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**2017 Annual Report to ASC Executive Board**

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1. All three award committees completed their selection and awardees were notified.
2. From these year’s committee works, the following award winners have been produced:
   1. Rob White (University of Tasmania) received the Freda Adler Distinguished Scholar Award for 2017.
   2. Felia Allum (University of Bath) won the book award for her “*The Invisible Camorra: Neapolitan Crime Families across Europe (*[*Cornell University Press*](http://www.cornellpress.cornell.edu/publishers/?fa=publisher&NameP=Cornell%20University%20Press)*, 2016)*”.
   3. For student paper competition, James Tuttle (North Carolina State University) won the 1st place for his paper entitled "*Murder in the Shadows: Evidence for an Institutional Legitimacy Theory of Crime*". Lovro Borovec and Marko Prpic (University of Zagreb, Croatia) won the 2nd place for their paper entitled "*Internal Procedural Justice and Police Reforms: The Role of Internal Procedural Justice for the Acceptance of Police Reforms*".
3. The **DIC Annual Award Ceremony** was held at the Magianos’ Italian restaurant across from the conference hotel, which proved to be a successful decision. Fund raising was conducted prior to the event, by Sheldon Zhang and Phil He, with the following major contributions to the off-set the luncheon event:
4. $600 from the University of Massachusetts Lowell School of Criminology and Justice Studies.
5. $500 from University at Albany School of Criminal Justice
6. $500 from Northeastern University School of Criminology and Criminal Justice
7. $500 Rutledge Publishing, which publishes the DIC official journal: the *International Journal of Comparative & Applied Criminal Justice.*
8. The off-site luncheon was a sit-down event, a long tradition of the DIC for many years. Because of the conference hotel cost factor, DIC has not held the sit-down luncheon for many years. This year’s event was an experiment.
9. We still rely heavily on our listserv to reach to DIC members and others who registered with the listserv. At our annual business meeting at the ASC meeting Philadelphia on November 17th (Friday), we acknowledged our lack of being savvy in social media and pledged to make efforts to recruit graduate students who are better equipped to deal with the more current electronic venues to conduct outreach activities for the purpose of membership recruitment as well as information dissemination.
10. Fund raising for a cash reserve to subsidize overseas winners to attend DIC award luncheon was discussed at the annual business meeting in Philadelphia.
11. Several ideas were proposed during the deliberation regarding fund raising.
12. Two individuals pledged to donate personal money to DIC
    * **Obi Ebbe** at University of Tennessee Chattanooga ([Obi-Ebbe@utc.edu](mailto:Obi-Ebbe@utc.edu)) pledged to donate $200.
    * **Sesha Kethineni** at Prairie View A&M university ([srkethineni@pvamu.edu](mailto:srkethineni@pvamu.edu" \t "_blank" \o "email)) pledged to donate $250 per year for the next five years.
13. A motion was made, seconded, and voted to contact ASC executive board to establish a donation line within ASC website for members to donate at the time of (1) membership renewal and (2) conference registration.
14. Ineke Haen Marshal of Northeastern University ([i.marshall@northeastern.edu](mailto:i.marshall@northeastern.edu)) has agreed to approach ASC executive board to gain permission to establish financial mechanism to receive donations.
15. James Byrne of University of Massachusetts Lowell suggested to round up well known scholars in DIC to guest-edit special volumes for publishers in exchange for donations to DIC.
16. Once the financial mechanism is established, DIC will publicize it via listserv to get members to donate.
17. Membership recruitment. Members were asked to sponsor students to attend the award luncheon and network with other international scholars. Aebi Macelo of University of Lausanne ([marcelo.aebi@unil.ch](mailto:marcelo.aebi@unil.ch)) suggested to host specific workshops of various kinds catering to international topics in research methods or other topics for training purposes, and make them free for graduate students. Suggested topics included how to conduct comparative analysis. Another suggestion by Camille Gibson of Prairie View A&M University ([cbgibson@pvamu.edu](mailto:cbgibson@pvamu.edu)) to organize round tables or workshops on topics of importance or relevance to international students, such as how to navigate through the hostile academic environment in the U.S. or how to find jobs in the U.S. market.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheldon Zhang, Chair

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