

**Alliance of NGOs for Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice  
Meeting Minutes**

**March 19, 2004**

*(Draft Minutes until approved at the July meeting)*

*Note: send PDF of brochures to Georgette....*

*Note: send copy of disc on UN Crime Congress to Yael.*

**Attendees:**

**Ros Harris, Chair**, International Social Service

**Nicholas N. Kittre, Vice Chair**, INTERCENTRE and International  
Association of Penal Law

**Georgette Sobel, Treasurer**, The Eleanor Roosevelt Institute for Justice  
& Peace

**Paul McCold, Secretary**, International Institute for Restorative Justice &  
Friends World Committee for Consultation

**Lynette Parker, Member At-Large**, Prison Fellowship International

**Karen Smith, Member At-Large**, Women's Federation for World Peace  
International/IIFWP

**Joe Weedon, Executive Secretariat**, American Correctional Association  
Robert McCormack, Academy of Criminal Justice Scientists

Cindy Smith, American Society of Criminology

Lloyd Klein, Bemidji State University

Betty Cypser, Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants – NY

Rudy Cypser, Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants – NY

Ronald Brinn, International Association Against Drug Abuse and Drug  
Trafficking

Afaf Mahfouz, International Psychoanalytic Association

Yael Danieli, International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies

Shige Hashimoto, JCE

Benjamin Naimark-Rowse, Open Society Justice Initiative

Martin Schoenteich, Open Society Justice Initiative

Irene Mellup, World Society of Victimology

**March 19, 2004**  
**Meeting Minutes:**

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

- a. The meeting agenda was adopted without change.

**2. Approval of the Minutes from the January meeting**

- a. Approved with the edits to the “News from Affiliates” report given by Yael Danieli.

**3. Chairman=s Report**

Ros Harris thanked those individuals working on the sessions for the next crime congress. The chair believes that this is one of the major tasks of the Alliance. Ros has looked through info packet on crime congress and noted two main streams in the work of the UN. First is the traditional setting of standards and norms for practices within countries themselves. This is on the Congress agenda. Ros suggest follow-up on implementation of 22 UN areas of standards and norms as a focus for ancillary sessions. The second area is in new attempts to control international/interstate crime, including corruption, trafficking in persons, transnational crime, etc. From Gary Hill’s Info Centre Report, the chair quoted.... the “Office in Vienna is concentrating very heavily on the implementation of new treaties on transnational and trafficking.” This area of focus includes UN pulling drug trafficking and crime together, a focus of the UN Office of Drugs and Crime.

**- Circulate two documents from Ros along with links.**

- **[www.ifs.univ....](http://www.ifs.univ....) Link.**
- **Standards and Norms.**

**4. Report of the Executive Secretariat – Joe Weedon**

- a. Mr. Weedon reported that Gary Hill has offered to continue as the Information Centre coordinator, if the Alliance requested that he continue to serve in that role.
  - i. **MOTION: It was moved by Paul McCold and Seconded by Georgette Sobel that Gary continue to serve as Information Centre Coordinator. Approved unanimously.**
  - ii. The chair and others also thanked him for his continuing efforts on behalf of the Alliance.
- b. Gary Hill provided a CD and other materials highlighting the 2005 UN Crime Congress to be held in Bangkok. Copies are available from Executive Secretariat upon request.
  - i. **It was suggested that the Alliance explore putting the video on the Alliance website.**
- c. Membership Update
  - i. 39 organizations have submitted updated membership information to the Executive Secretariat..

- d. Two new membership applications received.
  - i. International League for Human Rights
  - ii. Open Society Justice Initiative

**According to Alliance bylaws, any organization with consultative status that makes an application to the Secretariat shall be granted membership.**

- e. Dick Atkins, International Legal Defense Counsel, produced a informational booklet on international prisoner transfer for the 9<sup>th</sup> UN Crime Congress (1995). Inquired if the Alliance was interested in him updating the project. Info has been forwarded to Alliance Chair.
  - i. **Chair will explore what the costs will be and report back with recommendation on whether to proceed at next meeting.**

## **5. Treasurer=s Report**

- a. Current balance of \$2050 at year end 2003
- b. Have received \$350 in dues for 2004.
  - i. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
  - ii. American Society of Criminology
  - iii. International Legal Defense Counsel
  - iv. International Psychoanalytical Association
  - v. Prison Fellowship International
  - vi. Women's Federation for World Peace
  - vii. World Society of Victimology
  - viii. General discussion on dues. Currently Alliance dues are a "requested contribution" not a mandatory requirement.
    - 1. It was noted that efforts to increase dues or make them mandatory would possibly alienate smaller NGOs from participating without increasing the number of organizations that contribute.
- c. Presented bill from American Correctional Association for printing costs associated with the production of Alliance brochures in the amount of \$196.16.

## **6. Information Center Report**

- a. See attached for formal report
- b. Website: General discussion of how to utilize and improve.
  - i. **Motion by Cindy Smith, Second by Yael Danieli to post meeting minutes on the website. Adopted by consensus.**
    - 1. The Secretariat will develop a process to get information, following approval, to distribute information to Karen Smith for placement on the website.
  - ii. It was noted that both the Alliance Brochure and the WP on Restorative Justice brochures are available on the website. The Secretariat will update with new officer information and forward to

Karen Smith for updating.

- iii. The current membership list will also be forwarded to be placed on the website.
- iv. Forum for discussion –
  - 1. The idea of an informal forum allowing for questions and answers be established on the Alliance website to provide method for information centre to be public, allow all to benefit from questions and answers.
    - a. It was determined that the Alliance would speak with Gary Hill to see if this was practical.

## **7. Reports from Working Parties**

- a. Working Party on Crime Congress
  - i. Regional Meeting was postponed in Costa Rica. Asia meeting is scheduled for 29 – 31 March.
  - ii. UN Crime Congress in Bangkok is scheduled for 18-25 April 2005
  - iii. Limited information available on ancillary meetings, workshops, etc from UN. The workgroup continues to follow up with organizations that indicated interest in putting on workshop to solidify support and involvement.
  - iv. Current issue – no one willing to step up and organize meetings/ancillary sessions.
    - 1. Most of current interest currently is on UN Standards and Norms.
    - 2. Ron Brinn (International Association Against Drug Abuse and Drug Trafficking) plans to host a ancillary session focused on financial crimes and their impact on human and economic security focused on SE Europe.
    - 3. Yael Danieli is also in the process of developing sessions.
- b. Working Party on Restorative Justice – by Paul McCold
  - i. The WP is actively working to put on panels at Crime Congress and canvassing working party to determine who will be present in Bangkok for the Crime Congress. Ron Claassen identified a Thai student who is working on restorative justice and domestic violence in Thailand. A professor from Thailand may be able to arrange for students to provide rapporteur services. Gary Hill has indicated that there will be limited expenses incurred for interpreters.
  - ii. Dr. McCold is planning to visit Bangkok in May.
  - iii. Dr. McCold has made contact with the **International Center for XXXX, Kathleen McDonald, Secretary**. The International Center is planning to sponsor a work shop on Restorative Practices at the Crime Congress. Dr. McCold has offered assistance and will follow up on the issue.
  - iv. The WP wants to hold at least 2-3 sessions at the Crime Congress with one focused on restorative Justice in Developing Countries

and other to be determined.

## **8. Old Business**

- a. April is Genocide Awareness Month.
  - i. April 7 is 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Rwanda Genocide.
- b. Status of Criminal Court – Yael Danieli
  - i. Yael Danieli provided follow up on her report from the January meeting.
    - 1. The First Chief Prosecutor for the court has been appointed.
    - 2. Hearing on Victim's Trust Fund is scheduled for 20-22 April in The Hague. The first two days of the meeting is designed for the board to familiarize itself with court and the issues associated with trust fund. The board will meet with representatives of civil society and hold commemoration ceremony on April 22.
  - ii. All were urged to contribute to Trust funds and ask their governments to contribute. Information on a US fund raising initiative is available at: <http://www.victimstrustfund.org/>

## **9. New Business**

- a. Website discussed under Info Center report.

## **10. News from Affiliates**

- a. Nick Kittre is working on a new series of "Source Book" on International Criminal Law and Transnational Criminal Law Procedure. Will have four volumes.
  - i. Volume I – Substantive Crimes. (will be finished late this year)
  - ii. Volume II – International Enforcement
  - iii. Volume III – National Enforcement
  - iv. Volume IV – International Cooperation in enforcement of int'l criminal law
- b. Nick Kittre presented copy of his most recent book The Future of Peace to Ros Harris as thank you for her service to the Alliance.
- c. A meeting of the counterterrorism committee of Security Council at UN Drug and Crime Office was held in Vienna last week. Information is available on US website on UN Office of Drugs and Crime in Vienna. Press Release also available.

## **11. Election of Officers –**

- a. Ros – Thanked Dr. Robert McCormack, Afaf Mahfouz and James Gondles for serving on Nominating Committee.
- b. Dr. McCormack explained that a slate of candidates was prepared by the nominating committee from those who were nominated.
  - i. Members are allowed to serve two consecutive terms in any one office. The Secretary is not subject to term limits. Each current member of the board was elected in 2002 and was eligible for

reelection to the same positions. There was one vacancy for the position of Vice Chair.

- c. Process questions – there was a general discussion over whether the nominating committee should have prepared a slate of candidates vs collecting nominations and ensuring that there were enough people willing and able to fill each office. Some Alliance members were disappointed that the nominating committee omitted some willing to serve from the slate of candidates.

Nick Kittre moved the election process to begin.  
Second by Georgette Sobel.

The floor was opened for additional nominations from the floor.  
Ron Brinn was nominated for Member at Large.

Nick Kittre moved the nomination process closed.  
Second by Georgette Sobel.

**Election Results:**

**Rosalind Harris, Chair**  
**Nicholas Kittrie, Vice Chair**  
**Yael Danieli, Vice Chair**  
**Paul McCold, Secretary**  
**Georgette Sobel, Treasurer**  
**Karen Smith, Member At-Large**  
**Lynette Parker, Member At-Large**

12. Next Meeting B 7 May 2004

13. Adjournment

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**NY ALLIANCE OF NGOS ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

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**DATE:** 5 APRIL 2004  
**TO:** ALLIANCE MEMBERSHIP  
**FROM:** GARY HILL, DIRECTOR  
**RE:** INFORMATION CENTER REPORT

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This report covers the period between meetings of the Alliance – 1 January thru 10 March 2004

**GENERAL INQUIRIES**

1. UN Congress agenda
2. Romanian Prison System
3. Information and comparison between different correctional systems on the disclosure stage of violent offender programs in terms of how it is used and how offenders react to it.
4. Faith Based Prisons
5. Process to obtain credentials for foreign news media to visit U.S. criminal justice facilities
6. Information on Egyptian research organization to provide panelist for international workshop on Children in Conflict Situations.
7. Juvenile Delinquency

**ELEVENTH UNITED NATIONS CRIME CONGRESS**

1. I met with representatives of the Bangkok Congress Committee. Though details concerning the number of rooms for Ancillary Meetings and if we can have interpretation equipment in all of them will not be finalized until early April, they were extremely cooperative and will do all they can for the NGO community.
2. Updated information and the Regional Preparatory Meetings are posted on the ISPAC Web site – [www.ispac-italy.org](http://www.ispac-italy.org)
3. The International Scientific and Professional Council of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme (ISPAC) Web site ([www.ispac-](http://www.ispac-italy.org)

[italy.org](http://italy.org)) has full information on the Congress and also has a form to be filled out by those interested in participating in the ancillary meetings.

4. The first regional Preparatory Meeting for the Eleventh UN Congress was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 1 to 3 March 2004. The Congress topics, workshops and related data were discussed and the 31 nations attending showed enthusiasm for the Congress and provided a great deal of input. Representatives from Thailand made a presentation and were very well received by the delegates.
5. As of the date of this report, eleven organizations (including the Alliance) have formally indicated an interest in hosting ancillary meetings.

#### **OTHER ITEMS:**

1. The International Corrections and Prisons Association (ICPA) will hold its 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE in BEIJING, CHINA on OCTOBER 24-29, 2004. The Theme is Helping One Another to Improve: What works, where and how?
2. A major thrust of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) – which houses the former Centre for International Crime Prevention – in Vienna, is the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols Thereto and on Promotion of Ratification of the United Nations Convention against Corruption.