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of
Directors of Prison Administration
with the participation of
Directors of Probation Services**

**“Working together to promote
the social reintegration of prisoners”**

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SPEAKERS

Curriculum Vitae & summary of the presentations

MODERATORS

Curriculum Vitae

Ms Françoise TULKENS

Curriculum Vitae

Françoise Tulkens has a doctorate in law, a degree in criminology and a higher education teaching certificate (agrégation) in law. She was a professor at the University of Louvain (Belgium) and has taught in Belgium as well as abroad – as a visiting professor at the Universities of Geneva, Ottawa, Paris I, Rennes, Strasbourg and Louisiana State University – in the fields of general criminal law, comparative and European criminal law, juvenile justice and human rights protection systems. She has authored many publications in the areas of human rights and criminal law and, recently, two reference books: *Introduction au droit pénal. Aspects juridiques et criminologiques* (with M. van de Kerchove), 9th ed., 2010 (863 p.) and *Droit de la jeunesse. Aide, assistance et protection* (with Th. Moreau), 2000 (1143 p.). She is doctor honoris causa of the Universities of Ottawa, Geneva and Limoges. Françoise Tulkens has been a Judge of the European Court of Human Rights since 1 November 1998, Section President since January 2007 and Vice-President of the Court since 1 February 2011.

Mr William RENTZMANN

Curriculum Vitae

William Rentzmann holds a law degree from Copenhagen University 1970. He has been Deputy Director-General of Prisons and Probation from 1980-1996. He was then Director-General of The Department of Private Law until he was appointed Director-General for Prisons and Probation in 1998.

He has been President of The Council for Penological Co-operation (PC-CP, Council of Europe), and member of the Greenland Penal Reform Commission. He has been President of The Association of Danish Lawyers & Economists.

He is currently President for The Danish Society for Criminal Law and Criminology, member of The Standing Committee on Penal Law Reform, of International Roundtable for Correctional Excellence, of The International Corrections and Prisons Association, and voting member of International Penal and Penitentiary Foundation. Finally he is member of The Council for the Judicial System of Greenland.

He is one of the founding members of The EuroPris.

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Presentation: *Keynote introductory speech*

Taking as its starting point the conference title 'Working together to promote the social reintegration of prisoners', this presentation will focus on how the framework for closer and valuable cooperation between prison and probation authorities that has now been created at a European level can bring us closer to our common goal, and how, as leaders and managers, we can assist this process for the benefit of both employees and prisoners.

Mr Alexander REIMER

Curriculum Vitae

Finished Police High School in 1979 and in his first years in the police worked as an inspector, senior inspector and later Head of the Special Investigative Department in the law enforcement of the Orenburg region.

He took a long journey from inspector up to Deputy Head of the police department of the Orenburg region. He was later appointed Head of Department. In 2006 he took up the responsibilities of Head of the police department of the Samara region.

In January 2009 he was appointed Director General of the Federal Service of Execution of Punishments. In 2010 by Decree of the President of Russia Mr Reimer was promoted to General-Colonel.

He launched in 2010 a programme of reform and innovation of the system which is to be fulfilled by the year 2020.

Mr Peter VERBEKE

Curriculum Vitae

Peter Verbeke is a researcher at the Institute for International Research on Criminal Policy (IRCP, University of Ghent) and co-author of the most recent IRCP publications on cross-border execution of judgements involving deprivation of liberty, resulting from a large scale European wide study on material detention conditions, execution of custodial sentences and prisoner transfer, funded by the European Commission.

Peter obtained a Master in Law at the University of Ghent in 2005 and a Master in Health Law at Queen Mary, University of London in 2006. At the moment he is also working on a Ph.D concerning the legal status of detained mentally ill offenders in Europe.

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Presentation: *Execution of custodial sentences and detention conditions in European prisons*

On behalf of Professor Vermeulen (IRCP, University of Ghent), Peter Verbeke will discuss the implications of the 2008 Framework Decision on the application of the principle of mutual recognition to judgements in criminal matters imposing custodial sentences or measures involving deprivation of liberty for the purpose of their enforcement in the EU, due to be fully implemented by the end of 2011.

Following a call for tender by the European Commission, the biggest study to date on member states' material detention conditions as well as on early/conditional release and earned remission provisions and sentence execution modalities was conducted by the Institute for International Research on Criminal Policy (IRCP).

As Peter will explain, the results to this study were worrisome in general and in particular with regard to the operation of the above mentioned Framework Decision.

Ms Sonja SNACKEN

Curriculum Vitae

Sonja Snacken is Professor of Criminology, Penology and Sociology of Law at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Belgium), where she now holds a 'Research Fellowship' (2006-2016). Her research focuses on the place, choices and consequences of punishment in Belgium and Europe, with a special focus on imprisonment and on community sanctions and measures. At national level, she was a member of the drafting committee for the first Belgian Prison Act (2005) and president of the drafting committee for the Act on the external legal position of prisoners (2006). At the European level, she has acted as an expert for the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT) since 1994 and has been a member since 2001 - and President since 2006 - of the Council for Penological Cooperation of the Council of Europe (PC-CP).

Speakers in the workshops / Intervenants dans les ateliers

Ms Sonja SNACKEN

Presentation: *The Council of Europe standards – past, present and future*

The latest and forthcoming Council of Europe work in the penitentiary field will be discussed as well as the main outcome of the survey based on the questionnaire regarding the implementation of the most recent Council of Europe standards in this area. Some of the most interesting examples of good practices and major problems encountered by the prison and probation services will also be discussed, as well as the role the Council of Europe should play in improving prison conditions and treatment of offenders.

Mr Marcelo AEBI

Curriculum Vitae

Marcelo F. Aebi is Professor of Criminology and Deputy Director of the School for Criminal Sciences at the University of Lausanne, Switzerland. He has a Ph.D., with honours, and a M.A. in criminology from the University of Lausanne as well as an M.A. in law from the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina. With a grant from the Swiss National Science Foundation, he has been a visiting fellow at the Rutgers School of Criminal Justice (New Jersey, United States of America) and at the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law (Freiburg, Germany). He has been Deputy Director and Professor of Criminology at the Andalusian Institute of Criminology of the University of Seville (Spain) and associate professor at the Autonomous University of Barcelona (Spain), where he remains an invited professor. His main research topics include comparative criminology, corrections, methodology, juvenile delinquency, drugs and crime, and victimization and self-reported delinquency studies. Marcelo F. Aebi is also a consultant expert of the Council of Europe and the European Commission, as well as the Executive Secretary of the European Society of Criminology.

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Presentation: *SPACE statistics – facts, figures and tendencies*

The goal of this presentation is to show the type of comparisons that can be produced on the basis of the Council of Europe Annual Penal Statistics (SPACE). These comparisons concern mainly the size of the prison population, the capacity of penal institutions, the level of occupation of these institutions, the socio-demographic characteristics of the inmates, the breakdown of the prison population by type of offences, length of the sentences imposed, and their legal status. They also allow comparisons of the personnel employed by the prison administration. However, these comparisons are not as straightforward as it may seem because the rules applied to produce the national data that will later be included in SPACE vary from country to country. As a consequence, this presentation highlights also the main methodological problems related to this kind of comparative research.

Ms Natalia DELGRANDE

Curriculum Vitae

Natalia Delgrande got her MA in History and Psychology from the University of Chisinau (Moldova). At the University of Lausanne (Switzerland) she got her second MA in Criminology and is nowadays preparing her PhD. Ms Delgrande is research associate and part-time lecturer in penology at the Institute of Criminology and Criminal Law, University of Lausanne. Her core activities are nowadays related to the study of the typology of penal populations (under custodial and non-custodial sanctions and measures), as well as to the research of institutional adjustment and primary desistance. She is also scientific expert for the SPACE projects of the Council of Europe: SPACE I (penal institutions) and SPACE II (CSM and Probation). Natalia Delgrande is member of the European and American Societies of Criminology and of the Swiss Working Group of Criminology.

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Presentation: *SPACE statistics – facts, figures and tendencies (see Mr Marcelo AEBI)*

Mr Andrew COYLE

Curriculum Vitae

Andrew Coyle is Emeritus Professor of Prison Studies in London University and Visiting Professor in Essex University. He was for many years a Prison Governor in the United Kingdom and was founding Director of the International Centre for Prison Studies. He is an adviser on prison matters to a number of international bodies, including the United Nations and the Council of Europe. He was commissioned by the Council of Europe as one of the main drafters of what became the European Prison Rules 2006 and, more recently, of a Code of Ethics for Prison Staff. His handbook *A Human Rights Approach to Prison Management* has been published in 16 languages and is now in its second edition.

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Presentation: *European Code of Ethics for Prison Staff*

European Prison Rules 71 to 75 describe the important public role which is undertaken by prison staff, the requirement for them to carry out their work within an ethical context and the need for them to maintain high professional and personal standards. As a means of assisting prison staff to meet these high standards, the Council of Europe proposes to draw up a Code of Ethics for Prison Staff. This workshop will discuss the benefits of such a

Code, how it would contribute to the professional standing of prison staff, and how such a Code could assist prison staff in their daily work.

Mr Leo TIGGES

Curriculum Vitae

After finishing his Masters Studies political science, sociology and criminology (cum laude) at the Free University of Amsterdam in 1973, Leo Tigges has worked at various management positions at the Dutch Ministry of Justice. He joined the Dutch Probation Service in 2001. Currently he is Consultant International and Academic Relations & Research to the Dutch Probation Service, a position he holds since 2007. In 2004 he was elected Secretary General of CEP and was re-elected for a second term three years later. The outgoing Board of CEP advised the incoming Board at the General Assembly in Spain to appoint Leo Tigges for another period as Secretary General of CEP.

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Presentation: *How probation can contribute to improving detention*

Leo Tigges will analyze in his presentation, among others on the basis of the European Prison and Probation Rules, what is the Probation Organisations' contribution in improving detention conditions. Several themes will be identified for a concrete cooperation between the prison and the probation sector. The conditions for a good cooperation in the field of the resettlement of prisoners will be outlined and some good practices will be highlighted.

Mr Rob CANTON

Curriculum Vitae

Rob Canton is Professor and Head of Research of Community and Criminal Justice at De Montfort University, Leicester. He worked in the Probation Service for many years in a variety of different practice, management and training roles. He has been extensively involved in work to help other countries to develop their probation practices and acted as scientific expert for the Council of Europe in the development of the European Probation Rules. He has recently been Specialist Adviser to the House of Commons Justice Select Committee in their inquiry into the role of the probation service in England and Wales.

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Presentation: *European Probation Rules: What they are and why they matter*

The presentation will briefly introduce the European Probation Rules, explaining their origin and their significance. The Rules are intended to guide practice and to make sure that the principles of the European Convention on Human Rights are upheld in working with offenders in the community. The Rules and the Commentary may be of particular value for countries whose probation systems are not yet well developed, but they may also be used by established probation agencies to benchmark their policies and practices. Questions put for discussion will centre on the extent to which these Rules are being implemented and will look as well at the working relationship between prisons and probation.

Mr Norman BISHOP

Curriculum Vitae

He entered the Prison Service of England and Wales in 1947 and was governor of several different prisons and finally Head of the Prison Service Staff College. In 1963 he became Head of the Division of Crime Problems in the Council of Europe. From 1971-1986 he was Head of Research and Development in the Swedish Prison and Probation Service returning on retirement in 1986 to international work with Council of Europe expert committees and steering groups for prison reform in some of the Eastern European Council of Europe member states.

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Presentation: *Implementing EPR Rule 50: problems and possibilities*

I shall argue that Rule 50 promotes the use of a new and essential tool of prison management. At the same time the implementation of Rule 50 implies a change in the role of the prisoner and of prison staff, notably of the basic grade prison officers. A beneficial implementation of Rule 50 cannot be divorced from implementation of other relevant European Prison Rules. There can be serious negative consequences if this is not realized.

Ms Cécile BRUNET-LUDET

Curriculum Vitae

Ms Brunet-Ludet has university degrees in philosophy and law (private, public and European). She has been magistrate since 1995 working with civil and criminal law cases at two courts (Saint-Quentin, Creteil). She has been more specifically judge specialising in the execution of sentences from 1997 to 2005 and has been involved in implementing the Law adopted on 15 June 2000 on the codification of sanctions and of the Law adopted on 4 March 2002 on the suspension of medical sanctions.

Since the end of 2005 she works at the Directorate of the penitentiary administration. She has successfully worked at the Office managing all penitentiary institutions (Etat Major de Sécurité); she has then been inspector of penitentiary services and afterwards Head of the Department of the Office of Social Policy and Reintegration.

Since October 2009 she works under the Director of Prison Administration and is entrusted with a pilot project regarding the collective right of expression of detained persons in the framework of the Penitentiary Law and the European Prison Rules.

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Presentation: *Implementing EPR Rule 50: problems and possibilities (Workshop I)*

After the adoption of the Penitentiary Law in November 2009, in 2010-2011 the French Prison Administration launched in several penitentiary institutions a pilot project aimed at organising and structuring the collective dialogue of detained persons with the prison management.

The spirit of Rule 50 of the European Prison Rules guides this project. Its major issue is to officialise this approach, i.e. to write down this means of consultation with the prison population in the institutional mechanisms.

This process questions existing professional practices and viewpoints.

Mr Jaume MARTIN BARBERAN

Curriculum Vitae

Degree in sociology from the Catholic Institute of Social Studies in Barcelona, and social educator. He has started his career at the Department of Justice of the Catalan Government in 1982 as educator in the community, and then he has become responsible for educational and social resources and Adviser in the Juvenile Justice and Alternative Sanctions Directorates. Since 2002, he is adviser on international relationships for the General Directorate of Prison Service. He was elected board member of the CEP, European Conference of Probation (2001-2006) and the European Forum for Restorative Justice, (2002-2007).

He is also member of research teams in studies and surveys related to: The psychosocial consultation teams at the courts, victim-offender mediation, enforcement of community sanctions, youth survey and citizen security, the youth cultures and violence, among others.

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Presentation: *Foreigners in Catalan prisons (Workshop I)*

Over the last ten years Catalonia has received an increasing number of immigrants from around the world that led to major changes in the economic, social and cultural development. This has also led to the growth of the prison population and at the same time to greater complexity in terms of management of prisons and treatment of detainees. One of the most disturbing effects is the large number of illegal aliens detained and the difficulties this creates in relation to the real possibilities for direct intervention for their rehabilitation.

This is why, in recent years, in 2010 and 2011, the Centre for Legal Studies of the Department of Justice of Catalonia had done two surveys in order to provide recommendations for the prison administration to plan more effective interventions with the group of foreigners and to improve their chances of reintegration.

On September 15, also taking into account such recommendations entered into force the "Circular" of Immigration of the General Directorate of Prison Services to manage in the most appropriate way prison sentences and social integration of foreign prisoners.

Moderators in Workshop I / Moderateurs dans l'Atelier I

Mr Vincent THEIS

Curriculum Vitae

Vincent Theis is Director of the Luxembourg Prison and former Director of the Givenich Prison (Luxembourg). He is currently member of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT) elected in respect of Luxembourg. He has been involved as Council of Europe expert in a number of assistance and cooperation activities in the prison field aimed at helping the new member states to reform their penitentiary system in line with the European standards.

Mr André VALLOTTON

Curriculum Vitae

André Vallotton, after having worked for a decade as Head of the Socio-Educative Service at a prison in Romandy, Switzerland, has participated as a Deputy Prison Governor in the establishment of a Swiss Training Centre for prison staff and has contributed to its first years of functioning.

He was afterwards appointed and remained for more than ten years Director General of the prison administration of the Vaud Canton. He was responsible later for the drafting of legislation and rules of application of the new Swiss Penal Code as well as for its implementation in his Canton.

He has taught penology at the University of Lausanne and in parallel to this he has chaired a Cantonal Commission for evaluation of dangerousness of offenders, has organised different training courses for police and penitentiary staff and has participated in different expert groups.

Since a number of years already, he contributes to different Council of Europe activities by carrying out expert missions and providing expertise.

He is currently leading an EU prison reform project in Algeria and is participating in parallel to that in an ICRC project assisting the reform of courts and prisons in Tunisia.

He is member of the Council for Penological Cooperation of the Council of Europe (PC-CP) and is also member of the Swiss Commission for the Prevention of Torture. He presides in France the Jury delivering the Zoummeroff scholarship, which funds every two years a novel project of reintegration.

Moderators in Workshop II / Moderateurs dans l'Atelier II

Mr Vyacheslav SELIVERSTOV

Curriculum Vitae

Graduate of the Tomsk State University. He has worked as a criminal investigator for five years. He was afterwards a post-graduate student at the Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and defended a thesis on legal status of offenders sentenced to imprisonment. In 1992 he became Doctor of Science (law) and University Professor. For some time he has worked as a Deputy Head of the Research Institute of the Ministry of the Interior and then as Head of the Human Rights Department of the Russian Ombudsman's Office. He was later Head of the Research Institute of the Russian Service for the Execution of Sentences. Mr. Seliverstov is currently Professor at the Moscow State University and combines his work with many public activities in the Russian Parliament (Duma) and the Russian Penological Society.

Mr Pavel ŠTERN

Curriculum Vitae

Since 2001 he is Director of the Czech Probation and Mediation Service, (PMS). He was involved in the development of the legislative, organizational and professional structure of the Czech PMS. His main fields of professional expertise and interest are restorative justice, probation and social work with offenders.

Member of the International Jury for awarding of international prizes for activities in probation, mediation and social work in the framework of the international conference "Probation 2004"; Project leader (Czech side) in the frame of two professional twinning projects, Phare 2002 and Transition Facility 2004; Shorter study stays in the framework of cooperation with the National Probation Service of England and Wales, the Probation and social Service of Zurich, the Justice Department of Canada and the Austrian Probation and Mediation Service; Member of an UNODC expert group in frame work of the preparation and review of a Handbook on Restorative Justice Programs, published by UN in 2006, Short time expert in EU twinning project in Croatia with UK-NOMS 2007, Short time expert in EU twinning project in Turkey, UK-NOMS 2008, Elected member of the Council for Penological Co-operation (PC-CP), Council of Europe since 2008.

Moderators in Workshop III / Moderateurs dans l'Atelier III

Mr Peter VAN DER SANDE

Curriculum Vitae

Over ten years ago, Peter switched from the Ministry of Education, Culture and Science, where he worked as Deputy Managing Director of a major implementing body, to DJI, an implementing body of the Ministry of Security and Justice, which is also responsible for the Dutch prison system. As Deputy General Director and Sector Director, Peter headed the Prison System for nine years. He was appointed General Director of the entire DJI in July 2009.

As Chairman of the three-member General Management, Peter van der Sande manages approximately 75 branch managers of custodial institutions, correctional institutions for juvenile offenders and forensic psychiatric centres. These institutions have a total capacity of approximately 21,000 cells. The Dutch prison system alone involves some two billion Euros.

Peter steers his organisation through times of drastic changes and stiff challenges. A process that is still ongoing concerns the modernisation of the Prison System. This modernisation is intended to reduce the recidivism figures significantly, which demands an entirely new, personal approach. This approach naturally also entails a different way of organising and working; in other words: a culture change. Within this context, great investments were made in good chain cooperation in the past years, a development that also occurred in other sectors.

Peter has been elected President of the International Correctional and Prisons Association (ICPA) in September 2011.

Mr Roger McGARVA

Curriculum Vitae

Roger worked as a probation officer, manager and inspector in the Probation Service in England from 1973 to 2001. He then became Regional Manager in the National Probation Service and eventually Head of Regions and Planning. He retired from the civil service in 2008.

He has been member of the PC-CP since 2006. In recent years he has worked as an international expert on prison and probation issues in Croatia, Turkey and Romania. He is currently the technical advisor on a UK project in Jamaica which is seeking to strengthen the Department of Correctional Services and develop services for people deported from the UK/other countries. He has just begun a new EU project to strengthen alternative sanctions in Serbia.

He has a strong commitment to the PC-CP and would like its work to have a direct impact on improving practice in prison and probation services in Europe. He regards this event as an invaluable opportunity for participants to share their good ideas with each other.