

Editorial

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In 2012 the British Society of Criminology Conference made a successful return to the University of Portsmouth. Held from 4th to 6th July the conference had the title "*Criminology at the Borders*". At the conference Professor Jock Young was awarded the BSC Outstanding Achievement Award, presented to him by Professor Pat Carlen. Plenary presentations were provided by Katja Franko Aas, David Garland, Roger Hood and Sharon Shalev. Thanks are due to the team at Portsmouth for organising the event. In 2013 the conference is hosted by the University of Wolverhampton where 'criminology' as a subject will be put on trial. If you are planning to speak at Wolverhampton it would be great if you would also consider submitting your paper to this journal.

For this Volume of the journal we have maintained a rigorous review process. Ten papers were submitted and four have made the final selection. All submitted papers were reviewed by at least two academics. In the first paper Jane Jones and Jen Phipps of Aberystwyth University consider the current state of farm crime in England and Wales. 'Farm crime' is recognised as a relatively neglected sub-set of rural crime. The paper focuses on the policing of farm crime in the context of budget cuts and calls from government for greater volunteer involvement. The second paper by Larry Karson of University of Houston-Downtown is entirely different. This takes a historical look at American smuggling and British white-collar crime. From colonial times onward Karson traces a history of corporate criminal involvement in smuggling. The third paper is by Mohd Kassim Noor-Mohamed of Birmingham City University and Jayne Noor-Mohamed of Nottingham Trent University. Their paper focuses on what they term 'successful criminals'. Evidence is drawn from a series of interviews with a Malaysian Chinese active gang-leader, "a secret society member, businessman, philanthropist" who also engages in organised crime and kidnapping. The fourth and final paper is by Jack Dees of the University of West London. He too focuses on organised crime, but in particular Chinese organised crime in Britain. The murder of a Chinese national in Manchester in 2004 is used as a case study.

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