



AIC plays significant role in UN Congress

Since its establishment over 50 years ago, the United Nations has held a major international congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders every five years.

The tenth Congress was held in Vienna from 10 to 17 April. The Australian Institute of Criminology formed part of the Australian delegation and made significant input to the Congress.

The Congress had four major strands:

- Promoting the rule of law and strengthening the criminal justice system
- International cooperation in combating transnational crime: new challenges in the twenty-first century
- Effective crime prevention: keeping pace with new developments
- Offenders and victims: accountability and fairness in the justice process

It included four workshops:

- Combating corruption
- Crime related to computer networks
- Community involvement in crime prevention
- Women in the criminal justice system

The Congress accepted the *Vienna Declaration on Crime and Justice: Meeting the Challenges of the Twenty-first Century* to guide member nations in their attack on transnational organised crime.

Australia's Minister for Justice and Customs, Senator Amanda Vanstone, was one of a number of Ministers who addressed the Congress. She told of Australia's efforts in countering transnational organised crime.

AIC Director, Dr Adam Graycar delivered two plenary addresses to the Congress, one on Australia's work in the field of people smuggling and another on crime prevention strategies, the development of evidence based crime prevention and the use of technology in crime prevention.

AIC Director of Research, Dr Peter Grabosky, was the rapporteur for the workshop on computer crime. Arguably the most successful part of the Congress, it was the culmination of almost three years of work by Dr Grabosky in conjunction with the workshop's promoter and organiser, Tokyo-based United Nations Asia and Far East Institute for the Prevention of Crime and

the Treatment of Offenders (UNAFEI).

AIC Associate, Dr Christine Alder, was a rapporteur in the Women and the Criminal Justice System workshop, also the culmination of extensive work.

The workshop on Corruption included as one of its main papers a joint publication of UNICRI and the AIC entitled *Rapid Assessment: Smuggling and Trafficking from the Philippines*, which was prepared in part by the AIC's Fiona David.

AIC Board member Dr Robert Fitzgerald also participated in the Congress as a representative of the Western Australian Government.

United Nations Under Secretary General and Director of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention, Dr Pino Arlacchi chaired the Congress. Dr Arlacchi will be visiting Australia in June 2001 and will be the keynote speaker at the AIC's Fourth National Outlook Symposium on Crime in Australia: New Crimes, New Responses.

Approximately 2000 delegates attended the Congress and the official papers presented to the Congress can be found at: www.uncjin.org/index.html

AIC News

The AIC is an Organising Institution for the 18th Cambridge International Symposium on Economic Crime in September.

The AIC has been appointed Collaborating Centre Status with the National Drug Research Institute.

Dr Toni Makkai, AIC Research Analyst has been designated the AIC's new ACSPRI representative.

The AIC is updating the *Directory of Australian Researchers in Criminology and Criminal Justice*, (formerly the *Directory of Researchers of Crime and Criminal Justice*). The Directory is available on the AIC's website: www.aic.gov.au/services/directories/researchers

AIC Staff Movements

New appointments

The Australian Institute of Criminology is pleased to welcome Rebecca Tailby (pictured right) and Dr Claire Mayhew to its staff.

Dr Mayhew is on secondment for 12 months from the National Occupational Health and Safety Commission.

Recent departures

Dr Satyanshu Mukherjee (see article below), John Chisholm, Fiona David, Anna Grant and Vicki Dalton have left the Institute.



Rebecca Tailby



Dr Satyanshu Mukherjee

Sat Mukherjee Retires

Dr Satyanshu Kumar Mukherjee recently retired from the Australian Institute of Criminology after a distinguished career, including more than twenty years in Australia.

Prior to moving to Australia, Dr Mukherjee gained an MA in Economics from Agra University, India; a PhD in Social Work from the University of Delhi; and an AM (Criminology) and PhD (Sociology) from the University of Pennsylvania, USA.

At Pennsylvania he worked under the distinguished criminologist, Professor Marvin Wolfgang. He came to the Institute from UNSDRI, later UNAFEI, in Rome, where he worked as a Research Expert from 1971 to 1976.

Sat Mukherjee was originally recruited to the Institute in 1977 as a Senior Criminologist in the Research Division. He was promoted to Principal Criminologist in 1985.

From 1990 to 1993 he took leave from the Institute to become Director, Research and Coordination Division, Queensland Criminal Justice Commission. He was Visiting Professor, University of Manitoba and University of Alberta, Canada (1982-83) and Visiting Fellow, University of Chicago Law School (1981-82).

During his career Dr Mukherjee authored a very impressive range of books, reports and articles – a list far too long to include here. Among his abiding research interests were juvenile justice issues and crime statistics. For many years he served as a member of the Australian Bureau of Statistics' National Crime Statistics Advisory Group. The Institute wishes him well in his retirement.

Publications

Watch the AIC website at www.aic.gov.au/publications for details on forthcoming publications.

Research and Public Policy series

No. 23: *Factors Affecting Remand in Custody: A Study of Bail Practices in Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia*, by David Bamford, Sue King and Rick Sarre. ISBN 0 642 24138 4, 94 pp, retail price \$20.00.

No. 24: *Human Smuggling and Trafficking: An Overview of the Response at the Federal Level*, by Fiona David. ISBN 0 642 24151 1, 56 pp, retail price \$20.00.

No. 25: *Drug Use Monitoring in Australia (DUMA): Drug Detection Testing*, by Toni Makkai. ISBN 0 642 24157 0, 33 pp, retail price \$20.00.

No. 26: *Drug Use Monitoring in Australia (DUMA): 1999 Annual Report*, by Toni Makkai. ISBN 0 642 24158 9, 25 pp, retail price \$25.00.

Trends & Issues in Crime and Criminal Justice series

Titles are listed on the web at www.aic.gov.au/publications/whatsnew.html

Visitors to the AIC

5 May 2000: Visitors from Research Institute of Public Security, Ministry of Public Security, China, in relation to the AIC's role and trends in crime in Australia.

7 May 2000: Bong-Jo Han led a delegation of Korean Prosecutors on a visit to the AIC, Australian Federal Police, Director of Public Prosecutions and Attorney General's Department.

11 May 2000: The Institute hosted a visit from 23 Justice Studies students from Peru State College, Nebraska, USA.



Visiting Professor Marcus Felson of Rutgers University presenting his seminar, *Crime Prevention: Putting Theory into Practice*, at AIC on 23 March.



Professor Fyfe from Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (centre) meeting with AIC's Dr Peter Grabosky and Vicki Dalton.

Conference Calendar

Coming in 2000...

Reducing Criminality: Partnerships and Best Practice
31 July - 1 August, Novotel, Perth.

Fraud Prevention and Control
24-25 August, Legends, Gold Coast.

Mapping Crime: Adding Value to Crime Prevention and Control
20-21 September, Mineral Foundation, Adelaide.

Women in Corrections: Staff and Clients
31 October - 1 November, Hindley Parkroyal, Adelaide.

Motor Vehicle Theft
30 November - 1 December, Adelaide.

Stalking
7-8 December, Landmark Parkroyal, Sydney.

Coming in 2001...

4th National Outlook Symposium: New Crimes, New Responses
21-22 June, Rydges, Canberra.

Full details of conferences will be available on our website at www.aic.gov.au or contact Conference Coordinators on phone (02) 6292 9000, fax (02) 6292 9002 or email conference@netinfo.com.au

AIC website continues to grow in size and popularity

The AIC's website at www.aic.gov.au currently handles 150 000 visitors a month. Recent additions include: **Corrections in Australia** – a new section providing a wide range of information on and links to agencies, conferences, correctional facilities, publications and statistics.

Occupational Violence in Australia: An Annotated Bibliography of Prevention Policies, Strategies and Guidance Materials – an extensive bibliography compiled by Dr Claire Mayhew, currently on secondment at the Institute from the National Occupational Health and Safety Commission.

AIC Conferences held recently

Transnational Crime

The unprecedented mobility of people, finance and commodities around the world is creating new criminal opportunities.

To address these new challenges, officials from across Australia and the Asia-Pacific region gathered in Canberra on 9-10 March for an AIC Conference on Transnational Crime.

Issues addressed at the conference included cross-national computer crime, international terrorism, financial havens and human trafficking.

The conference was opened by Senator Amanda Vanstone, Minister for Justice and Customs, and the keynote address was delivered by Professor Margaret Beare, Director, the Nathanson Centre for the Study of Organized Crime and Corruption, York University, Toronto Canada.

The conference also featured presentations by AFP Commissioner Mick Palmer and Lionel Woodward, CEO, Australian Customs Service.

Geoffrey Dabb, Senior Advisor, Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department, addressed the issues of international cooperation, including mutual assistance and extradition procedures.

Crime in the Professions

In February the AIC conducted a two-day conference in Melbourne which examined the nature and extent of crime and deviance in the professions and how to deal with it.

Participants were predominantly professionals themselves, including lawyers, accountants, financial advisers, auditors, doctors, nurses and public servants.

The conference provided innovative analysis of a topic not often discussed openly. It was refreshing to see a group of 70 or so professionals taking an interest in the misdeeds of their colleagues and how to deal with them.

The conference was opened by Senator Amanda Vanstone, Minister for Justice and Customs (via videolink) and the keynote address was delivered by The Honourable Justice Kenneth Hayne of the High Court of Australia.

Senior AIC Research Analyst, Dr Russell Smith, examined the regulation of professionals in the digital age and Graham Brooks, Lecturer, Criminology, University of Lincolnshire and Humberside, spoke on the regulation of Probation Officers in the UK.

Gambling

Issues associated with on-line gambling were high on the agenda at the AIC's Third National Gambling Conference held in Sydney in May in conjunction with the Australian Institute for Gambling Research.

Although Australia currently has only one licensed on-line casino, more are expected in the near future.

Senator Jeannie Ferris, Head of the recent Senate Select Committee Inquiry into On-Line Gambling, spoke of the significant challenge in developing strict regulatory models posed by new technologies.

Gary Banks, Chairman of the Productivity Commission, gave a keynote presentation of the main findings of the Commission's Report on Australia's Gambling Issues.

Responses to the Productivity Commission's Report, from both the government and the industry perspective, were given by David Ford from the Office of Gaming Regulation in Queensland and Tricia Wunsch from TABCORPS in Victoria.

Roundtable

Sport, Young People and Crime Prevention (No. 37), 5 May 2000

An initiative of the Australian Sports Commission and organised by AIC Research Analyst, Dr Margaret Cameron, this roundtable brought together Commonwealth officers and practitioners working with young people to prepare a project brief on young people, sport and recreational activity in relation to crime prevention.

The Commission has acquired considerable knowledge on the relationship between sport and economics and sport and health. Significant anecdotal evidence suggests that sport is often used as a tool to address a number of social issues, particularly with young people, and the Commission is keen to undertake additional research into this area.

As a first step, members of the working group are preparing a background paper on crime and crime prevention, and examples of sporting and physical activities involving young people. The next meeting is planned for June.

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