# DIC 2004 Annual Report<sup>1</sup> Submitted by Rosemary Barberet (Chair) April 20, 2005

This report details the activities of the DIC since the submission of our last annual report in April, 2004.

According to the DIC Constitution the Division has the following purpose:

- I. to foster research and exchange of information concerning criminology in an international perspective;
- to encourage effective teaching and practice of criminological principles and to develop curricula for courses in international criminology;
- III. to identify criteria and standards for evaluating criminal justice systems;
- IV. to provide a forum for personal interaction and exchange of ideas among persons involved in international criminology; and,
- V. to promote conference sessions pertaining to international criminology.

#### 1. Officers

The current DIC officers (2003-2005 term) are Rosemary Barberet (Chair), William F. McDonald (Secretary) and Bonnie Fisher (Treasurer). The following are Executive Councillors: Dick Andzenge, Liqun Cao, Nancy Grosselfinger (also Main Vienna Representative to the United Nations), Cindy Smith and Alexander Vazsonyi. Elections will be held this summer (2005) for the next two year term.

## 2. 2003-2005 Short Term Objectives

At the DIC Business Meeting in Denver in 2003, the following short term objectives were adopted for 2003-2005. These objectives supplement those previously stated as our purpose in the DIC Constitution.

- Encourage excellence in comparative/international scholarship
- Play a leading role as a recognized NGO at the UN
- Increase memberships from students and persons from developing nations

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In order to facilitate communication between the DIC and the ASC Board, those items for which we would like a formal response have been bolded in this document.

- Liaise more closely with the ASC Board and with other ASC divisions and committees in achieving internationalization within the ASC
- Encourage transparency of crime and criminal justice data worldwide and facilitate research access to such data by criminologists.
- Monitor funding resources (or lack thereof) for international/comparative criminology

## 3. Membership

DIC membership continues to be high, surpassing 400 members. Several membership recruitment activities took place this year. At the ASC Annual Meeting in Nashville, DIC sponsored sessions were papered with a flyer encouraging presenters and attendees at those sessions to become DIC members. Additionally, all ASC members received a sheet that was enclosed with the annual ASC membership renewal mailing in early 2005.

The DIC voted in 2003 at its business meeting to offer free membership to all ASC members from developing countries, using World Bank indicator criteria (GDP) currently adopted by the International Sociological Association for its own sliding scale membership fee. This has meant adding about 30 more members to the DIC roster since then. However, this practice has been difficult to institutionalize in an efficient way since there is no room on the ASC membership form to list the countries from which ASC members can receive a free DIC membership. Currently, Sarah Hall refers these members to us or we inform Sarah of members that are entitled to this free membership. Further on in this report, we will return to this issue, which we consider fundamental to our efforts to internationalize the ASC.

## 4. Finances

Finances were reported by DIC Treasurer Bonnie Fisher at the DIC Business Meeting in Nashville and recorded in the minutes. The budget report appears below. As of February 1, ASC records indicate we have a balance of \$7,700.

## **DIC BUDGET REPORT** INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR 2003 THROUGH TO 31 October 2004

ITEM	AMOUNT	BALANCE
2003 YEAR INCOME		
Beginning balance		\$1,301.43
Total 2003 dues paid	3,200.00	4,501.43
Luncheons expenses in Denver	-972.89	3,528.54
Expenses	-489.90	1,716.76
Printing	-107.02	
Awards	-208.67	
Baggage weight charges and	-174.21	
Copying		
Balance as of 31 December 03		\$3,038.64
2004 YEAR INCOME to 31 October 04 <sup>2</sup>		
Total 2004 dues paid	3,245.00	6,283.64
Luncheons paid in Nashville	1,300.00	7,583.64
Expenses thru 31 October 04 <sup>3</sup>	-213.91	7,369.73
Printing	-189.78	
Postage	-24.13	
Balance as of 31 October 04		\$7,369.73

Submitted by Bonnie S. Fisher, DIC Treasurer, Thursday, 16 November 04

# **Previous DIC budget balances:**

\$2,519.86 2001 – 31 October 02 2002 – 30 September 03 \$4,496.41 2003 - 31 October 04 \$7,369.73

These are the first 3 quarters figures for 2004.
 The awards cost of \$114.36 is not included as reimbursement was submitted to the accountant until 11 November 04.

#### 5. Activities

- a. Newsletter. There were four issues of the newsletter in 2004, averaging 30 pages. It is published on the DIC webpage and our members are sent an announcement. It is also printed and mailed to about 50 members who do not use the internet. The newsletters are edited by Rosemary Barberet.
- b. Webpage. The DIC webpage has been maintained throughout the year by Sharon Chamard at the University of Alaska, Anchorage.
- c. DIC sponsored panels. There were 20 DIC sponsored panels at the ASC Annual Meeting in Nashville. We also sponsored two author meets critics sessions, and participated in the panel To Divide is to Multiply: Celebrating the Diversity of the ASC Divisions (Co-Sponsored by all five ASC Divisions). We were satisfied with the way the program chairs incorporated international presentations in panels and in the program schedule.

AUTHOR-MEETS-CRITICS: *Mafia Brotherhoods: Organized Crime, Italian Style* (Oxford, 2003), Thursday, 2:00 p.m., Conv. Ctr. 209

AUTHOR-MEETS-CRITICS: Harsh Justice: Criminal Punishment and the Widening Divide Between America and Europe (Oxford, 2003) (Panel Co-Sponsored by the DIC and the Division of Corrections and Sentencing) Saturday, 8:30 a.m., Conv. Ctr. 209

Historical Perspectives Into Policing and Corrections Across Nations	Conv. Ctr. 108	Wednesday at 9:30AM
The Many Facets of the Religion and Crime Relationship	Conv. Ctr. 102	Wednesday at 2:00PM
Comparative Penal Policy	Belmont Two	Wednesday at 3:30PM
Social Control and Indigenous Justice in Nigeria	Conv. Ctr. 209	Wednesday at 5:00PM
Corrections Across Nations: Results From Different Perspectives	Conv. Ctr. 103	Thursday at 8:00AM
New Directions in International Criminology: Theoretical and Methodological Issues	Conv. Ctr. 206	Thursday at 8:00AM
Identity Fraud in an International Context	Conv. Ctr. 108	Thursday at 9:30AM
Organized Crime on Land and in the Seas	Conv. Ctr.	Thursday at

	105/106	11:00AM
Crime, Victimization, and the State: Comparative Studies	Conv. Ctr. 108	Thursday at 2:00PM
Taking Stock of Criminology's Thinking Globally	Conv. Ctr. 206	Thursday at 3:30PM
International/Comparative Criminology Poster Sessions	Grand Ballroom	Thursday at 5:00PM
Emerging Issues in Policing Across Nations	Conv. Ctr. 103	Friday at 8:00AM
Crime, Victimization, and Control in Asia and Southwest Asia	Conv. Ctr. 108	Friday at 8:00AM
What's Similar? What's Different?: Cross-National Perspectives on Policing	Conv. Ctr. 103	Friday at 12:30PM
Democratic Policing Across Nations	Conv. Ctr. 108	Friday at 12:30PM
International Prisons Initiative (IPI) Project	Conv. Ctr. 108	Friday at 2:00PM
Cross-National Time Series Investigations Into the Determinants of Crime Rates	Conv. Ctr. 103	Friday at 3:30PM
Lessons From Comparative/International Criminology	Conv. Ctr. 206	Friday at 3:30PM
Examining Homicide Across Nations	Conv. Ctr. 108	Friday at 5:00PM
Global Perspectives on Crime Issues	Conv. Ctr. 108	Saturday at 10:00AM

## d. Social Activities at Annual Meetings in Nashville

At the Annual Meeting in Nashville, besides our business meeting, the DIC sponsored an information table, a luncheon, and an orientation session for those planning to attend the United Nations Crime Congress in Bangkok in April, 2005.

Ineke Marshall coordinated our DIC table near the book exhibit.

The DIC luncheon attracted about 100 attendees. A reduced price was offered to students and DIC members, and all enjoyed the local menu. The DIC luncheon included an awards ceremony, and afterwards, "open mike" during which members were invited to make spontaneous announcements of upcoming conferences and other activities.

#### e. Awards

The DIC Distinguished Book Award was led by committee chair Edna Erez. Committee members were Susanne Karstedt and Daniel Glaser. The Committee received by the deadline of April 30, 2004 a total of 23 nominations. Most of the books were nominated by the publisher of the book; none were self-nominations. The nominated books included edited collections as well as monographs. The submissions testified to a growing and thriving field of comparative and international criminology. The Committee received a number of high quality books and it was difficult to make the selection. After much discussion and deliberation, it was agreed that Harsh Justice: Criminal Punishment and the Widening Divide Between America and Europe, by James Q. Whitman (Oxford University Press), should be selected as the distinguished book. In the words of the Committee, the book is an excellent socio-historical comparative study of the development, in divergent paths, of punishment systems in Europe and the U.S. It is theory driven, with an innovative approach, and it is erudite, original and well documented. Its focus on the cultural roots of penal systems in Europe (mostly France and Germany) and the U.S. fills a gap in comparative/ international criminology. The work is insightful and serves as a model for comparative criminological research. Because Professor Whitman attended the full meeting and was the focus of the Author Meets Critics session, he was present to receive the award in person.

<u>The Distinguished International Scholar Award</u> was led by Committee Chair Alexander Vazsonyi. The other committee members were Mahesh Nalla, Nancy Grosselfinger and Dirk van Zyl Smit.

The winner, Matti Joutsen also competed with a number of very high profile comparative criminologists for the 2004 DIC Distinguished Scholar Award.

## The Committee reported:

Dr Matti Joutsen's career combines criminological research with policy development, with the added twist of comparative criminal justice. His criminological interest surfaced when, on graduation from the University of Helsinki over thirty years ago, he went to work as a criminologist at the Ministry of Justice of Finland. His boss at the time, Professor Inkeri Anttila, talked him into going to law school, after which he served briefly as a lower court judge. His academic path continued, however, and he received his Doctoral degree in law in 1987, with a dissertation on the victims of crime. The comparative criminal justice element clearly came in when, in 1982, he followed Professor Anttila to the newly established European regional crime and justice institute in the UN network (also known as HEUNI), first as a Senior Researcher and then, following Professor Anttila's retirement, as its director (1987-2000). At HEUNI, Dr. Joutsen prepared comparative reviews of national policy on such issues as victims of crime, the development of non-custodial sanctions, prison populations, and organized crime and corruption. He also provided technical assistance on request to a number of European countries. Working at a UN-affiliated institute, it is perhaps not surprising that the United Nations crime program was and is a central part of his

work. Dr. Joutsen helped in the coordination of the position of European and North American Governments on the reform of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme. He has participated in United Nations Congresses, meetings of the United Nations Crime Committee and Commission, and in other United Nations meetings and seminars since the Fifth United Nations Congress in 1975. He was, for example, one of the prime architects of the 1985 United Nations Declaration on Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power, and he was the Rapporteur-General of the Tenth UN Crime Congress, in 2000. He, or at least his laptop, was heavily involved in the negotiations on the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. This organized crime link (of the more benign type) led to his involvement in the formulation of European policy towards organized crime. In 1997, he was a member of the so-called High-Level Group that produced the influential European Union Action Plan on Organized Crime. During Finland's Presidency of the European Union two years later, he served as the Chairman of the Multidisciplinary Group on Organized Crime. During this period, he prepared the draft for "The Prevention and Control of Organised Crime: A European Union Strategy for the Beginning of the New Millennium", which, once adopted by the European Union, continues to set the framework for national and European policy on the topic.

Today, he is the Director of the International Affairs Unit at the Ministry of Justice of Finland, where he is actively involved in for example the work of the European Union, the Council of Europe and the United Nations. He continues to teach courses on comparative/international criminal justice and criminology at the University of Helsinki, a tradition he began over twenty years ago. He has taught similar courses at different universities in the United States, most recently at the University of Illinois at Chicago and at John Jay in New York.

Awards Committees for 2005 are as follows. The Book Award Committee volunteers consist of Jo-Anne Wemmers (Chair), Matthew Deflem and Josine Junger-Tas. For the first time in DIC history, and we believe in ASC history, the book award committee will consider for next year in Toronto books either in English or in French (the Committee is bilingual). The Distinguished Scholar Committee consists of Bill McDonald (Chair), Ebbi Obbi and Edna Erez.

At the 2004 meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Nashville, the Division of International Criminology voted to establish a student paper competition in order to promote quality comparative scholarship in international criminology. An anonymous donor has contributed money for the award(s). The committee members are:

• Dr.Wojciech Cebulak, Associate Professor, Department of Criminal Justice, Minot State University, Minot, N.D., USA (Chairperson)

- Dr.Wayne Pitts, Assistant Professor, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, The University of Memphis, Memphis, T.N., USA
- Dr.Mahesh Nalla, Professor of Criminal Justice, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University, East Lansing, M.I.,USA.

Paper topics must be related to international or comparative criminology or criminal justice. Any student, both in the United States and anywhere in the world, currently enrolled in an academic university/college program, is invited to participate in the American Society of Criminology Division of International Criminology Student Paper Competition. Students of all university/college levels are invited to take part: undergraduate, master's, and doctoral. Absence of the undergraduate/graduate distinction in a particular country is not an obstacle; however, high school (secondary) students do not qualify: participants must be enrolled in institutions of higher education. Submissions must be authored by the submitting student (only). Student submissions will be evaluated in three categories: undergraduate, master's and doctoral levels. Papers must be previously unpublished and cannot be submitted to any other competition or made public in any other way until the committee reaches its decision. Manuscripts should include a 100 word abstract, be double-spaced (12-point Times New Roman or Courier), written in English, and should be no more than 7,500 words. Submissions should conform to the APA 5.0 format for the organization of text, citations and references. Manuscripts should be submitted as an e-mail attachment in any of the following: Word, Wordperfect, a .pdf file, or simultaneously three .rtf file. the committee an Wojciech.cebulak@minotstateu.edu; members: nalla@msu.edu; wpitts@memphis.edu by August 31st, 2005. Late submissions will not be accepted. The submission must be accompanied by a hard-copy letter of support/introduction from the student's primary academic advisor, on the university's letterhead and with the faculty member's handwritten signature, indicating the academic status of the student. Proof of current full-time enrollment must also be provided in hard copy. Please send the above by airmail to:

Dr.Wojciech Cebulak, Associate Professor Minot State University Department of Criminal Justice 500 University Ave.West Minot, North Dakota 58707 USA

If a student does not have access to email, he/she should submit their work in hard copy by airmail to Dr.Cebulak (committee chairperson) at the above address, postmarked by August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2005. Submissions must be accompanied by a cover sheet where the student should provide the following: first and last name, the university and department's name and location, and the student's category: undergraduate, master's, or doctoral. The winning submissions in each

category will receive a monetary award and be given recognition at the 2005 ASC meeting in Toronto. The winning articles will also be considered for publication in the International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice (although winning the competition is not a guarantee of publication as the manuscript will have to go through the journal's regular peer-review process.) Depending on the volume of submissions, the Committee may also decide to designate two second-place winners (runner-ups).

#### f. Journal affiliation.

In 2003 the DIC voted to adopt *The International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice*, edited by Mahesh Nalla, published out of Michigan State University, as the DIC journal. DIC members pay an additional \$10 membership fee starting in 2005 and will receive two issues a year, starting in 2005. The DIC met in Nashville to finalize a memorandum of understanding between the ASC and the journal which will soon be passed to Chris Eskridge for ASC processing and approval. In the meantime, the DIC Officers and Executive Councillors are voting on the nominations of five persons to the Advisory Board for terms of three years, and ten persons to the Associate Editor Board for terms of three years. The DIC would appreciate acknowledgement of its journal as an ASC journal on the main ASC webpage.

## 6. ASC Policy

a. Representatives sent to criminology association meetings abroad

The DIC continues to inform the ASC Board that it would like the ASC to fully specify the role of the "ambassador" and request a report on each journey. The DIC is disappointed that this role is not taken more seriously and that ASC funds have been disbursed for trips that have not resulted in fuller reports to the ASC membership.

## b. ASC Membership to Members from Developing Nations

For four years now the DIC has been encouraging the ASC to consider giving free or reduced membership to criminologists from developing nations. As mentioned previously, as of 2003 the DIC has taken the initiative to give free DIC membership to these criminologists. Obviously, this is only a gesture of good will since DIC members must first be ASC members. We reiterate our desire to have the ASC take a stance on this issue.

#### c. United Nations

The American Society of Criminology applied for NGO special consultative status to the Economic & Social Council of the United Nations in 2001, thanks to the work of DIC members William Chambliss (DIC Chair at the time), Paul Friday and ASC Executive Director Chris Eskridge. In 2002 this status was granted. This enables the ASC to attend a variety of UN meetings in an observational role, the most important of which are the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice annual sessions, held in May in Vienna and the quinquennial United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (recently held in April 2005) and to join organisations such as the Alliance of NGOs on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and ISPAC (International Scientific and Professional Advisory Council). The DIC is proud to be spearheading this effort of representing the ASC at the United Nations. Cindy Smith continued to attend Alliance meetings in New York in 2004, Nancy Grosselfinger and Cindy Smith attended the annual ISPAC meeting in Courmayeur, Italy in November, and a delegation of three, including Chris Eskridge, Nancy Grosselfinger, and Cindy Smith, will be attending the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice fourteenth session in May, 2005 in Vienna. The DIC has drafted a document of procedures for this new ASC endeavor, for which the ASC provides a small subsidy, as well as a brochure which is distributed at the UN which describes the ASC as an organization. Last year's delegation to the Crime Commission in Vienna resulted in a 20 page report to the ASC Board and ASC membership (available on the DIC website).

The most important United Nations event in 2005 is the Eleventh U.N. Crime Congress. The American Society of Criminology is empowered and encouraged by the United Nations to provide financial, organizational and technical support for the Crime Congress. This is the single largest meeting of approximately 3,500 international public policymakers in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, held every five years since 1955. It is populated by diplomats, ministry officials, and criminal justice administration senior personnel as well as representatives of the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs). Three types of sessions are held; High Level Diplomatic Sessions at which Member State representatives speak about progress and problems on the Agenda Items, Workshops organized by U.N. Institutes on specified themes, and Ancillary Meetings run by NGOs on subjects of their own choosing, compatible with the above settled agenda or 'new and emerging issues'. ASC is permitted to join with others in these Ancillary Meetings, usually by joining with other NGOs in developing a shared theme with diverse perspectives. As one of the very few academically oriented NGO's this is an opportunity for ASC members to insure that research is brought into the international debate to influence global public policy formulation.

Ancillary Meetings usually last 90 minutes each, with approximately four presenters and time for discussion with the balance of the attendees at the end. That means a presentation of approximately 15-20 minutes each, made at a slow rate, because of simultaneous interpretation. The audience ranges from 30-100

persons from all over the globe and reflecting the diverse types of attendees. Presentation should be aimed at the non-NGO sector as usually NGO representatives are quite knowledgeable.

Main Vienna Representative Nancy Grosselfinger, aided by the other members of the ASC-DIC UN team (Cindy Smith and Rosemary Barberet) has been preparing the ASC for the Crime Congress for two years. This has involved an inordinate investment of time which should be acknowledged and thanked, including informational and orientation sessions at the ASC meetings, publicizing the event in the Criminologist, attending to queries from interested ASC members, liaising between ASC members and Gary Hill, the coordinator for NGO presentations, and United Nations staff, and on site coordination in Bangkok. A full report will be produced from the Congress but the ASC Board should know that the ASC had as affiliates or members the largest NGO delegation, composed of more than 15 ASC member delegates who contributed to the Ancillary sessions of the Congress by providing presentations in a wide variety of subject areas.

The main theme of the Congress was "Synergies and responses: strategic alliances in crime prevention and criminal justice", and approved agenda items were:

- 1. Effective measure to combat transnational organized crime
- 2. Corruption: threats and trends in the twenty-first century
- 3. Economic and financial crimes: challenges to sustainable development
- 4. Making standards work: fifty years of standard-setting in crime prevention and criminal justice (www.unodc.org/unodc/en/crime\_cicp\_standards.html)

Workshops were held on the following themes:

- a. Enhancing law enforcement and criminal justice reform;
- b. Strategies for crime prevention;
- c. Measures to combat terrorism;
- d. Measures to combat economic and computer-related crime

Ancillary sessions, in which ASC members participated, covered trafficking in children, the treatment of women prisoners, preventing youth violence, financial and economic crimes, court reform, transnational crime and justice issues in Asia.

On other fronts, in 2004, The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime collaborated with the ASC Division of International Criminology to archive the proceedings of 50 years of United Nations Congresses on the Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders (Congresses I – X, 1955-2000). The documents (working papers, reports, resolutions) are currently available (in English and French only) at <a href="https://www.asc41.com/undocs.htm">www.asc41.com/undocs.htm</a>. Its contents were

researched and compiled by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Division for Treaty Affairs (Vienna, Austria), and the scanning work, done by Cindy Smith and Jen Connolly, was made possible by the collaborative efforts of the American Society of Criminology. The documents are also available at: www.unodc.org.

The DIC would like to reiterate for the third year in a row its wish that the ASC letterhead include the following phrase, as is customary when an NGO is granted consultative status at the U.N.:

"THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY IS A NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION IN CONSULTATIVE STATUS WITH THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS."

#### Conclusion

The DIC is engaged in constant dialogue twelve months a year on issues relating to comparative international criminology, not just at the Annual Meeting of the ASC. The DIC has expanded its membership and range of activities greatly in the past four years. However, we are concerned that the ASC can play a much greater role in the international arena, and we expect more feedback and interest from the ASC Board, which to date has been supportive but only displayed minimal interest in international issues.

For example, the Law and Society Association has much more proactive international policy. It put in place a two year International Initiative Action Plan in 2004 aimed at increasing its international membership as well as transnational collaboration. Some of the features of this Action Plan include (from <a href="https://www.lawandsociety.org/International">www.lawandsociety.org/International</a>):

- a) A campaign to increase international membership and to increase the number of international members on the various committees of the Association.
- b) An effort to hold summer institutes outside the U.S
- c) Expansion of the <u>Collaborative Research Network</u> program with special efforts to include international scholars and to engage in transnational topics. In order to do this the Law and Society Association has submitted a grant proposal to NSF entitled "Building a Global Dialogue in the Sociolegal Field".
- d) Measures to make all LSA activities more accessible to scholars from outside the United States, including increased funding for the annual graduate student workshop, help with visa applications and eventually, subsidy of travel to annual meetings through a newly founded travel grant

program. (It is important to note as well that the British Society of Criminology is offering postgraduate bursaries to its meetings for non-UK members, with a preference for those from developing nations.)

- e) Appointment of Regional Coordinators who serve as the 'long arm' of the International Affairs Committee. RCs assist in liaison between LSA and socio-legal studies associations and centers, disseminate information about the LSA to socio-legal scholars, identify potential new members and enlist them, and facilitate participation by regional scholars in all LSA activities.
- f) Enhanced cooperation with socio-legal studies associations outside the U.S., including a joint meeting in Europe in 2007 co-sponsored by RCSL and other socio-legal associations.
- g) Movement of the 2006 annual meeting to July, in order to facilitate participation by non-US scholars. The Law and Society Association is currently committed to holding annual meetings outside the United States/Canada every five years (the prior ones being in Amsterdam, Glasgow and Budapest). They are currently working on site selection for the 2007 meeting, which will be in Europe, also in July.

We are thankful that the ASC Executive Director has been actively involved in international issues that affect the ASC. It is our hope that upcoming ASC Presidents will pay much greater attention to this area, and that the ASC Board will also provide a good example of leadership as the ASC forges a major role in international criminology.