

REPORT

on the activities of the National Institute of Criminology (OKRI) in 2015

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 Chief Prosecutor's Office. The professional expertise of the researchers improved the recognition of the periodicals in which they published or which they edited or reviewed. 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 in broad circles in the course of the current year, as well.

1. Presentations

In 2015, researchers of the Institute delivered a total of **133 presentations** at various conferences and professional forums. Out of these presentations, **24** were delivered **in a foreign language** and **20** were **given abroad**.

Requests to **chair conference sessions** imply professional recognition and assumes professional skills. In the year of the report, researchers from the Institute were requested to chair sessions on **9 occasions**, with **7 out of them at conferences held in foreign languages**.

2. Publications

During the reporting year, researchers published altogether **120 publications**, of which **17** were in **foreign languages**. **10** of the latter were published abroad.

OKRI's researchers published **26** book chapters and **9** monographs (books or textbooks) this year. The number of monographs published is more than double last year's total. They were authors of studies published in **24** learned journals and **5** conference publications. In addition, **24** papers were published in publications of the Institute, as well as **18** studies elsewhere (abstracts, other websites beyond the Institute's); and our colleagues were asked **15** 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 researchers of the Institute also exploit the flexible publication opportunities provided by the internet.

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

- *Old and new points of debate concerning the fourth criminal code – Community interests* was the title of the closing event of a series of conferences started in 2014. The closing event took place as part of the cooperation between the National Institute of Criminology and the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Legal Sciences on 14 May 2015.

- As part of the *Child-centred justice system – alternative methods in the justice systems of juvenile offenders in Hungary* programme (cooperating partner: Pressley Ridge Foundation/Terre des hommes, sponsor: chief prosecutor, president of the National Office for the Judiciary, Deputy State Secretary of the Ministry of Justice responsible for public law legislation), we participated in the preparation of the country report.
- In connection with the *Life Imprisonment Worldwide Survey*, a comparative study of life imprisonment (cooperating partners: Balkan Criminology, University of Nottingham, Hungarian Prison Service Headquarters), we collected and reported data and analysed laws.
- In October 2015, the **European Crime Prevention Network** contacted the National Institute of Criminology and requested help in the preparation of the network’s annual work schedule. The Network was looking for projects with a crime protection relevance and approach. The Institution submitted two project reports to EUCPN: the so-called MargIn project, and one of the Institution’s own projects, entitled “Religion, deviancy, nationality”. (As the latter project was completed in 2015, it was not added to the work schedule of the Network. However, we were asked to allow the study results to be published on EUCPN’s website in English.)
- We had discussions for the purpose of establishing cooperation with the Codification Department of the Ministry of Justice, the National Crime Prevention Council, the Committee for Political and Legal Science of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences and the Scientific Council of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.
- We participated in the work of the Personality, Health and Emotion Control Research Team (formerly known as the Criminal Psychology Research Team) at **ELTE’s Institute of Psychology**, focusing on criminological studies. We contributed to the annual grand meeting and other conferences of the **Hungarian Association of Psychology** with presentations and symposiums.
- **RAND Europe** is a research centre established in Britain. From the EU funding it has been awarded, it is now working on a comparative study on alternative sanctions for drug-related crimes and their application (*Study on alternatives to coercive sanctions as a response to drug law offences and drug-related crimes*), with the involvement of EU member states’ experts. Within the framework of this project, a structured questionnaire had to be completed with a number of annexes. The questionnaire was preceded by a qualitative study, during which we conducted in-depth interviews. The information gained from this helped completion and, in order to provide the requested data, we carried out a targeted screening of the criminal statistics database and a data analysis. Our previous studies in this topic were also used and published. The working language of the project was English. The results of the comparative study will be published by RAND in 2016.

3 research applications were submitted during the reported period and one more application, submitted a year before, was being implemented.

1.	Year of submission:	2015
	The project:	FCT16 2015 – GENESIS under HORIZON 2020 SECURE SOCIETIES – Identifying individuals and groups transitioning into terrorism
	Title and topic:	<i>Investigating the role of social, psychological and economic aspects of the processes that lead to organized crime (including cyber related offenses), and terrorist networks and their impact on social cohesion</i>
	Cooperating partners:	University of Galway School of Psychology, Ireland University of Galway TEK, OKRI, IDResearch Kft.
2.	Year of submission:	2015
	The project:	Internal Security Fund, 2016–2017
	Title and topic:	<i>Politically motivated crime in the light of current migration flows – a transnational situation report and development of practical prevention measures</i>
	Cooperating partners:	Federal Criminal Police Office of Germany (BKA), University of Brno, OKRI, University of Milan

3.	Year of submission: The project: Title and topic: Cooperating partners:	2015 OTKA 2015/1 application, registration number: K 116304 <i>Conflicts of social distance: criminal conflicts of the Roma – non-Roma coexistence</i> OKRI, PTE
4.	Year of submission: The project: Title and topic: Cooperating partners:	2014 HORIZON 2020 <i>Fear of crime</i> University of Barcelona, Departament d'Interior de la Generalitat de Catalunya, University of Milan – Bicocca, EuroCrime (Italy) University College London TNS BMRB (UK), Observatoire national de la délinquance et des réponses pénales (France)

Of the submitted applications, no decision has been made yet in two cases, one was unsuccessful and one was successful.

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 2015, the Institute's staff took part in the work of the following professional bodies:

Board of editors of the <i>Acta Caroliensia Conventorum Scientiarum Iuridico-Politicarum (Glossa Iuridica)</i> periodical	<i>member</i>
Institute of Applied Social Research Public Benefit Foundation (ATKA)	<i>president of the Board of Trustees</i>
American Society of Criminology	<i>member</i>
National anti human trafficking coordination mechanism	<i>OKRI's representative</i>
Balkan Criminology Network	<i>national representative, contact point</i>
ESZTER Public Benefit Foundation	<i>member of the Board of Trustees</i>
EUCPN (EU Crime Prevention Network)	<i>scientific contact point</i>
European Migration Network	<i>delegated member of OKRI</i>
European Expert Network on Terrorism	<i>member</i>
European Forum for Restorative Justice	<i>member</i>
European Journal of Probation, Editorial Board	<i>member of the editorial board</i>
European Society of Criminology	<i>member</i>
White Ring Public Benefit Association	<i>member of the Board</i>
Fényes Elek Social Statistics / Social Science Society	<i>member</i>
National Board Against Counterfeiting (HENT), Working group against the counterfeiting of artefacts	<i>group leader</i>
Independent Academic Research Studies	<i>member</i>
International Bullying Prevention Association	<i>member</i>
International Journal of Information Security and Cybercrime (IJISC) Scientific Board	<i>member</i>
International Society of Criminology	<i>member</i>
Faculty <i>Acta (Acta Facultatis Politico-Iuricae Univ. Sc.</i>	<i>member of the editorial board</i>

<i>Budapestiensis)</i>	
Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church Faculty of Political and Legal Science – Association of Hungarian Law Enforcement Agencies	<i>contact person</i>
Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church – Council of the Students’ Scholarly Circles	<i>member</i>
Hungarian Prison Service Society	<i>member of the Board, founder, chairman of Ethics Committee</i>
Hungarian Association of Criminal Law	<i>founder and member of the Board</i>
Hungarian Higher Education Accreditation Committee	<i>member, invited expert</i>
Hungarian Association of Law and Political Sciences	<i>member, founder, head of the Law and Literature Section</i>
Hungarian Association of Law and Political Sciences, Professional Section of Criminal Sciences	<i>president</i>
Hungarian Lawyers’ Society, Sentencing Section	<i>president</i>
Association of Hungarian Lawyers for European Criminal Law	<i>member, Secretary-General</i>
Hungarian Military Law and Martial Law Society	<i>honorary president</i>
Hungarian Criminological Society	<i>member, deputy chair, member of the Board of Directors</i>
Hungarian Criminological Society, Restorative Justice Section	<i>member of the Board</i>
Hungarian Criminological Society, Victimology Section	<i>member, president</i>
Hungarian Football Association, Safety Committee	<i>member</i>
Hungarian Psychological Association	<i>member</i>
Hungarian Psychological Association, Justice and Criminal Psychology Section	<i>member of the presidium</i>
Hungarian Association of Police Sciences	<i>member</i>
Hungarian Association of Police Science, Migration Section	<i>member of the Board</i>
Hungarian Society of Sociology	<i>member</i>
Miskolc Legal Review Advisory Council	<i>member</i>
Hungarian Academy of Sciences Bolyai Society	<i>member</i>
Public Board of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences	<i>member</i>
MTA SLYFF Hungarian Academy of Sciences Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund	<i>member</i>
National University of Public Service, Committee of Political Sciences	<i>member</i>
National University of Public Service, Doctoral Committee	<i>member</i>
National University of Public Service, Research Committee, College of Law Enforcement Sciences	<i>member</i>
Police Hungarian Public Security Foundation	<i>member of the Supervisory Board</i>
Policing & Society – Advisory Board	<i>member</i>
Advisory Council of the <i>Pro Futuro</i> periodical	<i>member</i>
Committee Reviewing Sports Events in Terms of Security	<i>representative of the Chief Prosecutor’s Office</i>
Prosecutors’ Journal	<i>member of the editorial board, chief editor</i>
Association of Hungarian Prosecutors	<i>member, founder member, chairman of Ethics Committee</i>

5. Education

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 Arts, Institute for Social and Communication Sciences
- University of Western Hungary, Faculty of Arts
- 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
- Széchenyi István University, Deák Ferenc Faculty of Law and Political Sciences
- Jesuit Roma College
- Hungarian University of Fine Arts, Doctoral School

The researchers of the Institute took an active part in the **training activities of the prosecution** too. They held presentations within the framework of prosecutor trainee training on three occasions. We organised full-day training twice, at which prosecutors could earn credit points of further training.

Date	Title of presentation	Comment
14 May	Old and new points of debate concerning the fourth criminal code – IV Community interests	organised in cooperation with the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Centre for Social Sciences, Institute for Legal Studies
20 May	Homicide cases – From investigation to research	Conference in the Palace of Justice

We issued certificates for a total of 142 credit points at these events.

6. Media appearances

According to our records, researchers from the Institute featured as experts in printed and electronic media on a total of **163 registered** occasions in 2015.

Of these, **16 instances** were in the printed media,

27 instances were on the radio,

58 instances were on television channels, and

62 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

In general, the Hungarian relations of the Institute were similar to those in 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.

Our Institute and the Institute for Legal Studies at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences Centre for Social Sciences (MTA TK JTI) concluded a professional cooperation agreement back in 2014. Within the framework of this agreement, we organised and held three scientific meetings last year and one more as a follow-up to the series of conferences.

In cooperation with the Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church and the Hungarian Association of Law and Political Sciences, we held an event in our Institute on 22 April 2015 entitled “*Dei delitti e delle pene at 250 – Cesare Beccaria conference*”.

Cooperation was the closest again with the Chief Prosecutor's Office and with the prosecution apparatus in general. This year, eight work plan research projects were conducted on direct initiatives by the Chief Prosecutor's Office, four more work documents were produced on request of the Office during the current year, seven were prepared at the initiative of the County Prosecutor's Offices, and two were made for the Scientific Council.

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

In 2015, researchers attended **113** conferences, round table or professional discussions held in Hungary where they were requested to deliver **presentations**, and attended another **126** domestic and international conferences without presenting.

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. They delivered altogether **24 presentations in foreign languages**. On 3 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.

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.

Within the framework of international cooperation, Tünde A. Barabás took part in a work discussion at the Dutch Embassy on victim protection, and she also talked to Bulgarian experts in our Institute about the possibilities of implementing mediation in Hungary.