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Message from the Chair



The International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy (ICCLR or the Centre) has had a busy and productive year.

With continued core financial support from the Department of Justice, the Centre's overall financial position has remained stable and this has allowed ICCLR to undertake projects, research and other activities with only limited encroachment on its investment fund that originated in a grant from the Law Foundation of British Columbia.

Working closely with its international and local partners, the Centre helped to organize a number of initiatives and present significant events during the year. In keeping with its international obligations on Canada's behalf, ICCLR partnered with the Thailand Institute of Justice in April 2015 to hold an ancillary meeting on Justice Indicators and Criminal Justice Reform at the United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice that was held in Doha, Qatar. Leading up to the event, ICCLR, in collaboration with the Thailand Institute, published a short reference tool entitled "Justice Indicators and Criminal Justice Reform" that was launched during the meeting.

On May 19, 2015 the ICCLR, along with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the Thailand Institute of Justice, and the Academic Council on the United Nations System, held a side event on violence against women at the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.

Three major events were held in Vancouver. On April 21st, 2015, ICCLR, the UBC Alma Mater Society's Sexual Assault Support Centre (SASC), and the Ending Violence Association of British Columbia (EVA BC) jointly hosted, Inter-University Conversation for Sexual Assault Prevention and Response. The event was made possible by a grant from the Department of Justice's National Victims of Crime Awareness Week.

On October 17, 2015, the International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law (ISRCL), ICCLR, and the Vancouver Police Department (VPD) co-hosted a one-day symposium on Mental Health in the Criminal Justice System. The event brought together over 175 professionals engaged in criminal justice sectors in British Columbia as well as various people knowledgeable about the effects and complexities of the issues surrounding mental health in the criminal justice system. Funding for the symposium was provided by the Vancouver Police Foundation and the Attorney-General of British Columbia.

On February 19, 2016, the ICCLR organized and presented a one-day conference entitled "Integrity in Local Governments: Mitigating the Risks of Conflict of Interest, Fraud and Corruption." The event drew over 100 local government and related professionals and was made available through an online webinar. A summary of the observations of the keynote speaker, Sonia Le Bel, the Chief Prosecutor who headed the Charbonneau Commission, as well as those of the speakers who followed subsequently, have been posted for public viewing on ICCLR's website. Future conferences centred on mitigating the various risks, including the national security risks associated with corruption, money laundering, organized crime, and other illicit activities are being planned.



I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of the organizations and individuals who helped to plan and organize these local events and the many speakers who were so generous in sharing their knowledge, experience and insights. I would also like to thank the students from the University of British Columbia and the University of the Fraser Valley who, as future young professionals, helped in various ways both before and during the two conferences.

In 2015, ICCLR was very pleased to welcome Professor Isabel Grant who was appointed as a UBC representative on the ICCLR Board, replacing Professor Margot Young. During her time on the Board Professor Young was a very active member and I thank her for her efforts and support. In 2015 ICCLR also welcomed Mr. John Brandolino, Director Division for Treaty Affairs as the UNODC (ex-officio) representative on the ICCLR Board.

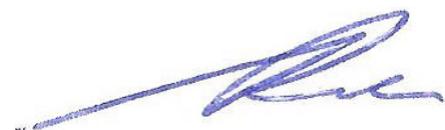
Thanks in large part to the efforts of its dedicated staff, Associates, and Board Members the Centre has been able to continue to operate with few permanent staff: the Executive Director, a Programme Assistant, and a part-time bookkeeper. The Executive Director, Brian Tkachuk, has many years of experience in the field of corrections and in administration, both in Canada and Africa. Ritika Rai joined the Centre in July 2015 as the Centre's Programme and Administrative Assistant. Among other things, Ritika has been instrumental in helping to improve the Centre's electronic accessibility and communications, including use of social media.

Substantial volunteer work is provided by members of the Board of Directors and by the officers of ICCLR, Daniel Prefontaine, the President, and Dean Emeritus Peter Burns Q.C., Secretary Treasurer.

Sean Burke joined the staff of the Centre on a part-time contract to assist in developing the anti-corruption program. I wish to commend and thank Sean for his efforts to advance ICCLR's anti-corruption activities and to wish him well in his future endeavors. I would also like to thank Connor Bildwell for the research and other work he did on both the mental health and anti-corruption conferences. ICCLR's thanks must also go to Calvin Jennings who spent the summer of 2015 on a volunteer internship at the Centre and Jessica Jahn who continues to volunteer at the Centre on a regular basis.

Finally, it is essential to convey the Board's deep appreciation for the committed and dedicated work of ICCLR's incredible Associates who have provided specialized expertise and knowledge gained from many years of academic work, research, and practical experience in different fields of criminal law reform and criminal justice policy. In no small measure, the success of ICCLR is attributable to the work of the Associates.

Recognition of the ongoing importance of international and domestic law reform and policy, particularly in times of fiscal restraint, has been and will continue to be vital to the success of ICCLR's work. As Chair of the Board, I wish to express ICCLR's gratitude to its funders and supporters who have made the continuing work of ICCLR possible. In particular, I wish to acknowledge the contributions and support given to ICCLR by the Department of Justice Canada, the Attorney General of British Columbia, the British Columbia Law Foundation, and the Vancouver Foundation.



Hon. M. Anne Rowles Chair of the Board



Introduction

The International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy (ICCLR or the Centre) is an international institute based in Vancouver, Canada. Founded in 1991, ICCLR is a joint initiative of the Government of Canada, University of British Columbia (UBC), Simon Fraser University (SFU), International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law (ISRCL), and the Province of British Columbia.

It is officially affiliated with the United Nations (UN) pursuant to a formal agreement in 1995 between the Government of Canada and the UN. Through its activities, the Centre contributes to the priorities of Canada and the UN in the field of criminal law and criminal justice.

The Centre is incorporated under the British Columbia Societies Act and is also registered as a charitable, non-profit institution in Canada. It frequently relies upon financial support from various foundations, individuals, government, and academic institutions.

Mandate

The mandate of the Centre is to promote the rule of law, democracy, human rights, and good governance in criminal law and the administration of criminal justice—domestically, regionally and globally. The Centre assists with current Canadian priorities and challenges, including efforts to:

- i. combat transnational organized crime and corruption;
- ii. ensure safe and secure communities for Canadians;
- iii. emphasize the rights of victims;
- iv. actively promote protection of children and women;
- v. enhance effective and fair justice systems; and
- vi. promote international cooperation in the fight against serious crimes.

The underlying premise of ICCLR's efforts is that a fair, responsible, ethical and efficient criminal justice system forms the foundation for economic development, social progression and human security.

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Structure and Management

ICCLR generally operates with a core staff comprised of the Programme Assistant, Executive Director and part-time Accounting Clerk. In 2015, a part time staff was added to the Centre to develop ICCLR's Anti-Corruption Programme. The work of the Centre is guided by the President, who remains the Chief Executive Officer of the Centre, and a Board of Directors.

The core management team is strengthened by the active participation of the Hon. Anne Rowles, Chair of the Board, Dean Emeritus Peter Burns, and UBC and SFU Board members located in Vancouver in various activities.

Associates of the Centre, who have supported and engaged in the Centre's work over the past twenty five years, enhance the Centre's capacity. In addition to participating in programme delivery, these individuals have been actively contributing to the strategic planning and programme development activities of the Centre.

They are also tasked with promoting the work of the Centre as much as possible in their professional fields of endeavor. These Associates are a critical resource in facilitating the effectiveness and sustainability of the Centre.



In 2015, The Centre's capacity was further enhanced through the work and dedication of our student interns and volunteers. These students assisted the Centre with proposal and project development, event promotion and management, and research. While the Centre benefits from their work, these individuals are provided with an excellent opportunity to develop their skills and gain valuable experience, administratively and substantively, on a variety of national and international law and criminal justice issues.

Outside of the income generated through various projects and activities, ICCLR is largely supported by the Department of Justice Canada and the Law Foundation of British Columbia. The Centre also benefits directly and in-kind from the affiliations and partnerships within British Columbia, specifically from the contributions of UBC, SFU, the International Society for the Reform of the Criminal Law (ISRCL) and the Attorney General of British Columbia.

ICCLR continues to operate in a time of economic constraint where fiscal responsibility is more important than ever. In this regard ICCLR maintains stringent controls on financial management and accountability. ICCLR management policies and practices ensure that emphasis is placed on practical outcomes in services and products relevant to current government priorities.

Model for Programme Delivery

Projects and programmes at the Centre are delivered by the combination of staff, Associates and various other experts in the field of criminal law and justice. ICCLR's comparative advantage lies in its ability to bring together expertise across various sectors – academic, government, private sector (including law firms) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs). The Centre acts as a catalyst and facilitator, delivering outcomes in a cost efficient manner.

The Centre works closely with local, national and international experts (i.e., former senior government officials, various criminal justice professionals, police, corrections, lawyers, judges and academics) as well as other members of the United Nations Programme Network Institutes (PNI), and representatives from federal and provincial governments. The cumulative experience of this group of experts working in the fields of criminal law, human rights, the rule of law and good governance is extensive and unparalleled.

ICCLR's expert resource pool is enhanced by the Board of Directors, which, with balanced membership from governmental and non-governmental bodies, ensures that the Centre fulfills its mandate in a manner that is consistent with Canada's national and international criminal justice priorities.

ICCLR's programmes have generally involved various partners, such as the Department of Justice (DOJ), the Department of Public Safety Canada (PSC), the Law Foundation of British Columbia, the International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law (ISRCL), National Crime Prevention Centre, Department of Global Affairs Canada (GAC), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), both the Simon Fraser University (SFU) and the University of British Columbia (UBC), as well as the ongoing support and contributions from members of the Board of Directors.

As part of its various programming efforts, the Centre routinely engages other justice system participants such as the judiciary, prosecutors, law enforcement (including the RCMP), and the Correctional Service of Canada. The Centre endeavors to work with, among others, the National Judicial Institute, the Justice Institute of British Columbia, the Canadian Bar Association and its British Columbia branch, British Columbia Continuing Legal Education and the Justice Education Society of British Columbia.



Overview of Activities

The essential components of ICCLR's work are to:

- i. Develop practical tools, handbooks and manuals;
- ii. Conduct action-oriented research and policy analysis, as well as program evaluations;
- iii. Conduct comparative analyses of various aspects of criminal justice systems in order to identify best practices and create a sound basis for criminal justice reforms in Canada and abroad;
- iv. Develop and deliver technical assistance programmes; and
- v. Provide public information and education relevant to criminal law, criminal justice policy, human rights and crime prevention, domestically and internationally.

ICCLR's 2015-2016 priorities and proposed areas of work were designed to respond to Canada's domestic and international priorities. Building upon the existing strengths of the Centre, ICCLR's current strategic focus areas for project development were:

- Corruption (including organized crime)
- Justice Efficiency and Performance Improvement
- Victims of Violence: human trafficking, gender-based violence (including forced and fraudulent marriages), and violence against children
- Mental Health in the Criminal Justice System
- Criminal Justice Reform, and Alternatives to Imprisonment

The above areas were identified in the past year through a review process, and various committees and working groups were established for the above focus areas. The process for elaborating a program of work and activities for each of these areas remains an ongoing process and will evolve as opportunities and funding are available.



Projects and Events

As in past years, the Centre has continued to collaborate closely with stakeholders and partners including the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the British Columbia Ministry of the Attorney General and key departments of the Government of Canada including Justice, Public Safety and Global Affairs to effect meaningful positive change on critical local, regional and international issues pertaining to the rule of law, human rights, democratic development and good governance. The Centre continues its national and international efforts to reduce crime and improve justice, while respecting the fundamental principles of human rights.

Inter-University Conversation on Sexual Assault Prevention and Response



On April 21st, 2015, ICCLR, UBC Alma Mater Society's Sexual Assault Support Centre (SASC), and Ending Violence Association of British Columbia (EVA BC) jointly hosted, an event titled "Inter-University Conversation for Sexual Assault Prevention and Response." The event, which was made possible by a grant from the Department of Justice's National Victims of Crime Awareness Week, provided a forum where staff and students from universities and colleges across British Columbia convened on UBC Vancouver Campus to discuss sexual assault prevention and response strategies.

More than 100 staff and students from 22 post-secondary institutions attended the event which featured presentations of experiences and good practices on many aspects of the issue of campus sexual assaults: from the establishment of sexual assault centers, to prevention initiatives aimed at educating likely perpetrators of sexual violence, to the development of sexual assault policy. The event featured a keynote address by Elizabeth Sheehy, Professor of Law at the University of Ottawa, who presented her work with the Sexual Assault Task force at her university, and wrapped up with a roundtable discussion that allowed both panelists and participants to voice their concerns around the reporting of sexual assaults on campus. A summary report for this event is available at: <http://www.bit.ly/vocaw>

Event to Recognize International Women's Day

On March 5, 2016, the ICCLR partnered with community organizations in Abbotsford, British Columbia, to organize and celebrate this year's International Women's Day (IWD). These organizations included: the Centre for Indo-Canadian Studies at the University of the Fraser Valley, Abbotsford Community Services, Business and Professional Women of Abbotsford and Mission, the Abbotsford Chapter of the Canadian Federation of University Women GirlKind Foundation, Women's Resource Society of the Fraser Valley, the Reach Gallery, and the Peardonville Treatment Centre.



(Pictured) Vivienne Chin- ICCLR Senior Associate



Mental Health in the Criminal Justice System

On October 17, 2015, ICCLR in collaboration with the International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law (ISRCL), and the Vancouver Police Department (VPD) hosted a one-day Symposium: Mental Health in the Criminal Justice System at the Morris J. Wosk Centre for Dialogue.

The event brought together over 175 justice professionals professional backgrounds in British Columbia to discuss the complexities of working with individuals who are mentally ill and who come into contact with the criminal justice system. It provided an opportunity to deliberate some of the challenges and successes of addressing mental illness within the justice system from the perspective of a variety of participating agencies and provoked discussion, collaboration and understanding about this very important topic. The Symposium addressed current provisions that are improving outcomes for mentally ill individuals in the criminal justice system and recommended steps to achieve greater progress. The summary report for the symposium is available at: <http://www.bit.ly/mentalhealthcjs>



The summary report for this symposium has been added to the Canadian Policing Research Catalogue (CPRC). The CPRC is a searchable database of policing-related publications by academics, police services and associations, governments and NGOs from Canada and beyond.

Integrity in Local Governments: Mitigating the Risks of Conflict of Interest, Fraud and Corruption



(Pictured) Sonia le Bel- Chief Prosecutor of the Charbonneau Commission

On February 19, 2016, the ICCLR organized and hosted a one-day professional development conference on integrity in local governments for over 100 government related professionals. The conference was held at the UBC Robson Square Campus and offered cost-effective attendance for remote participants through an online webinar feed.

The conference featured a keynote address by the Chief Prosecutor of the Charbonneau Commission Ms. Sonia Le Bel, and included presentations and panel discussions by noted experts in local government. The conference discussed the legal standards and issues of conflict of interest, best practices for ethical behavior, fraud detection methods for the public sector, techniques to mitigate the risks of fraud, tools and mechanisms to respond to these issues and how operations can be scaled for community growth and significant projects.

The conference report and webinar, which remains available for on-demand viewing, can be accessed at: <http://www.bit.ly/ilgc1>

ICCLR Role in the United Nations

Through its affiliation with the United Nations, ICCLR is one of eighteen institutes in the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme Network (PNI). The PNI is often called upon by Member States in various Resolutions to carry out its work. Collectively, member institutes have vast expertise and strength. The institutes meet regularly to coordinate their efforts and often undertake or support joint programme activities.

As an independent non-government institute, ICCLR is able to undertake projects and provide independent assessments and advice in an innovative and professional manner that has been welcomed by both civil society and other governments. It possesses flexibility and maintains dialogue with Canadian and various international partners to tailor its work to areas of particular interest to both the Canadian government and the United Nations.

13th UN Congress – ICCLR/TIJ Ancillary Meeting on Criminal Justice Performance Measures

Beyond the plenary and official workshops, the UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice provides the opportunity for various organizations and experts to organize and hold ancillary meetings on a variety of criminal justice topics and issues. In collaboration with the Thailand Institute of Justice, ICCLR organized and held an ancillary meeting on Justice Indicators and Criminal Justice Reform. Chaired by the ICCLR Executive Director, expert panelists for this ancillary included Yvon Dandurand, ICCLR Fellow and Senior Associate, Alison MacPhail, ICCLR Senior Associate, Dr. Kittipong Kittayarak, Executive Director, TIJ and Vipon Kititasnasorchai, Criminal Justice Advisor, TIJ.

The expert panelists examined a number of key issues such as creating performance measures that are simple, affordable, and reliable; determining the evaluation criteria, interpreting these measures; and determining what changes need to be made to resolve gaps between expectations and performance. A reference tool on Justice Indicators and Criminal Justice Reform, published jointly by ICCLR and TIJ, was launched during the ancillary meeting.

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(Pictured) Brian Tkachuk, Dr. Kittipong Kittayarak & Yvon Dandurand

Thirteenth UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

Since 1955, the United Nations has convened world conferences every five years covering a myriad of issues pertaining to crime prevention and criminal justice with the objective of improving the operations of criminal justice systems and fostering international cooperation. The UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice remains the only major UN conference that brings together policy makers and practitioners in the areas of crime prevention and criminal justice, parliamentarians, individual experts from academia and representatives from civil society.



On April 12-19, 2015, the 13th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice was held in Doha, hosted by the Government of Qatar. Attended by State representatives, representatives of United Nations bodies and entities, UN affiliated institutes, specialized institutes, inter-governmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, and also individual expert observers, the Congress drew over 4,000 participants from 149 countries. It was the first Congress to have the UN Secretary General, the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Economic and Social Council in attendance.

Discussions took place at the 13th Congress on a wide range of issues, surrounding the themes of:

- the successes and challenges in implementing comprehensive crime prevention and criminal justice policies and strategies to promote the rule of law at the national and international levels, and to support sustainable development;
- international cooperation, including at the regional level, to combat transnational organized crime;
- comprehensive and balanced approaches to prevent and adequately respond to new and emerging forms of transnational crime; and
- national approaches to public participation in strengthening crime prevention and criminal justice

ICCLR associates and experts made significant contributions to the four high level Congress workshops that were organized by the PNI.

Workshop 1. - Role of the United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice in support of effective, fair, humane and accountable criminal justice systems: experiences and lessons learned in meeting the unique needs of women and children, in particular the treatment and social reintegration of offenders;



Workshop 2. - Trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants: successes and challenges in criminalization, in mutual legal assistance and in effective protection of witnesses and trafficking victims;

Workshop 3.- Strengthening crime prevention and criminal justice responses to evolving forms of crime such as cybercrime and trafficking in cultural property, including lessons learned and international cooperation;

Workshop 4. - Public contribution to crime prevention and raising awareness of criminal justice: experiences and lessons learned.

Yvon Dandurand, ICCLR Fellow and Senior Associate served as the Scientific Moderator for Workshop 1, and also presented on recent initiatives to assist countries in implementing the United Nations Model Strategies and Practical Measures on the Elimination of Violence against Children in the Field Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (General Assembly Resolution 69/194).

Experts supported by the Centre served as panelists for Workshops 3 & 4. Dr. Richard Frank, Associate Director of the International Cybercrime Research Centre and Assistant Professor, Simon Fraser University School of Criminology participated in Workshop 3 and made a presentation on “Measuring Cybercrime: The Example of Online Child Exploitation.” Mathew Torigian, Deputy Minister Community Safety, Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Service Province of Ontario, invited by ICCLR to participate in Workshop 4, provided an overview of the evolution of community mobilization within the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services in Ontario.

The most significant outcome of the thirteenth Congress was the adoption of the Doha Declaration on integrating crime prevention and criminal justice into the wider United Nations agenda to address social and economic challenges and to promote the rule of law at the national and international levels, and public participation. The Doha Declaration stresses the commitment and political will of Member States to implement comprehensive crime prevention and criminal justice strategies. These policies will work to promote the rule of law nationally and internationally.

United Nations Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

As an affiliate institute of the United Nations and member of the UN Programme Network Institutes (PNI), the ICCLR participated in the 24th Session of the UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ), which took place in Vienna from May 18 - 22, 2015. The Crime Commission brought together more than 1,000 delegates from Member States, non-governmental organizations and civil society, including several high-level speakers.



On May 19, 2015, ICCLR collaborated with the Thailand Institute of Justice (TIJ), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS) to organize and hold a side event on violence against women. This side event covered a number of issues including domestic violence, sexual assault, rape and gender-related killing of women and girls (femicide), in various countries and cultural contexts. Senior Associate Eileen Skinnider participated in the side event on behalf of the ICCLR.

The full report of the 24th Commission meeting and other supporting documents can be found here: <http://bit.ly/CCPCJUNODC>

Other UN Related Contributions and Activities

About the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ)

The UN CCPCJ was established by the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), upon request of the General Assembly (GA), as one of its functional commissions. The CCPCJ's mandates and priorities include international action to combat national and transnational crime, such as organized crime, economic crime and money laundering; promoting the role of criminal law in protecting the environment; crime prevention in urban areas, including juvenile crime and violence; and improving the efficiency and fairness of criminal justice administration systems.

The CCPCJ also offers Member States a forum for exchanging expertise, experience and information in order to develop national and international strategies, and to identify priorities for combatting crime.

Anti-Corruption Academic Development (ACAD) Initiative Symposium

On October 30-31, 2015, an ICCLR Senior Associate attended the Anti-Corruption Academic Development Initiative (ACAD) Symposium held in Moscow, Russia and made a presentation on the development of the open-access book, *Global Corruption: Law, Theory and Practice* available on both the ICCLR and UNODC websites. ACAD is an open group of academics (law, business and public administration) with the mission to encourage and promote teaching and research on global corruption in Universities around the world. The course book was uniformly applauded as an impressive accomplishment and a great tool for global anti-corruption education.



Conference of State Parties to the UN Convention Against Corruption

On November 2-6, 2015, a Centre Senior Associate attended the Conference of State Parties to the UN Convention Against Corruption (COSP to UNCAC) in St. Petersburg, Russia as an Official Observer Delegate. The Senior Associate attended sessions on Corruption in the context of Public Procurement, Wild Life and Forestry Trades, Stolen Asset Recovery, Corporate Governance, and Civil Society Participation in Anti-Corruption Initiatives.

On November 4th, the Senior Associate was part of a six person ACAD panel that made presentations on the topic "Opportunities, Successes and Challenges in Teaching Anti-Corruption." The Associate spoke about the Global Corruption book and once again, the course book received a very positive response.

UNODC Expert Meeting on the Handbook for Use of Force in Law Enforcement

On May 28-29, 2015, a Centre Senior Associate participated in the UNODC expert meeting on the handbook for Use of Force in Law Enforcement, held in Vienna, Austria. The intent of the handbook is to provide policymakers and practitioners around the world with more information and guidance on how the Basic Principles on the Use of Force and Firearms (1990) have been, and can be reflected in national legislation and operational policies and procedures; offer clarity and understanding of the lawful use of force by law enforcement officials; and assist law enforcement services to reform and enhance the implementation of international human rights and criminal justice standards fully with regard to the use of firearms. The purpose of the meeting was to review the first draft of the handbook which has been developed based on good practices and policing experience collected through desk review of policing policies, practices and legislation in developing and developed countries.

UN Safe Cities Free of Violence Against Women and Girls Project

A Centre Senior Associate advised UNODC Regional Section for Africa and the Middle East in its work on the UN Safe Cities Free of Violence against Women and Girls Project for the Greater Cairo Region.

4th Global Technical Consultation on Essential Services to Respond to Violence Against Women and Girls

A Senior Associate of the Centre participated in the fourth global technical consultation on essential services to respond to violence against women and girls focusing on governance and coordination which took place in Madrid, Spain from 9-11 June, 2015. The Associate was also involved in the harmonization and finalization of the Essential Services Package which was launched in Istanbul in December 2015 as part of the UN Joint Global Programme on Essential Services for Women and Girls Subject to Violence, a partnership by UN Women, UNFPA, WHO, UNDP and UNODC.

UN Women SE Asia Multi-Agency Regional Validation Workshop

On October 26-27, 2015, a Senior Associate of the Centre participated in the UN Women South East Asia multi-agency regional validation workshop in Bangkok, to review the final report on how the governments of India, Thailand and Viet Nam address sexual violence.

Seminar on Juvenile Justice with UNICEF Viet Nam



On August 25 to 26, 2015, two Centre Senior Associates facilitated a three-day seminar on juvenile justice for faculty members of Hanoi Law University and Ho Chi Minh Law University, as well as members of the Ministry of Justice of Vietnam in Hai Duong, Vietnam. The seminar was sponsored and organized by UNICEF Viet Nam. On August 28, the Centre Associates participated in a meeting organized by UNICEF Viet Nam and the Hanoi Law University to examine the law students' needs in relation to Justice for Children. This meeting is part of a process that will lead to the development of a new subject on "justice for children" in Vietnamese law schools.



ICCLR Resources

Justice Indicators and the Criminal Justice System

Successful justice reforms require a clear vision of the goals to be achieved; explicit and measurable outcomes or performance targets and expected timeframes; and mechanisms to monitor progress through the collection and analysis of relevant data. Justice indicators are useful tools to evaluate performance, draw attention to issues, establish benchmark, monitor progress, and evaluate the impact of interventions or reform initiatives.

Leading up to the 13th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, ICCLR continued its work in the area of justice indicators by collaborating with the Thailand Institute of Justice (TIJ) to prepare a reference tool, entitled “Justice Indicators and Criminal Justice Reform.” The reference tool was launched at Congress during an ancillary meeting jointly organized by ICCLR and TIJ. The reference tool can be found online at: <http://bit.ly/JusticeIndicators>



Yvon Dandurand
Kittipong Kittayarak
Alison MacPhail



Global Corruption: Law Theory and Practice

A Senior Associate of the Centre wrote Global Corruption: Law, Theory and Practice - An Open Access Coursebook on Legal Regulation of Global Corruption under International Conventions and under US, UK and Canadian Law. The book was co-sponsored by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Transparency International Canada Inc., The Canadian Bar Association, the Canadian Corporate Counsel Association, and the University of Victoria. The Coursebook can be found on the ICCLR website at: <http://bit.ly/GlobalCorruption>

National Criminal Justice Symposium Reports and Papers

Since 2009, National Justice Symposium has brought together senior representatives from all sectors of the criminal justice system: judges, defense and crown counsel, police and government officials to discuss systemic issues facing the system and to recommend changes in the delivery of justice in Canada. In 2016, the ICCLR was pleased to begin hosting the National Criminal Justice Symposium (Achieving Satisfying Justice) reports and papers. The reports and papers, along with a brief overview of the National Justice Symposium can be both found under the “Resources” or “Publications” sections on the ICCLR website, or by clicking the dedicated symposium button at the top right-hand corner of the website.



Other Events, Institutional Support and Activities

International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law (ISRCL)

In 2015 ICCLR continued to support the work of the ISRCL. The ICCLR Chair and Executive Director participated as part of the organizing committee for the Society's annual conference that was held in Edinburgh, Scotland from June 21-25, 2015. The ICCLR Chair of the Board represented the ICCLR at this conference that was organized along the theme of Crossing Boundaries: Exploitation, e-Crime, Evidence, and Extradition.

Re-Inventing Criminal Justice: The Eighth National Symposium

The Executive Director and Senior Associates of the Centre attended Re-Inventing Criminal Justice: The Eighth National Symposium held in Montreal, Quebec on January 22-23, 2016. This session focussed on innovation in criminal justice response to vulnerable persons. ICCLR Fellow and Senior Associate, Yvon Dandurand led a discussion on, "Assessing the Capacity of the Criminal Justice System to Respond to the Vulnerable," which discussed effective and ineffective interventions and approaches, based on a review of research literature.

Presentation and Discussion of the Palermo Protocol and Canada

Two Senior Associates of the Centre attended a Presentation and Discussion of the Palermo Protocol and Canada: The Evolution and Human Rights Impacts of Canadian Anti-Trafficking Laws on September 24, 2015 at the Vancouver Public Library, British Columbia. The Senior Associates participated in the study as interviewees for the researchers. The entire report can be found on the ICCLR website at: <http://bit.ly/PalermoProtocol>

Contest for International Anti-Corruption Day

In recognition of International Anti-Corruption Day and in preparation for the Centre's conference entitled Integrity in Local Governments: Mitigating the Risks of Conflict of Interest, Corruption & Fraud, the ICCLR hosted an online contest asking participants, "how is anti-corruption locally relevant to you?" The Centre received many twitter and email entries. The winner, Mr. Glen Brown, was announced on December 9, 2015, International Anti-Corruption Day, and was awarded free registration for the Centre's conference.

Round Table on National Legal Aid Benchmarks

A Senior Associate of the Centre presented on "Legal Aid Benchmarks and Other Indicators" at the Canadian Bar Association (CBA) and Association of Legal Aid Programs, Expert Round Table on National Legal Aid Benchmarks, held in Toronto on November 26, 2015. This project had its genesis in the 2013 CBA's Reaching Equal Justice report and its 31 targets for achieving equal justice by 2030. One of these targets called for the development of national benchmarks for legal aid coverage, eligibility and quality of service. The joint project had produced a background document and a consultation document for a consultation process that was completed in July 2015. These documents referred to ICCLR's work on justice indicators, where the roundtable meeting built on the results of this consultation.



Evaluation of Project on the Social Reintegration of Sex Trade Workers in Vietnam



The Centre, in cooperation with the School of Criminology (UFV), conducted an evaluation of a project on the "Empowerment of Adolescent Girls and Young Women to Escape from the Commercial Sex Industry in Hanoi". The project of Plan International in Vietnam aimed to empower adolescent girls and young women in Hanoi to escape from the commercial sex industry. The delivery of the multi-pronged intervention relied on the services provided by partner organizations and on the role of a network of peer counsellors. The services included: outreach contacts, health testing, life skills development, legal-based information, psychological counselling, vocational training and job placement, and business development assistance and a small loan. The project evaluation was conducted during the fall 2015, based on a review of project documentation and project monitoring and financial data, as well as interviews and group discussions with project beneficiaries, peer counsellors, members of the project team, representatives of the partner organizations, and Hanoi police.

Fifth British Columbia (BC) Justice Summit

BC Justice Summits are convened by Ministerial invitation on the basis of at least once a year to facilitate innovation in and collaboration across, the justice and public safety sector in British Columbia. On November 7, 2015, an ICCLR Senior Associate participated in the Fifth Justice Summit, held in Vancouver, British Columbia where he presented on the development of the Province's Justice and Public Safety Sector performance measures to date.

Online Tracking Module to Better Identify and Support Victims of Human Trafficking

A Senior Associate of the Centre was a subject matter expert to help service providers based in Ontario better identify and support victims of human trafficking. The Senior Associate effectively advised on developing an online training module and related resources for service providers. These training materials will offer service providers resources, tools and tips to assist them in meeting the unique needs of victims of human trafficking. The curriculum is being developed by MCIS Language Services and is funded by the Province of Ontario through the Ministry of the Attorney General's Ontario Victim Services.

Department of Peacekeeping Operations

An ICCLR Senior Associate produced two reports for the Department of Peacekeeping Operations: "The United Nations Rule of Law Indicators-Mapping the Way Forward"; and, a discussion paper titled: "Rule of Law and Security Indicators to Measure Progress towards Sustainable Development Goal 16 in Conflict-affected Societies".

Federal-Provincial-Territorial Permanent Working Group on Legal Aid

A Senior Associate of the Centre presented a keynote address and facilitated two sessions at a meeting of the Federal-Provincial-Territorial Permanent Working Group on Legal Aid in Ottawa, Ontario on February 23-24, 2016. The meeting focussed on legal aid innovation and evaluation and the Senior Associate's main presentation focussed on performance indicators.



Donald Sorochan Q.C. Scholarship

At the closing banquet of the June 2014 ISRCL Conference in Vancouver; the Centre was pleased to announce the establishment of a scholarship in the name of Donald Sorochan, Q.C. In 2015-2016, the scholarship was open to current 2nd year and 3rd year J.D. students at the Peter A. Allard School of Law at the University of British Columbia (UBC), and Criminology Graduate students at Simon Fraser University (SFU). The J.D. students were asked to submit coursework related to topics on international justice and human rights, where SFU Criminology professors were invited to nominate course papers or theses related to national or international criminal law or criminal justice reform. A winner from each institution will be announced from the 2016-2017 year and will receive a \$500 scholarship.

Network to Eliminate Violence in Relationships

An ICCLR Senior Associate presented on "International Perspective on Violence in Relationships" at the Network to Eliminate Violence in Relationships (NEVR) conference, held at the DiverseCity Community Resources Society in Surrey, British Columbia on October 15, 2015. On March 24, 2016, a Senior Associate of the Centre presented on the elimination of violence against children at the NEVR Healthy Families conference. The event was held at the Kwantlen Polytechnic University in Surrey, British Columbia.

ICCLR is on Social Media

In 2015, the ICCLR initiated its social media presence with two accounts: Twitter and LinkedIn. These accounts have allowed ICCLR's initiatives and activities to reach a global audience, and broaden its network to reach international experts, academics, journalists, international research institutes, and students among many other professionals and organizations. The ICCLR has seen tremendous engagement with its twitter account, especially through live-tweeting and commentary during the conference: Integrity in Local Governments: Mitigating the Risks of Conflict of Interest, Fraud & Corruption. The ICCLR now boasts over 600 followers through these social media channels, and continues to grow its following.



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ICCLR History in Brief

Since its inception in 1991 the Centre has conducted research and policy analysis, developed and delivered technical assistance programmes and provided public information, consultation and education relating to many aspects of criminal law, criminal justice policy and human rights, both nationally and internationally. Since 1991, the Centre has successfully delivered numerous programmes including ones addressing:

- Economic Fraud and Identity Related Crime
- Efficiency and Fairness in the Criminal Justice System
- Rule of Law and Human Rights
- Anti-Corruption
- Elimination of Violence against Women
- Counter Terrorism
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- Technical Assistance
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- Marijuana Grow-Op Study
- Money Laundering
- Mental Health in the Criminal Justice System

To fulfill its mandate, the Centre cooperates closely with a network of local, national and international experts including representatives from Federal and Provincial governments, the legal and academic communities, as well as other members of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme and its Network of Institutes. The annual report illustrates the importance of these ongoing partnerships for ICCLR's success. These partnerships and other successful collaborations are what has made it possible for the Centre to achieve its objectives and to embark on ambitious projects. The Centre has been shaped and honoured by the work of numerous Canadian professionals and volunteers who provided ICCLR with the impressive breadth of expertise and depth of commitment for which the Centre has come to be known and recognized. Their continuing commitment and that of the Centre's many supporters is what will ensure the Centre's ongoing success in the coming years.



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Donald Sorochan Q.C. Scholarship Fund



For over twenty years, Donald Sorochan Q.C. has given his invaluable support to the work and activities of both the International Society for the Reform of Criminal law (ISRCL) and the International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy (Centre).

In recognition of Don's many outstanding contributions to its work and the work of ISRCL, the Centre was pleased to announce at the closing banquet of the June 2014 ISRCL Conference in Vancouver the establishment of a scholarship fund in the name of Donald Sorochan, Q.C. The scholarships will be open to students at Simon Fraser University and the University of British Columbia, the Centre's two sponsoring universities, to be used to support the work of the Centre in the areas of international criminal law, criminal law policy and criminal law reform.

The Centre continues to accept contributions to the scholarship fund, in recognition of Don's extraordinary contributions to ISRCL and the Centre.

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