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INAUGURATION OF THE NEW ISISC- OPCO SEAT *Siracusa, 4 December 2010*

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Summary of ISISC Activities from 1972 to 2010

Organized Activities:	455
Collaborating Organizations:	140
Experts Involved:	35,167
Countries Involved:	160
Universities Involved:	460
Publications:	141

Activities organized with
the United Nations: over 50

Documents of the United
Nations and the Council of
Europe referring to ISISC: 16

Chronology of ISISC Events and Activities from 1969 to 2010

1969 A Conference of the International Association of Penal Law held at Villa Politi, in Syracuse (followed by one day in Noto), inaugurated by Pres. Giovanni Leone. Professor Bassiouni, supported by Prof. Bouzat (AIDP President), launched the idea to

establish an Institute for Higher Research and Training which - exploiting its geographical position –would join East-West (still in cold war) and North-South, and would be well in advance of the similar proposals made by the international community in the following years.

- 1972 Following the commitment made by the City of Syracuse, in the person of Mayor Luigi Foti, to provide a permanent home to the nascent ISISC Foundation, the Notary Giuseppe Zocco drafted the Constitutive Act between AIDP (Pres. Pierre Bouzat), City (Mayor Luigi Foti), Province (Pres. Salvatore Magro) and the Chamber of Commerce (President Vincenzo Nicotra) of Syracuse, for the establishment of the ISISC Foundation, based in Via Agati 12, Building A.
- 1973 The first ISISC activity on “Traffic Homicide and Psychopathology” is conducted in Siracusa.
- 1975 The first Regional Law providing an annual contribution for ISISC is approved, promoted by Pres. Piersanti Mattarella.
- 1976 A Convention with the Sicilian Region (approved by Assessor’s Decree of 9 December 1976), and a Convention with the City of Noto are signed: consequently, both entities become part of the ISISC Board of Directors (BoD).
- 1976 ISISC organizes its first Seminar for Young Penalists. The program has been institutionalized since 2003 and has now reached its tenth edition.
- 1977 The Institute elaborates the text of the United Nations Convention against Torture, prepared by Professor Bassiouni, which was later to be adopted by the General Assembly upon the proposal of Sweden in 1984.
- 1978 On the initiative of Pres. Vittorio Bachelet, the Institute begins its cooperation with the Higher Council of Judiciary, which will last until 1987, after 5 seminars and 4 publications edited by ISISC on behalf of the Council. In the framework of this collaboration, Professor Bassiouni organizes also a study visit to the United States for the members of the Council, aimed at studying the American criminal justice system in view of the reform of the Italian Penal Procedure Code.
- 1979 The City of Noto assigns to ISISC the Trigona Canicarao Palace as decentralized seat. Unfortunately, due to the earthquake of 1980, this seat was used on very few occasions
- 1979 A group of experts meet at ISISC to draw up the Draft Law on Decriminalization and Alternative Measures to Detention, which is then submitted to the Italian Parliament.
- 1980 A Decree of the President of the Italian Republic Sandro Pertini acknowledges legal status to ISISC Foundation.
- 1985 The Institute begins its first major program on Human Rights for the Arab World, that will ultimately train more than 1,600 lawyers from 15 Arab countries in the course of 17 seminars.
- 1986 A Draft Arab Charter on People’s and Human Rights is elaborated at the Institute. The Charter is approved by the Arab League in 2004 and will enter into force in 2008.

- 1987 The Council of Europe grants Consultative Status to ISISC.
- 1987 The Commission for the Reform of the Criminal Code meets at ISISC under the chairmanship of Prof. Pisapia. The final text will be promulgated in 1989 by the Minister of Justice Prof. Giuliano Vassalli, member of ISISC BoD and later Honorary President.
- 1989 The United Nations grant Consultative Status to ISISC.
- 1992 An agreement with the United Nations Office in Vienna affiliates ISISC with the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Program Network (comprising at the time 12 Institutes, which have now become 17)
- 1995 A draft Statute for an International Criminal Court (ICC) is approved in Siracusa. The so-called “Siracusa Draft” will be put before the United Nations Preparatory Committee, inaugurated in New York in March 1996, and will form the basis of the future Statute of the ICC.
- 1996 The last Regional Law providing for ISISC’s annual contribution (art. 4 of Regional Law no. 3 of 8/1/1996) is approved.
- 1996 From 1996 to 1998, ISISC hosts three inter-sessional meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee of the United Nations for the Establishment of an International Criminal Court.
- 1998 The Diplomatic Conference for the Establishment of an International Criminal Court takes place in Rome, eventually approving the ICC Statute. Two of the three Chairmen of the Diplomatic Conference are members of the Institute’s BoD: Professor Conso, President of the Conference, and Professor Bassiouni, President of the Drafting Committee. The Italian delegation comprises Avv. Paolo Reale, member of ISISC BoD.
- 1999 Beginning of the training project of the Albanian judiciary financed by the Rainbow Mission of the Presidency of the Council and headed by ISISC Scientific Director Alfredo Nunzi. The project will train a total of 100 Albanian judges in the course of 3 workshops.
- 2000 A Convention between ISISC and the City of Syracuse assigns the Building B in Via Agati 12 as the OPCO headquarters.
- 2001 The Sicilian Region, under art. 49 of Law no. 6 of 3/5/2001, establishes the Permanent Observatory on Organized Crime (OPCO), based in Via Agati 12, Building B, and managed by ISISC.
- 2003 Beginning of the Afghanistan program, which is still in progress and has trained so far 2,573 judges and law enforcement officials.
- 2003 Beginning of the Iraq program, still in progress, funded by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the U.S. and the English Cooperation. In addition to training the members of the Iraqi Special Tribunal on the prosecution of crimes committed by representatives of the former regime (including Saddam’s trial), the program organized a

number of seminars and study visits for judges and law enforcement officials and drafted a Strategic Plan for the Reform of the Iraqi Judicial System.

- 2004 ISISC begins its cooperation with Europol. In the framework of this collaboration, a proposal for a European legislation on witness protection is drawn up in 2005 and then submitted to the European Commission for consideration.
- 2005 ISISC begins its cooperation with the IMF: so far, the 2 institutions have jointly organized 5 annual seminars.
- 2006 The Decree Law no. 49/87 of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs recognizes ISISC as a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) .
- 2007 ISISC signs an agreement with the NATO School in Oberammergau: so far, the 2 institutions have jointly organized 3 courses.
- 2007 Beginning of the Twinning Project between Italy and Macedonia, which is the first twinning project financed by the EU and conducted by the Italian Ministry of Justice on the initiative and the management of ISISC Scientific Director Giovanni Pasqua. The project ended in June 2009 involving a total of 453 Macedonian judges.
- 2008 Beginning of the Post Conflict Justice and Fighting Against Impunity Project, which will culminate with a conference - held in the seat of the International Court of Justice, in the Hague, in June 2009 - which was attended for the first time by all the Presidents and the Prosecutors of the International Tribunals.
- 2009 A Convention between ISISC-OPCO and the City of Syracuse assigns them the former Church of S. Francesco di Paola and the Convent of Minims as their new headquarters.
- 2009 ISISC organizes its first course for Italian PhD candidates on criminal law and criminal procedure; in 2011, the course will be dedicated to Professor Giuliano Vassalli.
- 2010 The Institute is included in the list of Italian Entities of International Relevance by Decree of the Minister of Foreign Affairs.
- 2010 The Review Conference of the Rome Statute is held in Kampala. ISISC is officially part of the Italian delegation thanks to the presence of its Administrative Director Avv. Paolo Reale, who contributes actively to the conference and is mentioned expressly in the official report of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- 2010 The Sicilian Region, through the intervention of President Lombardo and his delegate On. Bufardeci, grants ISISC a contribution for the costs of installation in the new seat.
- 2010 4 December: the new seat is inaugurated.

ISISC Balance

Balance 2008	Overall Expenses	1,915,000
	Local Expenses	740,000
	Public Contribution Received	370,000
	The ratio of contributions to local expenses is nearly 2 to 1	
Balance 2009	Overall Expenses	1,930,000
	Local Expenses	700,000
	Public Contribution Received	360,000
	The ratio of contributions to local expenses is nearly 2 to 1	
Estimate for 2010	Overall Expenses	1,000,000
	Local Expenses	data not available
	Public Contribution Received	000,000

In the last ten years, the expenditure incurred directly by ISISC for activities conducted in Syracuse or in Sicily amounts to about 7,5 million of Euro, with an estimated relapse of 5 millions more of expenditure incurred directly by the nearly 10,000 experts hosted by the Institute in the same period.

Summary of OPCO Activities from 2001 to 2010

The Permanent Observatory on Organized Crime (OPCO) was established under art. 49 of the Regional Law no. 6 of 3/5/2001 concerning “Programmatic and financial provisions for the year 2001” as an advisory body to the Presidency of the Sicilian Region and the local authorities.

Organized Activities: 88, of which 26 in cooperation with ISISC
Experts Involved: Around 2,000
Publications: 10, plus 7 forthcoming
Opinions released upon request from the Department of Planning of the Sicilian Region: 6.

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