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From the Editor's Desk

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This edition of *The Victimologist* features important information on the forthcoming 13th International Symposium on Victimology.

Professor Hidemichi Morosawa, as Chairperson of Tokiwa University, has extended victimologists, especially WSV members, a warm welcome to the beautiful campus in Mito, Ibaraki, Japan. He says, "It is a great honour to host this symposium at Tokiwa University, which, through the Tokiwa International Victimology Institute (TIVI), has continuously contributed to the advancement of the field of victimology, and currently serves as one of the leading Victimological research centres in Asia.

Of course, there is much more to read, so please read on!

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The 13th International Symposium on Victimology



Aug 23-28, 2009

Tokiwa University
Mito, Ibaraki, Japan

Information about the symposium programme, themes, registration and accommodation information is now available at the conference website:

<http://www.isv2009.com/>

General questions about the programme, themes, papers, travel, accommodation, etc., can be submitted to:

isv2009@tokiwa.ac.jp or see the conference website under "Contact Us" for more specific e-mail and telephone contact information:

<http://www.isv2009.com/contact.html>

The symposium theme is Victimology and Human Security. Sub-themes (tentative) are:

- Theory on Victimology and Human Security
- A Victim Convention in the light of International Instruments and National Norms
- The work of the UNHCR and Victims of Abuse of Power, Refugee Victims and Displaced Persons
- Victims of Human Trafficking, Sexual Exploitation and other Transnational Crimes
- The Development of Victim Issues in the National Justice Systems, especially in Asia
- Responses to Disaster Victimization

- Psycho-traumatological and Psychological Interventions, building a network and coordination of Victim-specialized Interveners (professionals and volunteers)
- Victimization of Indigenous People and other Marginalized Groups
- Special Victimizations: Victims of Family Violence, Torture, Terrorist Attacks, Consumer Fraud, and Cyber Victim

Dates to Remember:

- Start date for abstract submissions: June 10, 2008
- Deadline for abstract submissions: March 31, 2009
- Deadline for final paper submissions: May 31, 2009
- Early symposium registration period: February 1 - May 1, 2009

Manifesto Launched In Europe

Victim Support Europe

The Victim Support Europe is an organisation of non- governmental bodies that provide assistance and information to victims of crime. It promotes the establishment and development of victim services across Europe.

Victim Support Europe has noted that the European Union's most recent priorities in the justice area do not include victims of crime. The limited focus on victim issues has affected the protection and promotion of victims' rights across Europe. Research shows that only about 16% of all victims with expressed needs in the EU are provided with support in the aftermath of crime. To address this, Victim Support Europe has produced its first Manifesto for Europe, to promote victims' rights and call for victim issues to be put back on the EU agenda. Amongst other things, it is calling for the protection of victims' rights to be included in the next five-year EU programme within Freedom, Justice and Security.

The Manifesto was launched at a media conference in February 2008 at the Directorate-General (DG) for Freedom, Security & Justice, European Commission, Brussels, Belgium

Portuguese Association for Victim Support

A Profile on a national organisation
affiliated with the WSV



The Portuguese Association for Victim Support (APAV) is a non-profit and a charitable organisation. Its objective and primary statutory activity is to provide confidential and free services to victims of crime, namely information, counselling and emotional, legal, psychological and social support, at a national level. APAV has a national network of 15 local victim support schemes and is also a voluntary organisation supported by a national network of more than 250 volunteers.

As part of its social mission, APAV has made a valuable effort to strengthen its participation in local and regional communities and for this reason has been gradually increasing its number of local victim support schemes throughout Portugal on a yearly basis. This also has been fundamental in making victim support more accessible not only to Portuguese citizens but also to cross-border victims, whether nationals of other EU member-states or of other non-European countries.

Professionals and volunteers working in APAV offer assistance and personal support to victims of crime. These services are provided within a multi-disciplinary approach involving different areas as law, psychology and social work. In addition, services are provided from a network perspective, where various entities collaborate in dealing with each specific case, such as the police, hospitals and health care centres, social

security, and both governmental and non-governmental organisations.

APAV is an active member of several European and international Forums, like Victim Support Europe (formerly known as the European Forum for Victim Services) and the European Forum for Restorative Justice (in which APAV is represented in the Executive Committee), the World Victimology Society and the International Association for Volunteer Effort. APAV has been the promoter of several projects co-financed by the European Commission under Programmes as DAPHNE, STOP II, HIPPOKRATES, GROTIUS II and AGIS within the DG Justice and Home Affairs and Leonardo da Vinci Programme within DG Education and Culture. As promoter of European Projects and as part of its International Relations Strategy, APAV has successfully cooperated with several members of the Victim Support Europe (European Forum for Victim Services).

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Around Our World

Australian Radio Program on Restorative Justice

Australia Talks, from the ABC, has produced a radio program on restorative justice, which presents views from criminologists Lawrence Sherman, Kathleen Daly and Chris Cunneen, and CEO of the Centre for Restorative Justice, South Australia, Leigh Garrett. The program, which explores the benefits of restorative justice, also includes calls from listeners. To listen to the show, visit: http://www.iirp.org/rd_rjonabc.php

PUBLICATIONS

New Journals --

Crime & Society

Crime and Sociology incorporates an online journal and resource page for the Custodial Care Programme run by Sligo Institute of Technology, Sligo Ireland. Interested contributors should submit working papers or articles for publication to Dr. Liam Leonard, Editor, Crime & Sociology Journal, see: www.crimeandsociology.blogspot.com

The International Journal of Rural Crime

The International Journal of Rural Crime - a joint venture between the Centre for Community Justice, University of Plymouth (UK) and the Centre for Rural Crime, University of New England (Australia) - will be published annually. It is a free online journal that will include peer reviewed articles and policy-relevant discussions from across our globe. A section will be dedicated to recent relevant legislation, policy documents and academic publications.

The editorial board includes Professor Rob Mawby, University of Plymouth, UK (editor); Dr Elaine Barclay, University of New England, Australia (deputy editor); and, Professor Joseph F. Donnermeyer, Ohio State University, USA

To access the journal, see <http://www.ruralfutures.unen.edu.au/rurcrime/ijrc.htm>

ECPR Newsletter

The January edition of the ECPR Standing Group newsletter on organised crime has been posted on the Internet. See <http://www.sgoc.blogspot.com/> This edition of the newsletter includes an article on the ratification of the European Convention Against Human Trafficking (see also the recent Australian Institute of Criminology paper mentioned below).



**WHERE IS TOKIWA UNIVERSITY,
MITO, JAPAN - THE VENUE FOR THE
2009 INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM?**



DEVELOPMENTS IN VICTIM ASSISTANCE

Canada --

On Monday 11 February, 2008, Canadian print media reported that an Alberta Government fund that supports victims of crime has amassed a \$42-million surplus, while front-line victim assistance programs struggle to raise money to cover the costs of delivering services to victims. Revenues from the Victims of Crime Fund, derived from a surcharge added to court and traffic fines, have grown by 141 per cent during the past five years, whereas payouts during the same period have climbed only 81 per cent.

In the first month of 2008 the government increased grant programming by \$3 million. Most of the money will go toward direct payouts to victims of crime, with \$2.4 million earmarked for those who suffer physical or emotional injuries as a result of violent crime. The remaining \$600,000 is set aside for additional police and community programmes. The government says some money has to be reserved for future demands on the Fund. The release of an information booklet for victims of crime has raised their awareness of their rights and what programs and services are available to them. This has meant that more victims are likely to exercise their rights and seek help. Source:

<http://www.canada.com/calgaryherald/news/story.html?id=a162d7dd-d8a1-4ec1-90de-30ad791687e5&k=51335>

In another province, Victims of crime and sudden tragic circumstances can now get help in their own community through an organization known as PAIN (Promoting Access and Impacting Neighbourhoods). PAIN is affiliated with Victim Services Toronto, which offers free crisis intervention and short-term trauma counselling, referrals to outside agencies, as well as risk assessments and personal alarm systems to people - mostly women - fleeing domestic violence. Source:

<http://www.insidetoronto.com/news/News/Etobicoke/article/41875><http://www.insidetoronto.com/news/News/Etobicoke/article/41875>

England --

A shortfall in volunteers threatens Victim Support in some places in England and Wales. See, for example: <http://www.scarborougheveningnews.co.uk/news/Victims-of-crime-plea.3766223.jp> On the other hand, a mergers in Warwickshire will hopefully result in improved services for victims of crime. See: <http://www.coventrytelegraph.net/news/south-warwickshire-news/2008/02/22/victim-support-warwickshire-explains-changes-92746-20510565/> While more support will be offered to victims under the New Deal for Communities (NDC) in Hartlepool See: <http://www.hartlepoolmail.co.uk/news/More-support-for-victims-of.3837032.jp>

Iraq --

CNN reported that thousands of people in the southern city of Basra marched on police headquarters Saturday demanding better security for their crime-ridden city. Kidnappings, murders and thefts have risen in Iraq's second largest city since British troops handed over responsibility for the province to Iraqi authorities. See: <http://edition.cnn.com/2008/WORLD/meast/03/08/iraq.main/?iref=hpmostpop>

Limbo for US women reporting assaults in Iraq, says James Risen of the New York Times

A number of American women who have reported that they were sexually assaulted by co-workers while working as contractors in Iraq have reported that they find themselves in legal limbo, unable to seek justice or even significant compensation. Source:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/02/13/world/middleeast/13contractors.html?em&ex=1203051600&en=df589379e87e89d7&ei=5087%0A>

Jamaica --

Media managers and journalists have agreed to abide by a Code of Conduct that will deal with, among other things, privacy issues, children and the way in which they are portrayed in the glare of a television camera, children in sex and criminal cases, respect for grief and trauma victims, the treatment of victims of crime on television,

harassment, listening devices, misrepresentation, conflicts of interest, discrimination, and payment for publishing or withholding information. Source:

http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/news/html/20080227T210000-0500_133003_OBS_JOURNALISTS_MEDIA MANAGERS_SUPPORT_CODE_OF_CONDUCT.asp

Netherlands –

The number of victims of a terrorist attack is much greater than just the number of people directly involved, according to researchers at the Dutch University of Tilburg and the University of Leuven in Belgium. See: <http://www.radionetherlands.nl/currentaffairs/globaldevelopment/080312-tv-terrorist-attacks>

New Zealand –

On 12 February, 2008, the New Zealand Justice Minister announced that the Government will strengthen victims' rights through a range of initiatives, including developing a Victims' Charter and funding a national 0800 victim helpline and a website for victims. Source:

<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PA0802/S00147.htm>

For the opposition party's view, see:

<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PA0802/S00156.htm>

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The opposition National Party has pledged to reintroduce state-funded victim compensation if elected later this year. See: http://www.nzherald.co.nz/category/story.cfm?c_id=280&objectid=10501187

Poland –

In Poland, a nation-wide campaign of assistance to victims of crime, in particular victims of domestic violence, kicked off 22 February. Source:

http://www.polskieradio.pl/zagranica/news/artykul76468_Campaign_helps_victims_of_domestic_violence.html

Scotland –

Victims of crime are to be given a voice in sentencing in Scottish criminal courts. See:

http://www.theherald.co.uk/politics/news/display.var.2229022.0.Victims_of_serious_crime_will_be_allowed_to_address_courts.php

Also, see: <http://news.scotsman.com/politics/Crime-victims-to-get-louder.4025715.jp>

South Africa –

Victims of crime, especially women and children, are to receive more support under South Africa's victim empowerment programme. Specific emphasis will be placed on the prevention of victimisation, providing support and protection to victims and empowerment for victims of crime and violence. Source:

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200803031068.html>

As well crime victim personnel are to be trained to ensure proper implementation of the government's commitments with regard to the empowerment of victims of crime and violence. See:

<http://allafrica.com/stories/200803050639.html>

Alternatively, the head of the Mpumalanga safety and security department has called on law enforcement agencies to give victims of crime adequate support to enable them to cope. See:

<http://www.sowetan.co.za/News/Article.aspx?id=724128>

Sri Lanka –

The Sri Lanka Cabinet has granted approval to enact legislation to protect victims of and witnesses to crimes.

In a Cabinet memorandum, President Mahinda Rajapaksa stated that the proposed legislation will be designed to ensure that the rights of victims and witnesses are safeguarded in accordance with internationally accepted norms, standards and frameworks. See:

http://www.colombopage.com/archive_08/March28151629JV.html

The Sri Lankan Parliament will also consider a Witness Protection Bill. The Bill set out the rights and entitlements of victims of crime and witnesses and provided for a mechanism to promote, protect, enforce and exercise such rights and entitlement. See: <http://www.sundaytimes.lk/080504/News/news0012.html>



United States --

Threats to funding for victim assistance have also been reported in the United States. See, for example: <http://www.state-journal.com/news/article/3304031> -- Kentucky victim assistance groups state that unless additional funding is provided in the state's proposed biennial budget, there will probably be staff reductions and spending cuts. As well, President Bush has been accused for cutting money available for domestic violence programmes by over \$100 million. See:

<http://www.centredaily.com/news/local/story/408877.html> See also:
http://www.blueridgenow.com/article/20080302/NEWS/803020306/1015/OPINION02/NEWS/Let_legislators_know_you_oppose_funding_cuts and
<http://www.whotv.com/Global/story.asp?S=7956628>

Legislation to give child victims a voice in civil proceedings -- Tallahassee's Attorney General unveiled new legislation that, if passed, will provide victims of child pornography with a voice in court proceedings against individuals who download and distribute images of the child's sexual abuse.

Source:

http://www.abcactionnews.com/news/state/story.aspx?content_id=9f7bca3e-d986-4628-8881-7f69731ea25e

The American Muslim reported that the Newly-Formed Interfaith Domestic Violence Coalition Gathered on Capitol Hill. The coalition's inaugural briefing was called "Policy & Persuasion: How Faith-Based Communities Can Work Together to Advance Domestic Violence Laws." See: http://www.theamericanmuslim.org/tam.php/features/articles/newly_formed_interfaith_domestic_violence_coalition_gathers_on_capitol_hill/0015728

Wales --

A new website has been launched aimed at de-mystifying court appearances for witnesses and victims of crime. The online information includes details of where courts are, who sits where inside courtrooms, when a case is actually heard, and what each person's job is. See:

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/wales/north_west/7318634.stm

RESEARCH NEWS

Australia --

Counting the costs of crime in Australia

This new report from the Australian Institute of Criminology updates 2001 data to provide estimates of the costs of crime in Australia in 2005. The author, Kiah Rollings, reports that while costs associated with some crimes have decreased, others (especially fraud) has increased substantially, largely through electronically-assisted ID theft and other cybercrimes. Criminal justice system costs have also increased since 2001. The report highlights the need for better data on the costs of crime. See: <http://www.aic.gov.au/publications/rpp/91/>

Family group conferencing in Australia 15 years on -- Child Abuse Prevention Issues, No. 27 2008, National Child Protection Clearinghouse, Australian Institute of Family Studies.

Nathan Harris reports that family group conferences were first legislated for in New Zealand in 1989 and since that time have captured the imagination of professionals and academics with their capacity to involve families and communities in a collaborative approach to child welfare concerns. Child protection systems in Australia, as in many other countries, have subsequently introduced conferencing programs. Fifteen years later, a question worth asking is to what extent has conferencing become part of child protection practice in Australia's states and territories. See: <http://www.aifs.gov.au/nch/pubs/issues/issues27/issues27.html>

Australia's homeless youth: a report on the National Youth Commission Inquiry into Youth Homelessness (2008). See http://www.nyc.net.au/files/Australias_Homeless_Youth.pdf

Allegations of sexual abuse and death from criminal conduct (2008). See <http://www.service.sa.gov.au/ContentPages/sagov/mullighaninquiry.aspx>

Law enforcement responses to trafficking in persons: challenges and emerging good practice

The Australian Institute of Criminology released this 'Trends & issues in crime and criminal justice (no. 347) paper by Fiona David. She identifies some of the practical challenges likely to confront law enforcement in trying to detect, investigate and prosecute cases of trafficking as well as some of the strategies being used to address the challenges. See:

<http://www.aic.gov.au/publications/tandi2/tandi347.html>

Europe –

The Burden of Crime in the European Union

Jan van Dijk and others present the main results of the first European Union wide Survey on Crime and Safety in the Member States. For a PDF-Version of the EU Report see:

http://www.europeansafetyobservatory.eu/euics_rp.htm

Germany --

Attitudes to crime

Helmut Kury and others have compiled two collections on attitudes towards crime, including punitive attitudes in favour of harsh penalties, and fear of crime. See:

<http://www.brockmeyer-universitaetsverlag.com/page002.html>

United States --

State Court Processing of Domestic Violence Cases

This study from the USA Bureau of Justice Statistics examines the processing of domestic violence (DV) and non-domestic violence (non-DV) cases filed in May 2002 in 15 large urban counties. It compares the domestic and non-domestic offences of sexual and aggravated assault on 11 prosecution, conviction, and sentencing outcome measures. See:

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/scpdvc.htm>

STATISTICS

Australia –

Australia – International Crime Victimization Survey

The Australian component of the International Crime Victimization Survey was published in 2005. The report Crime victimisation in Australia: key results of the 2004 International Crime Victimization Survey can be downloaded, see:

<http://www.aic.gov.au/publications/rpp/64/index.html>

Europe –

Crime and Criminal Statistics in the EU Member Countries

Eurostat, the Statistical Office of the EU in Brussels, has published a brochure on Crime and Criminal Statistics, EU 1995-2006 (*Statistics in Focus Population and Social Conditions*, Issue 19/ 2008, March). See:

http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/cache/ITY_OFFPUB/KS-SF-08-019/EN/KS-SF-08-019-EN.PDF

Great Britain –

Homicides, Firearms Offences & Intimate Violence

A recent report in the Home Office *Statistical Bulletin* 03/08. This report is Supplementary Volume 2 to *Crime in England and Wales 2006/07*. See :

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/whatsnew1.html>

International –

International Crime Victimization Survey – 2004/05

Two reports, *Criminal victimisation in international perspective: key findings from the 2004-2005 ICVS* and the *European Union International Crime Survey* by Jan van Dijk, John van Kesteren and Paul Smit. See

<http://english.wodc.nl/onderzoeksdatabase/icvs-2005-survey.aspx?cp=45&cs=6796>

Sweden –

Swedish Crime Survey 2007

The Swedish National Council for Crime Prevention has published the results from the second wave of the Swedish Crime Survey (2007). For an English summary see:

http://www.bra.se/extra/pod/?action=pod_show&id=6&module_instance=11

United States –

National Crime Victimization Survey, 2006

The U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics has published its latest report in a series on victimization in America. See:

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/cv06.htm>

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TRAINING & EDUCATION

Annual WSV Post-Graduate Courses in Victimology and Victim Assistance	
Dubrovnik, Croatia (English)	May 2008
Latin America (Spanish)	Summer 2008
Mito, Japan (English)	August 2008
Johannesburg, SA (English)	November 2008

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The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) has launched a new online training course for victim service providers. VAT *Online* provides professionals with the basic skills they need to assist victims effectively and sensitively. The course is accessible 24/7 via the Internet. It is available free of charge. VAT *Online* is divided into sections that can be completed when convenient. The total course time is approximately 35–40 hours. Participants can bookmark their place and start where they left off.

VAT *Online* is aimed at victim service providers with less than 3 years of experience but it is also a useful refresher course for seasoned professionals.

The Office for Victims of Crime, USA, plans to update the every 2 years to make sure the content is current and relevant.

National Victim Assistance Academy (USA)

The US Office for Victims of Crime will hold the 2008 National Victim Assistance Academy on 4-9 May 2008 in St Louis Missouri. See:

<https://www.ovcttac.gov/nvaa2008/blast.htm>

There are several training options, including a 4-day foundation level course in victim services, a 3-day workshop in providing culturally appropriate assistance to victims, and one-day courses in responding to elder abuse, and ethics in victim services. For more details see: <https://www.ovcttac.gov/nvaa2008/blast.htm>

Justice Sector Reform: Applying Human Rights Based Approaches (Ireland)

This IHRN training programme will be held at the National University of Ireland, Maynooth, Ireland 16th June – 20th June 2008. Its aim is to enhance skills of participants in applying Human Rights Based Approaches to Justice Sector Reform. It will facilitate the development of knowledge and skills in regarding :

- legal principles, policies and practice underpinning human rights based approaches to justice sector reform
- inter-linkages between sector actors (law enforcement, judicial, corrections, etc)
- relationship between the justice sector and related terms such as 'security sector', 'rule of law', 'good governance'
- Human Rights Based needs assessment, programme design, implementation, as well as mentoring, monitoring & evaluation
- Programming tools and checklists (including Human Rights Based benchmarks and indicators of change)

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- Case studies from national contexts as well as international field missions (including conflict and post-conflict)
- Teamwork, advocacy and strategic partnerships.

The programme is aimed at justice sector professionals in developing and industrialised countries, as well as international field missions: state, non-state and international civil servants (UN agencies, EC, etc); as well as policy advisors, project managers and consultants.

Deadline for Applications: Friday 9 May 2008 (with priority for applications received by Friday 14 March). For an application form and details of other IHRN training programmes in 2008 see: www.ihrnetwork.org/2007-08-programmes.htm



African Post Graduate Course in Victimology, Victim Assistance and Criminal Justice

In cooperation with
The World Society of Victimology

The first African Graduate Course in Victimology, Victim Assistance and Criminal Justice will be held 24 November - 6 December, 2008 at Monach, South Africa, 144 Peter Road, Ruimsig, Johannesburg, South Africa. Phone: + 27 11 950 4000 Fax: + 27 11 950 4088. This course is being run with the cooperation of the World Society of Victimology. Information on the course, including a brochure which can be downloaded at:

<http://www.worldsocietyofvictimology.org/calendar.html>

The brochure can be downloaded directly at: <http://www.worldsocietyofvictimology.org/publications/Africa%20PGC.pdf>

CONFERENCES

-- March --

24-25 March, 2008 -- L'Association Israel-France de Victimologie de l'Enfant et de sa Famille is presenting a conference on Trauma et Histoire, Histoires de Trauma Institut Français, Tel-Aviv - Israël
For a brochure and more information see: [Congres2008-Programme definitif.pdf](#)

-- May --

22-23 May, 2008 – Family Violence and Specialist Courts: National and International Perspectives, Canberra, ACT, Australia. This conference will explore specialised court procedures and specialised family violence courts, which are developing in Australia and other places including Canada, the UK and the USA. In many jurisdictions, these developments are paralleled by other specialisations such as Drug Courts, Indigenous Courts and Mental Health Courts. For more information contact Victim Support ACT, GPO Box 158, Canberra City 2601, AUSTRALIA or by email to: vocc@act.gov.au

-- June --

19-20 June, 2008 - ANZ Critical Criminology Conference, Sydney, Australia. This conference follows on from the success of the first critical criminology conference held in 2007: the Australasian Teaching Critical Criminology Conference. The success of that inaugural conference led to the formation of the Australian and New Zealand Critical Criminology Network and generated the interest in organising another conference. For further details see: http://www.cjr.unsw.edu.au/news_&_events/anz_critical_criminology_conference_2008.asp

-- July --

9-11 July, 2008 – The annual conference of the British Society of Criminology Conference will be held in Huddersfield (UK). The main theme is: Criminological Futures: Controversies, Developments and Debates. Deadline for 3rd and final Call for papers is Sunday 4th May 2008.

A late booking fees apply from 9th May. For further information see:

<http://bscconference2008.hud.ac.uk/> or contact: criminologyconference2008@hud.ac.uk

14-15 July, 2008 - APAV (see above) is organising the Victims & Mediation Seminar in Lisbon, Portugal. This seminar is being promoted as an important opportunity for researchers and practitioners working in the area of mediation, victim support and justice to come together. It aims to attain a more exact notion of the current standing and treatment information of victims in victim-offender mediation projects and programmes in Europe. For an information pack, which includes a brochure with the programme, registration form and additional information about the seminar, see: www.apav.pt/victimmediation.

15-18 July, 2008 - 8th International Conference on Grief & Bereavement in Contemporary Society – Melbourne, Australia. For further information on the conference and to book your accommodation visit <http://www.icgb08.com/>

20-25 July, 2008 - XV World Congress of the International Society for Criminology – Barcelona. The general theme Crime and Criminology: Research and Action will be developed within three significant areas of the current state of crime and its control in the main regions of the world. The selected areas are: transnational crime, urban crime, victims and criminal justice). See

English:
<http://www.worldcongresscriminology.com/index.asp?pagina=presen&idioma=en>

French:
<http://www.worldcongresscriminology.com/index.asp?pagina=presen&idioma=fr>

Spanish:
<http://www.worldcongresscriminology.com/index.asp?pagina=presen&idioma=es>

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-- August --

26-29 August, 2008 - Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Prevention: In the Loop. The U.S. National Children's Advocacy Center (NCAC) has scheduled its 9th National Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana (Marriott Convention Center). See: http://www.nationalcac.org/professionals/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=122&Itemid=118

-- September --

24-26 September, 2008 – A conference on Policing in Central and Eastern Europe - Social Control on Contemporary Society - Practices and Research - will be held in Ljubljana, Slovenia. More information is available at www.fvv.uni-mb.si/conf2008

23-24 September, 2008 – An international conference on victims of crime and victim assistance will be held in Adelaide, South Australia. This conference aims to excite and inspire participants by providing a range of diverse papers, presentations and workshops that explore New Ways Forward. The key themes for the conference include:

- Reform -
 - Victims' rights
 - Law reform
 - Changes to legal processes
- Participation & Accountability -
 - Restorative justice initiatives
 - Mediation and adult conferencing
 - Crime prevention
 - Community safety
 - Specialist courts
 - Diversity
- Responding to Victims of Crime -
 - Therapeutic responses
 - New and emerging crimes
 - Access and equity issues
 - Rural and remote services
 - Police and legal responses
 - Role of volunteers
 - Group-work

For further information please contact either David Kerr or Jodie Sloan at Victim Support Service on +61 (08) 8231 5626 or see www.victimsa.org

2-4 October, 2008 - Discovering Balance - Prison Reform, Restorative Justice & Human Rights - Murdoch University, Australia. The Institute for Restorative Justice & Penal Reform together with the Centre for Social & Community Research at Murdoch University is organising this international conference to explore issues relating to penal reform, restorative justice and human rights. The key themes include:

- Prisoner rehabilitation•
- Victims' rights and restorative processes•
- Human rights in custodial settings•
- Restorative prisons•
- Restorative justice processes and juveniles•
- Restorative processes and human rights in a punitive society•

For more information, see:

<http://irjpr.net.au/conference/>

22-24 October, 2008 - Restoring Community in a Disconnected World - Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The 11th World Conference of the International Institute for Restorative Practices will provide an international perspective on restorative practices theory and practice in a variety of settings, from education to social welfare to criminal justice.

For more information, see:

<http://www.iirp.org/on08>

-- November --

25-28 November, 2008 - Criminology: Linking theory, policy and practice - the 21st Annual Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology (ANZSOC) conference will be held in Canberra, Australia. For more information, see:

<http://www.anzsoc.org/conferences/2008/>

-- December --

3-5 December, 2008 - International Conference on Homicide - Domestic Related Homicide - Surfers Paradise, Australia. The Australian Institute of Criminology is conducting an international conference on homicide with a focus on domestic related homicide. See:

<http://www.aic.gov.au/conferences/2008-homicide/index.html>

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INVITATION FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE WSV

Dear Victimologists:

I take great pride in inviting you to the 13th World Society of Victimology International Symposium on Victimology, to be held in Mito, Japan, in partnership with Tokiwa University. The prospect of announcing this event is both exciting and gratifying. It is exciting because I am aware of the great variety and high quality of speakers who will participate in the symposium; and, it is gratifying because after an enormous amount of planning and hard work by the professors and staff of Tokiwa University, a truly unique and professional symposium has been created.

The theme of the symposium is "Victimology and Human Security." A wealth of new victimological research findings, the expanse of new areas of victimization, and the richness of the best practices in victim assistance will all be addressed at this gathering of the world's victimologists. In addition to participants from Asia and the neighbouring region of Oceania, we expect a large number of victimologists from the Middle East, Europe, Africa, and the Americas to also take part in this exciting event. We hope to encourage the participation of all countries in the world, regardless of economic status. For those persons who may have difficulty attending because of the costs involved, special discount rates have been identified based on UN criteria.

Mark your calendars, register early, and make your airline reservations now for August 23 through 28, 2009! Also, bring a friend, your spouse, or your students, and enjoy Japanese culture prior to and after the symposium. Wonderful sightseeing options will be suggested by our symposium staff. In addition, the World Society of Victimology's traditional Asian Postgraduate Course, co-hosted by the Tokiwa International Victimology Institute, will be held in tandem with the symposium.

I am looking forward to sharing a stimulating time with you in Mito.

Yours Sincerely,

John P. J. Dussich

President, World Society of Victimology

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**INVITATION FROM THE
CHAIRPERSON, TOKIWA
UNIVERSITY**

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As Chairperson of Tokiwa University, it gives me great pleasure to invite you to the 13th World Society of Victimology International Symposium on Victimology to be held on our beautiful campus in Mito, Ibaraki, Japan, from August 23 through 28, 2009.

It is a great honour to host this symposium at Tokiwa University, which, through the Tokiwa International Victimology Institute (TIVI), has continuously contributed to the advancement of the field of victimology, and currently serves as one of the leading Victimological research centres in Asia. As with past symposia, our symposium will serve as a gathering place at which researchers and practitioners from all corners of the globe can come together to present and discuss the latest research and practices in the field of Victimology.

We live in uncertain times in a rapidly changing world, and the need for personal security is greater than ever.

For this reason, the theme of the 2009 Symposium is "Victimology and Human Security." Experts from around the world will be present to analyse this theme and related sub-themes through a series of plenary sessions and presentations during the symposium.

Of course, we also encourage participants and their guests to take advantage of this unique opportunity to experience the sights and culture of the uniquely beautiful country of Japan. Both prior to and following the symposium, participants will have the opportunity to take tours visiting the most beautiful and historically significant sites we have to offer.

Again, we would like to extend our warmest invitation for you to join us here in Mito in 2009. We will make the utmost effort to make this event a valuable experience you will carry with you for a lifetime.

Yours sincerely,

Hidemichi Morosawa

Chairperson,
Incorporated Educational Institution Tokiwa
University

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