

PREFACE

This book contains an edited selection of papers given at the 8th International Symposium on Victimology held at the Convention Centre in Adelaide, South Australia from 21 to 26 August 1994. The Symposium was organised by the Australasian Society of Victimology (ASV) on behalf of the World Society of Victimology (WSV). The WSV is an international nongovernmental organisation with consultative status category II with the United Nations Economic and Social Council and with the Council of Europe. Its membership includes 'scientists, students, organisations, victim helpers, volunteers, lay persons and others' concerned with issues of scientific research and practical humanitarian help for victims of crime, victims of abuse of power and victims of other tragedies.

One of its key activities is convening the International Symposium every three years. These have been hosted in the past in Jerusalem (1973), Boston (1976), Munster (1979), Tokyo (1982), Zagreb (1985), Jerusalem (1988) and Rio de Janeiro (1991). The Adelaide Symposium attracted 461 delegates from 39 countries, and 171 papers were delivered. We would like to thank the following:

The Executive Committee of the WSV in the three years prior to the Symposium:

President:	Hon. C. J. Sumner (Australia)
Vice-Presidents:	Prof. Ester Kosovski (Brazil) Prof. Koichi Miyazawa (Japan) Prof. Irvin Waller (Canada) Dr Marlene Young (USA)
Secretary-General:	Prof. Gerd Ferdinand Kirchoff (Germany)
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The ASV Organising Committee was:

President:	Hon. C.J. Sumner
Chairperson:	David Hunt AO
Symposium Director:	Mike Duigan
Symposium Organiser:	Anita Scandia
Academic Director:	Dr Peter Grabosky
Committee Members:	Gary Byron, Prof. Duncan Chappell, Julie Gardner,

Kate Hannaford, Mark Israel, Kym Kelly, Linda Matthews, Sgt. Michael O'Connell APM, Andrew Paterson, Rick Sarre, Harold Weir, Ray Whitrod AC, Judge Andrew Wilson.

Particular thanks are due to the Symposium Director, Mike Duigan, and the Symposium Organiser, Anita Scandia, for what was generally recognised as a highly successful event.

Sponsors of the Symposium included the Australian Government and the Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC). The AIC agreed to include the Symposium as part of its regular conference program, provided administrative assistance and agreed to publish this book of edited proceedings. The South Australian Government through the departments of the Attorney-General and the Police assisted with financial and staff support. In December 1993, the Government in South Australia changed and the incoming Liberal administration through its Attorney General, the Hon. K.T. Griffin MLC, continued the support provided by the outgoing Labor Government. Other sponsors were the Australian International Development Assistance Bureau (AIDAB) which enabled delegates to attend from African and Asian countries, one of the key aims of the organisers. Other sponsors included Qantas Airlines, Law Foundation of SA, Australia-India Council, Australia-Korea Foundation, the Miyazawa Foundation of Japan, the Adelaide City Council and its Mayor the Rt. Hon. Henry Ninio, the Australian Crime Prevention Council, Victims of Crime Service (VOCS), the Australian Victims of Crime Association and the University of South Australia School of Law. Volunteers from VOCS and the Australian Crime Prevention Council as well as other volunteers, made a significant contribution to the success of the Symposium.

The Governor of South Australia, Dame Roma Mitchell DBE AC, who is a former Justice of the Supreme Court of South Australia and Chair of the Australian Human Rights Commission, formally opened the Symposium. Delegates were entertained by the Australian Aboriginal group Ngarindjeri—Narungga Dreaming, who gave a traditional Aboriginal welcome to delegates, and by the South Australian Police Band. A service of Remembrance and Response was conducted at St Peters Cathedral prior to the Opening.

We were also honoured by the presence of the Hon. David Libai, Minister of Justice of Israel, who attended the Symposium as a delegate and delivered a paper on the 'Rules of Procedure and Evidence for the Protection of Victims of Sexual Offences—The Israeli Experience'.

In 1993 we mourned the loss of John Freeman who had been a Member of the Executive Committee of the WSV for many years prior to his death. During the Symposium his contribution to victimology and the activities of the WSV were recognised in a Memorial Lecture given by Prof. Gerd Ferdinand Kirchoff, the Secretary General of the Society.

The South Australian Justice Administration Foundation held its Annual Oration in conjunction with the Symposium. This was given by Ms Helen Reeves OBE, Director, National Association of Victim Support Schemes, England, on the

topic ‘The Victim Revolution: The growth of policies and services for victims of crime and their impact on criminal justice’.

Rapporteurs who summed up the proceedings were Dame Ann Ballin (New Zealand), Helen Reeves (United Kingdom), Prof. Richard Harding (Australia) and Dr John Dussich (USA).

At the conclusion of the Symposium the WSV presented the following Awards:

Hans von Hentig Award:	Ms Irene Melup (United Nations)
Certificates of Appreciation:	Dame Ann Ballin (New Zealand)
	Mr Ray Whitrod (Australia)
	Justice Krishna Iyer (India)
	Prof. Elias Neuman (Argentina)