

REPORT of TURKISH NATIONAL GROUP (2025)

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To the Esteemed Members of the Board of Directors and Representatives of the National Groups of AIDP,

On behalf of the Turkish Penal Law Association (“TCHD”), I, Kemal Kumkumoğlu, respectfully submit the following report summarizing our principal activities over the past year.

1. Journal Publication – Crimen e Poena

- We would like to begin by highlighting the continued success of our academic journal *Crimen e Poena*. After years of sustained effort, the journal is now published regularly and meets the registration requirements of the official academic directory in Türkiye. It continues to be made available online with free access and features a broad range of academic content in Turkish. The journal's website is www.sucvecezadergisi.com. Printed copies are also distributed to members of our national group upon request and to selected institutions such as the Court of Cassation and law faculty libraries.

2. Monday Forums

- Our long-standing “Monday Forums”, which have continued uninterruptedly since 2006, remain one of our most consistent platforms for academic exchange. These forums, which transitioned to an online format during the COVID-19 pandemic, are recorded and made publicly accessible via our YouTube channel (Türk Ceza Hukuku Derneği).
 - Over the past year, forum topics were selected in accordance with current legal debates in Türkiye. These included:
 - Anonymous Witness Testimony
 - The New Cybersecurity Law and Digital Trust
 - Violence Against Women
 - Limits on Interference with Fundamental Rights and Freedoms in Criminal Procedure
 - Effective Remorse
 - Drug Offences
 - Cyber Violence
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3. Symposia, Opinions & Public Engagement

Beyond our regular publications and forums, we maintained a dynamic program of legal scholarship and public engagement:

- On 30 November 2024, we organized a symposium titled “Criminal Law of Enemy” in collaboration with Özyeğin University, where the topic was examined from both theoretical and practical perspectives.
- Our Association issued legal opinions and reports concerning high-profile investigations and criminal proceedings that raised concerns regarding criminal procedural safeguards and the right to defence in Türkiye.
- We published legal assessments, supported by academics within our Association, on proposed legislative amendments that could impact the principles of criminal and criminal procedural law.
- We initiated a campaign to establish the Turkish Penal Law Association Library, with the aim of collecting and cataloguing national publications in the field of criminal law.

4. Commemorations and Academic Contributions

We also paid tribute to prominent scholars who have passed away and who have made foundational contributions to the development of criminal law in Türkiye by organizing memorial events in their honour.

Notably, we held a scientific event at Istanbul University to mark the re-publication—using updated language—of two seminal works titled “The Elements of Crime” by Prof. Dr. Nurullah Kunter, a leading academic from Istanbul University Faculty of Law and an early collaborator with AIDP even prior to the formal founding of our Association.

In summary, we are pleased to report that our Association has remained highly active throughout the reporting period. We would like to express our sincere appreciation to all members of the Turkish National Group for their dedication and contributions. We also extend our highest regards to the esteemed members of AIDP and reaffirm our commitment to international cooperation and scholarly exchange in the field of criminal law.

Respectfully submitted,

Turkish Penal Law Association (TCHD)
