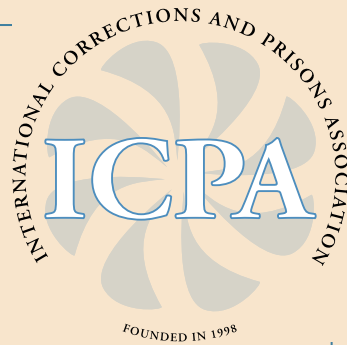


Who We Are and What We Do



The International Corrections and Prisons Association (ICPA) is a forum for exchanging ideas, technology, and best practices among corrections professionals worldwide. Our connections with key players on all continents make us the global go-to network on issues of penology and criminal justice. ICPA...

- fosters co-operation and provides leadership, direction, and vision.
- supports the delivery of rights-based prisons and community corrections programs in developed and developing nations alike.
- facilitates collaboration, staff exchanges, and study visitations among jurisdictions.
- encourages the collective involvement of victims, offenders' families, volunteer organizations and others in the community to help find solutions to correctional and criminal justice issues.
- enhances public education, understanding, and involvement in correctional matters.

ICPA is a non-governmental organization in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC).

Founded in 1998, ICPA represents a membership based in over 80 countries around the world. We invite all individuals and agencies involved in the related fields of justice to take a closer look at ICPA and get involved in advancing professional corrections.

Mission of the ICPA

To promote and share ethical and effective correctional practices to enhance public safety and healthier communities worldwide.



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International Corrections and Prisons Association

for the advancement of professional corrections

“It is our vision to be the most influential international association for ethical and effective corrections.”



Organization

ICPA is governed by a multi-national Board of Directors representing every world region, and inclusive of public agency, voluntary, and private sector professionals. The Board of Directors holds meetings approximately six times per year, with ad hoc meetings called as required. The Association has an Executive Committee empowered to make key decisions on behalf of the Board of Directors as and when necessary.

ICPA maintains a group of standing committees for decision-making and actioning of its regular business activities, as well as Board-led initiative groups all of which invite member participation.

The Association holds an annual general meeting (AGM) at its yearly conference where the membership body exercises voting privileges on business matters.



Achievements

Most notable among ICPA's recent achievements are:

- Two successful regional conferences, including:
 - Europe - Oslo, Norway (June 2008)
 - Africa - Abuja, Nigeria (March 2009)
- A revitalized web site, which currently receives 2,000+ hits per month;
- A revised Mission and Vision to take the Association forward until 2020, and with a series of initiatives and working Groups to take us there; and
- A NATO Advanced Research Workshop held in Eilat, Israel on the subject of Human Rights and Terrorism.



Membership

The strength of any viable organization is found within those who believe it to be worthwhile to support. ICPA is no exception. From its founders, to those who have embraced its cause, and even to those who are already forming future generations of leadership, ICPA's membership continues to evolve as a unified voice declaring professionalism in one of the most complex areas of public service.

Member Benefits

ICPA members enjoy full access to the ICPA Online Community which provides an ongoing forum of interesting topics and communication between events, copies of our *Advancing Corrections* newsletter published three times per year, a variety of printed and electronic resources, the ability to share their own publications through our web site, access to a worldwide network of professionals in corrections and related fields, voting privileges, and participation in ICPA working group and/or committee activities. Institutional members receive extended benefits and recognition for their generosity and support.

ICPA offers a variety of annually renewable membership options. Individual membership can be easily achieved by registering on our web site. Institutional categories of membership and affiliations are available to public, private sector, and voluntary organizations. Please contact the ICPA main office or write to contactus@icpa.ca for further details.



Events

The ICPA annual event exemplifies the Association's claim to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and best practices in corrections. Participation in the ICPA annual conference over its first ten years grew to nearly 400 people from more than 60 countries. More important than the number of attendees, ICPA has mastered a formula for its yearly event that draws people together from every corner of the globe around a common purpose where everyone has something to share. This platform is now reaching new heights by engaging even more intimately focused networking opportunities in regional conferences around the world.

ICPA's first ten annual conferences were held in Hungary, South Africa, Australia, Netherlands, United States, China, Scotland, Canada, Thailand, and Czech Republic...following these are Barbados, Belgium, Singapore, and Mexico.



Awards Program

ICPA administers an internationally-regarded awards program that recognizes outstanding achievements in the categories of: 1) management and staff training; 2) offender management, treatment, and reintegration; 3) community corrections; 4) research; and 5) outstanding correctional service employee. Two special awards are also given entitled, the 6) President's Award; and 7) Outstanding Contribution to the Association. Each year, nominations are received by the ICPA Awards Committee - generally from February through August - and then evaluated against a carefully defined set of performance criteria. An elegant special event and awards banquet is held during the ICPA annual conference to honor the recipients.