

International Association of Penal Law (AIDP, 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 until 2024, has served also 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 pandemic 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 (25-28 June 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 meetings of the Finnish national group were held on 17 February 2022 and 18 April 2023 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 on 17 February 2022.

Additional 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 AI 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, D.Sc. (Tech.) Lauri Lahti and LL.D. Jarmo Koistinen have prepared the national report in question.

The following compilations of the preparatory conferences have so far been published: Lorenzo Picotti & Betrice Panattoni (eds.), *Traditional Criminal Law Categories and AI: Crisis or Palingenesis*. *Revue Internationale de Droit Pénal*, Vol. 94, Issue 1, 2023, and Juliette Lelieur (ed.), *Artificial Intelligence and Administration of Criminal Justice*. *Revue Internationale de Droit Pénal*, Vol. 94, Issue 2, 2023.

The Board of the Finnish national group consisted up to 18 April 2024 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).

In the annual meeting of 18 April 2024, the composition was changed so that Lahti gave up his task and membership of the Board of the national group – after having been in the task since 1987 – and Melander was elected to continue as the Chairman of the group. As a new member of the Board, instead of Lahti, was elected university lecturer, LL.D. Tarja Koskela from the Eastern University of Finland (Faculty of Law in Joensuu). Professor Sakari Melander is also the Finnish candidate for the Board of the Association Internationale de Droit Pénal, from 2024.

In the scientific part of the annual meeting of 18 April 2024 Professor Raimo Lahti presented the resolution of the Bucharest preparative colloquium and the Finnish national report on its subject, prepared by Raimo Lahti, Lauri Lahti and Jarmo Koistinen. The material – including the Finnish report – of the Bucharest colloquium has later been published: see Fernando Miró-Llinares et al. (eds.), *Criminalisation of AI-related offences*. *Revue Internationale de Droit Pénal*. Vol. 95, Issue 1, 2024.