

Report of AIDP Ukrainian National Group

2023/2024

On behalf of the AIDP Board of Directors, we are pleased to report the progress of the AIDP Ukrainian National Group, composed of **18 members**: Prof. Yuri Baulin (President), Prof. Vyacheslav Borisov (Vice-President), Prof. Nataliya Gutorova (Vice-President), Prof. Mykhaylo Shepitko (Secretary), Prof. Liudmyla Demydova, Prof. Serhiy Denysov, Prof. Paul Fries, Prof. Mykola Karchevskiy, Prof. Valery Shepitko, Prof. Vyacheslav Tulyakov, Assoc. Prof. Olena Kharytonova, Assoc. Prof. Kateryna Latysh, assoc. Prof. Yuri Ponomarenko, Assoc. Prof. Oleksander Radutniy, Assoc. Prof. Oksana Senatorova, Assoc. Prof. Nadia Shulzhenko and Assoc. Prof. Kostiantyn Zadoia, during 2023/2024 in the following areas:

1. Acknowledgement for support.

We would like to send words of thanks to the Association for the special support AIDP Ukrainian National Group 2023/2024 from the beginning of Russian aggression against Ukraine, including:

a) condemnation of the manifestly illegal invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation and support efforts to ensure justice and accountability for crimes committed in connection with the armed conflict in Ukraine, including war crimes, crimes against humanity, genocide, and crimes of aggression;

b) limitations on members of the AIDP Russian National Group who supported the Russian aggression against Ukraine;

c) the obligations of members of the AIDP Ukrainian National Group have been temporarily suspended, acknowledging the extraordinary circumstances they face.

d) one scholarship was granted to a Ukrainian member, enabling participation in person in the Specialization Course in International Criminal Law 2022.

We are grateful for the unwavering support and solidarity demonstrated by the AIDP community during these challenging times.

2. Contributions to the XXI AIDP Congress ‘Artificial Intelligence and Criminal Justice’.

The AIDP Ukrainian National Group has prepared significant contributions via reports to the XXI AIDP Congress 'Artificial Intelligence and Criminal Justice' in the following sections:

1) Traditional Criminal Law Categories and AI: Crisis or Palingenesis? (Assoc. Prof. Oleksander Radutniy and Prof. Mykola Karchevskiy).

2) Offences in the Criminal Code (Assoc. Prof. Oleksander Radutniy and Prof. Mykola Karchevskiy).

3) International Perspectives on AI: Challenges for Judicial Cooperation and International Humanitarian/Criminal Law (Prof. Mykhaylo Shepitko and Assoc. Prof. Oksana Senatorova).

3. Recognition and Achievements:

- Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellowship: In March 2023, one of our members was awarded the prestigious Marie Skłodowska-Curie fellowship to work on the project "Digital Forensic, OSINT and Artificial Intelligence as Tools of International Security." This project will be conducted over 19 months.

- Winning Competitive Research Selection: Two members of the Ukrainian National Group AIDP have won the competitive selection of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine for their project of fundamental research titled "Digital Forensics and Its Role in Forming Evidentiary Information in Wartime Conditions." This project is set to span three years.

4. Cooperation with the Polish National Group.

The AIDP Ukrainian National Group is actively working in cooperation with the Polish National Group on initiatives complementing the activities of state authorities and international courts established to prosecute and adjudicate war crimes, crimes against humanity, crimes of aggression, genocide, ecocide, and other serious human rights violations connected to the recent Russian invasion of Ukraine. Notably, representatives of the Ukrainian National Group (Prof. Mykhaylo Shepitko and Assoc. Prof. Oksana Senatorova) were among the key initiators and founders of **the Sunflowers Foundation**. This foundation aims to establish a network of lawyers to collect evidence of the crimes and other violations from refugees who suffered, ensuring confidentiality. This information will serve as a potential resource for criminal proceedings and the

preservation of justice and historical truth. We invite all interested representatives of National Groups to cooperate within the framework of the Sunflowers Foundation (<https://reportwarcrime.org/>).

5. Organisation of the impactful International Conference.

On May 19, 2023, an important international conference titled 'Bringing Justice for Ukraine: Crime of Aggression, War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity, Genocide' was organised. The Polish and Ukrainian National Groups of AIDP, the Sunflowers Foundation, and the EU Project 'Pravo-Justice' co-organised the event. The conference brought together 270 participants from different countries, including the heads of the criminal chambers of the Supreme Courts of Ukraine, Poland, and Lithuania, as well as the Deputy Minister of Justice of Lithuania.

6. Criminal Law Reform in Ukraine.

The AIDP Ukrainian National Group has been a driving force behind the reform of criminal law in Ukraine. Yuri Baulin, President of the AIDP Ukrainian National Group and head of the Committee for the Reformation of Criminal Law in Ukraine, supported by President Volodymyr Zelensky, has overseen the preparation of a draft for a new Criminal Code of Ukraine through numerous conferences and meetings. More information about the draft can be found at newcriminalcode.org.ua.

7. Discussions on the new Criminal Code of Ukraine have been held at the following scientific events, with participation from members of the AIDP Ukrainian National Group:

VII International Conference "National Security of Ukraine and Conditions of Informatization and Globalization of Social Processes: Modern Threats and Criminal Law Regulation" (Kharkiv, Ukraine, May 11, 2023, online and onsite).

International Conference "Bringing Justice for Ukraine: Crime of Aggression, War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity, Genocide" (Warsaw, Kharkiv, Vilnius, Rome, The Hague, May 19, 2023, online).

II Digital International Criminalists Congress (Kharkiv, Ukraine, May 26, 2023, online).

International Congress "Criminalistics and Forensic Expertology: Science, Studies, Practice" (Brno, Czech Republic, September 13-15, 2023).

Discussion Panel "Criminal Law of Ukraine in the Period of Global Challenges: From Wartime to Afterwar Restoration" at the VII Kharkiv International Legal Forum (Kharkiv, Ukraine, September 29, 2023).

Lviv Forum of Criminal Justice (Lviv, October 26-27, 2023).

International Scientific and Practical Conference "Topical Problems of Forensic Sciences and Criminalistics" commemorating the 100th anniversary of the National Scientific Center Honored Professor Mykola S. Bokarius Forensic Sciences Institute (Kharkiv, Ukraine, November 10, 2023).

III Scientific Readings in Memoriam to Hans Gross (Chernivtsi, Ukraine, December 8, 2023).

Scientific and Practical Conference "Modern Criminal Law of Ukraine: Constitutional, International and Comparative Measures" (Kyiv, Ukraine, December 26, 2023).

Presentation of the draft of the new Criminal Code for Members of the Ukrainian Parliament (Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine) (Kyiv, Ukraine, February 20, 2024).

XVI International Scientific and Practical Conference "Transcarpathian Legal Readings: Stable Development and Institutional Opportunities in War Conditions: National and International Ways" (Uzhhorod, Ukraine, April 26-27, 2024).

Scientific and Practical Round Table within the Scientific Project "Protection of Human Rights in the Concept of Transitional Justice: Ukrainian Model" (June 14, 2024).

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