

DIC 2001 Annual Report
Submitted by Rosemary Barberet (Current Chair)
and William Chambliss (Chair 1999-2001)

According to the DIC Constitution the Division has the following purpose:

- I. to foster research and exchange of information concerning criminology in an international perspective;
- II. to encourage effective teaching and practice of criminological principles and to develop curricula for courses in international criminology;
- III. to identify criteria and standards for evaluating criminal justice systems;
- IV. to provide a forum for personal interaction and exchange of ideas among persons involved in international criminology; and,
- V. to promote conference sessions pertaining to international criminology.

1. Membership and Finances

DIC Membership at the end of 2001 totalled 295. We conducted two membership recruitment mailings in 2001: William Pridemore and Rosemary Barberet sent a membership recruitment mailing in the summer of 2001 to all non-US ASC members who were not DIC members, and Bonnie Fisher coordinated a membership mailing to all ASC members (a sheet which she designed that was enclosed with the annual ASC membership renewal mailing). Additionally, the most recent newsletter was mailed to all former DIC members listed in the membership directory on the ASC webpage, in an effort to draw them back into the DIC.

A membership survey will take place in 2002 that will attempt to ascertain the skills and interests of DIC members.

Finances were reported at the DIC Business Meeting in Atlanta as follows:

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Printing taxes	23.73
Newsletter Postage	96.33

Our current balance as of the end of March, 2001 is \$1,617.86.

2. Activities

- a. Newsletter. There were two issues of the newsletter in 2001, one in the Spring and one in the Autumn (attached). These were edited by Rosemary Barberet.
- b. Webpage. In early 2002 a webpage was finally fully set up for the DIC as part of the ASC website, thanks to the efforts of Liqun Cao.
- c. DIC sponsored panels. There were four DIC-sponsored panels at the ASC Annual Meetings in Atlanta:

Session CH001: Teaching Innovations in Comparative Criminology

Session GL002: Economic Crime and the Criminalization of Migrants in the Global Economy

Session GL003: New Globalized Spaces of Crime and Justice

Session GL004: Comparative Historical and Cross-Cultural Studies of Crime

It should be noted that given that there was no DIC representative on the programme committee, nor a specific theme for our area (besides “comparative methodology”) it was extremely difficult for us to find out which panels had an international or comparative focus and thus request that they be entitled, “DIC sponsored”. According to our Constitution there is supposed to be a DIC representative on every programme committee. Although the DIC strongly feels that international/comparative papers should be integrated or “mainstreamed” with other papers and not ghettoised to a “catch-all” international panel, we will feel that it is important that we have a voice on the programme committee in order to help structure a conference programme that blends non-comparative and comparative research effectively. We see the inclusion of six DIC members on the current programme committee as an improvement, but probably still not the most effective way to achieve our aims.

d. Social Activities at Annual Meetings in Atlanta

At the Annual Meetings in Atlanta, besides our business meeting (the minutes of which are attached), the DIC sponsored a hosting service and a luncheon. The hosting service was organized by Rosemary Barberet and involved matching an ASC Annual meeting “first timer” to an ASC Annual meeting “old timer” in order to ensure that both scholars from abroad and from the United States are personally welcomed at the Annual Meetings. This worked well although given that it was the first time it was offered, there was little take-up. It will be continued for 2002.

The DIC luncheon was sold out, with 67 attendees. A reduced price was offered to students and DIC members enjoyed a typical Southern buffet. For 2002 we hope to book a larger room.

e. Awards

This year, the DIC book award went to Stanley Cohen (London School of Economics) for *States of Denial* (Polity, 2000). “*States of Denial* is the first comprehensive study of both the personal and political ways in which uncomfortable realities are avoided and evaded. It ranges from clinical studies of depression, to media images of

suffering, to explanations of the 'passive bystander' and 'compassion fatigue'. The book shows how organized atrocities - the Holocaust and other genocides, torture, and political massacres - are denied by perpetrators and by bystanders, those who stand by and do nothing." Polity is giving a 10% discount on the book to anyone who mentions seeing it on our webpage.

The DIC Lifetime Achievement Award went to Michael Levi at the University of Wales, Cardiff, well known for his work in the area of white collar crime.

3. ASC Policy

a. Representatives sent to criminology association meetings abroad

ASC representatives in 2001 attended meetings of the BSC, the ESC and the ISC, passed out brochures, and personally invited those present to come to the ASC meetings. The ASC is now sending representatives to a number of these groups' annual meetings as a matter of official policy, in a deliberate attempt to strengthen ties with them. The DIC has informed the ESC Board that it would like to play a greater role in these "ambassador" trips and that at the very least, it would like the ASC to specify the role of the "ambassador" and request a report on each journey. This year, DIC Chair Rosemary Barberet will attend the AICLF (Association Internationale de Criminologues de Langue Francaise) in the name of the ASC. The DIC hopes that through its membership survey it can suggest names of DIC members with either crucial language skills or longstanding histories of relationships with criminological associations abroad so that these members might be considered for future "ambassador" voyages. For now, the ASC prefers to send ASC members who are officers or division chairs.

b. DIC Chair as permanent member of ASC Board

The DIC in 2001 requested on two different occasions that the DIC Chair be a permanent member of the ASC Board, with no success. Given the new international focus of the ASC, it is felt that the DIC is a unique division which deserves permanent input into ASC decisionmaking.

c. Sliding Scale Fees for members from developing nations

The DIC is conscious of the financial situation of many of its members from developing nations who cannot attend annual meetings nor even pay for membership fees. As such, it has suggested to the ASC Board at the meeting in Chicago that the ASC, like the International Sociological Association, adopt a sliding scale of fees based on World Bank classification of economies by GNP per capita. Below is the categorization of countries. To give an idea of how this works in practice, In the ISA Category A members pay \$255, Category B members pay \$105 and Category C members pay \$25.

Table of Countries by Category

Source: Classification of economies by gross national product per capita. This classification does not necessarily reflect development status. The World Bank, www.worldbank.org

CATEGORY A

Andorra	Cyprus	Ireland	New Zealand	Switzerland
Australia	Denmark	Israel	Norway	Taiwan
Austria	Finland	Italy	Portugal	United Arab Emirates
Bahamas	France	Japan	Qatar	United Kingdom
Belgium	Germany	Kuwait	Saudi Arabia	United States
Bermuda	Greece	Liechtenstein	Singapore	
Brunei	Hong Kong	Luxembourg	Spain	
Canada	Iceland	Netherlands	Sweden	

CATEGORY B

Antigua-Barbuda	Chile	Korea, Rep.	Mexico	Slovenia
Argentina	Croatia	Lebanon	Oman	South Africa
Bahrain	Czech Republic	Lybian Arab Rep.	Panama	Trinidad and Tobago
Barbados	Estonia	Malaysia	Poland	Uruguay
Botswana	Gabon	Malta	Puerto Rico	Venezuela
Brazil	Hungary	Mauritius	Slovak, Rep.	

CATEGORY C

Afghanistan	Colombia	India	Namibia	Syrian Arab Rep.
Albania	Congo, Dem. Rep.	Indonesia	Nepal	Tanzania
Algeria	Costa Rica	Irak	Nicaragua	Tajikistan
Angola	Cuba	Iran	Niger	Thailand
Armenia	Dominican Rep.	Ivory Coast	Nigeria	Togo
Azerbaijan	Ecuador	Jamaica	Pakistan	Tunisia
Bangladesh	Egypt	Jordan	Paraguay	Turkey
Belarus	El Salvador	Kazakhstan	Peru	Turkmenistan
Bolivia	Ethiopia	Kenya	Philippines	Uganda
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Gambia	Kyrgyzstan	Romania	Ukraine
Bulgaria	Georgia	Latvia	Russian Fed.	Uzbekistan
Burkina Faso	Ghana	Lesotho	Rwanda	Vietnam
Burundi	Guatemala	Liberia	St. Tome & Principe	Yemen
Cambodia	Guinea	Lithuania	Senegal	Yugoslavia
Cameroon	Guinea-Bissau	Madagascar	Sierra Leone	Zambia
Central African Rep.	Guyana	Mongolia	Somalia	Zimbabwe

Chad	Haiti	Morocco	Sri Lanka	
China	Honduras	Mozambique	Sudan	

d. Air Mail Fees for ASC publications

The DIC is also conscious of the fact that many of its members who live abroad receive ASC publications very late, since they are sent by surface mail. In 2001 the DIC suggested that the ASC offer the possibility to members of paying extra in order to receive publications by air mail. This has been incorporated into the ASC membership form.

e. DIC article in the Criminologist

In the March/April issue of the Criminologist, DIC member Rosemary Barberet responded to Todd Clear's "Thinking Strategically About the American Society of Criminology" in the name of the DIC, addressing issues of "global competence" in the teaching of criminology, the need to encourage international and comparative research, and the need to structure the ASC administratively so that it responds to the needs of members around the globe.

4. International Criminal Justice Policymaking

a. United Nations

The American Society of Criminology applied for special consultant status to the Economic & Social Council as an NGO in 2001, thanks to the work of William Chambliss, Paul Friday and Chris Eskridge. The DIC would like to be involved in representing the ASC in this capacity; but most importantly, the ASC needs to think carefully about lobbying to be approved as well as structuring this new role in international policymaking; furthermore, the ASC must be consistent in its national policy initiatives and international ones. A few months ago, DIC Executive Council member Cindy Smith, who was selected in Atlanta at the DIC business meeting to follow through the application, requested formal permission through Chris Eskridge to attend the Commission Meeting in Vienna in April of 2002. Due to the fact that our application has not been approved yet and that security will be very high at the meeting in Vienna, it was finally decided that Cindy not attend. However, her name as well as those of DIC members Paul Friday and Nancy Grosselfinger have been put to the ASC Board as proposed ASC representatives to future meetings, and all three have been approved. Our application is due to be reviewed this Spring. DIC Board members urge ASC President Lawrence Sherman to play a more active role in lobbying at the UN in order to ensure our application is approved. We have recently been told that the application is due for full consideration between May 12-30. The ASC leadership must be immediately available for any queries in this time period, should they be contacted.

5. Other organizations

The DIC is prepared to explore other ways of participating in international policymaking such as requested consultant status at the Council of Europe.

DIC Business Meeting Minutes – By Nancy Grosselfinger

Thursday, November 8, 2001, 9-10.30 a.m. – Burgundy Room, Atlanta Marriott Marquis Hotel

I. Chair’s report – Bill Chambliss

The meeting was opened by Professor William (Bill) Chambliss (George Washington University). He reported that there had been some growth in the Division with several DIC sponsored sessions in this meeting, ASC representation at the European, French and Australian societies’ meetings, at the annual luncheon and awards for publication (this year Stanley Cohen’s States of Denial), the lifetime achievement award, and the Sellin-Glueck Award to a non-US criminologist, this year to Professor Martin Killias.

II. Presentation of newly elected DIC Chair, Secretary and Treasurer (Rosemary Barberet, Nancy Grosselfinger and Bonnie Fisher)

III. Discussion of 2001-2003 short term objectives – Rosemary Barberet

Incoming Chair of the Division, Dr. Rosemary Barberet (U. of Leicester) continued to lead the discussion. The first issue was agreement on a series of short term objectives of the DIC for the next two years. The following were proposed and approved.

- a. Increase interest in and recognition of comparative/international criminology and criminal justice in the ASC at large
- b. Increase communication among DIC members of research, policy and educational initiatives in comparative/international criminology and criminal justice
- c. Increase the visibility of the ASC via the DIC at international meetings and international policy venues
- d. Foster liaising of American criminologists with those from other countries and the transfer of works in translation

IV. Financial report – Bonnie Fisher

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V. Membership and communications

Noted as problematic are the costs of mass-mailing of the DIC newsletter to non-US members, strategy of renewal and continuity of membership, remitting dues to a central (national) location. The latter was identified as a problem in Nigeria by Dr. Sadiq Isah Radda, visiting Fulbright scholar (University of Maryland), who offered to co-ordinate. Also the possibility of “free”, reduced or subsidized membership fees to those international scholars not in a position to pay ASC/DIC fees was discussed. It was suggested that international members’ fees might be pegged to categories established by inter-governmental bodies (IMF, UN) especially with regard to developing and transitioning countries.

A first step envisioned was a listserv of DIC members which would facilitate electronic transfer to those with such capabilities, thereby reducing if not eliminating such costs.

The discussion then returned to access to internet in some countries, the ability to download attachments, the posting the DIC newsletter on the ASC website, direct messaging and preference check-offs in a forthcoming newsletter.

Dr. Barberet expressed the need for assistance in filling the pages of the newsletter. She called for information about Fulbright recipients and their work, international students, books and authors. The cost of advertising has been set at \$60 for a half page within the newsletter and sources of funding, especially book publishers were being solicited.

A membership drive had been undertaken by Rosemary Barberet and Bill Pridemore last summer and another one is planned. Furthermore, it was agreed to conduct a membership poll to ascertain the various interests and skills of the DIC membership.

Webpage

After discussion and solicitation of volunteers, the responsibility for constructing and maintaining a dedicated DIC webpage with the ASC, accessed by password, was assigned to Liqun Cao (Eastern Michigan University) and Alexander Vazsonyi (Auburn University). They were awarded \$200 for costs.

VI. DIC presence at 2002 Annual Meeting in Chicago

The visibility and activities of the DIC at the forthcoming meeting of 2002 in Chicago was discussed. Dr. Barberet called for suggestions for (Presidential) plenary sessions to forward (unsolicited) to ASC President Larry Sherman. Dr. Sevil Atasoy (Istanbul University) suggested the problem of human trafficking. Dr. Mitchel Roth (Sam Houston State) supported this based on his NIJ work in the Ukraine. Dr. Michael Israel (Keane University) suggested the International Criminal Court. Subjects for other sessions/panels receiving DIC endorsement included suicide bombings, corruption and region based sessions. Professor Paul Friday (University of North Carolina- Charlotte) expressed a preference for assignment of papers thematically in order to better integrate international and comparative work with domestic studies. Finally, it was decided to suggest (1) human trafficking and (2) the International Criminal Court to ASC President Sherman.

New rules on papers

Professor Chambliss mentioned the new rules on papers. Under the “new rules” regarding research panel presentations, each submission must include a five page presentation which will be peer reviewed and either “accepted” or “returned for revision”, however no paper will be completely rejected. Members expressed their concern with the new procedure in terms of stifling participation from non-US based criminologists.

Continued social activities

The consensus agreed the self-supporting luncheon should be continued next year as a means of social interaction, in spite of the limitations imposed by seating. The “hosting service” offered by the DIC this year, to provide a means of integration for new attendees, was not well patronized but it was decided to continue, giving it more publicity further in advance of the meeting.

- VII. Procedure for representation of ASC at international meetings; ASC ECOSOC membership and representation at other international bodies – Nancy Grosselfinger

ASC now sends, by Executive Board decision, representation to the British Society of Criminology, International Society of Criminology, Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology, and French Society of Criminology meetings. Their role is to act as “ambassador” and promote ASC via social interaction (coffee breaks etc.)

The consensus of the room was that such representatives should be selected with a view to their regional or subject expertise, linguistic capacities, and history with ASC. Professor Paul Friday moved the Executive Board engage in more consultation with DIC before assigning ASC reps to these meetings/societies. This was seconded and strongly supported by an official vote of those present. Professor Chambliss pointed out that DIC was a unique Division and he felt ignored by the ASC leadership, kept out of the feedback loop on various activities.

ASC/DIC participation at policy-making bodies

The status of the ASC’s application for Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the UN was raised. Dr. Paul Friday reported the application for status had been filed timely and it would be reviewed in Spring 2002. Dr. Nancy Grosselfinger (International League for Human Rights) pointed out certain lobbying with Member states serving on the admissions committee was in order to ensure smooth entry. Professor Cindy Smith (U. of Baltimore), Professor Paul Friday and Professor Chris Eskridge (as Executive Director) were identified as persons interested in following ASC/DIC matters in policy-making bodies. Friday, Grosselfinger and Smith expect to attend the UN Crime Commission meeting in April 2002 in other capacities.

Mention was made of considering admission to the Council of Europe and the Organization of African Unity, the former to be explored by Drs. Barberet and Killias.

- VIII. ESC Toledo 2002

Due to upcoming sessions the floor ceded to Professors Martin Killias and Josine Junger-Tas, immediate past president and current president of the European Society of Criminology. They described the newly-formed (2000) association as not competitive with the ASC from whom it derived many lessons in its formation, but rather as complementary. They announced the 2002 meeting in Toledo, Spain (September 5-7), an anticipated newsletter in 2002, a Sage journal in 2003, and meetings scheduled for 2003 in Helsinki and 2004 in Amsterdam.

- IX. ISC Panels – Bill Chambliss and Rosemary Barberet

Professors Chambliss and Barberet asked the membership for topics, participation, or panel chairs for the forthcoming meeting in Rio. No responses emerged.

- X. Nomination of Awards Committee for 2002 Awards

Book award committee

Volunteers were solicited to form the book award committee. Professor Mitch Roth (Sam Houston State) will serve as chair, accompanied by Dr. Paul Mazerolle (U. of Queensland) , Dr. Michael Israel (Keane U.) and Janice Joseph (Richard Stockton College of New Jersey). They agreed to establish selection criteria beforehand and solicit publishers as well as the membership for nominations.

Lifetime achievement award

Volunteers to participate on this committee included Professors Liqun Cao (Eastern Michigan State), Bill Chambliss (George Washington U.) (Chair), Lana Harrison (U. of Delaware), William Pridemore (U. of Oklahoma), Alexander Vazsonyi (Auburn U.). No discussion was held regarding the criteria for this award, its history or benefits.

XI. Oral History Project – Suggestions for people to be interviewed

Dr. Barberet reminded those present that the oral history project of ASC was in need of more people for interviewing and inclusion. Bill Chambliss suggested putting forward the list of past DIC Lifetime Achievement Awardees, which was approved. Meanwhile nominations were opened and Professor Femi Odekumle (femiodekumle@yahoo.com), of Ahmaden Bello University, Saman Zani, Nigeria, was suggested by Dr. Sadiq Isah Radda of Nigeria.

XII. Proposal for composition of 2001-2003 DIC Executive Council

Solicitations were made to fill out the Executive Council which consists of the Immediate Past President of DIC, Professor Chambliss, the current President, Professor Barberet, Secretary, Dr. Nancy Grosselfinger, Treasurer, Professor Bonnie Fisher, and three other DIC members. The latter posts were filled by Professors Liqun Cao, Cindy Smith and Alexander Vazsonyi.

XIII. Any other business

The meeting was adjourned as the time had expired and no other urgent business was raised. Approximately 40 persons were estimated to be in attendance, with some comings and goings over the session.

The Secretary wishes to note with considerable dismay the apparent lack of the written records of previous meetings, minutes, resolutions etc. of the Division.