

# REPORT

## on the activities of the National Institute of Criminology (OKRI) in 2014

### I. UTILISATION OF RESEARCH RESULTS

A significant element of the work conducted in the Institution is to utilise research findings, which we focused on in the reporting period as well. These research findings are utilised in establishing theories, and in the training materials of framers and secretaries, in university and college coursework and in postgraduate coursework. Our research findings also helped our participation in the codification and legal interpretation activities requested by the General Prosecutor's Office. The professional prestige of the researchers increased as authors, editors and reviewers in journals, and it also improved the professional preparedness and reputation of the scientific organisations. With the interviews given to various media, our researchers communicated our findings, approach and opinion, and played an important part in informing the general public.

#### 1. Presentations

The researchers of the Institute delivered **125 lectures** at various conferences and professional forums in 2014. Of those lectures, **33 were presented in a foreign language and 24 were abroad.**

In recognition of our professional qualities, our members have been asked to organise **conference sections**. In the reporting year, researchers of the institute were requested to organise sections **15 times, three of them at conferences in foreign languages.**

#### 2. Publications

In the year under review, researchers published a total of **143 publications, 20 of these in a foreign language. Of those 20, 14** were published abroad. The tendency to increase the number of publications continued this year: researchers of the institute published 44% more scientific communications than the year before, mostly due to an increase in domestic (83) and online (46) publications.

This year OKRI researchers have published **4 monographs** (books, notes), **24 book chapters**, and also published in **38 journals** and **8 conference publications**. In addition, **38 essays** were published in two publications of the Institute (*Kriminológiai Tanulmányok* and *Pusztai emlékkötet*) and in **20 other sources** (*abstract, billboard, websites other than the home page of the institution, etc.*), and our staff members have been asked to act as *editors* of **11** various professional volumes. It is becoming a trend that some of the journals are not published in printed format but only electronically. It is, therefore, fortunate that the researchers of the institute take advantage of the flexible publication opportunities offered by the Internet.

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

We submitted **5 research proposals** in the reporting year. Some of those targeted Hungarian research funds, some others were submitted as a consortium member with foreign partners to various EU research programmes.

1.	Date of submission: Title and topic: Cooperating partners:	2014 <i>Conflicts of social distance: criminal conflicts of the Roma–non-Roma coexistence</i> OKRI; PTE; BCE
2.	Date of submission: Designation of the proposal: Title and topic: Cooperating partners:	2014 OTKA K 112741 <i>Szerhasználat és antiszociális viselkedés önszabályozási keretben: az érzelemszabályozási képességek és az önkontrollfunkciók vizsgálata</i> Eötvös Loránd University Institute of Psychology
3.	Date of submission: Designation of the proposal: Title and topic: Cooperating partners:	2014 Seventh Framework Programme, ERC Grant Agreement No. 284316 <i>The Role of National Constitutions in European and Global Governance (ConstEurGlobGov)</i> , objective: writing and editing a book Kent University; from Hungary: MTA
4.	Date of submission: Designation of the proposal: Title and topic: Cooperating partners:	2014 Horizont 2020 <i>A bűnözéstől való félelem</i> 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)
5.	Date of submission: Designation of the proposal: Title and topic:	2014 Bolyai Ösztöndíj <i>A közösségi rendészet összetevői és a magyar modell hatása a rendőrkapitányságok munkájára és a lakosság szubjektív biztonságérzetére</i>

Of the five proposals submitted, the third won, no information is available on the fourth, and the rest did not win.

### 4. Involvement in professional organisations

The professional recognition of the researchers of the Institute is indicated by calls for participation in the work of various professional organisations and bodies and the effective cooperation therein. The majority of researchers are members and/or officers of Hungarian or international organisations with profiles related to the their research topics.

**Staff members of the Institute participated in the work of the following professional bodies in 2014:**

- Editorial board of the journal *Acta Caroliensia Conventorum Scientiarum Iuridico-Politicarum (Glossa Iuridica)* *member*
- Alkalmazott Társadalmi Kutatások Intézete KHA (Institute of Applied Social Research, External Boundaries Fund) *chair of the board of trustees*
- American Society of Criminology *member*
- International coordinating mechanism against trafficking *OKRI representative*
- Balkan Criminology Network *national representative*
- *Börtönügyi Szemle* (Penitentiary Review) *member of the editorial board*
- *Bűnügyi Szemle* (Criminal Review) *member of the editorial board*
- Ethics Committee of CEU *member*
- Eötvös Károly Public Policy Institute *member of the board of trustees*
- ESZTER Non-profit Foundation *member of the board of trustees, leader*
- EUCPN (EU Crime Prevention Network) *deputy national representative*
- European Migration Network *a member delegated by OKRI*
- European Expert Network on Terrorism *member*
- *European Journal of Probation* *member of the editorial board*
- European Society of Criminology *member*
- Codification working group of the European Society of Criminology *member*
- Fehér Gyűrű Áldozatvédelmi Közhasznú Egyesület (White Ring Victim Protection Public Benefit Association) *member, board member*
- Fényes Elek Social Statistics / Social Science Society *member*
- Hamisítás Elleni Nemzeti Testület – Anti-counterfeiting working group *group leader*
- Independent Academic Research Studies *member*
- International Bullying Prevention Association *member*
- International Society of Criminology *member*
- *Iustum Aequum Salutare* *co-chair of the editorial board*
- *Kari Acta* (Acta Facultatis Politico-Iuridicae Univ. Sc. Budapestiensis) *member of the editorial board*
- KRE ÁJK – Magyar Bűnüldözők Szakmai Egyesülete *contact person*
- KRE ÁJK Tudományos Diákköri Tanács *member*
- General Prosecutor’s Office, Trade Union Committee *member*
- Hungarian Prison Service Society *founder and board member, chair of the Ethics Committee*
- Hungarian Association of Penal Law *member, founder and board member*
- Hungarian Higher Education Accreditation Committee *member, invited expert*
- Hungarian Association of Law and Political Sciences *founding member, member of the supervisory board*
- Hungarian Association of Law and Political Sciences, Professional Section of Criminal Sciences *chair*
- Magyar Jogászegylet Büntetés-végrehajtási Jogi Országos Szakosztály *chair*
- Association of Hungarian Lawyers for European Criminal Law *member, secretary general*

- Hungarian Military Law and Martial Law Society *honorary chair*
- Hungarian Society of Criminology *member, founding member, deputy chair, member of the Steering Committee*
- Hungarian Criminology Society, Restorative Justice Section *member of the board*
- Hungarian Society of Criminology, Victimology Section *member, chair*
- Hungarian Psychological Association *member*
- Hungarian Psychological Association, Justice and Criminal Psychology Section *member of the management*
- Hungarian Association of Police Science *member*
- Hungarian Association of Police Science, Migration Section *member of the board*
- Hungarian Sociological Association *member*
- Hungarian Europe Society *member of the supervisory board*
- Miskolc Legal Review Advisory Council *member*
- Hungarian Academy of Science 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*
- Advisory board of *Pro Futuro* magazine *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, editor-in-chief, deputy editor-in-chief*
- Association of Hungarian Prosecutors *member, founding member, chair of the Ethics Committee*

## 5. Education

OKRI researchers teach at the following **institutions of higher education** on a regular basis:

- Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Law Criminological Department
- Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Law, Doctoral School
- Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Law Criminology Master Class
- CEU
- Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Faculty of Law
- Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Deák Ferenc Institute
- Károli Gáspár Reformed University, Faculty of Law
- Károli Gáspár Reformed University, Bölcsészettudományi Kar
- Nyugat-magyarországi Egyetem Bölcsészettudományi Kar
- University of Debrecen, Marton Géza Doctoral School
- Pécs University of Sciences, Doctoral School
- University of National Public Service, Faculty of Law Enforcement
- University of National Public Service Correctional Department
- Miskolc Police College

Researchers of the Institute have also taken an active part in the **training activities of the public prosecutor**. We have delivered lectures eight times as part of the training for the prosecutor's framers, MÜK advanced training and professional forums.

## 6. Media appearances

Our records indicate that researchers of the Institute were registered as experts **187** times in the print and electronic media in 2014.

Of these: **22 times** in the printed press,  
**34 times** on the radio,  
**59 times** on one of the television channels, and  
**72 times** in web-based media programmes.

## II. DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN RELATIONS

Professional contacts in Hungary and abroad are illustrated by attending various conferences, presenting at Hungarian and international conferences, teaching, offices and memberships held in various organisations and participation.

### 1. OKRI's domestic relations

The Hungarian relations of the Institute were similar to those in previous years in general. Through direct working relationship with outside professional participants, application of the target group-based qualitative research method continued to foster our professional relationships in the reporting year.

Our institute concluded a professional cooperation agreement with the Institute for Legal Studies of the Centre for Social Sciences of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. As part of that cooperation, we have organised and held three scientific sessions this year.

We continue to cooperate the most closely with the General Prosecutor's Office and with the prosecutor apparatus in general. This year we have conducted five working plan research projects based on direct initiatives of the General Prosecutor's Office, and prepared two additional working material at the request of the General Prosecutor's Office received in mid-year, plus we conducted six research projects at the initiative of the county offices of the Prosecutor General.

Our researchers traditionally participate in the work of academic institutions and many of them hold university titles.

In 2014 our researchers attended conferences, roundtable or professional discussions **101 times** where they **delivered lectures** upon request, and they attended Hungarian and foreign conferences **204 times without delivering lectures**.

### 2. OKRI's international relations

International relations play an important role in the life of research institutes. Researchers receive feedback on their work via international contacts and these also help assessing OKRI's research activity as invitations to international projects, joint proposals, and publication opportunities in

prestigious international journals all indicate that the international scientific community appreciates OKRI's research activity and professional achievements.

OKRI researchers delivered **24 lectures abroad** at conferences, workshops and expert meetings. They delivered lectures **in foreign languages 33 times**. They attended 7 international conferences without delivering lectures. The finances of most of the conferences were covered from tender money or other resources, or were financed by the inviting party, but the General Prosecutor's Office also provided funding for participation at foreign conferences a number of times.

The Institute is a research site with traditionally good international relations. One of the oldest and best operating relationship is with the *Max Planck Institute* of Freiburg, with decades old experience sharing and information exchange, joint organisation of conferences, and MPI providing *research grants* to a number of OKRI researchers on their campus. In the reporting year, *Ferenc Irk* was invited by the Max Planck Institute as a *research fellow*.

*Katalin Parti* won the Fulbright research scholarship and spent one year at the Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Centre in Boston, USA. As a result of that professional relationship, Meghan McCoy, an instructor at Boston University, delivered a lecture at the Institute on the preventive programmes against school bullying currently in progress in the State of Massachusetts.

Tünde Barabás delivered a report speech to the members of the prosecutor delegation from Mongolia at the General Prosecutor's Office.

Three of our researchers (Petra Bárd, Judit Szabó and György Virág) summarised OKRI's research activities and Hungarian criminology to Norwegian criminology students visiting the Institute.

In November, we organised a conference and workshop entitled "Potentials in Peacemaking" with attendees from eleven countries.

### **III. LIBRARY INFORMATION**

The library currently has 8853 inventory units.

Between January and 24 November 2014, the library collection expanded with 130 new volumes, 44 of which were gifts or arrived by exchange. 18 of the 130 volumes were foreign, mostly English language publications.

Beginning this year, a computer installed in the library can be used to access *Hatályos Magyar Jogszabályok*, an electronic collection of over 350 Hungarian laws currently in effect, the operative part of over 120 decisions by the Hungarian Supreme Court, over 100 statements of the Supreme Court, brief summaries of over 120 decisions of the Competition Council in three languages, and international accords in English.

As the collection is mostly enriched via exchange and gifts, maintaining good relations with libraries with similar collections is very important. Cooperation with Max Planck Institute, Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Miskolc University, the Curia and the Library of the Law Enforcement Faculty of the National University of Public Service is exceptionally smooth.

In 2014 close to 40 volumes became available to researchers through interlibrary loans.

In January, bibliographical records were converted from the KisTéka system to the integrated library system of HunTéka. As a result of this process, we were able to standardise our system of subject words to simplify searches in the catalogue. However, a few records were damaged during the conversion and these will be repaired during this year. Any errors found in the meantime are corrected on a continuous basis.

The library currently subscribes to the following periodicals:

Állam- és Jogtudomány (Political      Magyar Pszichológiai Szemle (Hungarian Psychology

Belügyi Szemle (Review of	Magyar Tudomány (Hungarian Science)
Kúriai Döntések (Curia Decisions)	Pszichológia (Psychology)
<i>Börtönügyi Szemle</i> (Penitentiary	Joegesetek Magyarázata (Legal Case Explanations)
<i>Fundamentum</i>	<i>The British Journal of Criminology</i>
Magyar Jog (Hungarian Law)	<i>European Journal of Criminology</i>
Jogtudományi Közlöny	Kriminalistik (Criminalistic)
Ügyészek Lapja (Prosecutors'	<i>Kriminologisches Journal</i>
Ügyészségi Közlöny (Prosecution	<i>Monatsschrift für Kriminologie und Strafrechtsreform</i>
Magyar Közlöny (Hungarian	

The library was visited by 75 outside researchers during the year. Students from abroad, from the Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra, Slovakia, were also among the visitors.

We still have a mutual assistance network in place with the General Prosecutor's Office of the Prosecutor General of Hungary, the Office of the Prosecutor General of Budapest, the Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights, the Curia and the library of the Law Enforcement Faculty of the National University of 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>
28th January	<i>Fundamental concepts the theory of forensic sciences</i>	Csaba Fenyvesi
26th February	<i>Cultural mediation</i>	Anna Kiss
5th March	<i>About the new Hungarian Civil Code 1.</i>	Zoltán Bércesi
19th March	<i>About the new Hungarian Civil Code 2.</i>	Zsuzsanna Goldea
16th April	<i>The experiences of the new sport regulation in the practice in Hungary 2010–2014</i>	László Tibor Nagy
28th May	<i>The System of Assets of Taking Steps against the Plots Harming the Environment</i>	Katalin Tilki
4th June	<i>Conflicts of social distance: criminological aspects of the Roma - non-Roma coexistence</i>	Klára Kerezsi
25th June	Old and new issues concerning the fourth Criminal Code of Hungary: <i>I. Fundamental questions of criminal liability</i>	
15th September	<i>Anti-Bullying Intervention Programs in Massachusetts</i>	Meghan McCoy
16th September	Old and new issues concerning the fourth Criminal Code of Hungary: <i>II. Fundamental questions of the criminal sanction system</i>	
15th October	<i>Study on homicide committed against more than one person</i>	Orsolya Bolyky – László Tibor Nagy
26th November	Old and new issues concerning the fourth Criminal Code of Hungary: <i>III. The important questions of crimes against the individual</i>	

## V. PUBLICATIONS BY THE INSTITUTE

### 1. Volumes by the Institute

During the reporting period, **four volumes were published/co-published by the Institute:**

1. **Kriminológiai Tanulmányok (Criminology Studies), Vol. 51**  
(ed.: György Vókó, OKRI, Budapest, 2014)
2. **Pusztai László emlékére (In Memory of László Pusztai)**  
(eds.: Petra Bárd, Péter Hack, Katalin Holé OKRI–ELTE ÁJK, Budapest, 2014)
3. **Áldozatok és igazságszolgáltatás (Victims and Justice)**  
(author: Barabás A. Tünde, OKRI, Budapest, 2014)
4. **Tolvaj-kulcs. A betöréses lopások vizsgálata az elkövetők szemszögéből**  
(ed.: Barabás A. Tünde, OKRI, Budapest, 2014)

### 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. Conferences

1. **“Old and new issues to debate regarding the fourth criminal code” – a three-part conference series organised in cooperation with the National Institute of Criminology and the Legal Studies of the Centre for Social Sciences of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (MTA TK JTI):**

- 1.1. **I. The fundamentals of criminal liability**  
25 June 2014, OKRI
- 1.2. **II. The fundamental issues of the sanctioning system of criminal law**  
26 September 2014, MTA TK JTI
- 1.3. **III. Key issues of criminal offences against the individual**  
26 November 2014, OKRI

2. **László Pusztai memorial conference with the presentation of the memorial volume and the opening of the Pusztai Hall (OKRI-féköri)**  
10 December 2014, OKRI

3. **“Potentials in Peacemaking” – an international conference and workshop**  
7 November 2014, OKRI



## 2. Other Events

In addition to the workshops, roundtable and focus group discussions within the main profile of the Institute, OKRI hosted a number of important professional events in the reporting period and we continued to host the meetings of a number of organisations requesting our assistance.

One such example was that, in February 2014, three primary school classes were organised at OKRI where our researchers held interactive presentations on the risk of drug use.

## 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

This year all electronically available volumes of the *Kriminológiai Tanulmányok*, a publication by our Institute that celebrated its 50th issue last year, were published on the website, which means that, from issue 39 published in 2002 to issue 51 published this year, the full texts of all studies are available online (with protection against copying to ensure copyright protection).

Navigating through the series of studies is now facilitated by the online tool **Kriminológiai Tanulmányok Repertórium**, which includes all authors and study titles since 1962.

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.