

## Introduction

Dear Colleagues,

The first three papers you will find in this volume are very special. They are the winning articles by authors from Central and Eastern European countries written in answer to the international competition for young criminologists for an outstanding academic paper, as announced by the editorial board. In 2020 two editions of this competition were completed.

In the first edition, the jury decided to award only the second prize, which went to the paper entitled ‘«It’s not worth it, and it’s just a bike»: Reporting property crimes in South-eastern European countries’ by Valentina Pavlović Vinogradac from the Business Security Academy in Zagreb, Croatia.

In the second edition, two winners were announced. The first prize went to Dušan Stanković – a police officer in the Police Department of Niš, Serbia – for his paper ‘Crime and environment: Analysis of facilities as crime risk factors in Niš, Serbia’. The second award was given to Andrzej Uhl from Ruprecht Karl University of Heidelberg for his article ‘Punishing white-collar offenders: Theory and function’.

All three winning papers are being published in this volume. We are proud to share them with you and that the competition drew so much attention and positive responses from young criminologists across Central and Eastern Europe.

The papers submitted to the competition were evaluated by an international jury composed of Beata Gruszczyńska (University of Warsaw), Éva Inzelt (Eötvös Loránd University), Witold Klaus (Institute of Law Studies PAS and editor-in-chief of *Archives of Criminology*), Krzysztof Krajewski (Jagiellonian University in Krakow), Helmut Kury (University of Freiburg), John Pratt (Victoria University of Wellington), Irena Rzeplińska (chairperson of the jury and Chair of the Editorial Committee of *Archives of Criminology*), Miroslav Scheinost (Institute of Criminology and Social Prevention), Andromachi Tseloni (Nottingham Trent University), and Aleš Završnik (University of Ljubljana).

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