

# REPORT

## on the activities of the National Institute of Criminology (OKRI) in 2020

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

### 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 2020, researchers from the Institute delivered a total of **50 presentations** at various conferences and professional forums. Of these presentations, **6** were delivered **in a foreign language**.

Requests to **chair sections of conferences** also indicate professional recognition and presume professional skills. In the reporting year, researchers from the Institute were requested to chair sections on **9 occasions**.

#### 2. Publications

During the reporting year, our researchers published altogether **99 publications**, of which **9** were published **in a foreign language**. **8** of these were published **abroad**.

This year, OKRI's researchers wrote **20 book chapters**, published **3 books** (monographs and textbooks), and authored **45** studies published in *academic journals* and **6** in *conference publications*. In addition, **11 papers** were published in publications of the Institute, and **5 studies elsewhere** (*abstracts, websites other than the Institute's etc.*). Furthermore, our colleagues received requests to *edit* various professional publications and journals **9** times this year. It is increasingly common that some publications are not published in print but are only available online. It is therefore fortunate that the researchers of the Institute can also take advantage of 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.

## 2. Tenders

1.	Year of submission:	2020
	Description of the project	EU, HERCULE-TC-AG-2020, Project Number: 101014783
	Title/subject:	<b>Corruption risk, risk of corruption? Distinguishing criteria between petty and high-ranking corruption</b>
	Applicant:	National Institute of Criminology
	Successful application:	yes
2.	Year of submission:	2020
	Description of the project:	EU Horizon 2020 Secure Societies program, FCT01, Sub-topic 3
	Title and subject:	<b>Evidence-based approaches to counter violent radicalisation</b>
	Cooperating partners:	National Institute of Criminology, Óbuda University, University of Rostock, Middlesex University
	Successful application:	no
3.	Year of submission:	2020
	Description of the project	OTKA 134328
	Title/subject:	<b>Examining the fear of victimisation among the population of Hungary</b>
	Applicant:	National Institute of Criminology
	Successful application:	no

## 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 2020, the Institute's staff took part in the work of the following international professional bodies:

- 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*

## 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, 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

### **1.2 Taught subjects, courses**

- the fundamental problems of theoretical criminology
- criminal law
- the law of criminal procedure
- the law of criminal enforcement
- a course entitled ‘Criminal offences and offenders’
- the theory and practice of crime prevention
- domestic violence, child abuse (within the course on violent crime)
- 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 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

### **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:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Case / lecture title</b>	<b>Location, participants</b>
23 January	<i>Domestic violence</i> – conference and workshop	Palace of Justice, Budapest Ágnes Solt – Renáta Garai
16 November	<i>Utilisation of the statistical data of the prosecution service: Factual data concerning domestic violence in the light of the analysis of case files</i> – training	Office of the Prosecutor General, Information Technology Centre, Renáta Garai
16 November	<i>Actions taken under criminal law in the event of the prevention of the exercise of contact rights with a minor</i> – training	Office of the Prosecutor General, Information Technology Centre, Bernadett Csapucha

## 6. Media appearances

According to our records, researchers from the Institute featured as experts in print and electronic media on a total of **45 registered** occasions in 2020: they appeared in the media **10** times in the printed press, **8** times in the radio, **15** times on a television channel and **12** times on the internet.

It will support the future communication activities of the Institute and the coordination of the communication of the Institute with that of the Office of the Prosecutor General that one of our colleagues (*László Tibor Nagy*) has been appointed as a press officer and another colleague (*Eszter Sárík*) as a deputy press officer.

## II. DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN RELATIONS

### 1. OKRI's domestic relations

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

The professional cooperation entered into back in 2014 with the **Institute of Legal Studies of the Research Centre for Social Sciences** (TK JTI) and in 2017 with the **National Office for the Judiciary** continued in the reporting year.

Cooperation continued to be the closest with the **Office of the Prosecutor General** and with the **prosecution system** in general. The prosecution service initiated more than half (53%, 18 tasks) of all projects that were in progress during the year. Of the projects in the work plan, 7 research projects were initiated by the Office of the Prosecutor General and 11 by chief prosecution offices of the counties, and three research projects were completed within the framework of a cooperation. Beyond the research completed as part of and in addition to the work plan, six additional tasks were completed on the basis of requests made by the Office of the Prosecutor General, and we also represented the prosecution service in an international project.

As representatives of the Office of the Prosecutor General, 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.

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

One of the researchers of the Institute acts as the programme director and 6 researchers act as lecturers of the *Cybercrime, Corruption and Anti-money Laundering* LLM programme advertised and organised in English by the Deák Ferenc School of Pázmány Péter Catholic University.

The Institute received two trainees in the reporting period (a law student from Pázmány Péter Catholic University and a Master's student from Eötvös Loránd University).

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

In 2020, our researchers participated in domestic conferences and round table or professional discussions on **46 occasions**, where they **delivered presentations** on special request, and on a further **58 occasions** they attended domestic 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 the 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. When discussing the relevant results, it must be noted that the pandemic situation has made the maintenance of international relations involving personal participation or attendance significantly more difficult this year.

Our researchers delivered a total number of **26 presentations** at various conferences in the reporting year, but professional meetings with colleagues abroad could only be realised online this year. Despite the technical, logistical and financial challenges caused by the pandemic, our researchers still managed to represent the Institute at international events **on 5 occasions**: they delivered **5 presentations** and actively participated in **1 webinar and 1 round table discussion**.

The Faculty of Law of Maastricht University invited one of our researchers to participate in the work of a research group as 'Secondary Proposer' (COST, OC-2020-1-24548, the title and subject of the submitted application: *Increasing mutual trust and transparency cultural goods trade*).

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

- ◆ *Victimology in Hungary* (online conference)  
European Society of Criminology, 11 September, Bucharest, Romania
- ◆ *Sexual violence against minors under the age of twelve: results from a Hungarian study*  
European Society of Criminology, 11 September, Bucharest, Romania
- ◆ *Special Characteristics of Interpreter Mediated Hearings with Children. The Perspective of a Psychologist* (online lecture);
- ◆ *The Need for Teamwork and How To Support it – Tips & Tools for Better Interprofessional Work in the Best Interest of the Child* (online round table)  
19–20 October, ChiLLS (Children in Legal Language Settings) Project
- ◆ *Crime Harm Index* (live webinar)  
17 November, organised: Cambridge Centre for Evidence-Based Policing
- ◆ *Is it a Crime to be Poor?* (The 2020 Festival of Social Science Society from your Sofa, online)  
19 November, University of Birmingham, organised: Centre for Crime, Justice and Policing

### III. LIBRARY

The library stock increased by 164 books in the reporting period, of which 108 were received as gifts or in exchange. Of the 164 books, 45 are in foreign languages, i.e. in English and German. The library stock currently consists of 9,644 inventory units.

This year, the keywords of the online catalogue were standardised, and the maintenance of its records was also carried out. Many books gifted to the Institute were entered in the stock-list, which process is still ongoing; thanks to László Korinek, the library received a lot of new books that had been missing from the collection.

The Hungarian Rules of Law in Force have been available this year too; they contain approximately 400 laws, the operative parts of 120 decisions and 100 opinions of the Supreme Court, 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, to which the Institute also subscribes.

Exchanges and gifts are important sources of enlarging our collection. We consider it a priority 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 have a good relationship with the Library of the Hungarian Parliament, from where we continue to receive articles and studies relating to specific topics from the database of HeinOnline on a regular basis. This year, we obtained several articles digitally from the Library of the Hungarian Parliament.

We continue to mutually support each other with the libraries of the Office of the Prosecutor General, the Chief Prosecution Office of the Capital, 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 close professional cooperation with the Library of the Office of the Prosecutor General, which is realised in part through professional matters arising from the use of our common *HunTéka* system, and in part through interlibrary loans. 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 Office of the Prosecutor General, and it gave assistance to researchers in 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.

### INSTITUTIONAL PUBLICATIONS

During the reporting period, the Institute published **two publications**:

1. **Kriminológiai Tanulmányok 57. kötet** [Studies on Criminology, Vol. 57.]  
(Ed.: György Vókó) OKRI, Budapest, 2020
2. **A bűncselekmény fogalmának alapkérdései. A bűncselekmény fogalma és csoportosítása a magyar büntetőjogban** [The fundamental issues relating to the definition of criminal offence. The definition and classification of criminal offences in Hungarian criminal law]  
(Author: Ádám Mészáros) OKRI, Budapest, 2020

#### V.

### CONTACTS, POPULARISATION OF SCIENCE

#### Conferences in OKRI, 2017

1. 23 January, Palace of Justice, Budapest  
Title of conference: **Domestic violence**
2. 11 November (online)  
Title of conference: **Science-shaping the future**

## VI. WEBSITE

Our website 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.

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