

SAVE THE DATE!

The 14th Annual ACJRD Conference will take place on **Friday 14th October 2011** at the Camden Court Hotel, Dublin

Further details to follow shortly.

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Martin Tansey Memorial Lecture 2011

The 4th annual ACJRD Martin Tansey Memorial Lecture will be held on **Wednesday 11th May 2011 at 5.30pm in the Criminal Courts of Justice, Parkgate Street, Dublin 8.**

We are delighted to announce that Dr. Shane Kilcommins of the Faculty of Law, University Cork will give this year's lecture, speaking on ***Where is Our Criminal Justice System Going?***

He is a graduate of UL (BA 1994), University of Wales, Aberystwyth (Ph.D. 1999) and University College Cork (MA, 2007). He lectured in Aberystwyth and WIT before taking up his current position at UCC in 2001.



He is an examiner in criminal law for the Law Society of Ireland, and an external examiner at UCD, DIT, and AIT.

Dr Kilcommins was a visiting Fulbright scholar at Temple Law School, Philadelphia for the academic year 2008-2009.

He is deputy editor of the Judicial Studies Institute Journal and the Irish Law Quarterly and acts as a lay member on mental health tribunals.

Shane is also currently serving on the ACJRD Council.

Martin Tansey Remembered

Martin Tansey served for 28 years as head of the Probation and Welfare Service. He died in March 2007 after a long illness, bravely borne.

Martin grew up in County Roscommon and began his career as a teacher before joining the Probation and Welfare Service in 1965 where he served until his retirement in 2002 working tirelessly to bring Government support and public recognition to the work of the Probation Service.

During his long and distinguished Civil Service Career, he guided the development of the organisation to the nationwide service we have today.

The work of service requires patience, humanity, courage, an understanding that there are competing human rights and the capacity to balance those rights. Martin had these qualities in abundance combined with a considerable helping of common sense.

Martin was a persistent advocate of community sanctions, where the justice system worked with the offender to give him/her a second chance. He believed that the rehabilitation of offenders was a supremely rational social objective. That was his life's work.

Martin had a keen interest in promoting independent criminal justice research. He was a founder member and ultimately chairperson of the Irish Association for the Study of Delinquency (now ACJRD).

His judgement and discretion are legendary and he is well respected by his former colleagues in the justice and law enforcement community. Typical of the man, Martin remained quiet about his achievements and worked tirelessly for his country and his local community.

Excerpts from ACJRD Inaugural Martin Tansey Lecture, May 2008

Recent ACJRD Events

The ACJRD 13th Annual **Conference Report: *Women in the Criminal Justice System*** was launched by the Hon. Mrs Justice Catherine McGuinness on 16th February 2011.

The Hon. Mrs Justice Catherine McGuinness noted that women in the criminal justice system is an area of research and policy formation which doesn't receive a great deal of attention in Ireland. She paid tribute to the release of this timely report and drew attention to the fact that the number of women offenders is comparatively small in the overall context of criminal offending and that the vast majority of the offences are minor.

Copies of the Report and of Mrs Justice McGuinness' launch speech are available to download on our website www.acjrd.ie.



Speakers at the White Collar Crime Seminar pictured with ACJRD Chairperson Maura Butler & IWLA Chairperson Ann Harnett O'Connor



Some of the ACJRD Council and Conference Participants with Mrs Justice McGuinness at the Report Launch

The ACJRD, in conjunction with the Irish Women's Lawyers Association, held a **Seminar on White Collar Crime** on 30th March 2011.

David McFadden of the Competition Authority spoke on *Competition Law and White Collar Crime*, Shelly Horan, author of *Corporate Crime: A Guide to Irish Law* spoke about *Key Issues in Investigating, Prosecuting and Sentencing Corporate Crimes*; and Mary Kiely from the Revenue Commissioners talked about *Prosecution of Serious Tax Offences*.

The event was well attended and provided an extremely interesting overview of various aspects of White Collar Crime. Copies of the speaker presentations are available for download on our website www.acjrd.ie.

POSSIBLE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY—UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

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| 11 May | ACJRD Martin Tansey Memorial Lecture, <i>Where is Our Criminal Justice System Going?</i> |
| 13 May | <i>The Effects of Imprisonment on Families</i> , St Nicholas Trust, Cork stnicholastrust@gmail.com |
| 19-21 May | <i>Experiencing Prison</i> , Warsaw, Poland www.inter-disciplinary.net/probing-the-boundaries/persons/experiencing-prison/call-for-papers/ |
| 2/3 June | Youth Justice Conference, <i>Youth Custody & Human Rights</i> , University of Plymouth, England www.plymouth.ac.uk/research/lcjc |
| 14 June | <i>Zero Tolerance Towards Domestic Violence</i> , Brussels, Belgium //publicpolicyexchange.co.uk |
| 15 June | Restorative Justice, <i>Promoting the Interests of Victim and Offender</i> , Brussels, Belgium www.euforumrj.org |
| 21-23 June | 7th Annual North South Irish Criminology Conference, Sligo Institute Technology www.irishcriminology7.webs.com |