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On 14 February 2000, the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights of Argentina created, under its auspices, the Latin American Crime and Justice Research Institute, IIDEJUAL. The IIDEJUAL has as its long-term goal the creation of a clearinghouse of data and information on crime and justice in the Latin American region. It expects, through its expanding network of professionals working in the field (e.g., professors, Government experts, NGO's, etc) to be able to publish high quality research reports and policy papers for the region and the rest of the world.

In the framework of an agreement with the Centre for International Crime Prevention, the IIDEJUAL has set among its primary goals:

- To implement the questionnaire for the United Nations Survey of Crime Trends and Operations of Criminal Justice Systems in the Latin American region;
- To promote comparative analyses on police, corrections and criminal courts data from Latin American countries;
- To gather data and information on transnational organized crime in Argentina;
- To plan and implement other activities in connection with those stated above, such as the publication of documents, the convening of training courses, and the organization of seminars with representatives from different fields with a view to discussing the findings and outcomes of the studies.

As part of this collaborative effort, IIDEJUAL and the Centre have established a sabbatical exchange program for the year 2000/2001 that will result in an on-going exchange of expertise, information and experiences.