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**Year-end Report to ASC Executive Board**

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The Division of International Criminology wishes to report on several significant activities since the November, 2011 meeting in Washington, D.C.

1. The **DIC web page** was completely revised and reformatted with expanded and updated content and photos. We are very proud of this significant effort and hope that it expands the membership reach of the Division of International Criminology at [www.internationalcriminology.com](http://www.internationalcriminology.com)

2. The **DIC Newsletter** is attached to the DIC web page, as well as distributed via the DIC listserv. Paid DIC members also receive a “free” subscription to the ***International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice*,** published by Routledge

3. The **DIC Annual Luncheon** was casualty to dramatically rising hotel food costs. The DIC lost $3,000 per year in recent years on its luncheon, despite charging $35-$40 per person. This was not sustainable, given annual dues of $20, and no inclination to raise them. The high cost of the luncheon also negatively impacts on the participation of junior faculty, graduate students, and non-U.S. participants. Off-site private lunch costs in Chicago costs were also prohibitive.

4. As an alternative, the DIC will hold its **first DIC Awards Reception** during the Friday lunch hour inside the Palmer House in Chicago. We will not serve food at the event, but the hotel will set up a lunch station outside the ballroom for anyone who wishes to purchase their lunch and bring it to the reception (filled with table rounds and chairs) and coffee and tea that DIC will pay for. Chris Eskridge has assisted with the logistics of this arrangement, and we will split the hotel’s minimum charge for setting up such a lunch station with another ASC Division holding its meeting next door.

5. We have publicized this change widely via the *Criminologis*t and the DIC listserv with the anticipation that we will get:

1. Wider exposure and participation in the DIC from the ASC community and from visiting foreign participants (ANY ASC participant can attend the DIC Awards Reception).

2. Obtain greater participation from junior scholars and graduate students, who have been deterred by $35-$40 luncheon prices.

3. Carry out a lively awards reception that features the work of the DIC, its members, recognizes with awards those doing high quality work in comparative and international crime and justice issues, plus a free book raffle.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Albanese, Chair

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