

# REPORT

## on the activities of the National Institute of Criminology (OKRI) in 2018

(Please find the final results of researches at "Research projects")

### 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 2018, researchers from the Institute delivered a total of **111 presentations** at various conferences and professional forums. Of these presentations, **18** were delivered **in a foreign language** and **16** 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 **22 occasions**, with **4 out of them at conferences held in foreign languages**.

#### 2. Publications

In the current year, researchers published a total of **81 publications**, **19 of them in a foreign language**. Of the latter, **6** were published **abroad**.

This year, OKRI's researchers published **17 chapters in books** and **4 monographs** (books, notes), and were authors of studies published in **31 scientific periodicals** and **3 conference publications**. In addition, **10 papers** were published in publications of the Institute, as well as **8 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

- *Balkan Homicide Study* (Szándékos emberölések jogi és kriminológiai jellemzői a balkáni térségben)

Cooperating partners: Max Planck Institute Balkan Criminology Network

- *PoMigra – Politically Motivated Crimes related to Migration*  
Cooperating partners: BKA Extremismus Forschungsstelle, EENeT Office, OCCAM and other international universities and institutes
- *Vigilantism against Migrants and Minorities*  
Cooperating partners: University of Oslo, University of Tomas Masaryk (Brno), GLOBSEC Institute (Bratislava)

## 2. Tenders

No tenders were submitted in the reporting year. Tenders submitted in previous years – 2016 and 2017 – are in the process of implementation.

1.	Year of submission:	2016
	Designation of the project, topic:	<b>PoMigra (Politically motivated crime in the light of current migration flows)</b>
	Cooperating partners:	BKA Extremismus Forschungsstelle, EENeT Office, OKRI, OCCAM and other international universities and institutes
2.	Year of submission:	2017
	The project:	KÖFOP 2016/246/NKE-RTK
	Title and topic:	<b>Law enforcement measures for the protection of cultural property</b>
	Cooperating partners:	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 2018, 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 Society of Criminology – *member, codification working group member*
- Hungarian Fulbright Committee – *jury 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, Faculty of Law and Political Sciences, Doctoral School

- 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 Police Sciences
- University of Pécs, Faculty of Law and Political Sciences
- University of Széchenyi István, Deák Ferenc Faculty of Law

### 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
- crime statistics
- law of criminal enforcement
- law of imprisonment
- European law of imprisonment
- European criminal law
- criminal psychology
- criminology
- international criminal law
- the compulsory elements and potential problems of international research; planning, implementation, coordination, dissemination and evaluation
- persons in the criminal proceedings
- penology
- the persons involved in criminal proceedings
- victimology
- addressing the cases of vulnerable victims by the law enforcement agencies using a situation-oriented approach
- use of restorative methods during policing and during the enforcement of criminal sanctions
- the theory and practice of crime prevention
- the challenges of cybercrime; cyber security and cyber defence; law enforcement and civil rights in cyberspace

## 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
20 April	Drug dealers, drug producers and drug couriers in Hungary	General Prosecutor's Office, Ildikó Ritter
20 April	A new approach to the fight against drug-related crimes	General Prosecutor's Office, György Vókó
25 April	The current security issues of sporting events in light of a research project	National Institute of Criminology, László Tibor Nagy
25 April	The enforcement of bans on visiting sporting events	National Institute of Criminology, György Vókó

4 September	The enforcement of sanctions involving deprivation of a right	Prosecutor Training Center, Balatonlelle. György Vókó
11 October	Expansion of the use of mediation based on law and practice	HAS Centre for Social Sciences, Institute for Legal Studies, Budapest, Tünde Barabás
11 October	The situation of the victim in view of the effectiveness of the procedure	HAS Centre for Social Sciences, Institute for Legal Studies, Budapest, Krisztina Farkas
11 October	The rights in criminal proceedings of persons requiring special treatment	HAS Centre for Social Sciences, Institute for Legal Studies, Budapest, Anna Kiss
18 October	Experiences of restorative work from a criminological perspective	Public Prosecutor's Office of Nógrád County, Eszter Sárík
13 November	Sense of insecurity in the cities of Europe. The results of the Hungarian research conducted within the MARGIN project supported by Horizon 2020	National University of Public Service, Budapest, Tünde Barabás, Ákos Szigeti
13 November	The legal and criminological background of murder – Research projects related to murder in National Institute of Criminology	National University of Public Service, Budapest, Orsolya Bolyky
13 November	Perspectives of the protection of cultural goods in view of the current Italian regulation	National University of Public Service, Budapest, Krisztina Farkas
13 November	Problems of the violation of waste management regulations in terms of the application of the law	National University of Public Service, Budapest, Renáta Garai
13 November	Illegal trade of works of art in Hungarian criminal case-law	National University of Public Service, Budapest, Gabriella Kármán
13 November	Trends in murder	National University of Public Service, Budapest, László Tibor Nagy
13 November	The empirical sociological study of the perpetrators of crimes related to closed borders, based on criminal procedures conducted in Csongrád county	National University of Public Service, Budapest, Szilveszter Póczik
13 November	Difficulties of proof in the prosecution of criminal offences related to new psychoactive substances	National University of Public Service, Budapest, Ildikó Ritter
13 November	Religiousness among young offenders	National University of Public Service, Budapest, Eszter Sárík
13 November	The case-law of the crime of child endangerment	National University of Public Service, Budapest, Ágnes Solt
13 November	A selection of the results of OKRI's academic research projects – for academic and practical use	National University of Public Service, Budapest, György Vókó

21 November	The enforcement of coercive measures, with particular regard to the new Code of Criminal Procedure	Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, Anna Kiss
21 November	The effect of the new Code of Criminal Procedure on the journey from committing a violation of law to restoration	Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, György Vókó

## 6. Media appearances

According to our records, researchers from the Institute featured as experts in printed and electronic media on a total of **44** *registered* occasions in 2018.

Of which:       **2** were in print media,  
                      **11** were on the radio,  
                      **25** were on a TV channel, and  
                      **6** 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. In this context, we organised a conference on the 11th of October of the reporting year entitled '*The conceptual goals and the impacts of renewing the system of Hungarian criminal law*'.

We also continued the institutional cooperation with the **National Judiciary Office** entered into in the previous year.

Once again, cooperation was the closest with the Chief Prosecutor's Office and with the prosecution system in general. The prosecution service initiated almost half (42.5%, 17 tasks) of all projects that were in progress during the year. Of the projects in the work plan, nine were initiated by the Chief Prosecutor's Office and eight by county prosecutor's offices, and one research project was completed within the framework of a cooperation. Beyond the research completed as part of and in addition to the schedule, seven additional tasks were completed on the basis of requests made by the Chief Prosecutor's Office.

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

In 2018, researchers participated in domestic conferences, round table or professional discussions, on **95 occasions** where they delivered **presentations** on special request, and on a further **130 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.

In the reporting year, our researchers delivered a total of **111 presentations** at various conferences and events, of which **16** were delivered at conferences, workshops or meetings of experts **held abroad**. Attendance at these conferences was funded in part by the Chief Prosecutor's Office, and in part by researchers from grants and other funds, and the inviting parties also contributed to the costs.

The Institute is a research centre 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 have been ongoing for decades. In addition, the MPI has received OKRI researchers *as grant holders* on several occasions. In the reporting year, one researcher of the Institute was awarded a research grant to the MPI.

In the reporting year, upon the invitation of the Court of Justice of the European Union, one of our researchers attended a two-day training programme of the **European Judicial Training Network** (EJTN) in Madrid, and two of our researchers spent three days in Rome upon the invitation of the **Italian Police Headquarters in charge of the protection of cultural goods** (*Comando Carabinieri per la Tutela del Patrimonio Culturale*).

In accordance with the agreement entered into by the **Balkan Criminology Network** – founded in 2013 as a partner group of the Max Planck Institute of Freiburg – and our Institute in 2017, within the framework of the **Balkan Homicide Study** we analysed case files this year, using the standard questionnaire created by the researchers of the project manager, the University of Zagreb. Thus, we processed a total of 613 criminal case files that contained the felony of murder. We recorded the data in the software specified by the principal researchers, then we sent the finished database to the research leaders. The comparison of the international research results will be carried out by the researchers of the University of Zagreb in 2019.

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 conducted research in Hungary in 2017-2018 into violent sexual crimes, funded by a Fulbright scholar award. As a part of this, she gave a lecture with researcher Katalin Parti at the National Institute of Criminology in October 2018.

In May, **Robert Meadows**, the lecturer of the California Lutheran University gave a lecture in the Institute at the invitation of one of our researchers.

On 14 September 2018, within the framework of the Chinese-Hungarian cooperation, the Institute was visited by a delegation led by **Prof. Ye Qing** from the East China University. The members of the delegation who participated in the roundtable talks were Prof. Ye Qing, Prof. He Ping, Prof. Wang Jian, Dr Xia Fei, Dr Wang Xiaohua and Dr Li Feng. From Hungary, the leaders of OKRI and other leaders delegated by the prosecution service attended the programme.

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

- *Constitutional, Statutory and Criminological Attributes for Crime Victims*  
23 February, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia
- *The phenomenon of Vigilantism in and outside Europe*  
1 March, University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway
- *Challenges for criminal psychology in times of insecurity and globalization*  
1 March, Max-Planck-Institut, Freiburg, Germany
- *Eurocrim 2018: „Crimes Against Humans and Crimes Against Humanity”*  
30–31 August, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

- *Twelfth Biennial International Conference Criminal Justice & Security in Central and Eastern Europe: "From Common Sense to Evidence-based Policy-making"*  
25–27 September, Ljubljana, Slovenia
- *Contemporary terrorism in global and European perspectives – social background, prevention and defense*  
27 September, Brussels, Belgium
- *Contemporary global terrorism – today*  
28 September, Brussels, Belgium

### III. LIBRARY

The library stocks consists of 9,357 inventory units.

In 2018, 103 new books were added to the library. Gifts and exchanging books are important sources for enlarging our collection: our Institute received 35 books in this manner during the year in question. 14 of the new books are foreign publications in English and German.

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.

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
31 January	<i>Insecurity issues and their solutions in two neighbourhoods of Budapest</i>	Tünde A. Barabás – Gergely Koplányi – Ákos Szigeti

7 February	<i>Some results of the international PoMigra research</i>	Szilveszter Póczik – Eszter Sárík
28 March	<i>The Child-friendly Justice</i>	Ágnes Solt
25 April	Current security issues of sports events, in particular ban from visiting sports events – conference –	
23 May	<i>What makes people violent and what to do?</i>	Robert Meadows (California Lutheran University)
30 May	<i>The System of the Criminal Procedure according to the new Criminal Procedure Act I.</i>	Krisztina Farkas – Anna Kiss
14 June	<i>The System of the Criminal Procedure according to the new Criminal Procedure Act II.</i>	Krisztina Farkas – Anna Kiss
26 September	<i>Legal practice of the crime of infringements of waste management regulations</i>	Renáta Garai
24 October	<i>Reasons of Underreporting Sexual Violence – Research in Hungary</i>	Katalin Parti – Robin Robinson
28 November	The New Criminal Procedure Law in the Practice – conference –	

## V.

### INSTITUTIONAL PUBLICATIONS

During the reporting period, the Institute published **four publications**, two in Hungarian, one in English and one in Hungarian, English and Chinese.

1. **Kriminológiai Tanulmányok 55. kötet [Studies on Criminology, Vol. 55.]**  
(Ed.: György Vókó) OKRI, Budapest, 2018
2. **A sértett szerepe a büntetőeljáráásban [The role of victims in criminal procedures]**  
(Author: Anna Kiss) OKRI, Budapest, 2018
3. **Dimensions of Insecurity in Urban Areas. Research on the Roots of Unsafety and Fear of Crime in European Cities**  
(Ed.: Tünde A. Barabás) OKRI, Budapest, 2018
4. **Issues of Global Security Policy on the Internet, with special regard to the Relations between China and Hungary / Globális Biztonságpolitikai kérdések az Interneten, különös tekintettel Kína és Magyarország kapcsolatára**  
(Ed.: Tünde A. Barabás) OKRI, Budapest, 2018

## VI.

### CONTACTS, POPULARISATION OF SCIENCE

#### Conferences in OKRI, 2017

1. 20 April, General Prosecutor's Office, Budapest, Hungary  
Title of conference: **Drug dealers, drug producers and drug couriers**  
Organiser: OKRI

2. 25 April, OKRI, Budapest, Hungary  
 Title of conference: **The current security issues of sporting events, with special regard to the enforcement of bans**  
 Organiser: OKRI
  
3. 11 October, HAS Centre for Social Sciences, Institute for Legal Studies, Budapest, Hungary  
 Title of conference: **The conceptual goals and the impact of the renewal of the system of Hungarian criminal law**  
 Organisers: OKRI– HAS Centre for Social Sciences, Institute for Legal Studies
  

Events held in relation to the Celebration of Hungarian Science conference series:

  
4. 13 November, National University of Public Service, Budapest, Hungary  
 Title of conference: **Kriminálexpo 2018: ‘Communication for a safe world, communication for a safe Hungary’**  
**Section A: ‘Criminological research in the 21st century – new challenges, new answers’**  
**Section B: ‘The 140th anniversary of the Csemegi Code’**
  
5. 21 November, Hungarian Scientific Academy, Budapest, Hungary  
 Title of conference: **Limitless science. The impact of the new Code of Criminal Procedure on the enforcement of criminal sanctions**
  
6. 28 November, OKRI, Budapest, Hungary  
 Title of conference: **The new Code of Criminal Procedure in practice**

## 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.