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Message from the Chair



During the past year, the International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy (ICCLR or the Centre) began a strategic planning process with the goal of ensuring sustainability in its work. The Associates of the Centre, many of long association, have been invaluable in taking ICCLR's planning process forward.

The Centre continues to operate with a modest number of staff: the Executive Director, a Programme Assistant, and a part-time bookkeeper. Substantial volunteer work is provided by Daniel Prefontaine, the President; Dean Emeritus Peter Burns Q.C., Secretary Treasurer; and members of the Board of Directors. The Centre's continued success is greatly enhanced by those voluntary contributions.

Sean Burke has recently joined the Centre on a part-time basis and is serving as the Centre's anti-corruption programme manager. Sean is a highly experienced border security and identity fraud specialist with 15 years of experience in training development and facilitation. Calvin Jennings has joined the Centre for the summer on a volunteer internship. Calvin has interests in anti-corruption and is supporting Sean Burke in his work.

Betty Zhang, a UBC graduate in International Studies who has worked for the Centre for the past two years, is leaving to pursue a law degree at McGill University. Betty has been a very resourceful employee and has contributed to many aspects of the Centre's work. We wish her well in her legal studies.

Two valued members of the Board, Sean Tupper from Public Safety Canada and John Sandage, the UNODC's ex-officio member, have left the Board because of other employment appointments each received. ICCLR is grateful for the contributions both made to the work of the Board and thank them for their efforts.

ICCLR is pleased to welcome Kathy Thompson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Community Safety & Countering Crime Branch, who has been appointed as the Public Safety's representative on ICCLR's Board. We await announcement of John Sandage's replacement at UNODC.

On July 8, 2014 ICCLR signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Justice Education Society of BC (JES). The JES has an excellent reputation doing international work, particularly in Central and South America, as well as taking on many local initiatives connected with the justice system. The MOU will enable JES and ICCLR to explore opportunities to collaborate on the development and implementation of projects in areas of mutual interest.



ICCLR's priority areas for which committees and working groups have been established include:

- Anti-Corruption
- Justice Efficiency, Performance Measurement and Improvement
- Victims of Violence including Human Trafficking, Violence against Women, Violence against Children, Model Strategies, Forced and Fraudulent Marriages, Gender Based Violence
- Mental Health in the Criminal Justice System

The process of conceptualizing and implementing a program of work for each of these areas is an ongoing process. Particular emphasis is presently being given to developing programs that address corruption, including local, national, and international initiatives.

With continued core financial support from the Department of Justice, the Centre's overall financial position is now stable. ICCLR has been able 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.

As Chair of the Board I wish to express my deep appreciation for the committed and dedicated work of ICCLR's Associates, who have provided specialized expertise and many years of practical experience in different fields of criminal law reform and criminal justice policy.

It has been a great privilege for me to work with ICCLR's small staff, its active Board members, and its Associates who have given their time so generously. Recognition of the on-going 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.

Finally, I wish to express ICCLR's gratitude to its funders and supporters who have made the continuing work of ICCLR possible. In that regard, it is right to highlight and 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. Anne Rowles,
Chair of the Board



Introduction

The International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy (ICCLR) 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, Simon Fraser University, the International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law, 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 registered as a charitable, non-profit organization in Canada. It relies upon financial support from 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 combat transnational organized crime and corruption; to ensure safe and secure communities for Canadians; to emphasize the rights of victims; to actively promote protection of children and women; to enhance effective and fair justice systems, and to promote international cooperation in the fight against serious crimes.

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

Structure and Management

ICCLR 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, Secretary Treasurer, and a Board of Directors. The core management team is strengthened by the active participation of the Hon. Anne Rowles, Chair of the Board, and UBC and SFU Board members located in Vancouver in various activities.

Associates of the Centre, who have been engaged in and supported the Centre's work over the past twenty years, enhance the Centre's capacity. In addition to participating in programme delivery, these individuals are called upon to engage in and support strategic planning and programme development activities of the Centre, and to promote 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.

Outside of 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 recognizes that it is operating in a time of economic constraint where fiscal responsibility is more important than ever. In response to these changing economic and funding environments, ICCLR has reviewed and revised its business procedures and practices, and has implemented more stringent controls on financial management and accountability. ICCLR management policies and practices have been enhanced to 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, criminal justice professionals, police, corrections, lawyers, judges and academics), 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 programmes generally involve 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 Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), 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 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 also works 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.

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Overview of Activities

The essential components of ICCLR's work are to:

- i. Develop practical tools, handbooks and manuals, such as:
 - Justice Indicators and Criminal Justice Reform: A Reference Tool
 - Planning the Implementation of the United Nations Model Strategies and Practical Measures on the Elimination of Violence against Children in the Field of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice: A Checklist
 - Municipal "Best Practices": Preventing Fraud, Bribery and Corruption
 - Responding to Victims of Identity Crime: A Manual for Law Enforcement Agents, Prosecutors and Policy-Makers
 - Human Trafficking – a Reference Guide for Canadian Law Enforcement
 - Criminal Justice Assessment Tool Kit
 - UNODC Handbook on the Prevention of Recidivism and the Social Reintegration of Offenders
 - United Nations Manual on International Judicial Cooperation against Terrorism
 - Manual for the Ratifications and Implementation of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, 3rd Edition
- 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 (e.g., Witness Protection Programs, Parole Supervision);
- 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 priorities and proposed areas of work are 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 are:

- i. Anti-Corruption (including organized crime)
- ii. Justice Efficiency and Performance Improvement
- iii. Victims of Violence: human trafficking, gender-based violence (including forced and fraudulent marriages), and violence against children
- iv. Mental Health in the Criminal Justice System
- v. Alternatives to Imprisonment
- vi. Cybercrime (exploratory)

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



Projects

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 Foreign 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.

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, held in Doha on April 12 – 19th, 2015, ICCLR continued its work in the area of justice indicators by collaborating with the Thailand Institute of Justice (TIJ) to prepare a short reference tool, entitled “Justice Indicators and Criminal Justice Reform.” In addition to the publication of the reference tool, ICCLR and TIJ also held an ancillary meeting on Justice Indicators and Criminal Justice Reform at the 13th Congress.

Inter-University Conversation on Sexual Assault Prevention and Response

On April 21st, 2015, in partnership with UBC Alma Mater Society’s Sexual Assault Support Centre (SASC) and Ending Violence Association of British Columbia (EVA BC), ICCLR brought together staff and students from universities and colleges across the province to discuss sexual assault prevention and response strategies. The event, an “Inter-University Conversation for Sexual Assault Prevention and Response,” was made possible by a grant from the Department of Justice’s National Victims of Crime Awareness Week.

With more than 100 staff and students from 22 post-secondary institutions in attendance, the day featured presentations of experiences and best practices on many aspects of the issue of campus sexual assaults: from the establishment of sexual assault centres, to prevention initiatives aimed at educating perpetrators of sexual violence, to the development of sexual assault policy.



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.

United Nations Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice / United Nations Programme Network Institutes (PNI) Workshop

In 2014-2015 the Centre continued to support the United Nations Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) and assist the Government of Canada to fulfil its international criminal justice priorities. On May 12-16, 2014, ICCLR attended the 22nd UN CCPCJ held in Vienna. As a member of the PNI, ICCLR supported the organization of a workshop on the principal theme of the Commission session: “international cooperation in criminal matters.” Within this thematic framework, the workshop looked at gaps and the sustainability of the multilateral treaty system, the current status of national legislations, and legal aspects related to specific modalities of international cooperation.

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UN Programme Network Institutes (PNI) Coordination Meeting and ISPAC Conference

In December 2014, the Executive Director participated in the Coordination Meeting of the PNI in Milan, Italy that was held in conjunction with the annual International and Scientific and Professional Advisory Council (ISPAC) conference, organized for the UN Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme. The 2014 ISPAC conference focused on “Criminal Threats and International Answers in the Global Sports Industry.”

Discussions during the Coordination Meeting most notably focused on the organization of high-level thematic workshops for the Thirteenth UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. The coordination of workshops and events in support of the Congress is in fulfillment of the mandates given to the PNI by the Commission to provide technical assistance to Member States on relevant issues of the Programme. During the Coordination Meeting, it was established that, to follow up on the four high-level thematic workshops organized by the PNI for the Thirteenth UN Crime Congress in Doha, the PNI would also organize a workshop at the 24th CCPCJ in Vienna, May 18-22, 2015.



Organization of Workshops for the 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.

Over the past several years the PNI has contributed significantly to the organization of the Congresses and in particular to the high level thematic workshops. During the last four Congresses, thirteen different workshops were convened. At the request of Member States, the PNI was once again called upon to organize the four workshops that were held at the Thirteenth Crime Congress (Doha, Qatar 12-19 April 2015):

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.

Beyond supporting their overall organization, ICCLR associates and experts made significant contributions to the four high level workshops. Professor Yvon Dandurand, ICCLR fellow and senior associate served as the Scientific Moderator for Workshop 1, and also made a presentation 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 of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (General Assembly Resolution 69/194).

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.

During the 13th Congress, ICCLR, in collaboration with the Thailand Institute of Justice (TIJ), held an ancillary meeting on justice indicators and criminal justice reform. ICCLR and the TIJ have recently prepared a short reference tool on Justice Indicators and Criminal Justice Reform that was launched at the Congress.

About the 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.



Other UN Related Contributions and Activities

Methods Camp on Indicators of Justice and Safety in Development

ICCLR participated in a week-long “Methods Camp on Indicators of Justice and Safety in Development”, held by the Harvard Kennedy School Program in Criminal Justice and the Justice and Legal Systems Research Institute of Ethiopia held in Addis Ababa in May 2014. A Senior Associate of the Centre represented both the Centre and UNODC, and presented on “Indicators Without Borders - How do International Measures Work?”

Policing and Justice Essential Services and Quality to Respond to Violence against Women and Girls

Two Senior Associates of the Centre led a global technical consultation on policing and justice sector essential services and quality standards for responding to violence against women and girls as part of the UN Joint Global Programme on Essential Services. The consultation meeting took place in Marrakech, Morocco from July 1-4, 2014 sponsored by UN Women and UNFPA, in partnership with UNDP and UNODC. Draft guidelines were subsequently developed.

UN Intergovernmental Expert Group Meeting on Gender-Related Killings of Women and Girls

The Centre participated in the UN Intergovernmental Expert Group Meeting on gender-related killings of women and girls, held in Bangkok, Thailand on November 11-13 2014, organized by UNODC and hosted by the Government of Thailand.

“Responding to Violence against Children in contact with the Justice System” Regional Training Workshop

The Centre participated in the Regional Training Workshop, “Responding to Violence against Children in contact with the Justice System,” held in Bangkok, Thailand on November 3-5, 2014. Organized by UNICEF, UNODC and TIJ, a Senior Associate of the Centre delivered sessions on the prevention of violence against children and on child-sensitive responses to child victims and witnesses of crime. The training was offered to 120 senior police, prosecutors and judges from 16 Asia Pacific countries.

Country-specific Technical Assistance on Enhancing Criminal Justice Response to Violence against Women and Girls

In March 2014, a Senior Associate of the Centre participated in a workshop on legislative review on violence against women held in Ain Soukhna, Egypt, sponsored by UNODC and the Egyptian Ministry of Justice. Subsequently, the Senior Associate has assisted the UNODC Country Office in Egypt in developing and advising the work of the UN Safe Cities Greater Cairo Region: Safe Cities Free of Violence against Women and Girls Project.

In 2014 and 2015, a Senior Associate of the Centre supported the review of the Vietnamese Penal Code and Penal Procedure Code in Vietnam from a gender equality perspective.



Training Programme for the Implementation of the Bangkok Rules in Vietnam

In December 2014, a Centre expert participated in a UNODC Training Programme for Vietnamese prison staff, to support the effective implementation of the UN Rules for the Treatment of Women Prisoners and Non-Custodial Measures for Women Offenders (Bangkok Rules).

UN Model Strategies and Practical Measures on the Elimination of Violence against Children in the field of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

ICCLR has continued to play a key role in the development and implementation of the Model Strategies and Practical Measures on the Elimination of Violence against Children in the field of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice which were adopted by the UN General Assembly on December 18th, 2014. These model strategies were developed to support a comprehensive, system-wide and strategic approach, in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, to effectively prevent and respond to violence against children.

An ICCLR Senior Associate, on behalf of UNODC and supported by the Thailand Institute of Justice (TIJ) drafted two documents: a short booklet introducing the model strategies and a checklist to aid the application of the model strategies. The documents were published by TIJ and UNODC for the November 2014 implementation meeting.

Updated Model Strategies to Respond to VAW and Blueprint for Action

On behalf of the UNODC, a Senior Associate of the Centre developed two resources which provide a framework for Member States to develop national implementation plans for the criminal justice system to respond to violence against women and girls in line with the Updated Model Strategies: “A Handbook on Effective Prosecution Responses to Violence against Women and Girls,” and “A Blueprint for Action: An Implementation Plan for Criminal Justice Systems to Prevent and Respond to Violence against Women.”

Policing and Prosecution of Sexual Violence in Asia and the Pacific

Throughout 2014, two Senior Associates of the Centre participated in an international team researching the policing and prosecution of sexual violence in Asia and the Pacific, sponsored by UN Women, UNODC and UNDP, and prepared the draft report, “The Trial of Rape: Understanding the Criminal Justice Sector Response to Sexual Violence in India, Thailand and Vietnam.”

ICCLR Support for UNODC’s Anti-Corruption Programme

In early 2015, in collaboration with UNODC, ICCLR commenced the process to develop an anti-corruption manual for law enforcement officials. A Senior Associate of the Centre is also a member of the UNODC’s Anti-Corruption Academic Materials Development Group. This group has developed outlines and suggested readings for 20 academic modules on various anti-corruption issues. These modules are available on UNODC’s comprehensive anti-corruption website called TRACK.



Institutional Support, Events and Conferences, and Other Activities

Annual Southwestern University Summer Law Program



ICCLR continued its support of and participation in the month-long Southwestern University Summer Law Program. The program, which is a collaboration between the University of British Columbia's Faculty of Law, Southwestern University (Los Angeles, USA), and ICCLR, gives U.S. and Canadian Students and Scholars the opportunity to engage and exchange on current issues in International Law. The 2015 program involved prominent U.S. and Canadian scholars and 18 law students from across the U.S., completing coursework in Comparative Criminal Procedure, Global Tort Litigation, International Environmental Law, and Comparative Sexual Orientation Law. Students studied at the UBC Faculty of Law at Allard Hall, and visited the Vancouver Law Courts and Downtown Community Courts.

The International Society for the Reform of Criminal Law (ISRCL)

The Centre sponsored and provided Secretariat services to the International Society's 27th Annual Conference, successfully held in Vancouver on June 22nd – 26th, 2014. The conference focused on sentencing and corrections reform in the context of milestone criminal justice reform events, and in the context of the United Nations standards and internationally accepted norms in crime prevention and criminal justice.

UBC Social Justice Forum

The annual Social Justice Forum provides UBC Law students with an opportunity to connect with and learn more about public interest professionals and organizations in areas such as environmental law, human rights law, elder law and family law. ICCLR was present to provide information about our work, areas of research, and involvement opportunities for students.

Re-inventing Criminal Justice – Seventh National Symposium

The Executive Director and two ICCLR Senior Associates participated in the Seventh Annual National Justice Symposium in Montreal on January 23-24, 2015, which focused on performance measurement in the criminal justice system. The Symposium is an invitational meeting attended by Senior Judges, Defense Bar and Legal Aid, Crown Counsel, Courts Administration, Police and Corrections. ICCLR played a key role in the symposium. A short paper, *Using Indicators to Help Improve the Justice System*, was prepared by Senior Associates Yvon Dandurand and Alison MacPhail and served as the basis for discussions throughout the symposium.



Tackling Early and Forced Marriage and “Honour” Based Violence in Canada

On February 26, 2015, an ICCLR Senior Associate participated in a conference on Tackling Early and Forced Marriage and “Honour” Based Violence in Canada, held in Ottawa. The conference was jointly hosted by the Department of Justice and the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada.

The day-long conference included the following panel discussions:

- Setting the Stage: What do we know about Early and Forced Marriage and “Honour” Based Violence?
- The Legal Framework in Canada
- Responding to Early and Forced Marriage and “Honour” Based Violence: Enforcement and Prosecution
- Protecting Children: Extraterritorial Issues and Domestic Legal Challenges
- Responding to Victims

There were approximately 250 participants at this conference from international organizations, advocacy groups, federal and provincial governments, and the service provider sector.

The Centre is in the process of developing a programme of work in this particular area of violence against women.

Alternatives to Imprisonment in Central America

The Centre supported efforts to reduce prison overcrowding in Central America. On December 8-10, 2014, the Executive Director participated in a Justice Education Society (JES) Seminar on Alternative to Imprisonment held in Guatemala City, involving participants from Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador.

Economics of Policing: National Policing Research Symposium

Economics of Policing is a key policy and research priority for Public Safety Canada. On March 1-4, 2015 the Executive Director participated in the Public Safety Canada Summit on the Economics of Policing and Community Safety, held in Ottawa. The Summit, organized around the theme of innovation and partnerships, was attended by over 250 law enforcement leaders, frontline officers, Canadian and international academics, federal, provincial and territorial government representatives, and other policing partners. The Summit focused on key emerging issues, including: the professionalization of policing; technological advancements in policing; policing strategies in remote, northern aboriginal communities; new community safety models and partnerships; and engaging Canadians in discussions on the evolution and future of policing.

A poster presentation on proposed research in relation to Section 28 Mental Health Apprehensions by the Vancouver City Department (VPD) was presented throughout the Summit. This proposed research is an initiative of the Vancouver Police Department, Vancouver Coastal Health and ICCLR. On March 5, 2015 and following the Summit, the ICCLR Executive Director participated in a Post-Summit Discussion on Policing Research hosted by Public Safety Canada.

International Criminal Justice: The State of Play

On March 19-20, 2015 the ICCLR Board Chair and Executive Director attended the International Criminal Justice: The State of Play conference that was co-convened by the Simons Foundation and the Simon Fraser University School for International Studies held in Vancouver.

The Hon. Louise Arbour, former Supreme Court judge and UN High Commissioner for Human Rights chaired this event, which was attended by approximate 30 high profile, distinguished international legal experts from around the world.





Municipal Delegation from Beijing, China

On October 28, 2014 the ICCLR hosted a 21-person delegation from the Municipal Commission for Discipline Inspection and Supervision Bureau in Beijing as part of a specialized three-week training program delivered by the Asian Business and Management Program at York University.

The training program was designed around the objective of learning about corruption of public institutions, related penalties, and strategies to combat corruption. At the Centre, a Senior Associate made a presentation outlining the mission, mandates, and implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC), with an emphasis on the risk mitigation approach to corruption prevention. The presentation also introduced tools, such as UNCAC's Corruption Prevention Checklist, and explained how it could be used to safeguard against corruption for major public events, such as the Olympic Games and the World Cup. The ICCLR Board Chair provided a brief overview and examples of efforts to address municipal corruption in Canada.

Raul Wallenberg Institute for Human Rights 30 Year Celebration Conference

On October 18, 2014, the ICCLR Executive Director participated in the Raul Wallenberg Institute (RWI)'s 30 year celebration conference which focused on Human Rights Education, a prominent theme of RWI's activities since it was established in 1984. Along with ICCLR, RWI is a member of the United Nations Programme Network of Institutes (PNI). The occasion of the conference was used as a planning meeting for Workshop 1 to be held at the 13th UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. An informal PNI coordination meeting was also held in conjunction with this event.

Partnership with the Justice Education Society of British Columbia

On July 8, 2014, ICCLR signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Justice Education Society of BC. The MOU establishes agreement for the ICCLR and the JES to cooperate on a variety of issues and establish a channel of communication to facilitate the exchange of information of mutual interest and relevance to both organizations in the execution of their respective functions and to promote future cooperation; to explore opportunities to collaborate on the development and implementation of projects, events and or conferences in areas of mutual interest; and when successful in securing funding, to work collaboratively on the implementation of agreed upon projects, events and conferences.



Recent Reports and Publications

- Justice Indicators and Criminal Justice Reform (April 2015)
- Tackling Early and Forced Marriage and “Honour” Based Violence in Canada (March 2015)
- Planning the Implementation of the United Nations Model Strategies and Practical measures on the Elimination of Violence against Children in the Field of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice: A Checklist (March 2015)
- Introducing the United Nations Model Strategies and Practical Measures on the Elimination of Violence against Children in the Field of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice: A New Tool for Policymakers, Criminal Justice Officials and Practitioners (March 2015)
- Using Indicators to Help Improve the Justice System (January 2015)
- United Nations Model Strategies and Practical Measures on the Elimination of Violence against Children in the Field of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (September 2014)
- Mental Illness and the Criminal Justice System – A Review of Global Perspectives and Promising Practices (February 2014)
- Research on Public Confidence in the Criminal Justice System: A Compendium of Research Findings from Criminological Highlights – Reinventing Criminal Justice Symposium, Ottawa Canada (January 2014)
- Mental Health in the Criminal Justice System – Prepared for the Fifth National Symposium – Reinventing Criminal Justice, Montreal Canada (January 2013)
- Effect, Issues and Challenges for Victims of Crime that have a Significant Impact on the Environment – Prepared for the PNI Workshop organized and held at the 22nd United Nations Commission of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (March 2013)
- Policing and the Mentally Ill: A Review of Issues Related to Mental Health Apprehensions by Police in British Columbia (April 2013)
- Municipal Best Practices: Preventing, Fraud, Bribery and Corruption (March 2013)
- Fighting Corruption in Canada: Practices from Abroad to Improve Our Response (March 2012)

All ICCLR publications are available at <http://icclr.law.ubc.ca/publications>



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
- International Criminal Court
- Restorative Justice
- Transnational Organized Crime
- Firearms Protocol
- Corrections Reform
- International Standards and Norms in Criminal Justice
- Victims
- Young Offenders
- Civilian Police – Peacekeeping
- Crime Prevention
- Southern Sudan Prison Reform
- Law Enforcement and Prosecutorial Cooperation
- Human Trafficking
- Child Protection
- Legal Research
- Justice and Public Security
- Drugs in BC
- Financial Fraud
- Law in a Fearful Society
- Technical Assistance
- Public Outreach
- Visiting Scholars
- International Lecture Series
- International Cooperation
- Marijuana Grow-Op Study
- Money Laundering
- Mental Health in the Criminal Justice System

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