

REPORT

on the activities of the National Institute of Criminology (OKRI) in 2019

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I. UTILISATION OF RESEARCH RESULTS

We devoted considerable attention to the utilisation of our research results in this reporting period, too. Areas for the utilisation of results include cooperation in the development of theories and the presentation of research results in educational activities (in training courses for trainee prosecutors and junior prosecutors, in university and college education and postgraduate courses etc.), 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 an important role in informing the general public by presenting our results, approaches and opinions also in the course of the year under review as well.

1. Presentations

In 2019, researchers from the Institute delivered a total of **155 presentations** at various conferences and professional forums. Of these presentations, **9** were delivered **in a foreign language** and **8** 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 **11 occasions**.

2. Publications

In the current year, researchers published a total of **69 publications**, **6 of them in a foreign language**. Of the latter, **4** were published **abroad**.

This year, OKRI's researchers published **11 chapters in books** and **3 monographs** (books, notes), and were authors of studies published in **31 scientific periodicals** and **4 conference publications**. In addition, **9 papers** were published in the Institute's publications, as well as **4 studies on other platforms** (*abstract, beyond the website of the institute, other web interfaces etc.*), and our colleagues were asked **7** 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

- Participation in the Hungarian steering committee of the project of the *Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)* entitled '*Effective Criminal Justice System*

Strategies and Practices to Combat Gender-based Violence in Eastern Europe, representing the Prosecutor General's Office.

- *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:	PoMigra (Politically motivated crime in the light of current migration flows)
	Cooperating partners:	BKA Extremismus Forschungsstelle, EENeT Office, OKRI, OCCAM and other international universities and institutions
2.	Year of submission:	2017
	The project:	KÖFOP 2016/246/NKE-RTK
	Title and topic:	Law enforcement measures for the protection of cultural property
	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 2019, the Institute's staff took part in the work of the following international professional bodies:

- 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*
- Independent Academic Research Studies – *member*
- International Journal of Information Security and Cybercrime – *member of the editorial board*
- 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
- Eötvös Loránd University, Institute for Postgraduate Legal Studies
- 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
- Széchenyi István, University, Deák Ferenc Faculty of Law

1.2 Taught subjects, courses

- “Acceleration of the Criminal Procedure from a Comparative Point of View”
- ‘The life of a criminal’
- the fundamental problems of theoretical criminology
- punishment theories
- criminal law
- the law of criminal procedure
- the law of criminal enforcement
- crime prevention
- the psychology of our decisions: splitting trials into two parts
- European law of criminal enforcement
- European criminal law
- addressing the cases of vulnerable victims by the law enforcement agencies using a situation-oriented approach
- environmental criminal law
- criminal policy
- criminal psychology
- criminology
- international criminal law
- penology
- use of restorative methods during policing and during the enforcement of criminal sanctions
- the persons involved in criminal proceedings
- victimology

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
8 February	<i>The crime of domestic violence in judicial practice</i> – training course <i>The violation of waste management regulations in the light of final and binding judgments</i> – training course	Komárom-Esztergom County Prosecutor’s Office, Tatabánya, Renáta Garai
28 February	<i>Hate Crime and Hate Speech</i> – conference in English	OKRI (National Institute of Criminology), Szilveszter Póczik – Eszter Sárík – Barbara Lucini

28 March	<i>The practical issues of criminal offences against the environment and nature</i> – conference	Hungarian Academy of Justice, Katalin Tilki
27 September	<i>Technological modernisation and criminal law</i> – conference	OKRI (National Institute of Criminology), Anna Kiss
10 October	<i>Domestic violence</i> – conference and workshop	OKRI (National Institute of Criminology), Ágnes Solt – Renáta Garai
16 October	<i>Domestic violence</i> – conference and workshop	OKRI (National Institute of Criminology), Ágnes Solt – Renáta Garai
20 November	<i>Issues of criminal liability in the case of accidents caused by drones and self-driving vehicles</i> – conference	OKRI (National Institute of Criminology), Anna Kiss
25 November	<i>Legal and criminological issues of organised crime and criminal organisations</i> – training course	Nógrád County Prosecutor’s Office, Balassagyarmat, Orsolya Bolyky – Eszter Sárík
27 November	<i>Science creating values. On topical issues relating to the role of the disciplines of criminal law in the protection of human and scientific values</i> – conference	Headquarters of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences 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 **53** registered occasions in 2019.

Of which: **5** were in print media, **10** were on the radio, **25** were on a TV channel, and **13** 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 11th October in the reporting year titled ‘*The conceptual goals and the impacts of renewing the system of Hungarian criminal law*’.

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

Once again, cooperation was the closest with the Prosecutor General’s Office and with the prosecution system in general. The prosecution service initiated almost half (40%, 16 tasks) of all projects that were in progress during the year. Of the projects in the work plan, **7** were initiated by the Prosecutor

General's Office and **9** 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, **4** additional tasks were completed on the basis of requests made by the Prosecutor General's Office.

As the representatives of the Prosecutor General's Office, we regularly attend the ordinary meetings of the Committee for the Classification of Sporting Events in Terms of Security and we participate in the electronic preparation of classification proposals during fast-track procedures; furthermore, we also regularly attend the meetings of the Security Committee of the Hungarian Football Federation.

During the reporting period, one of our researchers participated in the work of the Personality, Health and Emotional Control Research Group (formerly Criminal Psychology Research Group) of the ELTE Institute of Psychology, with special regard to its research on criminology.

Three of our colleagues were granted scholarships under the New National Excellence Programme.

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

Many researchers from the Institute perform other professional or public duties, partly relating to their educational activities. These include (but are not limited to) the following: directing doctoral schools, conducting courses in doctoral training, supervision of dissertations, supervision of PhD theses, acting as an opponent, acting as the chair of the jury at OTDK (national academic conferences of students), assessment of and consultation for students' academic conference papers and dissertations, assessment and writing of academic works submitted to competitions, consultation and commentary activities, etc.

In 2019, researchers participated in domestic conferences, round table or professional discussions on **147 occasions** where they delivered **presentations** on special request, and on a further **109 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 they also help to evaluate OKRI's research activities, considering that invitations to take part in international projects, joint applications and offers to publish in renowned international academic journals all imply that the international scientific community appreciates the Institute's research activities and professional accomplishments.

In the reporting year, our researchers delivered a total of **155 presentations** at various conferences and events, of which **8** were delivered at conferences **held abroad**. Conference participations were covered in part by the Prosecutor General's Office, in part by researchers from grants and other funds, and the inviting parties also contributed to the costs.

The Institute is a research organisation with traditionally good international relations. One of the Institute's oldest and best functioning relations is with the **Max Planck Institute** in 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* in many cases.

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

In May, the Institute received the *delegation of the Central European Police Academy*. In September, we *provided information to Ilaria Esposito, an OSCAD officer (Observatory for Security against Acts of Discrimination/Osservatorio per la Sicurezza Contro gli Atti Discriminatori) on the situation regarding the prevention and punishment of hate crimes in Hungary*.

One of our researchers participated in a three-day study trip in Bucharest, at the invitation of the CEPOL and EJTN organisations.

The Institute provided placements to two American students and one Transylvanian student in the reporting year (under the ERASMUS programme and the PPKE summer school).

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

- *Current questions and answers relating to the criminal law protection of the financial interests of the European Union (Hercule Téli Akadémia)*
14–15 February, Hungarian Academy of Justice, Budapest, Hungary
- *Independence and the ethical dimension of the exercise of judicial power*
15 February, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia
- *Bratislava Legal Forum 2019*
15 February, Bratislava, Slovakia
- *Radicalisation versus polarisation: Understanding the dynamics of and current practices regarding both religious and political extremism*
26 February, University of Pécs, Faculty of Law, Pécs, Hungary
- *Hate crime and hate speech: lessons learned, countering activities and the case of far right extremism*
27 February, Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Budapest, Hungary
- *Hate crime and hate speech*
28 February, National Institute of Criminology, Budapest, Hungary
- *Safe City 1.0.*
8 March, Ministry of Interior International Education Centre, Budapest, Hungary
- *Balkan Criminology: Future Workshop*
29–31 March, University of Bucharest, Faculty of Law, Bucharest, Romania
- *EUROCRIM 2019: ConverGENT – Convergent roads, bridges and new pathways in criminology*
19 September, Ghent, Belgium
- *Visegrad Group 1989–2019: On the Road to Restorative Justice*
3 October, Prague, Czech Republic
- *Crime History Conference*
10–12 October, Sapientia Hungarian University of Transylvania, Cluj-Napoca, Romania
- *Transnational Cooperation on the Identification, Assistance and Referral of Third Country National Victims of Human Trafficking*
15 October, Ministry of Interior, Budapest, Hungary
- *Professional training of law enforcement services to combat cybercrime*
21 October, Prosecutor General's Office, Budapest, Hungary

III. LIBRARY

The library stock increased by 111 volumes in the reporting year, of which 56 were received as gifts or in exchange. Of the 111 volumes, 20 are in foreign languages, i.e. in English and German. The library stock currently consists of 9,480 inventory units.

The Hungarian Rules of Law in Force have also been available this year; they contain approximately 350 laws, the operative parts of 120 decisions and 100 opinions of the Supreme Court and the Curia, and short summaries of 120 decisions of the Competition Council in three languages. It also contains international conventions in English, and the journal entitled *Jogesetek Magyarázata* (Explanation of Cases) can also be accessed through this database.

Exchanges and gifts are important sources of enlarging our collection. 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 Curia, the Faculty of Law Enforcement of the National University of Public Service, the Constitutional Court and the Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights.

We also have a good relationship with the Library of the Hungarian Parliament, from where we continue to receive articles and studies relating to specified topics from the database of HeinOnline on a regular basis.

We continue with the libraries of the Prosecutor General's Office, the Budapest Prosecutor General'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 to give mutual support to each other.

We strengthened our professional cooperation with the Library of the Prosecutor General's Office, since they transferred to using the *HunTéka* integrated library system also used by OKRI, which can be accessed through OKRI's server. This was achieved through a licence extension. Furthermore, this year too, it was our Library that carried out the selection of the literature for *Ügyészégi Szemle* (Prosecution Review), the peer-reviewed professional and academic journal of the Prosecutor General's Office, and it gave assistance to researchers on recording 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
30 January	Current issues in criminal statistics	József Kó
27 March	Sexual violence committed against persons younger than twelve years of age	Judit Szabó
24 April	Common sense and scientific rationality: dilemmas relating to safety in the science of policing	Klára Kerecsi
5 May	Changes in criminal statistics systems	Ákos Szigeti
29 May	Hate crimes in a historical perspective	Gábor Zoltán
25 September	Lessons learned from the use of polygraphs in the light of empirical research	Gabriella Kármán, Judit Szabó
30 October	The interpretation of provocative anti-social behaviour in cases initiated for disorderly conduct	László Tibor Nagy
11 December	Extraction of data from the files of the ENYÜBS'18 system	Ákos Szigeti – Réka Kolonics – Ádám Becker

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 56. kötet [Studies on Criminology, Vol. 56.]**
(Ed.: György Vókó) OKRI, Budapest, 2019
2. **Speciális prevenció és dezisztencia [Special prevention and desistance]**
(Author: Judit Szabó) OKRI, Budapest, 2019
3. **A kriminalisztikai szakértői bizonyítás. A hiteltérdemlőség építőkövei [Forensic expert evidence: the building blocks of credibility]**
(Author: Gabriella Kármán) OKRI, Budapest, 2019
4. **Műtárgyhamisítás magyar szemmel. Ocsút a búzától [Forgery of works of art through Hungarian eyes: separating the wheat from the chaff]**
(Eds.: Gabriella Kármán, Miklós Bendzsel, Péter Emőd) SZTNH–OKRI, Budapest, 2019

VI. CONTACTS, POPULARISATION OF SCIENCE

Conferences in OKRI, 2017

1. 28 February, National Institute of Criminology, Budapest
Title of conference: **Hate Crime and Hate Speech**
 2. 28 March Hungarian Academy of Justice, Budapest
Title of conference: **The practical issues of criminal offences against the environment and nature**
 3. 27 September, National Institute of Criminology, Budapest
Title of conference: **Technological modernisation and criminal law**
 4. 10 October, National Institute of Criminology, Budapest
Title of conference: **Conference and workshop on domestic violence**
 5. 16 October, National Institute of Criminology, Budapest
Title of conference: **Conference and workshop on domestic violence**
- Events held in relation to the Celebration of Hungarian Science conference series:
6. 20 November, National Institute of Criminology, Budapest
Title of conference: **Issues of criminal liability in the case of accidents caused by drones and autonomous vehicles**
 7. 27 November, Hungarian Scientific Academy, Budapest
Title of conference: **Science creating values. On topical issues relating to the role of the disciplines of criminal law in the protection of human and scientific values**

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 the Institute's wide-ranging operations;
- 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;
- we assist in producing more specific searches with key data, 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.