

## *About the Editors*

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## **The Editorial Task**

The editors faced an extremely difficult task in selecting papers for publication. One hundred and seventy-one papers of a generally acknowledged high standard were given but had to be reduced to thirty-four for this publication. In some cases, papers were abridged in the interests of space. The editors decided to develop several themes and fit the papers into a general commentary on these themes which in some cases includes references to papers given at the Symposium but not published in this volume. However, all authors and titles of their papers are listed at the end of this volume. Names of authors of papers which have been selected for inclusion in this volume and which are mentioned in the commentaries are shown in bold type.

Each of the co-editors is primarily responsible for a section: Mark Israel for Section One: Power, Politics and Victimisation; Rick Sarre for Section Two: Victim Surveys and Methodology; Chris Sumner for Section Three: Victims Offenders and the Criminal Justice System; and Michael O'Connell and Rick Sarre for Section Four: Serving Victims.

