

REPORT

on the activities of the National Institute of Criminology (OKRI) in 2017

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I. UTILISATION OF RESEARCH RESULTS

Considerable attention was devoted to the utilisation of research results in this reporting period as well. Areas for the utilisation of results include cooperation in the development of theories and the presentation of research results in education – in the further training of trainee prosecutors and junior prosecutors, in university and college education and postgraduate courses – as well as at conferences and other professional events. Our researchers have published in and worked as editors or reviewers for several professional journals. Their active involvement in scientific organisations is also of great importance. Our researchers who expressed their views in the media played a role in informing the public by disseminating our results, approaches and opinions also in the course of the year under review.

1. Presentations

In 2017, researchers from the Institute delivered a total of **107 presentations** at various conferences and professional forums. Of these presentations, **34** were delivered **in a foreign language** and **23** were **abroad**.

Requests **to chair sessions** also indicate professional recognition and presume professional skills. In the year of the report, researchers from the Institute were requested to chair sessions on **24 occasions**, with **11 out of them at conferences held in foreign languages**.

2. Publications

In the current year, researchers published a total of **96 publications**, **12 of them in a foreign language**. Of the latter, **8** were published **abroad**.

This year, OKRI's researchers published **19 chapters in books** and **2 monographs** (books, notes), and were authors of studies published in **31 scientific periodicals** and **6 conference publications**. In addition, **8 papers** were published in publications of the Institute, as well as **18 studies on other platforms** (*abstract, beyond the website of the institute, other web interfaces etc.*), and our colleagues were asked **12** times to *edit* various professional volumes. It is an increasingly characteristic phenomenon that some parts of professional periodicals are not published in a printed form: they are only available on the world wide web. It is therefore fortunate that researchers from the Institute also exploit the flexible publication opportunities provided by the internet.

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

1. Professional cooperation

- *PoMigra – Politically Motivated Crimes related to Migration*

Cooperating partners: BKA Extremismus Forschungsstelle, EENeT Office, OKRI, OCCAM and other international universities and institutions

- *MargIn – Tackle Insecurity in Marginalized Areas*
Cooperating partners: Universitat de Barcelona, Departament d’Interior de la Generalitat de Catalunya, Università di Milano–Bicocca, EuroCrime, University College London TNS BMRB, Observatoire national de la délinquance et des réponses pénales
- *Vigilantism against Migrants and Minorities*
Cooperating partners: University of Oslo, University of Tomas Masaryk (Brno), GLOBSEC Institute (Bratislava)

2. Tenders

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

1.	Year of submission: The project: Title and topic: Cooperating partners:	2014 HORIZON 2020 Fear of crime University of Barcelona, Departament d’Interior de la Generalitat de Catalunya, Università di Milano – Bicocca, EuroCrime (Italy University College London, TNS BMRB (UK), Observatoire national de la délinquance et des réponses pénales (France), OKRI
2.	Year of submission: Designation of the project, topic: Cooperating partners:	2016 PoMigra (Politically motivated crime in the light of current migration flows) BKA Extremismus Forschungsstelle, EENeT Office, OKRI, OCCAM and other international universities and institutions
3.	Year of submission: The project: Title and topic: Cooperating partners:	2017 KÖFOP 2016/246/NKE-RTK Law enforcement measures for the protection of cultural property Doctoral School of Police Science at the National University of Public Service, OKRI

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 2017, the Institute’s staff took part in the work of the following international professional bodies:

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

5. Education

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

- Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Law and Political Sciences, Department of Criminology
- Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Law and Political Sciences, Doctoral School
- Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Faculty of Law and Political Sciences, Department of Substantive Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure and Sentencing
- Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Deák Ferenc Institute
- Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church, Faculty of Law and Political Sciences
- National University of Public Service, Faculty of Law Enforcement, Department of Criminology
- National University of Public Service, Faculty of Law Enforcement, Doctoral School of Military Sciences
- Hungarian University of Fine Arts, Doctoral School
- University of Pécs, Faculty of Law and Political Sciences

1.2 *Taught subjects, courses*

- the basic problems of theoretical criminology
- the phenomenon, prevention and comprehensive management of bullying by peers in schools and online
- criminal law
- law of criminal enforcement
- European law of criminal enforcement
- European criminal law
- answering legal problem questions and criminal law seminar
- criminal psychology
- criminology
- international criminal law
- the compulsory elements and potential problems of international research; planning, implementation, coordination, dissemination and evaluation
- penology
- the persons involved in criminal proceedings

2. Prosecutor training activities

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

Date	Case / lecture title	Location, participants
22 March	Judicial cooperation (training programme for trainee prosecutors)	Hungarian Law Enforcement Center; Anna Kiss
27 March	Legal assistance in criminal matters	Hungarian Law Enforcement Center; Anna Kiss

6. Media appearances

According to our records, researchers from the Institute featured as experts in printed and electronic media on a total of **62** *registered* occasions in 2017.

Of which: 7 were in print media,
 17 were on the radio,
 30 were on a TV channel, and
 8 were on the internet.

II. DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN RELATIONS

1. OKRI's domestic relations

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

We continued our professional cooperation with the Institute for Legal Studies at the Hungarian Academy of Sciences Centre for Social Sciences (MTA TK JTI), which started back in 2014. The book on the results of our joint series of conferences will be issued this year, and it will be available on the websites of both institutes.

Once again, cooperation was the closest with the Chief Prosecutor's Office and with the prosecution system in general. This year, the prosecution service initiated more than one third (36.3%, 16 tasks) of all projects that were in progress during the year. Of the projects in the work schedule, 16 were initiated by the prosecution service (three by the Chief Prosecutor's Office and thirteen by county prosecutor's offices), and one research project was completed within the framework of a cooperation. Beyond the research completed as part and in excess of the schedule, five additional materials were prepared on the basis of requests made by the Chief Prosecutor's Office during the year.

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

In 2017, researchers participated in domestic conferences, round table or professional discussions, on **84 occasions** where they delivered **presentations** on special request, and on a further **126 occasions** where they attended domestic and foreign conferences **without delivering a presentation**.

2. OKRI's international relations

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

OKRI's researchers delivered **23 presentations abroad** at conferences, workshops or expert discussions. At the same time, a total of **34 occasions** involved presentations held in a **foreign language**. On **11 other occasions**, participants attended foreign conferences without delivering a presentation. Conference participations were covered in part by the Prosecutor General's Office, the researcher's grants and other funds, and in part financed by the inviting party.

The Institute is a research centre with a long history of good international relations. One of the Institute's oldest and smoothest relationship is with the *Max Planck Institute* of Freiburg, with which the exchange of experiences and information and the organisation of joint conferences have been ongoing for decades. In addition, the MPI has received OKRI researchers *as grant holders* on several occasions. Two researchers of the Institute were awarded research grants to the MPI also in the year under review, and another researcher was able to attend a two-day training programme organised by the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN) in Luxembourg, upon the invitation of the Court of Justice of the European Union.

The **Balkan Criminology Network**, founded in 2013 as a partner group of the Max Planck Institute of Freiburg, held its annual conference at our Institute in Budapest between 21 and 23 September 2017. In preparation for next year's research agenda, a project meeting was held in relation to the **Balkan Homicide Study** at the MPI between 26 and 28 November 2017. Two of our researchers participated in this meeting, whose attendance was funded by the Max Planck Institute.

It was one of the tasks of OKRI's researchers this year to organise and conduct the *international closing conference of the MARGIN project*. The conference that closed the project was held in Budapest between 3 and 5 of April 2017, and it was attended by 130 persons, of whom 80 were foreign participants. After that, we organised a two-day workshop at OKRI to close the research project, which was attended by the researchers of the partner institutions.

Our international relations are strengthened by the presence of our *foreign colleagues who visit us or give lectures or conduct research at the Institute*.

Robin A. Robinson, professor of sociology at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth is conducting research in Hungary on the topic of violent sexual crimes in 2017-2018, funded by a Fulbright scholar award. As part of this, she carried out research at the National Institute of Criminology in September and October 2017.

Led by **Lee Jong-Hyup** major general and **Shin Jae-Lyong** major, representing the Criminal Investigation Command of the Ministry of National Defence of the Republic of Korea, a **Korean delegation** visited the Institute in May. The visit was aimed at building relationships and engaging in professional consultation.

Dr Lyu Quing associate professor at the People's Public Security University of China (PPSUC) gave a lecture at our Institute in March on the invitation of one of our researchers.

In September, **Thomas Lenz**, a prosecutor from Berlin, and **Maria del Carmen Orenes Barquero**, a Spanish judge specialising in criminal cases visited our Institute in a professional capacity at the request of the National Judiciary Office, within the framework of the EJTN's exchange programme.

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

- *Oversight of the Rule of Law in the European Union: Opportunities and Challenges*
16 January, Bingham Center for the Rule of Law, London, UK
- *Facing All the Facts*
27–28 February, CEJI, Rome, Italy
- *Margin Conference: Tackle Insecurity in Marginalized Areas*
3–5 April, Hotel Buda-Mercure, Budapest
- *Margin nemzetközi workshop*
6–7 April, OKRI, Budapest
- *Pomigra Project meeting*
2 May, Wiesbaden, Germany
- *Regional meeting of the PoMigra Project in Budapest*
5 May, Budapest
- *Reappraising EU Security Policy: Effectiveness, Rule of Law and Human Rights in Countering Terrorism and Crime*
12 May, Center for European Policy Studies, Brussels, Belgium

- *Project meeting and pilot workshop, CO-Minor-IN/QUEST II., EU Justice Programme*
14 June, Leuven, Belgium
- *International Law and Global Governance in a Turbulent World*
29 July, Catholic University of Leuven, Leuven, Belgium
- *Populism, Extremism and Threats to Humanism*
5 August, Humanists UK, London, UK
- *The Rule of Law: Where are We Heading?*
14–15 September, Center for Economic Analyses, Skopje, Republic of Macedonia
- *4th Annual Conference of Balkan Criminology: Victimology and Victim Protection in the Balkans*
21–24 September, OKRI, Budapest
- *Vigilantism – First Research Project meeting*
25–27 September, Bratislava, Slovakia
- *Academic Freedom and the Rule of Law*
17 October, CEU, Budapest
- *Global insecurities in the World Wide Web, with special regard to the relations of the People’s Republic of China and Hungary*
14–15 November, Prosecutor General’s Office, Budapest
- *Annual Conference of American Society of Criminology*
17 November, Philadelphia, USA
- *Pomigra Project meeting*
14–17 November, Wiesbaden, Germany

III. LIBRARY

The library stocks consists of 9,244 inventory units.

In 2017, 122 new books were added to the library. Gifts and exchanging books are important sources for enlarging our collection: our Institute received 22 books in this manner during the year in question. 30 of the new books are foreign publications in English and German, and our library also obtained a few documents in Italian.

We consider it important to maintain good relations with libraries collecting books from similar sources. Our exchange partners are the following: the libraries of the Max Planck Institute of Freiburg, Pázmány Péter Catholic University, the University of Miskolc, the Curia, the Faculty of Law Enforcement of the National University of Public Service and the Institute for Sociology of the Centre for Social Sciences of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. We continue to mutually support each other with the libraries of the Chief Prosecutor’s Office, the Budapest Chief Prosecutor’s Office, the Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights, the Hungarian Research Institute for Forensic Sciences, the Curia and the Faculty of Law Enforcement of the National University of Public Service.

We continue to have a good relationship with the Library of the Hungarian Parliament, from where we regularly receive the articles and studies relating to our research topics from the database of HeinOnline. We have used the Library’s interlibrary services on several occasions this year.

The *Hungarian Rules of Law in Force* were also available in the reporting period. It contains approximately 350 pieces of legislation, the operative parts of 120 decisions of the Supreme Court, 100 opinions of the Supreme Court and short summaries of 120 decisions of the Competition Council in three languages, as well as international conventions in English.

Our Library reviewed the literature in *Ügyészégi Szemle* (Prosecution Review), the peer-reviewed professional and academic journal of the Chief Prosecutor’s Office, first issued at the beginning of 2016. Upon request, it also gave assistance to our researchers with the recording of their MTMT data.

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

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

IV. INTERNAL CONTINUOUS DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM OF THE INSTITUTE

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

Date	Title of presentation	Presenter
18 January	<i>Criminal law aspects of domestic violence</i>	Renáta Garai
22 February	<i>The practice of life imprisonment</i>	Orsolya Bolyky – László Tibor Nagy – Ágnes Solt – Judit Szabó
22 March	<i>The reform of criminal process in the transitional modernization of China</i>	Prof. Lyu Quing (People's Public Security University of China)
31 May	<i>Critical elements of legislation of psychoactive substances</i>	Ildikó Ritter
14 June	<i>About the acceleration of criminal proceeding in the light of international experiences</i>	Krisztina Farkas
27 September	<i>The legal and organizational framework for the expert evidentiary procedure as the guarantees of the credibility of the expert opinion</i>	Kármán Gabriella
4 October	<i>The place of etiquette in communication</i>	Ibolya Görög
25 October	<i>A particular violent crime against property: the plundering</i>	László Tibor Nagy

V.

INSTITUTIONAL PUBLICATIONS

Four publications were issued during the reporting period; **two** were published by the Institute, **one** was published jointly with the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences of Pázmány Péter Catholic University and **one** with the Institute for Legal Studies of the Centre for Social Sciences of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

1. **Kriminológiai Tanulmányok 54. kötet [Studies on Criminology, Vol. 54.]**
(Ed.: György Vókó) OKRI, Budapest, 2017
2. **Szexuális erőszak. Mítosz és valóság [Sexual Violence – Myth and Reality]**
(Ed.: Katalin Parti) OKRI, Budapest, 2017
3. **A bonis bona discere. Ünnepi kötet Belovics Ervin 60. születésnapja alkalmából. [A bonis bona discere. Anniversary volume in honour of Ervin Belovics on his 60th birthday]**
(Eds.: György Vókó – Tünde A. Barabás) OKRI–Pázmány Press, Budapest, 2017

4. **A negyedik magyar büntetőkódex – régi és újabb vitakérdései [The Fourth Criminal Code of Hungary – Old and New Points of Debate]**
(Eds.: Miklós Hollán – Tünde A. Barabás) OKRI–MTA TK JTI, Budapest, 2017

VI.

CONTACTS, POPULARISATION OF SCIENCE

Conferences in OKRI, 2017

International conferences

1. 3–5 April, Hotel-Buda Mercure, Budapest, Hungary
Title of conference: **Tackle Insecurity in Marginalized Areas**
Organiser: OKRI
2. 21–24 September, OKRI, Budapest, Hungary
Title of conference: **Victimology and Victim Protection in the Balkans**
Organiser: OKRI
3. 14–15 November, General Prosecutor’s Office, Budapest, Hungary
Title of conference: **Issues of Global Security Policy on the Internet, with Special Regard to the Relations between China and Hungary**
Organisers: General Prosecutor’s Office–OKRI

National conferences

1. 26 April, OKRI, Budapest, Hungary
Title of conference: **Migration from Hungary into other countries of EU – motives, tendencies and impacts on social security**
Organiser: OKRI
2. 16 November, Hungarian Scientific Academy, Budapest, Hungary
Title of conference: **The enforcement of human rights in punishment**
Organisers: Hungarian Scientific Academy–OKRI
3. 29 November, OKRI, Budapest, Hungary
Title of conference: **ISIS as a political and social phenomenon on global importance**
Organiser: OKRI

VII. WEBSITE

Our website, which was updated last year to meet the challenges of accessibility through various data media, provides information on a wide range of topics, including the following:

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

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