

Editorial

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This year's journal draws from the papers presented at the 2009 British Society of Criminology Conference held in Cardiff from 29 June to 1 July. The conference was held by Cardiff University and University of Glamorgan with the theme "*A 'Mirror' or a 'Motor'? What is Criminology for?*" As with many conferences the theme was loosely interpreted and during the parallel sessions there were talks on any manner of criminological themes. There was a strong policing emphasis to some of the sessions, due in part to the input from Cardiff University's "Universities' Police Science Institute". Plenary sessions were provided by Professors Sherman and Marx, and during the opening session Professor Stanley Cohen was awarded the inaugural BSC prize for outstanding contribution to criminology, handed to him by his colleague David Downes. There will be few arguments that he was a worthy recipient. The postgraduate conference which ran before the main event went very well and, overall, it was a good conference this year. Thanks are due to Cardiff and Glamorgan who proved to be excellent hosts.

Next year's conference is to be held by the University of Leicester 11-14 July 2010. The theme will be "*Human Rights, Human Wrongs: Dilemmas and Diversity in Criminology*", and we have already been promised an impressive list of plenary speakers, including Clive Stafford Smith, Laurie Taylor, Jeff Ferrell, Ben Bowling, Lilie Chouliaraki and Reece Walters.

"Papers from the British Criminology Conference" this year reflects some of the diversity of interests in criminology. Six papers made the final cut - all reviewed by at least two academics - on subjects ranging from fashion counterfeiting (Joanna Large) to historic accounts of sex crimes (Keith Soothill). Other papers are on public perceptions of anti-social behaviour (Vicky Heap), Street Pasters and the night-time economy (Nick Johns, Greta Squire and Adrian Barton) and the use of public art murals to deter graffiti (Myra Taylor and Ida Marais). Finally, for the second year Stefan Machura from Bangor University has provided a paper co-authored with his masters class. Last year his paper was based on a survey of trust in

Police Community Support Officers. This year it is a survey on trust in the Chief Constable of North Wales.

Thanks are due, of course, to the editorial board members who gave up their time to review the papers, especially as time was limited in order for the journal to be published before the end of the year. Also, thanks go to Shadd Maruna, Judith Rowbotham and Majid Yar who stepped in when their specialist knowledge was needed.

We are planning to produce Volume 10 for the Leicester conference in 2010, so if you are already planning to speak, I hope you will also consider submitting your paper to this journal.

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