Portuguese Group of AIDP

Annual Report 2021

Pursuant to the By-Laws and the Internal Regulation of the Association, as well as to Article 10 (f) of the By-Laws of the Portuguese Group, it is hereby provided the annual report of the activities developed by the Portuguese Group during the year of 2021.

The Group was founded by 12 members on the 30th of October 2019 (as acknowledged by the Association on the 17th of December of the same year), and began its activity shortly after, which resulted in the organisation of the following events in 2020: (i) A Conference and a Young Penalists Seminar, in conjunction with the Spanish Group of AIDP; and (ii) An International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Criminal Law, organised by the Portuguese Group alone.

With the enduring restrictive effects and other difficulties caused by the pandemic, the activity of the Group in the year 2021 shifted to more organisational and editorial issues, as indicated below.

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The Conference mentioned above under (ii) gave rise to the publication of a book of abstracts, edited by the Portuguese Group, featuring an abridged account of the different interventions that took place at the Conference:

The book was published in June 2021 at the website of the Portuguese Group (https://aidp-pt.org), where it is openly accessible.
In turn, the Conference and the Young Penalists Seminar mentioned above under (i) gave rise to a publication co-edited by the President of the Portuguese Group, featuring articles by several members of the Group:


The book was published in September 2021, and is openly accessible at the website of the Portuguese Group (https://aidp-pt.org).

Following the launching of the website of the Group, containing a registration form for new members, the Group received several requests for membership. In early November 2021 the Group gathered to define the criteria for membership, and has enrolled 10 (ten) new members.

The Group is currently discussing the criteria for membership of Young Penalists and the best organic arrangement for the involvement of young penalists in the activity and life of the Group.

Finally, the Group has already set in motion, in conjunction with the Spanish Group, the organisation of an International Conference on the subject of ‘Economic and Financial Crime & the European Public Prosecutor’s Office’. The Conference will take place on the 24th of June 2022, in a hybrid – physical (at the Faculty of Law of the University of Coimbra) and virtual – form.

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