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Criminologists gather to tackle major issues

Criminologists from across Australia and the world will tackle some of society's biggest criminal justice issues when the 29th Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology (ANZSOC) Conference gets underway in Hobart today (**Wednesday, 30 November**).

More than 300 delegates from across Australia and New Zealand will join international guests for the three-day conference at the Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart.

This year's conference, *Horizons Criminology*, will host more than 50 sessions, including interactive workshops, seminars, roundtable discussions, presentations and plenary sessions.

"Looking to the future, there are challenges for criminology and criminal justice which requires innovative interpretations and creative responses," University of Tasmania Professor of Criminology and conference convenor Professor Rob White said.

"The conference brings together some of the best academics and practitioners, both locally and from across the globe, to discuss a broad range of issues including crime prevention, human rights, cyber crime, policing, courts and sentencing."

The conference will host several international keynote speakers, including Professor Sandra Walklate from the University of Liverpool (UK), Professor Koichi Hamai from Ryukoku University in Kyoto (Japan) and Professor Yvonne Jewkes from the University of Brighton (UK).

Professor Jewkes will be discussing digital media and limiting prisoners' horizons in the name of public acceptability.

Other session topics include:

- Child-safe, child-friendly organisations: can sexual abuse be 'designed out';
- The four ways of eco-criminology;
- Firearms studies 20 years on: what have we learned preventing gun violence.

As part of the annual conference, the ANZSOC Distinguished Criminologist Award will be presented at the conference dinner on Thursday night.

The award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding and significant contribution to Australian and New Zealand criminology in areas including teaching and scholarship and involvement in criminology in public life.

The 2016 conference is hosted by the University of Tasmania and supported by the State Government, Institute for the Study of Social Change, Australian Institute of Criminology, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (US), University of Tasmania's Faculty of Law and the Tasmanian Institute of Law Enforcement Studies.

*****Media interviews/photo opportunity - TODAY*****

What: Launch of the 29th Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology (ANZSOC) Conference

Who: ANZSOC President Professor Rick Sarre and Conference Convenor Professor Rob White will be available to talk to the media about the conference

When: 12.30pm, TODAY (Wednesday, 30 November, 2016)

Where: Federation Ballroom, Hotel Grand Chancellor, 1 Davey Street, Hobart.

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