

From the Director's desk . . .

The achievements of organisations such as the Institute of Criminology must be measured not so much in structural terms, but rather through success of its members. As a one-time director at the Institute, Gordon Hawkins recently identified "members of the staff of the Institute and those associated with it either as senior scholars or students [who] published a wide range of articles in criminological or legal journals and books" in the decades of the 1970s and 1980s.¹

Now is an appropriate time to join the celebrations of the American Society of Criminology in recognising the outstanding contribution to the study of criminology and criminal justice made by Gordon Hawkins. In a recent letter from the Society, its President John Hagen announced the selection of Professor Hawkins to receive the American Society of Criminology's Sellin-Glueck Award. "This award recognises outstanding scholarly contributions to the discipline of criminology by a non North American criminologist." In the case of Gordon Hawkins, the Award's Committee took note of his outstanding work on public rhetoric about organised crime, the politics of crime control, prison administration, deterrence, pornography, and the scale of imprisonment. The letter concluded, "This is a wonderful achievement in a very distinguished career".

Those of us who have had the privilege of knowing and working with Professor Hawkins echo such a sentiment. The Institute takes pride in the knowledge that the American Society of Criminology intends to celebrate Gordon Hawkins' achievements along with the fiftieth anniversary of the Society at its November meeting in San Francisco. This journal looks forward to the opportunity of publishing Gordon Hawkins' address to that meeting.

On behalf of the Advisory Committee, the staff of the Institute, and those behind this journal, we congratulate Gordon and trust that he enjoys to the fullest his well-deserved moment of glory.

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1 (See (1990) 2(1) *Current Issues in Criminal Justice* at 15.

