



José Luis DE LA CUESTA (2004 - 2014)

President José Luis de la Cuesta was born in 1955 in San Sebastian (The Basque Country, Spain).

With a Doctor in Law (University of the Basque Country, 1981) and High Diploma in Criminology (University Complutense of Madrid, 1979), he developed doctoral and post-doctoral research at the Universities of Pau (France), Edinburgh (Scotland, UK), Louvain (UCL, Belgium), and the Max-Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law and Criminology (Freiburg, Germany).

A Professor of Penal Law at the Faculty of Law of San Sebastian (UPV/EHU), where he was elected Director of the Basque Institute of Criminology in 2000, after the retirement of its founder Prof.Dr.Dr.h.c. Antonio Beristain.

Awarded, among others honors, the Euskadi Prize for research in Social Sciences and Humanities (2009) and, in 2011, a Doctorate honoris causa from the University Alexandru Ioan Cuza (Iasi, Romania), his performance within the International Association of Penal Law was very rich and full of relevant achievements. He was appointed as Associate Editor of the *Revue* in 1987 and Chief Editor at the Congress in Wien in 1989, where he was integrated into the Executive Committee as Deputy Secretary General by President Bassiouni. He was elected as President at the International Congress in Beijing (2004), and reelected in 2009 in Istanbul. During this time, President José Luis de la Cuesta worked intensely for the improvement of the world and regional image and presence of the Association, as well as for the development of a more-efficient organization. He likewise promoted dialogue and collaboration among the five large Associations acting in the field of criminal sciences – the International Association of Penal Law (AIDP-IAPL), International Society of Criminology (ISC), International Society of Social Defense (ISSD), International Penal and Penitentiary Foundation (IPPF), and the World Society of Victimology (WSV) - and has enlarged relations and collaboration with other relevant institutions and research centers. Two important Prizes have been created in this regard: the Jescheck Prize, with the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law and Criminology (Freiburg, Germany) and the Siracusa Prize, with the ISISC. After having served the traditional two terms, he was appointed as Honorary President at the Congress in Rio de Janeiro in September 2014.

President José Luis de la Cuesta is a tireless promoter of the humanization of the criminal justice system in a globalized world. His abundant scientific production, among others, relates to the incrimination of torture, the death penalty, corrections and victimology, and, in general, regarding the principle that humanity constitutes a fundamental plea in favor of the respect for human dignity, as well as to ensuring defense guarantees to procedural rights in criminal proceedings at the various levels of the national and international penal system.

His contribution to the institutional life of the Association continues to be very important.

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