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Activities within AIDP

The Finnish national group of AIDP, which was established in 1978, has traditionally concentrated on the activities of the main organization. Lately, the scholars named by the Finnish group have prepared the national reports for the four preparatory international conferences (2016–2018) anticipating the XXth AIDP Congress, which was held in Roma on 13–16 November 2019.

The general topic of the Roma congress was “*Criminal justice and corporate business*”. The individual topics, the Finnish reporters and their publications were following ones:

1) Individual Liability for business Involvement in International Crime (Finnish report by Professor Raimo Lahti, *Revue Internationale de Droit Pénal*, RIDP, 1/2017); 2) Food Regulation and Criminal Justice (Finnish report by LL.D. Anu Lähteenmäki-Uutela, LL.M., PhD Satu Tähkää and District prosecutor Heidi Nummela, RIDP 2/2016); 3) The Interplay between Administrative and Criminal Enforcement in the Area of Corporate Business and Criminal Justice (Finnish report by Professor Raimo Lahti and doctoral researcher Miikka Rainiala, RIDP 1/2019); and 4) Prosecuting Corporations for Violations of International Law: Jurisdictional Issues (Finnish report by University lecturer Dan Helenius, RIDP 2/2017). – On 4 November 2019 Professor Raimo Lahti took part in the continued preparatory meeting for drafting the resolution on the topic 3) in Freiburg i.Br. under the chairmanship of Professor Ulrich Sieber, the rapporteur general of the topic.

Professor Raimo Lahti, Chairman of the Finnish national group, has served as a Vice-President and a Board member of AIDP. He attended the annual meeting of AIDP in June 2019 in Paris and the Roma Congress on 13–16 November 2019. In the assembly meeting of AIDP during the congress he was re-elected for a Vice-President and a Board Member of AIDP in 2019–24. Lahti took also part in the webinar meetings of the Board of the AIDP on 25 September 2020 and 3 December 2021, which were organized due to COVID-19 pandemia exceptionally, instead of the normal annual meetings in Paris.

The AIDP meeting of 25 September 2020 decided that “*Artificial intelligence and criminal justice*” will be the general subject of the following international conferences (colloquia) and the XXIst Congress (2024 in Paris). See below, who were appointed to the Finnish national reporters on the various sub-subjects of the general theme.

Activities in Finland and the administration of the Finnish national group

The annual meeting of the Finnish national group was held on 28 May 2019. Professor Raimo Lahti introduced to the topic of “Interplay between administrative and criminal enforcement” on the basis of his and Miikka Rainiala’s national report (see above). The annual meetings of 2020 and 2021 were postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemia.

Professor Raimo Lahti had a lecture about the activities of AIDP and other international organizations in the field of criminal justice at a post-graduate seminar in criminal law of the Faculty of Law, University of Helsinki, on 4 February 2020.

The following researchers were in late 2020 named to the Finnish national reporters on the general theme “Artificial intelligence and criminal justice”: 1) general part: LL.D. Patrick Günsberg and doctoral researcher Hanne Hirvonen (University of Helsinki); 2) special part: doctoral researchers Liisa Mäkelä (University of Helsinki) and Nea Oljakka (University of Turku); 3) procedural part: a) doctoral researcher Sofia Söderholm (University of Helsinki), b) LL.D. Juhana Riekkinen (University of Lapland) and c) Professor (emeritus) Raimo Lahti (University of Helsinki); and 4) international criminal law: LL.D. Mikko Huttunen (University of Lapland). The Finnish reports on sub-subjects 1), 3a) and 4) have been prepared by 31 December 2021.

The annual meeting of the Finnish national group after the COVID-19 pandemic break was held on 17 February 2022. All the Finnish national reporters of the topics 1), 3.a-b) and 4) (see above) presented their reports.

The Board of the Finnish national group consists of Professor emeritus (University of Helsinki) Raimo Lahti (Chairman), LL.M. Alekski Peltonen (Secretary-Treasurer), Professor Minna Kimpimäki (University of Lapland), Professor Sakari Melander (University of Helsinki), Professor Kimmo Nuotio (University of Helsinki), doctoral researcher (University of Helsinki) Sofia Söderholm and Referendary (Supreme Court), LL.D. Karri Tolttila. Peltonen and Söderholm have belonged to the category of young penalists (i.e., they have been younger than 35 years old).