

## **International Association of Penal Law (AIDP, [www.penal.org](http://www.penal.org)). Finnish national group**

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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.

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, as well as in the Board meeting of the AIDP on 3-4 June 2022 in Paris.

The AIDP meeting of 25 September 2020 decided that “*Artificial intelligence (AI) 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 and who have participated in the preparatory conferences related to the sub-subjects so far.

### *Activities in Finland and the administration of the Finnish national group*

The annual meeting of the Finnish national group was held on 17 February 2022 in Helsinki. the national reporters mentioned below (with the exception of reporters listed below under the topic 2) presented their reports under the chairmanship of Professor Raimo Lahti.

Another meeting of the Finnish national group was organized on 13 October 2022 in Helsinki. Hanne Hirvonen and Patrick Günsberg presented the resolution on the general part of the AI and criminal justice, accepted by the preparatory conference which was organized by the Italian national group of the AIDP in Siracusa, Italy, on 14-17 September 2023 (Professor Lorenzo Picotti as the general rapporteur). The Finnish reporter Hanne Hirvonen had participated in the conference.

In 2023, the annual meeting of the Finnish national group was organized on 18 April 2023. Sofia Söderholm presented the resolution of the procedural part of the AID and criminal justice, accepted by the preparatory conference which was organized by the Argentinian national group of the AIDP in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on 28-31 March 2023 (Professor Juliette Lelieur as the general rapporteur). The Finnish reporter Sofia Söderholm had participated in the conference.

The following researchers were in late 2020 named to the Finnish national reporters on the general theme “AI 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. Later, in late 2021, Liisa Mäkelä and Nea Oljakka cancelled their interest in preparing then national report on sub-subject 2), and Professor Raimo Lahti, LL.D. Jarmo Koistinen and D.Sc. (Tech.) Lauri Lahti have prepared the national report in question.

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 Judge (Supreme Court), LL.D. Jussi Tapani. Peltonen and Söderholm have belonged to the category of young penalists (i.e., they have been younger than 35 years old).