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Activities of the institutes comprising the United Nations Crime Prevention  
and Criminal Justice Programme Network

*Report of the Secretary-General*

*Summary*

The present report highlights the activities carried out in 1997 and 1998 by the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, the affiliated regional institutes and the associate institutes and centres, which together comprise the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme network. It also provides information on the activities of the International Scientific and Professional Advisory Council.



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## **INTRODUCTION**

The present report has been prepared in accordance with Economic and Social Council resolutions 1992/22, section IV, and 1994/21, with a view to facilitating the worldwide coordination of activities related to crime prevention and criminal justice. It is based on contributions received from the institutes and centres and on the report of the Thirteenth Coordination Meeting of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme Network, which was held at Courmayeur, Italy, from 23-24 September 1998.

Joint work between the Centre for International Crime Prevention and the Programme Network, in the framework of the existing mandates of the Institutes, carries great importance in pursuit of the global agenda in crime prevention and criminal justice. Besides the routine institutional linkages within the Network, CICP is keen to promote cooperation through specific, action-oriented and time bound activities which meet common objectives. At the same time, the Centre is increasingly approaching on a case-by- case basis research, academic and other institutions which, while not formally included in the Network, possess expertise which can contribute to the successful fulfilment of the current priorities of the Centre.

## **II. ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS INTERREGIONAL CRIME AND JUSTICE RESEARCH INSTITUTE**

During the latter two-thirds of the reporting period, UNICRI had undergone a change in management and a reorientation of its programme. Therefore, 1998 had primarily been devoted

to a consolidation of UNICRI's activities, including the preparation of several publications documenting earlier research. Since the majority of UNICRI activities combine research, meetings and publications, the present report is organized around major topics.

### **Co-ordination with CICP/ODCCP and the Programme Network of Institutes**

UNICRI participated in the sessions of the Commission, organized and co-hosted with ISPAC the Twelfth and Thirteenth Co-ordination Meetings held in Courmayeur, Italy on 2-3 October 1997 and 23-24 September 1998 respectively.

### **International Crime Victim Survey**

Research: Fully fledged surveys in fifteen countries (97-98); comparative analysis on 59 countries; advice on the first national victimization survey in South Africa.

Meetings: Special sessions on the ICVS at the IX International Symposium on Victimology (Amsterdam, August 1997) and the 12th International Congress on Criminology (Seoul, Korea, August 1998); Round tables/Seminars on the ICVS in three Eastern-Central European countries (1997); Seminar on "Problems of Victimization in the Countries of the Balkan Region" (Tsigov Chark, Bulgaria, February 1998); International Conference on *Surveying Crime: A Global Perspective* (Rome, November 1998), jointly organized by UNICRI, the Dutch Ministries of Foreign Affairs/Justice, the Council of Europe and the Italian Institute of Statistics (ISTAT) with the participation of 120 experts from forty countries.

Several books and reports on the above mentioned issues have been published.

### **The role of criminal law in the protection of the environment**

Research: background research on environmental crime, legislation and law enforcement activities in fourteen Eastern-Central European countries (1997); *Criminal Law and its Administration in International Environmental Conventions*: background research study in eleven countries in the South Pacific region, focusing on legislation, nature and level of enforcement, as well as case studies on specific relevant incidents.

Meetings: International Conference *Crimes Against the Environment - Environmental Protection: A Global Commitment* (Rome, April 1997); First Training Course on *Environmental Protection and Law Enforcement Activities* (Rome, April 1997); Workshop on *Criminal Law and its Administration in International Environmental Conventions* (Apia, Samoa, June 1998).

Publications have been issued and a data base established.

### **Anti-Corruption Strategies**

Research: With respect to the organization of two *Seminars on Anti-Corruption Strategies in Countries in Transition* (19) held in 1997 and 1998 research focused on development of guidelines for national reports and case studies, analysis and presentation thereof in Workbooks and related reports and publications. In addition, in 1998 main research activities focused on the preparation of a joint (with CICP/ODCCP) project: *Global Programme Against Corruption*.

Meetings: UNICRI organized the two above mentioned *Seminars* for prosecutors and law enforcement from a total of 19 countries in transition held at the International Law Enforcement Academy (Budapest, Hungary) respectively in April 1997 and May 1998. Meetings were held with a number of UN and international entities seeking inputs and co-operation for the *Global*

*Programme Against Corruption.*

Moreover, several publications on corruption have been issued.

**Corrections and Probation**

Research: main research activities focused on international trends in non-custodial sanctions; further comparative exploration of major topical issues in probation research, management and administration related to the *International Workshop on Probation*, the preparation of a *Handbook* and the creation of an *international web-site on corrections and probation*. Project document on *Organised Crime in Prison* is under development.

Meetings: UNICRI held the *International Workshop on Probation* in July 1997 in Malta which brought together 64 participants from 31 different countries. Preparatory as well as follow up expert meetings were held at UNICRI and CEP.

UNICRI has published several books addressing the above mentioned topics.

**Juvenile Justice**

Research: comparative research on “children and juvenile justice in Italy, France and Hungary. Preparation of project proposal on the *Involvement of Italian and Foreign Minors in Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking and their Exploitation by Criminal Organisations*”.

Meetings: a number of meetings with consultants and local experts at UNICRI.

**Global Report on Crime and Justice**

Research: preparation of a chapter on Punishment.

Meetings: membership in the Editorial Board.

Publication: *Global Report on Crime and Justice* (ed.G.Newman) UN/Oxford University Press, 1999

### **Global Programme Against Trafficking in Human Beings**

Research: review of literature and the preparation of joint project document with CICP/ODCCP.

Meetings: a number of meetings of the project team and with UN entities and international organizations, including potential donors; presentation of project idea at various international fora.

### **Assistance to Albania in the Prevention of Crime and the Administration of Justice**

This activity, funded by the Italian Government, consisted in preparatory missions to Albania, collection of background information, preparation of lectures and the organization of the training course for 48 members of Albanian judiciary in Rome, Italy, September 1998.

### **International Seminar for Judges and Prosecutors from Bosnia and Herzegovina**

Funded by the Italian Government and UNDP the Seminar, organized by UNICRI in Co-operation with CICP/ODCCP, was held in Rome, Italy in June 1998 and brought together for the first time after the Dayton Agreement 50 participants from the two entities. It included collection of information, missions and preparations of lectures.

## **III. ACTIVITIES OF THE AFFILIATED REGIONAL INSTITUTES**

**A. Asia and Far East Institute for the Prevention of Crime  
and the Treatment of Offenders**

UNAFEI activities in the reporting period included the following:

Each year, two international training courses (duration: three months) and one international seminar (duration: one month) for experienced practitioners and top-level administrators holding relatively senior positions in criminal justice fields.

From 27 January to 28 February 1997, the 105th International Seminar on "The Effective Administration of Criminal Justice for the Prevention of Corruption by Public Officials."

From 14 April to 4 July 1997, the 106th International Training Course on "The Quest for Effective Juvenile Justice Administration."

From 1 September to 21 November 1997, the 107th International Training Course on "The Role and Function of Prosecution in Criminal Justice."

From 26 January to 27 February 1998, the 108th International Seminar on "Current Problems in the Combat of Organized Transnational Crime."

From 13 April to 2 July 1998, the 109th International Training Course on "Effective

Treatment Measures for Prisoners to Facilitate Their Re-integration into Society."

From 31 August to 20 November 1998, the 110th International Training Course on "Effective Countermeasures against Economic Crime and Computer Crime."

Special Seminar for Senior Criminal Justice Officials of the People's Republic of China was conducted for the third time from 1 to 19 December 1997 with the main theme of "The Quest for Effective Juvenile Justice Administration".

From 14 to 18 March 1998, the Bangladesh-UNAFEI Joint Seminar on "Contemporary Problems in the Criminal Justice System and Administration" was held in the Bangladesh capital city of Dhaka.

From 14 to 17 December 1998, the India-UNAFEI Joint Seminar on "Crime Prevention and Control Strategies Against Organized Crime" was held in Delhi.

In January 1997 and March 1998, UNAFEI dispatched experts to Thailand to assist the Office of the Narcotic Control Board (ONCB) in organizing the Fifth and Sixth Regional Training Courses on "Effective Countermeasures against Drug Offences and the Advancement of Criminal Justice Administration."

From 28 July to 8 August 1997, UNAFEI assisted the Latin American Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (ILANUD) in organizing the Tenth Regional

Seminar "Effective Measures for Combating Drug-related Crimes and Improving the Administration of Criminal Justice" in San José, Costa Rica.

From 27 July to 3 October 1998, one UNAFEI professor was dispatched to Kenya to assist the Children's Department of the Ministry of Home Affairs and National Heritage in a project to develop nationwide standards for the treatment of juvenile offenders.

From 5 to 9 October 1998, during the 110th International Training Course, the "Experts Meeting on Crimes Related to the Computer Network" was convened at UNAFEI in preparation for the Workshop on "Crimes Related to the Computer Network" at the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders.

Reports on training courses and seminars are published regularly by the Institute. In 1997 and 1998, the 49th to the 53rd editions of the Resource Material Series were published.

## **B. Latin American Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders**

ILANUD activities in the reporting period included the following:

A project, sponsored by UNDCP and the Inter-American Commission against the Use of Drugs, on the eradication of drug trafficking in Latin America.

A project on juvenile justice and human rights, involving several countries in Latin America sponsored by the European Commission.

A project on women, gender and justice was being sponsored in several Latin American countries by the Danish cooperation agency, DANIDA.

In cooperation with the Government of Norway, a project designed to strengthen norms relating to the prevention and control of violence against women in Central American countries.

In cooperation with the Government of Sweden, a project on introducing a gender perspective into the training of the judiciary in Guatemala.

Another project in Guatemala, on violence against women and children sponsored by the Government of the Netherlands.

A project on the training of the judiciary, and a second project on ethics, corruption and the judiciary, both funded in Bolivia by the World Bank.

A project on the establishment of mediation offices in Ecuador funded by the Inter-American Development Bank.

A project on technical assistance on matters related to the prevention of crime was developed.

Finally, ILANUD has been working with JAICA and UNAFEI on a programme on penitentiary systems.

**C. European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control,  
affiliated with the United Nations**

During the reporting period, HEUNI built on its very strong cooperative partnerships with Member States, national research institutes, various academic institutions, the leading intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and individuals. The activities, during the reporting period, included the following:

A HEUNI staff member has participated in the “Operation Octopus”, the focus of which is on corruption and organized crime in countries in transition, and which is being implemented by the Council of Europe together with the European Commission. The final meeting of the first phase of the project was held in November 1997. The second phase of the project was initiated in 1998.

In March 1997 the Institute organized, together with the Prison Administration Department of Finland and the Council of Europe, a conference in Helsinki on Prison populations in European and North American countries.

During 1997, project proposals for the introduction of computerization into the criminal

justice systems of Bulgaria and to the Russian Federation were prepared on the basis of previous needs assessments.

HEUNI, jointly with the Ministry of Interior of the Russian Federation, organized an international conference on the prevention of trans border car theft in February-March 1997.

A staff member of the Institute participated as an observer in the European regional workshop on the regulation of firearms, convened in Ljubljana, Slovenia, in September 1997.

The first report on the world-wide manifestation and control of organized crime, elaborated by a team headed by professor Umberto Savona (TRANSCRIME, University of Trento, Italy) was published by the Institute during the first half of 1998.

A staff member of the Institute has been appointed as member of the Finnish Government delegation attending the preparatory meetings elaborating the United Nations draft Convention against Transnational Organized Crime.

The Institute has been also involved in the European Union High Level Group on Organized Crime, and the European Union Multi disciplinary Group on Organized Crime, during 1997 and 1998.

A training course for practitioners in the criminal justice system working with domestic violence issues was organized by the institute in Warsaw, Poland, in October 1998.

A Russian language translation of “The Resource Manual on Strategies for Confronting Domestic Violence” (United Nations publication ST/CSDHA/20) was finalized in 1997 and a Chinese language translation in 1998.

During 1997 and 1998, a group of experts, selected by the Institute, has been involved in analyzing the data contained in the Fifth United Nations Survey on Crime Trends and Operation of Criminal Justice Systems. The results of this analysis were published as a two-volume report in the HEUNI Publication Series at the end of 1998.

HEUNI organized the VI European Colloquium on Crime and Criminal Policy, in Helsinki in December 1998. The themes were the same as the ones of the workshops at the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, to be held in April 2000. In addition, one section of the Colloquium dealt with indicators of crime trends and the operation of criminal justice.

A staff member of the Institute attended as rapporteur the expert meetings held in The Hague, in March 1997, in Amsterdam, in August 1997, and in Washington D.C., in February 1998, on the preparation of the manuals on the use and application of the Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power.

The elaboration of the database, established in 1996, on international technical cooperation projects in the field of criminal policy, involving the countries of Central and Eastern Europe has continued during 1997 and 1998.

A study on the effectiveness of international assistance to Estonia in crime prevention and criminal justice was initiated in 1997 and has been continued through 1998.

The Institute granted five short-term scholarships in 1997 and six scholarships in 1998 for post-graduate students and junior practitioners in the field of criminal policy.

#### **D. African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders**

During the reporting period, activities of UNAFRI included the following:

The Institute was closely associated with the preparations and also actively participated in the “African Ministerial Workshop on Corruption and Organized Transnational Crime” sponsored by Centre for International Crime Prevention and the United Nations Drug Control Programme (UNDCP) executed in Dakar, from 21 to 25 July 1997.

In February 1998, UNAFRI, in close cooperation and collaboration with the International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy (ICCLR), organized a Workshop on Alternatives to Incarceration in Africa.

In April 1998, a Workshop of experts on Extradition and Mutual Legal Assistance from African States, was executed in Kampala, Uganda.

In December 1998, UNAFRI cooperated with the International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy (ICCL & CJP) in organizing and participating in a Prison Policy Development Instrument Experts Meeting, held at Kampala, Uganda.

UNAFRI cooperated with the Centre for International Crime Prevention (CICP) and the Uganda Government in organizing the African Regional Preparatory Meeting for the 10th UN Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, held in Kampala, Uganda, 7 to 9 December 1998.

During 1997, the Institute carried out a survey on the extradition and mutual assistance laws, treaties and general practices of most African nations as the initial phase of the project on Extradition and Mutual Legal Assistance practice in Africa.

A crime and victimization survey was launched in June, 1998 as a joint project being undertaken with the United Nations International Crime and Justice Research Institute, the coordinators of the project, and the University of South Africa.

An action-oriented study on the resettlement of street children was continued and expanded to include community youth crime prevention and community policing, with emphasis on street education and crime prevention.

A study on the social rehabilitation of prisoners was continued with financial support from the Government of Uganda. The interim monograph of the study was finalized and is now

available in English and French, on demand, to interested agencies and individuals.

The Institute established, with the support of the United States Government Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice, its own Internet home page.

The Institute participated in the United Nations International Study on Fire Arms Regulations for the purpose of crime prevention and public safety and served as the coordinator of the study for the African member States' participation.

UNAFRI cooperated with the Centre for International Crime Prevention in African regional workshop on firearms regulations, held at Arusha, Tanzania, from 3 to 7 November, 1997.

The Institute collaborated with the Government of the Netherlands and the Centre for International Crime Prevention with regard to an Ad-hoc meeting on national capacities for the collection of criminal justice information and statistics held at Veldhoven, Netherlands, from 17 to 21 March, 1998.

UNAFRI participated in numerous international, regional, sub-regional and national meetings and seminars during the reporting period.

#### **IV. ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATED INSTITUTES**

### **A. Australian Institute of Criminology**

During the reporting period, the AIC research agenda consisted of four sub-programmes: (1) sophisticated and property crime (including organized crime), and high-tech crime; (2) the monitoring of violence and the illegal use of firearms; (3) public policy and drugs (including an on-going analysis of deaths in custody); and (4) data management and analysis. Activities included the following:

The Institute involvement in the International Arrestee Drug Abuse Monitoring programme of NIJ.

Ongoing activities on illegal trafficking in weapons, carried out by a working group under the auspices of the Council on Security and Cooperation in Asia and Pacific.

A national stocktaking of the commercial sexual exploitation of children in Australia.

Two recent publications dealt with the firearms and homicide monitoring programme. This programme looked at an extended list of 70 different variables related to the victim, the offender and the circumstances.

The monitoring of deaths in custody included the systematic and authoritative listing not only of all deaths in custody, but also of all deaths in what were termed custody-related police operations, such as pursuit and arrest.

In the area of high-tech crime, a book had recently been published on computer-related crime, and work was continuing on gambling on the Internet. The AIC would also be assisting UNAFEI in preparations for the Tenth Congress workshop on crime and the computer network.

The AIC had an active web site, and the web site included for example an on-line of the extensive holdings of the AIC library.

The AIC "Trends and Issues" series most recently dealt with "Crime in a shrinking world: implications for criminal justice of globalization".

The AIC hosted many visitors from around the world, including most recently a researcher from the Korean Institute of Criminology who had been on fellowship at AIC for one year. Several delegations had come for example from China, and a delegation was currently expected from Albania.

## **B. International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy**

During the reporting period, ICCLR conducted many projects in cooperation with other institutes in the Programme Network, and was actively seeking to expand such partnerships. The following are the activities planned by ICCLR:

The Centre participated in the preparatory meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and plans to

continue to contribute to the Ad Hoc Committee fora for the purpose of elaborating a comprehensive international convention against transnational organized crime.

The Centre also developed a two-year project on Money Laundering in the Asia Pacific. Its aim is to promote and facilitate effective cooperation between jurisdictions in the Asia Pacific in combating transnational organized crime through effective actions against the laundering of proceeds of crime.

The Centre produced two reports: “Action Against Transnational Organized Crime: Tackling Money Laundering in the Context of Institution Building in the Asia Pacific”, and “Money Laundering in the Asia Pacific: Regional Challenges and Opportunities for International Cooperation”.

The Centre held an International Symposium on the Prevention and Control of Financial Fraud in Beijing, China, in October 1998. In addition, together with the Max-Planck Institute für ausländisches und internationales Strafrecht, organized an International Colloquium on “Criminal Responsibility of Legal and Collective Entities” held in Berlin, from 4 to 6 May 1998.

The Centre has very nearly completed a project on the Elimination of Violence Against Women which resulted in the development of two instruments: A resource Manual on the Model Strategies and Practical Measures on the Elimination of Violence Against Women in the Field of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, and a Compendium of Best Practices. The Centre, in cooperation with the Centre for International Crime Prevention, HEUNI, ILANUD and the

Department of Justice of Canada, held an international meeting of experts on December 17-19, 1998 in Vancouver, British Columbia, to finalize the two products.

The Centre also participates in the International coordination panel of technical assistance and advice in the field of juvenile justice.

The Centre participated in the UN Diplomatic Conference of Plenipotentiaries on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court in Rome, Italy, June-July 1998.

The Centre is planning a project on Trafficking in Human Beings and considering field implementation of the results of the project, subject to funding support.

In 1998, the Centre had a technical advisory project assisting Thailand to develop policies and procedures for investigation of child abuse and caring for child victims through the criminal process and beyond.

In 1995, the Centre initiated a project called: "China-Canada Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Cooperation Program". In this framework, the Centre held in 1998 several working seminars and symposia on law reform, judicial training, legal research and institutional development. In cooperation with the Centre for Criminal Law and Justice in Beijing, published in October 1998 "The United Nations Standards and China's Legal System of Criminal Justice" book.

The Centre, since 1991, has had a joint project with Correctional Service of Canada to promote a renewal of sentencing and correctional practices at the international level. Work is either in progress or under development with China, Malawi, South Africa, Brazil and Central America. The Centre has completed a draft model instrument on basic prison regulations and regulatory practices, based upon relevant UN Standards, General Assembly Resolutions and Canadian operational guidelines. In November 1998 this draft policy instrument was the focus of an expert meeting in Kampala, Uganda.

The Centre, in cooperation with a Coalition of Canadian Organizations, organized a World Conference to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, December 7-9, 1998 in Montreal.

Through newsletters, publications, electronic mail and public lectures, the Centre regularly provides information regarding technical assistance and international cooperation activities in the fields of crime prevention and criminal justice.

### **C. International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences**

During the reporting period, activities of the International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences included the following:

Training seminar on “The protection of human rights in the administration of criminal

justice” for Portuguese-speaking African countries was organized in collaboration with the United Nations Centre for Human Rights, the Centre for International Crime Prevention of the United Nations Office at Vienna, the Council of Europe, the European Commission for Human Rights and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency. The Seminar was held in Siracusa from 25 May to 1 June 1997.

International conference on “Impunity for international crimes and serious violations of fundamental human rights” held in Siracusa from 16 to 21 September 1997.

From 9 to 13 December 1998, the Institute organized, in cooperation with the Council of Europe, an International Seminar which addressed issues related to security and policing modalities in emerging democracies and countries in transition.

In 1997, the Institute organized in Siracusa two “Inter-Sessional Meetings of the Preparatory Committee of the General Assembly on the Establishment of an International Criminal Court” within the framework of the work done by the Preparatory Committee.

From 24 to 26 November 1997, the Institute organized in Cairo, Egypt, a regional conference on the “International Criminal Court”.

A Regional Conference on the “International Criminal Court” was organized by the Institute on 18 and 19 February 1998 in preparation of the Rome Diplomatic Conference.

In view of the Diplomatic Conference, the Institute organized an “Informal meeting of the Bureau of the Diplomatic Conference” of the Presidents-designate, the General Rapporteur, the United Nations Secretariat (Legal Office and Office of the Secretary-General) and other experts involved in the process which led to the establishment of the Court. This meeting, held in Courmayeur-Mont Blanc (Italy) from 6 to 8 May 1998, was organized in cooperation with ISPAC.

A second International Colloquium for young penalists was organized by the Institute in cooperation with IAPL from 16 to 22 September 1997.

Following the inter-governmental expert group meeting organized in 1996, the Institute held three different activities related to extradition at Siracusa.

An International Training Seminar on “International cooperation in criminal matters” was held at Siracusa from 1 to 5 June 1997 and organized in collaboration with CICP.

The First international colloquium for young penalists organized in cooperation with IAPL was held in Siracusa from 21 to 28 September 1997.

From 6 to 11 July 1998, the Institute organized at Siracusa two parallel meetings dealing with “International cooperation in criminal matters”.

A Technical Assistance Programme on "Organized crime and money-laundering" for high-

level officials and experts of the Egyptian Government was organized in Siracusa from 27 November to 4 December 1998.

From 3 to 6 December 1998, the Institute organized in Siracusa an International Seminar for public prosecutors to discuss law enforcement issues and modalities of cooperation in the fight against organized crime and its transnational manifestations.

The Institute organized and hosted, from 3 to 7 December 1998, an International Expert Group Meeting of the IAPL on "the criminal justice systems facing the challenge of organized crime".

An International Conference was organized with IAPL at Aix-en-Provence (France), on 9 and 10 June 1997 on the relationships between different criminal justice systems.

An International Conference on "Systems of comparative criminal justice", was organized in cooperation with CICP and held in Siracusa from 16 to 20 December 1997.

Finally, the Institute has published numerous books and reports on the above mentioned issues.

#### **D. Naif Arab Academy for Security Sciences**

NAASS consists of three main institutes: a graduate institute which grants, *inter alia* scientific bachelor degrees and specialized diplomas, a training institute that was extensively

engaged in both short and long-term programmes, seminars and workshops in accordance with the priority of Arab countries, and a research centre which dealt with priority topics for the region. In December 1997, an international conference on technical cooperation in crime prevention and criminal justice involving the Arab countries had been organized.

#### **E. National Institute of Justice of the United States Department of Justice**

During the reporting period NIJ carried out the following international projects and programmes:

In April 1998, NIJ released a US\$500,000 solicitation to the international research community seeking proposals for “Comparative, Cross-National Crime Research Challenge Grants”. Three projects on the effectiveness of juvenile justice systems, human trafficking, and the commercial sexual exploitation of children have now been funded, with a total allocation of US\$610,098.

Inaugurated the International Arrestee Drug Abuse Monitoring Program (I-ADAM), one of the only international drug prevalence measures articulating the consequences of drug abuse within and across national boundaries. In 1998, sites were operationalized in Australia, Chile, England, Scotland, and South Africa.

Convened an expert group meeting on the use of the United Nations Statistical Crime

Surveys in Veldhoven, the Netherlands, in March 1998.

Initiated a Research Partnership Program Between the United States and Ukraine. This is a two-year \$1,5 million programme, supported by the U. S. Department of State, that began in September 1998.

Continued support for the United Nations Programme Network Institutes. Building on the United Nations Online Crime and Justice Clearinghouse (UNOJUST) Programme, the National Institute of Justice received US\$50,000 from the U. S. State Department in September 1998 to upgrade the hardware and software being used in the PNIs and in Vienna. During 1998, UNOJUST evolved into its next generation, the World Justice Information Network (WJIN). Development of WJIN advanced dramatically in 1998.

Co-sponsored a workshop on transnational organized crime on June 17-18, 1998. Theoretical frameworks and emerging research related to this problem were considered, and a research agenda defining critical areas for new research was defined.

On November 10, 1998, NIJ convened a meeting in Washington, DC of representatives from criminal justice research institutes based in ministries of justice or otherwise affiliated with national governments. The purpose of the meeting was to begin to build upon the PNI network to open a dialogue with other research institutes having common interests in crime and justice issues.

Convened a round table on November 16-17, 1998 in Washington, DC of US and British researchers. The purpose was to explore the research, programme development, and evaluation tactics and strategies attendant to the UK's comprehensive, evidence-based crime reduction strategy undertaken in July 1998.

#### **F. Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law**

During the reporting period, the Raoul Wallenberg Institute focussed its efforts on the promotion of research, training and academic education in the field of human rights and humanitarian law.

Training in human rights for police and prison officers, prosecutors, magistrates and judges and other officials in the administration of justice are organized in a number of countries, e.g. South Africa, Uganda, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Ethiopia, China, Georgia and Viet Nam. Programmes for countries in Central and Eastern Europe have recently been developed.

The Institute has also developed advanced academic programmes in human rights for senior government officials, academics and representatives from non-governmental organizations. The Institute is also organizing a masters programme on international human rights law, open for students from all over the world.

The Courts of Judicature and the Prison Staff Training School in Uganda have both been

provided with literature collections in the field of human rights and administration of justice, in order to assist the institutions in decision making and training respectively.

The Institute continued to support activities carried out by the Community Peace Programme at the University of the Western Cape in South Africa. Training in community policing, production of manuals for lay assessors and development of crime prevention strategies and alternative models for conflict resolutions are examples of activities carried out by CPP.

Institutional support has also been given to the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, The African Centre for Human Rights and Democracy Studies, The African Society of International and Comparative Law, The Human Rights Research and Documentation Trust for Southern Africa, and the Centre for Applied Legal Studies at the University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa.

The institute is frequently organising and participating in expert meetings, seminars and colloquies, often for discussion about the implementation of international human rights instruments. Among other events, the following were organized at the Institute in 1997-1998:

- 25 April 1997, the Institute, in co-operation with the International Federation of Human Rights Leagues, organised, "Human Rights Defenders: International Partnership - Workshop on the Complementary Role of International Human Rights NGOs, Institutes and Human Rights Defenders in the South";

- Lund, 23/25 October, 1997, Expert Meeting on the World Bank's Inspection Panel.

- 11/13 December 1997, "The First ASEM Seminar on Human Rights and the Rule of Law: Administration of Justice", was organized in Lund.

A large number of publications has been produced during 1997 and 1998. They can be consulted in the Institute's web site: <http://www ldc.lu.se/raoul>.

### **G. International Centre for the Prevention of Crime**

During the reporting period, the International centre for the Prevention of Crime, implemented the following activities:

A conference of the Forum of Mayors in advance of the Johannesburg conference on crime prevention.

Work with the Montreal Urban Community on technical assistance and crime prevention, designed to promote the most successful crime prevention strategies.

Work in cities in developing countries, such as Johannesburg and Daresalaam, in cooperation with Habitat.

An ongoing consultation with South Africa, including an extended visit of South African officials to Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom for training on the implementation of crime prevention strategies.

The ICPC expanded its documentation centre by making more information available via its Internet site.

#### **V. ACTIVITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

ISPAC had been created by ECOSOC as a "roof organization" for those organizations world-wide that are active in crime prevention and criminal justice, in order to bring together their contributions on specific topics.

Most notably, during the reporting period, ISPAC hosted a conference in September 1998 on transnational crime, which brought together over 150 participants from around the world.

#### **VI. PREPARATIONS FOR THE TENTH UNITED NATIONS CONGRESS ON THE PREVENTION OF CRIME AND THE TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS**

Four technically oriented workshops will be convened during the Tenth Congress. CICP will be cooperating with four of the institutes in the preparations of those workshops.

The workshop theme and the partner institutes are as follows: combatting corruption (UNICRI); crime related to the computer network (UNAFEI); community involvement in crime prevention (ICPC, with additional preliminary assistance by the Government of Argentina); and, women in the criminal justice system (HEUNI). See the Secretary-General's Report on the Preparations for the Tenth Congress for more details.