics of Security in Europe</i> University of Leeds (Coordinator); European Forum for Urban Security; University of Versailles; University of Tampere; University of Gothenburg; University of York; Ghent University; University of Maribor; Autonomous University of Madrid; Technische Universität Dortmund
2.	Year of submission: The project: Title and topic:  Cooperating partners:	2013 OTKA 109467 <i>Drug abuse and anti-social conduct of juveniles in a self-regulatory framework: review of emotion control capabilities and self-control functions</i> Eötvös Loránd University, Institute of Psychology
3.	Year of submission: The project: Title and topic:  Cooperating partners:	2013 OTKA 109593 <i>Maladaptive personality features among inmates</i> Eötvös Loránd University, Institute of Psychology
4.	Year of submission: The project:  Title and topic:  Cooperating partners:	2013 PMC Project, JUST/2010/JPEN/AG/1609 30-CE-0429369/0090 <i>“How to implement the peacemaking circle model in the countries operating on the basis of the principle of legality?”</i> Institute of Criminology of the University of Tübingen, Institute of Criminology of the Catholic University of Leuven, National Institute of Criminology, Foresee Research Group

Of the four submitted projects, only the fourth, PMC project was successful.

#### 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 *president of the Board of Trustees*
- American Society of Criminology *member*
- Balkan Criminology Network *national representative*
- Börtönügyi Szemle (Penitentiary Review) *member of the editorial board*
- Criminal Review *member of the editorial board*
- CEU Ethics Committee *member*
- Eötvös Károly Public Policy Institution *member of the Board of Trustees*
- ESZTER Non-profit Foundation *member of the Board of Trustees, manager*
- EU COST A21 programme: Management Committee *member*
- EUCPN (EU Crime Prevention Network) *scientific contact point, deputy national representative*
- European Migration Network *delegated member of OKRI*
- European Expert Network on Terrorism *member*
- European Journal of Probation, Editorial Board *member of the editorial board*
- European Society of Criminology *member*
- European Society of Criminology codification team *member*
- White Ring Victim Protection Public Benefit Association *member, member of the Bureau*
- Fényes Elek Society *member*
- National Board Against Counterfeiting in Hungary - working group against artifact counterfeiting *group leader*
- Hungarian Yearbook of International and European Law *language editor*
- International Society of Criminology *member*
- Expert panel of school violence research *member*
- Iustum Aequum Salutare academic journal *co-chairman of the editorial board*
- Joegesetek Magyarázata (Legal Case Explanations) *language editor*
- 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 Prison Service Society *founder and member of the Bureau, Head of Legal Department chairman of Ethics Committee*
- Hungarian Association of Penal Law *founder and member of the Bureau,*
- Hungarian Higher Education Accreditation Committee *member, invited expert*

- Hungarian Association of Law and Political Sciences *founder member*
- Hungarian Association of Law and Political Sciences, Professional Section of Criminal Sciences *president*
- Hungarian Lawyers' Society, National Legal Professional Section of Sentences *president*
- Association of Hungarian Lawyers for the European Criminal Law *member, Secretary-General*
- Hungarian Military Law and Martial Law Society *honorary chairman*
- Hungarian Society of Criminology *member, founding member, deputy chairperson, member of the Board of Directors*
- Hungarian Society of Criminology, Section of Restoration Justice *member of the Bureau*
- Hungarian Society of Criminology, Victimology Section *member, president*
- Hungarian Psychological Association *member*
- Hungarian Psychological Association Justice and Criminal Psychology Section *member of the presidium*
- Hungarian Association of Police Science, Migration Section *member of the Bureau*
- Hungarian Police Museum Friends' Circle Cultural Society *member*
- Hungarian Sociological Association *member*
- Hungarian Europe Society *member of the Supervisory Board*
- Miskolc Legal Review Advisory Council *member*
- HAS Bolyai Society *member*
- Public Board of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences *member*
- SLYFF Society of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences *member*
- Police Hungarian Public Security Foundation *member of the Supervisory Board*
- Policing & Society – Advisory Board *member*
- South-Korean Society of Criminology in America Association *member*
- Committee Reviewing Sports Events in Terms of Security *representative of the General Prosecutor's Office*
- Ügyészek Lapja (Prosecutors' Journal) *member of the editorial board, chief editor, language editor*
- Hungarian Association of Prosecutors *member, founder member, chairman of Ethics Committee*

## 5. Education

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, Faculty of Law
- 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)
- Babes-Bolyai University, Faculty of Law (Cluj)
- Jesuit Roma College
- University of National Public Service, Faculty of Law Enforcement

The researchers of the Institute took an active part in the **training activities of the prosecution** too. Our members of staff delivered nine lectures in the training of prosecution clerks, MÜK further training, a professional forum and within the framework of preparations for special exams.

## 6. Media appearances

According to our records, researchers of the Institute featured as experts in printed and electronic media on a total of **172 registered** occasions in 2013.

Out of these, appearances, **31 instances** were in the printed media,

**35 instances** were on the radio,

**40 instances** were on television channels, and

**66 instances** were 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 six 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 25 occasions** at conferences, workshops or expert discussions. At the same time, a total of **38 occasions** involved presentations held in a **foreign language**. On 10 other occasions, participants took part at 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 oldest and best operating connections is with the *Max-Planck Institute* in Freiburg, with properly operating regular experience and information exchange for decades, including arrangements for joint conferences. In addition, MPI has received OKRI researchers as *grant holders* in many cases. In the reporting year, Ferenc Irk was invited to perform research *work as guest researchers* and were offered opportunities for research as grant holders at the Max-Planck Institute. The Max Planck Institute (MPI) and the National Institute of Criminology (OKRI) jointly organised an expert workshop in the joint research "*Repetated sexual crime prevention measures in the justice system*" under the title of "*Developing sexual offender laws and treatment in Europe*" in May, in Freiburg, Germany. The event was sponsored partly by the Max Planck Gesellschaft, and partly by the Fritz Thyssen Stiftung. The workshop was attended by 24 experts (lawyers, psychologists, socio-therapists, mediators and researchers) from Germany, England, Scotland, Ireland, France, Holland, Belgium, Denmark, Czech Republic, Poland, Croatia, Bulgaria, Russia and Hungary. The participants presented the repetitive sexual crime prevention measures, the available legal, psychological and medical aid and the practices of their respective countries in the latter field. OKRI was presented by *György Virág* and *Katalin Parti*, who actively participated in the organisation, as well as by *Judit Szabó*. In March, *György Virág* and *Katalin Parti* spent a week in Beijing upon the invitation of the management of the Beijing Normal University where they not only delivered lectures, but also concluded a cooperation agreement between the Institute and the University. The members of staff of the Institute were also intensively involved in the activities of the conference of the European Society of Criminology, held in Budapest.

### 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.

At present, library stocks comprise **8,723 inventory units**.

Between January 2013 and 15 November 2013, the library stock increased by 150 volumes, of which 39 were received as gifts or in exchange. Nearly one third of the 150 volumes (44) are in foreign languages, primarily in English.

As exchange and gifts are important ways in increasing the collection, it is 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.

In 2013, the number of books lent to other libraries increased, whereby 50 volumes were made available to researchers through inter-library lending.

As the KisTéka integrated library system will not be further developed by Monguz Kft., the much more advanced HunTéka library system was acquired. The Office of General Prosecution provides a separate server for the library for the new system and a new contract was signed with Monguz Kft. this year, pursuant to which a more advanced lending categorisation and OPAC module will support library processes and effective retrieval of books.

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)
- Belügyi Szemle (Review of Internal Affairs)
- Kúriai Döntések (Curia Decisions)
- Börtönügyi Szemle (Penitentiary Review)
- Magyar Pszichológiai Szemle (Hungarian Psychology Digest)
- Magyar Tudomány (Hungarian Science)
- Pszichológia (Psychology)
- Szociológiai Szemle (Sociology Digest)
- Fundamentum (Fundament)
- Magyar Jog (Hungarian Law)
- Jogtudományi Közlöny (Jurisprudence Gazette)
- Ügyészek Lapja (Prosecutors' Journal)
- Ügyészségi Közlöny (Prosecution Gazette)
- Magyar Közlöny (Hungarian Gazette)
- The British Journal of Criminology

European Journal of Criminology  
 Kriminalistik  
 Kriminologisches Journal  
 Monatsschrift für Kriminologie und Strafrechtsreform

During the year, the library was visited by 59 external students on a total of 170 occasions.

There is a on-going relationship of mutual assistance between the Libraries of the General Prosecutor's Office, the Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights, 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:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Presenter/s</b>
30th January	<i>Preventing corruption and its potential connections to other elements of financial sector</i>	Gábor Kovács
13th February	<i>The functioning of Eurojust</i>	László Venczl
20th March	<i>Characteristics of the common law criminal procedure and its institutional design as compared to Continental legal systems</i>	Károly Bárd
24th April	<i>Theoretical and practical issues of the safety of sports events</i>	László Tibor Nagy
30th April	<i>Characteristics of various criminal procedural systems and their efficiency</i>	Zsanett Fantoly
29th May	<i>Zionism Standing for Trial</i>	Tibor Zinner
3rd June	<i>The basic institutes of the English criminal procedure</i>	Csongor Herke
5th June	<i>Cyberbullying at school – first results of an empirical study</i>	Katalin Parti – György Virág
25th September	<i>Rules of criminal liability in the new Hungarian Criminal Code</i>	Ádám Mészáros
15th October	<i>23<sup>rd</sup> October, 1956</i>	Tibor Zinnerf
27th November	<i>The possibility of implementation of PMC method in Hungary</i>	Tünde Barabás – Szandra Windt
4th December	<i>A complex approach to combating counterfeiting of works of art</i>	Gabriella Kármán

## V. PUBLICATIONS BY THE INSTITUTE

### 1. Volumes by the Institute

During the reporting period, **three volumes** were published **by / under the editorship of the Institute:**

1. **Criminology Studies 50 Jubilee volume**  
(Ed.: György Vókó) OKRI, Budapest, 2013
2. **Norm violation and compliance: Assessment of young boys in terms of criminology** (Ed.: Klára Kerezsi), OKRI–ELTE ÁJK, Budapest, 2013

The following volume was published on the website of the Institute as secondary publication:

3. **International migration - International risks**  
(Ed.: Szilveszter Póczik–Szilveszter Dunavölgyi) OKRI, Budapest, 2013  
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. Conference

- 1.) **Money laundering in practice**  
Two-day international conference  
5 November 2013 – National Institute of Criminology
- 2.) **Detection and proof of drugs supply crimes in Hungary**  
9 May 2013 – auditorium of the General Prosecutor’s Office
- 3.) **“The Face Behind the Hate” – international conference and workshop**  
14–15 May 2013 – National Institute of Criminology

#### 4.) **Young criminal lawyers about the new Criminal Code**

1 July 2013 – National Institute of Criminology

#### 5.) **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of European Society of Criminology**

4-7 September 2013 – ELTE, Budapest

## **2. Other Events**

In addition to round table and focus group discussions in line with the research activities of the Institute, OKRI served as the venue for several important professional events in the reporting period and also hosted meetings of the Hungarian Society of Criminology and other organisations requesting a venue.

## **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](http://www.mklu.hu); [www.police.hu](http://www.police.hu); [www.bvop.hu](http://www.bvop.hu); [www.bunmegelozes.hu](http://www.bunmegelozes.hu); [www.cepol.europa.eu](http://www.cepol.europa.eu); [www.kozlekedesbiztonsag.lap.hu](http://www.kozlekedesbiztonsag.lap.hu); [www.rendor.lap.hu](http://www.rendor.lap.hu); [www.kriminologia.hu](http://www.kriminologia.hu); [www.kriminalexpo.hu](http://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 previous publications by our researchers in an electronic format

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.