

# AIDP OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The AIDP is one of the oldest and most prestigious organizations of scholars in the world. Founded in 1924, it carries on the work undertaken by the International Union of Penal law founded in 1889. The AIDP numbers some 1,500 active members in 90 countries. Its goal is to bring together those persons who, in different countries are dedicated to the study and application of penal law, to study criminality and to promote the theoretical and practical development of international penal law.



**THE AIDP HAS OBSERVER STATUS WITH THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION AND THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE.**

Since 1924 the AIDP has acquired an eminent position among other organizations, scientists, experts and governmental and professional authorities in the field of:

- » *Criminal policy and codification of penal law*
- » *Comparative criminal law*
- » *International criminal law (with a specialization in international criminal justice)*
- » *Human rights in the administration of criminal justice*

Thanks to its internal organization which opens the Association to penalists the world over, including the very youngest (Section of "Young Penalists"), the Association, grouped into about fifty national sections, has proved itself scientifically fruitful. Its activities are furthered by the Scientific Committee whose task culminates in the organization of the quinquennial congresses which are preceded by preparatory colloquia covering the four topics of the congress (substantive criminal law, special criminal law, criminal procedure and international criminal law).

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# JOINING THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PENAL LAW

## WHO?

**Individuals:** professors of criminal law, procedure, criminology, criminalistics and sociology, as well as Judges and prosecutors, lawyers, Ministry of Justice officials, police and corrections officials, forensic scientists, psychiatrists, psychologists and researchers etc...

**Collective members:** Institutes, Laboratories, Academies, etc... where the above-mentioned individuals work as well as Schools, Libraries and other Institutions interested in the work and goals of the Association.

## NATIONAL GROUPS

National Groups may be constituted in each country to organize any activity which furthers the objectives of the International Association of Penal Law according to its By-Law.

## YOUNG PENALISTS COMMITTEE

The International Association of Penal Law comprises a group of criminal law specialists aged under 35, known as the 'Young Penalists'. This group holds its own scientific activities and events. They elect a Committee to represent them within all areas of the Association. Today represent more than 320 young jurists worldwide.

## HOW?

Join us on our website at [www.penal.org](http://www.penal.org) and click on "Join AIDP/IAPL". It is as simple as that! Once a member, you will be kept informed about AIDP activities and receive AIDP publications. You will also be able to consult the whole collection of the International Review of Penal Law articles as well as "ReAIDP" online.



# ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

## ASSOCIATION CONGRESSES

Every five years since 1926, the Association has organized a congress focusing on four topics related to criminal law: substantive criminal law, special criminal law, procedural law and international criminal law. These congresses bring together the most eminent specialists in criminal law worldwide. The congresses adopt resolutions which have a great impact on the evolution of national criminal policies as they establish norms endorsed by a number of States worldwide. Preparatory colloquia are organized in various countries in advance of each congress to prepare the draft resolutions for each topic.

## WORLD OR REGIONAL CONFERENCES

Between quinquennial congresses, the Association organizes a World Conference (Guadalajara, Mexico, 2007: Penal law in the XXIst Century) as well as one or more regional conferences, in addition to the preparatory colloquia.

## AIDP PUBLICATIONS

The scientific activity of the AIDP is expressed through its official publications, namely:

1/ **The International Review of Penal Law**, published twice a year since 1924, in more than sixty countries worldwide in three languages (English, French, Spanish);



2/ **Les Nouvelles Études Pénales**, which gather the works of specialized working groups from national groups or Expert Committees on specific topics of international value as well as proceedings from conferences held at the International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences (I.I.S.C.);

3/ **ReAIDP:** The Electronic Review of Penal Law gathers a selection of original articles in French, English and Spanish online. Various works are published on an on-going basis.



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*The history of the AIDP was particularly marked by the foundation of the International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences (I.I.S.C.) in Siracusa (Italy) in 1970. The Institute is a public foundation with NGO status under the scientific guidance of the AIDP ([www.isisc.org](http://www.isisc.org)). Countless scientific activities (colloquia, seminars, expert committees and training courses) are organized in collaboration with the I.A.P.L. and I.S.I.S.C., often in cooperation with international organizations (U.N., Council of Europe etc.) and with other NGOs,*

*aimed in particular at the preparation of international instruments in the field covered by the Association (e.g. the Draft Convention on the Suppression of Torture, adopted by the U.N. General Assembly in 1984).*

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