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### RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

The Institute of Criminal Justice and Security (ICJS) entered into an agreement with The University of Technology Jamaica (UTECH) to conduct survey and research activities for the Fi Wi Jamaica Project. The project began in February 2016 and all deliverables were handed over to the UTECH project team in June 2016. The Institute was also retained by the University College of London in November 2015 for consultancy services related to the implementation of an island-wide survey that would inform a *Migration Decisions in Jamaica* study. ICJS successfully conducted the implementation and produced a field work report that was approved in July 2016.

In November 2015, the Projects Officer at the Institute began discussions with colleagues in Latin American countries who also study gangs and community responses to crime. The group decided on the development and submission of a concept note which has been submitted to the International Development Research Centre for funding. In the proposal Jamaica,

Honduras, Colombia, Mexico have been identified as research sites. It is expected that the research will lead to a better understanding of how communities view human security and the responses they develop. It will also lead to the creation of a think tank of a local non-governmental organisation. Response from the IDRC towards the project's rationale and relevance has been favourable.

ICJS prepared two research proposals in 2015-2016 targeting funding support from international partners. One, which continues the work of Professor Anthony Harriott, sought to develop a Regional Crime Observatory that supported staffing dedicated to the monitoring of crime at ICJS while at the same time increasing the capacity of law enforcement in selected CARICOM countries to understand crime and to produce evidence-driven crime and violence prevention programmes. The second, focused on the development of a Gang Lab which would assist law enforcement with managing the problem of trouble-some youth and law violating groups. This would be piloted in Jamaica

and rolled out to select Caribbean countries. ICJS has submitted these proposals and awaits responses.

During the year under review, the Institute through its Director, made a number of presentations at conferences and special meetings which were held within the Caribbean and Latin America. These fora allowed us to present our work, lift the profile of the ICJS-UWI within the crime and security related disciplines and to continue building our research networks. Three of these presentations were made to policy makers in Barbados, St. Kitts and Nevis and St. Lucia and were geared at influencing government policy. Other presentations were made in Colombia and Guatemala to specialised audiences. These presentations are outlined below:

- *Citizen security and Police Reform in the Caribbean: Advances and setbacks 1997-2016*. Paper presented at the conference on "Citizen Security and Criminal Justice Reform in Latin America and the Caribbean" Organised by the Open Society and held in Bogota, August 16-17, 2016.

- *State of the Evidence and Crime Reduction Policy in the Caribbean.* Paper presented at the National Conference on Evidenced Based Crime Observation and Analysis. The Savannah Hotel, Christ Church, Barbados, February 24-26, 2016.
- *Human Development and Crime Control: The Lessons from the Caribbean Experience.* National conference on Sustainable Human Development and the Citizen Security Agenda. St. Kitts and Nevis, Marriott Resort, November 9, 2015.
- Promising Responses to Organised Crime: The Jamaican Experience. Presented at the 56<sup>th</sup> meeting of CICAD (“side event”), Guatemala City, November 21, 2015.
- *From Crime Patterns Analyses to Crime Presentation and Control Policies.* Presentation at the Conference on National Crime Prevention, St. Lucia, October 12-13, 2015.

## TEACHING, LEARNING AND STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

The annual MPhil/ PhD Research Seminar on Crime and Criminal Justice at The UWI St. Augustine Campus was not held in the period under review. The seminar, which started as a collaborative “One University” project involving the ICJS and the faculties of Social Sciences, has since become a joint ICJS and St. Augustine project. While the seminar was very favourably evaluated by participating students and its impact on the quality of their work is noticeable, a constraint with organisation negatively affected its 2015 hosting. Since its initial staging, the number of students participating and/or attending has grown. In 2014-2015, nine students (seven PhD and two MPhil candidates) presented their work and 20 MSc students audited the seminar. ICJS will continue to work with the campus deans to secure a more sustainable approach to its future hosting.

## OUTREACH

The second issue of the Caribbean Journal of Criminology (CJC) was published in August 2015. The articles probed matters of policing and violence control in Jamaica and Trinidad. The ICJS continued its efforts to boost purchasing of articles and issues of the Caribbean Journal of Criminology through the creation of an E-Commerce Gateway. The project which is receiving technical guidance from Mona Information and Technology Services staff and the Office of the University Chief Information Officer at Regional Headquarters has made significant headway.

Director of ICJS, Professor Anthony Harriott was invited by the Caribbean Policy and Research Institute (CAPRI) to be a panellist at one of the events in their *Dialogue between Democracies* series. This event focused on security and other panellists included then Minister of National Security, Peter Bunting; then Commissioner of Police, Dr Carl Williams and US Ambassador, Luis Moreno. The panel discussion occurred at a time when the extradition of lotto scammers to the US to face prosecution was topical.

In December 2015, the ICJS developed a proposal for funding of a lecture series estimated to cost approximately US\$7,000. The lecture series would be focused on developing an awareness of policy and solutions and performance in the public safety and justice in Jamaica discourse. The proposal was welcomed and approved by the Jamaica National Building Society (JNBS) which gave JA\$1,000,000 to finance the series.

The Institute began aggressively monitoring the deteriorating situation in St. James, Jamaica in May 2016. ICJS conducted three field visits to the parish to meet with key stakeholders including the police and non-governmental organisations to review the state of the evidence on serious crimes in that parish and the effectiveness of the existing interventions. The Institute’s Director and Projects Officer also met with key informants and social workers attached to public and private agencies to develop an understanding of the drivers of the violence. These visits have resulted in meetings with high-ranking officials in the Jamaica Constabulary Force in an effort to influence their strategy.

The ICJS continued to build partnerships with key stakeholders in Jamaica's National Security sector such as the US Embassy in Kingston. The Embassy and ICJS collaborated to host a roundtable discussion on June 6, 2016 on the Prison to College Pipeline, featuring Associate Professor, Baz Dreisinger, who directs the Prison to College Pipeline at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY. The event was attended by faculty, civil society, and members of the Ministry of National Security.