

## *From the Director's Desk*

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1993 looks like developing into a year of challenge for the Institute. Fortunately we have the significant success of last year to act as a foundation for the development of our principal areas of responsibility: public education, publications, and research. Despite the considerable financial and resource pressures which face the tertiary sector in this country and are a current concern for the faculty in which the Institute resides, the tone of expansion which enthused our work in 1992 will not be diminished.

The Institute intends this year to augment its public and inhouse seminar series with the production and distribution of a video project entitled "Crime and Criminal Justice in Focus". As a community education medium, television provides potential far beyond that previously reached through the Institute's seminar program. It is hoped that an audience ranging from Secondary School students, through interested community groups, to those individuals who are otherwise removed from public debates about criminal justice, will benefit from our video presentations.

The Institute will expand its computer information service ("CrimNet") in order to link up with a greater number and range of agencies and research centres throughout Australia and overseas, so that the network will be more attractive and useful to subscribers. CrimNet has been well received by those who access its information, and will continue to provide an important link between otherwise isolated areas of criminal justice endeavour.

The monograph series which we launched last year will be expanded with the publication of two issues in the first half of 1993: *The Home and the Prison*, by Ann Aungles, and *Usefulness of Psychiatric Reports in Court Proceedings* by Peter Shea. In addition, *Issues in Crime Control*, a collection of essays in criminal justice edited by Mark Findlay and Stanley Yeo, and *Women, Male Violence and the Law*, edited by Julie Stubbs, are currently in advanced stages of development. The Institute continues to search for useful manuscripts which will contribute to the specialist body of knowledge which is Australian criminology.

Finally, Institute staff members maintain their research into a variety of important crime and criminal justice issues. Chris Cunneen and Julie Stubbs have taken on responsibility for the Institute's research profile, and a comprehensive research prospectus, which details the Institute's potential in many areas, is currently available.

We are pleased to be hosting the 1993 Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology Conference which will be held at the Women's College of Sydney University between 28 September and 1 October 1993. This conference has grown to become the premier event in the Australian criminology calendar, and now provides an important opportunity for researchers, scholars and practitioners to meet and discuss the place of criminology in Australian society. This year the theme of the conference will be "Crime and Social Division", and we are excited at the prospect of having Dr David Garland from the Centre for Criminology and the Social and Philosophical Study of Law, University of Edinburgh, with us on that occasion as the principal speaker.

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