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Biographies of Penal Reform International Board Members

Executive Board

- **David Daubney (Chair)**
Executive Board member since 2006

David Daubney has recently retired as General Counsel, Criminal Law Policy and Coordinator of the Sentencing Reform Team, in the Policy Sector of Justice Canada. He is a graduate of Queen's University (B.A.) and the University of Western Ontario (LL.B.), and a member of the Ontario Bar. Following some years in private practice in Ottawa, he joined the Department of Justice in 1981. From 1984 to 1988, Mr. Daubney represented Ottawa West in the House of Commons during which period he chaired the Standing Committee on Justice and Solicitor General. He chaired the United Nations Experts Group on Restorative Justice which drafted the Declaration of Basic Principles on the Use of Restorative Justice Programmes in Criminal Matters and was active at the UN Crime Commission in Vienna which adopted a Canadian Resolution recommending this declaration in 2002.

Mr. Daubney's writings have appeared in *Corrections Today*, *The Saskatchewan Law Review*, *Making Sense of Sentencing*, *Dawn or Dusk in Sentencing*, *Policy Options*, and *The Lawyers Weekly*. He is co-editor of *Terrorism: How is Canada Changing after September 11?*, published by the Thémis Press of the University of Montreal on behalf of the Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice of which he is a former director. He was awarded the 2011 International Prize for Restorative Justice and in 2012 was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for the advancement of criminal justice policy in Canada and abroad.

- **Juliet Lyon (Secretary General)**
Executive Board Member since 2006

Juliet Lyon, CBE, is Director of the Prison Reform Trust in the UK and Secretary General of Penal Reform International. Juliet acted as an independent member of Baroness Corston's review of vulnerable women and Lord Bradley's review of people with mental health problems and learning disabilities in the criminal justice system. Juliet represents the Prison Reform Trust as independent member of the Ministerial Board on Deaths in Custody. She is a vice president of the British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP). Juliet writes an online column for *The Guardian's* 'commentisfree' and regularly broadcasts and contributes articles on criminal and social justice. Previously she worked in education, mental health and justice.

The Prison Reform Trust is a leading independent charity working to create a just, humane and effective penal system. It produces information, conducts applied research and effects policy leverage. It provides the secretariat to the All Party Parliamentary Penal Affairs Group. The Prison Reform Trust's advice and information service responds to over 6000 prisoners and their families each year. Programmes of work include 'Out of Trouble', supported by The Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund, to reduce child and youth imprisonment and

'Double Punishment' a strategy to reduce the financial exclusion of prisoners and former prisoners, supported by Friends Provident.

- **Professor Anton van Kalmthout (Treasurer)**
Board Member since 2010, Executive Board member since 2012

Anton van Kalmthout (June 1945) is master in Latin and Greek and doctor in Law. He started his career as associate Professor at the University of Tilburg (the Netherlands). Since 2001 he is Professor in Criminal Law and Migration Law at the same University. He is since 1998 Honorary Professor at the State University of Krasnoyarsk (Russian Federation) and since 2006 Honorary Lecturer at Avans/Fontys University of Applied Sciences (Faculty of Law) in Den Bosch-Tilburg (the Netherlands).

At the moment he is: Vice-Chairman of the Board of the Dutch National Probation Service, Vice-Chairman of the Dutch Organisation 'Justitia et Pax', Member of the Police Complaints Committee in West and Central Brabant, Member of the Board of the Dutch Penological Council (RSJ), Legal Adviser of the Minister of Justice of the Republic of Surinam and in respect to the Netherlands member of the Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment of the Council of Europe. For 15 years he was Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Tilburg Prison.

Since 1993 he is active as an expert for the Council of Europe, the Netherlands Helsinki Committee, the Open Society Institute and the European Union. In this capacity he was a member of delegations to Armenia, Romania, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Lithuania, Estonia, Croatia, Russia, Czech Republic, Slovakia, White Russia, Bulgaria and Macedonia. Under the authority of the above-mentioned organisations he wrote comments on the Criminal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure and Penitentiary Regulations of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Estonia, Croatia and Slovakia. On behalf of the European Union a comment was written about human rights in Hungary. As expert for the Council of Europe he was one of the authors of the European Probation Rules.

His main publications concern alternative sanctions in Europe, detention circumstances in the EU, pre-trial in the EU, foreigners in European prisons, Probation and probation services in Europe, Sanctions-systems in the Member-States of the Council of Europe, and juvenile criminal law.

- **Dirk van Zyl Smit (Deputy Chair)**
Board member since 2010, Executive Board member since 2013

Dirk van Zyl Smit is Professor of Comparative and International Penal Law at the University of Nottingham, where he is also Director of Postgraduate Research in the School of Law. Until the end of 2005 he was Professor of Criminology at the University of Cape Town, where he was also Dean of the Faculty of Law from 1990-1995. He has advised the governments of Bangladesh, Malawi and Bosnia and Herzegovina on new prison legislation. He has acted as expert adviser to the Council of Europe on the new European Prison Rules and on the Rules on Juvenile Offenders subject to Sanctions and Measures, and to the United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime for its Handbooks on Alternatives to Imprisonment and the International Transfer of Sentenced Prisoners.

In South Africa Prof. van Zyl Smit was actively involved in law reform as a member of the Goldstone committee on public violence and public demonstrations in 1992, as the primary consultant for the Correctional Services Act 1998 and as a member of the National Council on Correctional Services from 1995 to 2004. He was also project leader of the committee of the South African Law Commission investigating sentencing and author of its report and draft legislation: a New Sentencing Framework (2000).

- **Olawale Fapohunda (Deputy Secretary General)**
Board member since 2006, Executive Board member since 2011

Olawale Fapohunda is a lawyer and managing partner of the Legal Resources consortium, a public interest law firm based in Lagos, Nigeria. Mr. Fapohunda is one of Nigeria's leading experts on justice sector reform. He was recently appointed Vice-Chairman of Nigeria's National Committee on Torture and Commissioner in their National Human Rights Commission. He is also Secretary of the Presidential Commission on Reform of the Administration of Justice, which was established by the President to review the state of the delivery of justice in Nigeria.

Mr Fapohunda is the Chairperson of the Justice Sector Reform team of Nigeria's Ministry of Justice and a member of the National Working Group on Legal Aid. He facilitated a national debate on the death penalty in Nigeria and serves on the Coordinating Committee of the National Action Plan for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in Nigeria. He has been a project advisor to the Access to Justice programme for the UK's Department For International Development and a consultant to the European Commission's Justice Sector Reform Programme. He is the co-convener of the West African Human Rights Forum and a member of the board of Penal Reform International.

Other Board Members

- **Bryan A. Stevenson**
Board member since 2008

Bryan Stevenson is the founder and Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, Alabama (USA). Mr. Stevenson is a widely-acclaimed public interest lawyer who has dedicated his career to helping the poor, the incarcerated and the condemned. Under his leadership, EJI has won major legal challenges eliminating excessive and unfair sentencing, exonerating innocent death row prisoners, confronting abuse of the incarcerated and the mentally ill and aiding children prosecuted as adults. EJI has recently succeeded in winning a ban on life imprisonment without parole sentences imposed on children convicted of most crimes in the USA and has initiated major new anti-poverty and anti-discrimination efforts.

Mr. Stevenson's work fighting poverty and challenging racial discrimination in the criminal justice system has won him numerous awards, including the ABA Wisdom Award for Public Service, the MacArthur Foundation Fellowship Award Prize, the Olaf Palme International Prize, the ACLU National Medal Of Liberty, the National Public Interest Lawyer of the Year Award, the NAACP Ming Award for Advocacy, the Gruber Prize for International Justice and the Ford Foundation Visionaries Award. He is a graduate of the Harvard Law School and the Harvard School of Government, has been awarded 13 honorary doctorate degrees and is also a Professor of Law at the New York University School of Law.

- **Simone Othmani-Lellouche**
Board Member since January 2006

Simone Othmani-Lellouche is Chair of the Association for the Foundation Ahmed Othmani. She is a biophysicist, retired from the Faculty of Medicine of the University Pierre et Marie Curie in Paris, where she was a lecturer and researcher in biophysics. An activist for democracy and human rights, she has been involved in the defence of Tunisian prisoners since the 1960s. She is a founding member of Amnesty International Tunisia.

She has been an active member of the French Section of Amnesty International since the 1970s: Coordinator on Ex-Yugoslavia in 1981. In 1990 she became responsible for the coordination of actions for Lebanon, Israël and Occupied Territories and later on for the Middle East. Recently in the Health Commission of AI-France she was responsible of the Action against Torture. Concomitantly Member of Penal Reform International she assisted with some of their programmes in the Paris Office. She was married to the late Ahmed Othmani (founding member and President of PRI 1994 – 2004).

- **Maria Eugenia Hofer Denecken**
Board member since 2006

María Eugenia Hofer Denecken is a sociologist with a Masters degree in Rural and Urban planning, based at Universidad Mayor, Chile. She is currently working as a consultant and advisor to the Fundacion Paz Ciudadana (Civic Peace Foundation on the prison environment). She has worked with the Chilean government in establishing a national system of execution of alternative sentences or non- custodial measures for adults, designing policies and programmes, evaluation systems and standards.

In 2006 Ms Hofer Denecken worked as a consultant advising the Regional Government of Atacama in the field of public safety. Moreover, she worked as a consultant in the Office of the Public Prosecutor in the national division of attention to victims and witnesses. She has also been a consultant in the Office of the Public Defender for the Innocent Project. She has taken part in a number of national and international seminars and workshops on penal reform, including in France, Spain and the UK. She is a member of the Chilean Criminology Society and a Chilean correspondent to the United Nations on crime prevention and offender treatment.

- **Justice Imman Ali**
Board member since 2010

Mr Justice Muhammad Imman Ali was educated in the UK and after graduating in Law from Nottingham Trent University, studied for the Bar and was called to the Bar by the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple. He obtained his LLM from the University of Leicester. Thereafter he worked and practised as a lawyer both in the UK and Bangladesh until 2001 when he was elevated to the Bench as a Judge of the High Court Division of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh and is now a Judge of the Appellate Division.

He started his working career as an Immigration Counsellor with UK Immigrants Advisory Service and later became a Senior Counsellor. In private practice, he dealt with many Human Rights issues, including immigration, justice for women and children and environmental issues. He was the legal adviser to government authorities and an international NGO. He also acted as the Deputy Attorney General for Bangladesh until his elevation.

As a judge, he dealt with all spheres of law and took a particularly keen interest in justice for children and women. He has delivered a number of judgements dealing with the legal and social aspects concerning children, their trial, detention, education etc. He acts as a resource person in training Judges, Lawyers, Police, Probation officers and other actors dealing with children and has authored the book *Towards a Justice Delivery System for Children in Bangladesh*.

He is the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Overcrowding in Prisons in Bangladesh, Board member of Penal Reform International, Council member of International Association of Youth and Family Magistrates and Judges and a member of the Commonwealth Magistrates and Judges Association.

- **Natalya Khutorskaya**
Board member since 2011

Natalya Khutorskaya Ph.D. (Law) was a lecturer and researcher for more than 30 years in educational establishments and research institutions of the Russian Ministry of the Interior and the Federal Service of the Execution of Sentences (FSIN). Her main spheres of academic interest are criminal law, penology, international standards relating to penitentiary issues, and good practice in the execution of sentences. She has written more than 60 publications in Russia and abroad. In 2006-2011 she was a member of the Council for Penological Cooperation of the Council of Europe (PC-CP), and is now a member of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT). Since 2000 she has been an expert for the PRI Moscow office, taking part in projects on alternatives to imprisonment.

- **Vera Tkachenko**
Executive Board member 2008-2013, Board member since 2013

Vera Tkachenko is Director of the Legal Policy Research Centre (LPRC), Kazakhstan. LPRC is a non-political, independent research institute that works to strengthen the rule of law, promote liberal values and generate legal reforms through rigorous research and pro-active engagement with policy makers. From 2001 to 2006 she was Director of PRI's Regional Office for Central Asia. In 2006-2007 as a Chevening Scholar she received the degree of Master of Science in Criminal Justice Policy at the London School of Economics and Political Science. In 2007 she was a Fellow at Stanford Summer Programme on Democracy, Development and Rule of Law. From 2001 to 2008 she was a member of the Public Council under the Minister of Justice of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan on penal issues, member of the Coordination Committee on Control of Tuberculosis and Working Committee on HIV/AIDS of the Ministry of Healthcare of Kazakhstan, member of the Expert Council on the fight against HIV/AIDS and TB in Kazakhstan. In 2009 she became a member of the Working Group on Prevention of Torture and Ill Treatment under the Ombudsman's Office of Kazakhstan.

Ms Tkachenko has wide experience in criminal justice issues in countries of the former Soviet Union and has provided consultancy on criminal justice issues for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Open Society Institute, Danish Institute for Human Rights and Freedom House.

- **Professor Ping Wang**
Invited to join the Board December 2012

Professor Wang is a graduate of China University of Political Science and Law, a post-graduate Master of Law and a PhD in law, majoring in corrections in the People's Republic of China. He has held visiting scholarships for the University of Vancouver, Canada and the Max Planck Institute for Foreign & international Criminal Law in Freiburg, Germany.

He is Professor and Associate Dean, School of Criminal Justice, China University of Political Science and Law, Beijing, Director of the Centre for Restorative Justice and holds a number of positions in organisations specializing in criminal law, criminology and juvenile justice. His teaching and research fields cover criminal law, criminal justice policy, corrections and restorative justice and has won a number of awards for research in these fields.

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