President Hans-Heinrich Jescheck was born on January 10th, 1915, in Liegnitz (Germany).

After his Law studies in Freiburg, Munich and Göttingen, he obtained his Doctoral Degree in Tübingen in 1939.

Once he had come back to Germany after the war, he finished his habilitation in 1949, and he was asked to teach Law in Freiburg im Breisgau in 1954, where he stayed until the end of his career. He was Dean and Rector of the Albert Ludwig University.

As prominent specialist in Comparative Criminal Law, he presided for several years over the Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law, created by Schönke in 1938, and integrated in the Max-Planck Society since 1966. Since 1970, it was complemented by a special section for Criminology, chaired by Professor Günther Kaiser.

President H. H. Jescheck was co-founder in 1952 of the National Group of the Federal Republic of Germany of the IAPL, and he represented the Group at the Congress held in Hamburg (1979), which he organized and in which he was appointed as President of the Association.

He presided over the international Congresses held in Cairo (1984) and Vienna (1989).

Open to the cooperation with the countries of South America, President H. H. Jescheck was favorable to admitting the Spanish language as one of the working languages of the Association and to creating the editorial line Nouvelles Études Pénales, as well as the Revue Internationale de Droit Pénal, as the organ to publish the Association’s scientific works.

With the aim of celebrating his memory, the IAPL and the Max-Planck Institute agreed to create the Hans-Heinrich Jescheck Award in 2009, in order to award original research lines, which are far-reaching and of high scientific value in the field of comparative and/or international or supranational criminal law.

President Hans-Heinrich Jescheck died in Freiburg on September 27th, 2009.

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