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New AIC Chairman launches online Library catalogue

Clients from around the world are now able to search the Australian Institute of Criminology's J V Barry Library catalogue online via the Internet. In launching the new facility from the AIC offices in Canberra on Wednesday 29 July, Professor Richard Fox, new Chair of the AIC Board of Management, spoke of the importance of the Library to the Institute and to the worldwide justice community:

"From the inception of the Australian Institute of Criminology, 25 years ago, it was understood that a research and reference library was central to its functions. The foundations of this library consisted of the large personal library of the late Sir John Barry, Judge of the Supreme Court, Victoria and Chairman of the Board of Studies of the Department of Criminology, Melbourne University, who had always been an advocate for the establishment of a national institute such as ours. It is proper that the Library continues to bear his name.

"... Sir John Barry would have been as delighted as he would have been amazed at the capacity of a web page on the Internet to provide access to Australia's premier criminological library to anyone seeking information, not merely from within Australia, but from anywhere in the world.

"Having the Library's catalogue available online as part of the Institute's web site [<http://www.aic.gov.au>] extends the range of individuals, libraries and organisations which will be able to search the holdings of the J V Barry Library. Not only



AIC Chair, Professor Richard Fox (L) with Principal Librarian, John Myrtle (R).

will clients be able to search the catalogue via the Internet using the conventional forms of inquiry, they will also be able to set up subject profiles so that they will be alerted to new literature of interest. This current awareness service complements the CINCH database which is generated by the Library as an index of Australian criminal justice subject matter."

Professor Richard Fox congratulated the members of the Library on this significant improvement in Library services.

Note: The appointment of Professor Fox as Chair of the AIC Board of Management was announced by the Minister for Justice, Senator Amanda Vanstone in late May. Professor Fox is Professor of Law at Monash University, where he has held various positions since 1972. He was in Canberra to chair his first AIC board meeting on 30 July 1998.

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in Australia: New Research Project

The AIC has been commissioned by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Family Services to produce a national stock take of legislation and policy relating to the commercial sexual exploitation of children in Australia. The project, undertaken by Dr Peter Grabosky and Research Analyst Anna Grant,

in collaboration with AIC Associate, Senior Lecturer in Law, Simon Bronitt and Ms Fiona David, is investigating child prostitution, the abduction and trafficking in children, and child pornography. Results of the research are expected to be the basis for Australia's national action plan, pursuant to

Australia's becoming a signatory to the Declaration following the World Conference on the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, held in Stockholm in 1996. The current project follows earlier work at the AIC relating to sexual offences against children, and crime involving use of the Internet.

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ANZ Society of Criminology Annual Conference

AIC Research Analysts presented papers at the annual Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology conference held at the Gold Coast from 8 to 10 July 1998. Dr Satyanshu Mukherjee gave a paper on "Ethnicity, Nationality and Crime"; Dr Peter Grabosky and Carlos Carcach gave a paper on "Multiple Victim Homicide in Australia"; and Carlos Carcach gave a paper on "Trends in Australian Imprisonment: Behaviour of Imprisonment Rates and Implications for Public Policy".

At the annual meeting of the ANZ Society of Criminology, Dr Peter Grabosky, Director of Research at the AIC, was elected

President effective from 9 July 1998. John Myrtle, AIC Principal Librarian, has been elected Secretary of the Society effective from 1 January 1999. Dr Russell Smith, AIC Research Analyst, is the ACT Representative for the Society.

Those wishing to join the Society should contact:
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3rd National Outlook Symposium

Planning for the AIC's 3rd National Outlook Symposium on Crime in Australia, to be held in Canberra from 22 to 23 March 1999, is well advanced and it is shaping up to be one of the most exciting yet in the field of crime and criminal justice in Australia. The subtitle "Mapping the Boundaries" sets the theme with plenary sessions such as "Boundaries within the Criminal Justice System", "Commonwealth/State Boundaries", "Boundaries between Public and Private" and "Transcending Boundaries". Concurrent sessions (20 over two days) look at topics such as drugs and crime, juvenile justice, ethnicity and crime, law enforcement and Indigenous Australians, restorative justice, interjurisdictional differences in crime rates, deaths in custody, firearms, fraud, homicide, sentencing patterns and trends, policing, corrections, remand, violence, preventing violence and crime, markets for stolen goods and domestic violence.

This Symposium will showcase the work of the Australian Institute of Criminology with all research staff involved in the planning and implementation of the program. Academics and Federal and state agency heads will also participate.

Speakers, (in addition to Senator Amanda Vanstone, Minister for Justice) will include:

- ◆ Mr Barry Apsey, Director General, Queensland Corrective Services Commission
- ◆ Professor John Braithwaite, Australian National University
- ◆ Dr David Brereton, Criminal Justice Commission, Queensland
- ◆ The Hon. Kevin Prince, Minister for Police, Western Australia
- ◆ Professor Richard Fox, Monash University, and Chair AIC Board of Management;
- ◆ Mr Laurie Glanfield, Director General, Attorney-General's Department, NSW
- ◆ Ms Pru Goward (Director, Office of the Status of Women, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet)
- ◆ Dr Adam Graycar, Director, Australian Institute of Criminology
- ◆ Professor Ross Homel, Griffith University
- ◆ Mr Brian Martin, QC, Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions
- ◆ Ms Elizabeth Montano, Director, AUSTRAC
- ◆ Mr Mick Palmer, Commissioner, Australian Federal Police
- ◆ Dr Don Weatherburn, Bureau of Crime Statistics, NSW

AIC Staff

Recent staff appointments to the AIC include:

A new appointment to the position of Manager, Administration & Finance was made in April 1998. Geoff Chapman, formerly Business Manager at the National Centre for Social and Economic Modelling, a business unit of the University of Canberra, has had extensive experience in the public service. Geoff has a degree in accounting and is presently working on an MBA.

Research Analyst, Jenny Mouzos, joined the Institute on 1 July. Jenny is a graduate in Criminology from the University of Melbourne, and her appointment brings together two separate monitoring functions in the AIC: homicide and guns.

Full details are now available. If you have not received your registration brochure, call 02 6260 9229.

AIC external appointments

AIC Director, Dr Adam Graycar, has been appointed to the Victorian Government's Community Safety and Crime Prevention Board.

Ms Pamela Garfoot, AIC Senior Librarian responsible for library systems and cataloguing, has been appointed by the National Library of Australia to the Expert Advisory Group on Cataloguing Workflows for the new KINETICA Service. This service will replace and modernise the Australian Bibliographic Network (ABN), Australia's major library resource-sharing network, and is expected to come into operation in the first quarter of 1999. The Institute has been a major contributor to ABN since 1986, and Pamela will be representing Australian special libraries on the Expert Advisory Group.

AIC Publications

Research and Public Policy series

The following new title will be published in the Research and Public Policy series in September 1998 (ISSN 1326-6004):

No. 16 *Sentencing and Indigenous Peoples*, by Rick Sarre & Digby Wilson, 1998. ISBN 0 642 24077 9. 72 pp. A\$20.00.

All titles in the Research and Public Policy series are available from our agents, Bibliotech (see box in this page).

Trends and Issues series

Papers in the Trends and Issues in Crime and Criminal Justice Series (ISSN 0817-8542) are available on subscription of \$60 for 15 papers. Contact AIC Publications for subscription information. Recent papers in this series include:

No. 84: *Private Prisons in Australia: The second phase*, Richard Harding

No. 85: *Poverty, Parenting, Peers and Crime-Prone Neighbourhoods*, Don Weatherburn and Bronwyn Lind

No. 86: *Preventing Car Theft in Australia: "Golden Opportunity for Partnerships"*, Philip Hill

No. 87: *Human Tissue Transplantation Crime*, Elizabeth King and Russell G. Smith

No. 88: *Internet Gambling*, Jan McMillen and Peter Grabosky

No. 89: *Police Shootings 1990-97*, Vicki Dalton

No. 90: *Intimate Partner Homicides*, Carlos Carcach and Marianne James

No. 91: *Child Abuse and the Family Court*, Thea Brown, Margarita Frederico, Lesley Hewitt and Rosemary Sheehan

No. 92: *Torres Strait: Policing the Open Border*, John McFarlane

No. 93: *Criminal Exploitation of New Technologies*, Russell G. Smith

No. 94: *Police Custody & Self-Inflicted Firearms Deaths*, Vicki Dalton

Books

Federation Press is publishing a new book emanating from a recent AIC conference:

Health Care Crime, edited by Russell G. Smith (available September 1998).

This book is available *only* from:
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Web Page

Visit the AIC's "new look" web page at <http://www.aic.gov.au> for the latest information on AIC research, events, conferences and publications. The site is constantly being updated and contains links to other relevant sites. Some recent additions include the following.

In a move to make AIC research more widely available, early papers in the Trends and Issues in Crime and Criminal Justice Series have been placed on the website. To date, numbers 1 to 51, 55, 58, 59 and 88 are available on-line.

Data on deaths in custody in Australia has just been updated for the year 1997-98. (Other innovations are referred to elsewhere in this newsletter: see p. 1 for information on the online Library catalogue, and p. 4 for new information on AIC conferences.)

Publication orders

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Research and Public Policy series; disks; and all AIC backlist titles

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AIC Visitors

Recent interns at the AIC have included Corrine Williams, from the Law Faculty at the ANU, who was working within the Institute from late March to end May. Her work was on the duty of care in correctional institutions in relation to deaths in custody.

Jane Aylet, a communications student from the University of Canberra, is currently working in the Institute as part of the ANU Internship program. She will be assisting in literature searches and reviews for two current research programs.

Benoit Depont, a PhD student from the University of Toulouse, France, was working out of the Institute on Australia's police services from mid-May to the end of July.

FRAUD IN AUSTRALIA

AIC Research Analyst Dr Russell Smith and Director of Research, Dr Peter Grabosky have completed a discussion paper on Fraud in Australia for the Institute of Chartered Accountants. The project provided an overview of the major forms of fraud in Australia, and described the range of responses available to individuals, private sector organisations and governments. This project was a continuation of their work in the area of sophisticated crime.

Trends & Issues in Crime & Criminal Justice

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Seminars, roundtables & conferences

The AIC conducts high profile conferences dealing with matters relating to crime prevention and criminal justice. Details for confirmed conferences can be found on the web at <http://www.aic.gov.au/conferences/index.html>.

Over 60 papers presented at the Partnerships in Crime Prevention Conference (held in February) are now accessible from this website. Unedited collections of papers from the following conferences are also now available on-line in Adobe® Acrobat® format:

- Internet Crime
- Violence, Crime and the Entertainment Media
- Juvenile Crime & Juvenile Justice: Towards 2000 and Beyond
- Privatisation and Public Policy: A Correctional Case Study
- The First Australasian Women Police Conference
- Paedophilia: Policy and Prevention
- Prosecuting Justice
- The First National Outlook Symposium: Crime in Australia
- Crimes Against Business (1994)
- Multiculturalism and the Law
- Crime and Older People

In addition, papers from the following conferences will be available on the AIC web site in late September: the Crime Against Business conference, held in June in Melbourne; and the Gambling, Technology and Society conference, held in conjunction with the Australian Institute for Gambling Research in May in Sydney.

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES: 1998

Safer Communities: Strategic Directions in Urban Planning (in conjunction with the Victorian Community Council Against Violence),
10-11 September, Melbourne

On the Spot Fines: New Directions, New Technologies and Enforcement Issues,
3-4 December, Melbourne

1999

Crime in New Zealand
11-12 February, Wellington, NZ

Crime in Rural Australia
28 February-1 March, Armidale, NSW

Third National Outlook Symposium on Crime in Australia: Mapping the Boundaries of Australia's Criminal Justice System
22-23 March 1999, Canberra (seep. 2)

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AIC Staff in Asia

The 12th International Congress on Criminology is being held in Seoul, Korea in August 1998. The AIC will be well represented with both the Director and the Director of Research addressing the Congress.

The International Society for Criminology was founded in 1938. The ISC has a consultative status with the United Nations and the Council of Europe. The primary purpose of the ISC is to promote actions and research that will foster a better understanding of criminal phenomena at the international level. This 12th Congress is the first to be held in Asia. The main theme of the Conference is "Crime and Justice in a Changing World: Asian and Global Perspectives".

On his return journey from Korea, the Director will be giving two papers in Singapore: the first to be given at the National University of Singapore on Crime and Public Policy and the second to a legal forum on juvenile justice.

The AIC has been invited to submit a paper on "Payment Card Fraud Prevention" for the International Symposium on the Prevention and Control of Financial Fraud to be held at the China University of Political Science and Law to be held in Beijing from 19 to 22 October.

In June, study tours by the Supreme People's Procuratorate and the Ministry of Justice of the People's Republic of China introduced senior Chinese justice officials to the Australian legal system. As part of these tours, both parties visited the AIC on 9 June to discuss with AIC staff the work of the Institute. In early September, the Assistant Research Fellow, Li Xiancui, of the Institute of Public Security of the People's Republic of China will be visiting the AIC and during this time will give an occasional seminar on "Policing in China".

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