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20 years German Congress on Crime Prevention in numbers²

On the occasion of the 20th GCOCP, some general statistics about the previous congresses are summarized below. Preliminary all those more than 200 institutions and organizations should be thanked that they have accompanied and supported the German Congresses on Crime Prevention so far as joint organizers, donors, sponsors and cooperation partners.

50,000 GCOCP visitors in the past 20 years

Have in the first years several hundred people participated, so in recent years several thousand conference visitors and guests took part at the German Prevention days. Among the previous participants of the annual congresses were also about 2,000 guests from 86 countries and from all continents.

Development of the number of participants of the GCOCP since 1995

Congress	Registered number of participants	Registered visitors of the stage programme for children and the GCOCP child university	Total number of registered participants and visitors
1st GCOCP, Lübeck, 1995	168	0	168
2nd GCOCP, Münster, 1996	195	0	195
3rd GCOCP, Bonn, 1997	209	0	209
4th GCOCP, Bonn, 1998	314	0	314
5th GCOCP, Hoyerswerda, 1999	610	0	610
6th GCOCP, Düsseldorf, 2000	1,214	0	1,214
7th GCOCP, Düsseldorf, 2001	1,226	0	1,226
8th GCOCP, Hanover, 2003	1,219	50	1,269
9th GCOCP, Stuttgart, 2004	1,235	750	1,985
10th GCOCP, Hanover, 2005	1,907	1,550	3,457
11th GCOCP, Nuremberg, 2006	1,442	780	2,222
12th GCOCP, Wiesbaden, 2007	1,901	1,624	3,525

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13th GCOCP, Leipzig, 2008	1,744	2,400	4,144
14th GCOCP, Hanover 2009	2,129	718	2,847
15th GCOCP, Berlin 2010	2,728	1,691	4,419
16th GCOCP, Oldenburg 2011	2,579	7,917	10,496
17th GCOCP, Munich 2012	2,333	1,357	3,690
18. GCOCP, Bielefeld 2013	1,946	850	2,796
19. GCOCP, Karlsruhe 2014	2,306	1,057	3,363
20. GCOCP, Frankfurt/Main 2015	2,523	592	3,115

1,300 guests from 86 countries

The GCOCP was very endeavoured to establish European and international contacts in the last 20 years and committed itself to such cooperation which are constantly being expanded. Already in the first annual congress (Lübeck, 1995), the Commission of the European Communities functioned as congress partners. Experts from Denmark, the Netherlands and Great Britain were lecturers at the congress and 18 of 168 registered participants came from 11 countries (Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, Great Britain, Lithuania, Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Sweden, Czech Republic and Hungary). Until today, a total of 1,300 foreign guests from worldwide 86 countries have participated at the GCOCPs.

3,000 lectures

In the course of 20 years, over 2,700 speakers, especially in the fields of practice, science, politics, organization and economy, held more than 3,000 lectures.

The online documentation of the German Congress on Crime Prevention provides about 1,000 of these lectures as a presentation or in written form.

1,000 professional organizations

Authorities, institutions and organization inform about their commitment and their projects in the wide field of crime prevention in the course of a congress accompanying exhibition of the congress since the 5th German Congress on Crime Prevention.

Since then, more than 1,000 professional organizations and authorities have taken part with exhibition stands, mobile presentations in minibuses, special exhibits, poster presentations and other information resources. Short information and contact details for the most professional organizations involved can be found on the website of the German Congress on Crime Prevention.

9 international Forums

Since 2007 (12th GCOCP in Wiesbaden), the German Congress on Crime Prevention organizes on the course of its annual congresses the Annual International Forum (AIF)

with an English-speaking programme that is partially translated into other languages. The following organizations belong today to the permanent international partner of the German Congress on Crime Prevention: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit - GIZ GmbH (Eschborn), Europäisches Forum für Urbane Sicherheit (European Forum for Urban Security) – EFUS (Paris), International Centre for the Prevention of Crime – ICPC (Montreal), Korean Institute for Criminology – KIC (Seoul), Österreichischer Präventionskongress (Austrian Congress on Crime Prevention) (Graz), Violence Prevention Alliance of WHO (Geneva) and UN-HABITAT (Nairobi).

231 films and videos

The media centre of the German Congress on Crime Prevention was established in 2014 and includes in a first step 113 selected lectures of the German Congresses on Crime Prevention since 2012, one half each in German and in English language.

The recording of further topic-specific videos as well as Webinars is planned medium term.

Meanwhile, around 231 GCOCP-related documents of various congresses of recent years have been published at the video portal YouTube.

Since the 10th German Congress on Crime Prevention (2005), 99 prevention related films in total have been presented in the annual film forums, which abstracts including contact details can be found in the respective congress catalogues or on the website of the GCOCP.

15,000 visitors of the stage programme

As part of the GCOCP stage for children, theatre pedagogical events are inherent parts at the yearly congress since the 7th German Congress on Crime Prevention.

Between 2002 and 2015, not only interested participants of the congress but also over 15,000 pupil with their teachers and parents have visited shows of 114 various prevention-related plays or attended on lectures of the GCOCP child university.

Since over 10 years, it is highly important to the organizer to not only arrange a yearly expert congress in different cities but also to provide a specific direct offer of prevention for children and adolescents.

7,240 pages of congress catalogue

Since the 5th congress (Hoyerswerda 1999), the German Congress on Crime Prevention publishes a congress catalogue for all participants which includes inter alia abstracts of all lectures, information about the speakers as well as background information to all offerings of the congress. The printed catalogues contain (1995 –

2015) 7,240 pages in total. The congress catalogues are published on the website www.praeventionstag.de since the 14th GCOCP in 2009.

18 ongoing projects of the GCOCP-i

The GCOCP-institute for applied prevention-research (GCOCP-i) is under construction since 2012 and is endeavoured to promote the dialogue between prevention-research, -practice and -politics.

The GCOCP-i understands prevention-research as a multi disciplinary approach which involves the knowledge and standards of disciplines and specialization such as sociology, psychology, biology, medicine, political science, jurisprudence, economics, criminology, victimology et al.

Currently, more than 18 projects in total have been completed, are in progress or in preparation respectively.

Topics related to evidence base in the field of work of prevention, the evaluation, the implementation, the knowledge transfer, the qualification and the international exchange are taken in the center.

The tasks of the GCOCP-i are

- Realization of own research projects with the perspective of practical utilization of research results;
- Cooperation with other scientific facilities for the implementation of research projects with practical relevance;
- In-depth study of the dialogue between science, politics, administration, organizations and civil society about the results of prevention research with the aim of a stronger knowledge base of prevention;
- Consultation of the German Congress on Crime Prevention and its partner organizations about the results and states of prevention research.

23 Books

Between 1997 and 2015, the German Congress on Crime Prevention published in total 23 books in English and German language, which were released by the majority in the Forum Verlag Godesberg. Almost all book publications are also available as a free download at the homepage of the German Congress on Crime Prevention (www.praeventionstag.de) and appear since 2012 in addition to the print version as an eBook.

1,600 news and 5,000 readers

Since July 2011, Erich Marks publishes a “daily prevention-news” for the German Congress on Crime Prevention. These news appear on every day of the year and inform about events for prevention as well as documents of the field of prevention-practice, -science and -politics. Until now, around 1,600 daily prevention-news have been published and are read by at least 5,000 readers via Email, RSS, twitter, Facebook and the Website of the German Congress on Crime Prevention. A full text search function on the Website of the German Congress on Crime Prevention allows a quick search in the archive of all previously published news.

The website www.dpt-map.de seeks specifically for projects, measures, institutions and people from the field of work of (crime) prevention. The sources for the search for keywords and key terms belong to selected and thematically data bases of designated professional organizations already published in the internet.

19,162 data sets on 3,898 websites

At the start of the project in October 2010, a research within 2,462 data sets on the base of internet sites of the German Congress on Crime Prevention and the Crime Prevention Council of Lower Saxony was possible. Last stated at the 3rd December 2015, 19,162 records refer to 3,898 different websites. The inclusion of further professional organizations as partners is supposed to be carried out continuously.

24,000 Internet-Links

The German Congress on Crime Prevention was quite early present in the internet and published the programmes and documents of its annual congresses since 1999 under the URL “praeventionstag.de”. In May 2015, it was ascertained that the German Congress on Crime Prevention was listed in the most frequently used search engines in Germany, compared to other mayor congresses. Entering “Deutscher Präventionstag” on the 6th November 2015, the following results could be found:

31,600 results at Google

25,900 results at Yahoo

28,500 results at Bing

13,500 website visitors a month

The central website of the German Congress on Crime Prevention (www.praeventionstag.de) has attracted constantly more visitors since its activation in 1999. Right now, the GCOCP website has over 12,000 visitors per month which open up to around 30,000 single pages, monthly as well. Parallel to the rate of increase of the visitors, the number of the amount of downloads grew constantly as well. The value here is about 43,200 megabytes monthly for downloads. Taking a look at the downloads (dating 6th November 2015) sorted by keywords, the following result can be found:

Keywords	Amount of downloads which are related to that keyword	Amount of documents which are related to that keyword	Average amount of downloads of a document connected to the keyword
Youth	185,260	117	1,583
Violence	185,058	140	1,322
Children	146,968	106	1,386
School	128,980	109	1,183
Crime	118,859	54	2,201
Adolescents	100,745	73	1,380
Police	94,028	67	1,403
Crime Prevention	83,395	71	1,175
Violence Prevention	79,658	112	711
Development	74,165	38	1,952
Security	73,066	65	1,124
Labour	68,095	44	1,548
Victim	67,152	42	1,599
Aim	66,205	40	1,655
Integration	59,938	47	1,275
Help	55,907	31	1,803
Migration	53,761	31	1,734
City	51,563	26	1,983
Projects	48,133	26	1,851
Prevention	46,842	94	498
Evaluation	46,402	41	1,132
Parents	43,110	33	1,306
Perpetrator	42,723	24	1,780
Sports	41,442	33	1,256
Act	40,509	20	2,025
Education	39,783	38	1,047
Internet	38,922	46	846
Citizen	37,558	26	1,445
Concept	36,972	23	1,607

People	36,879	25	1,475
Data	36,448	12	3,037
Family	35,792	23	1,556
Science	35,699	26	1,373

90 % positiv feedback

An evaluation of the yearly congresses is made since the 12th German Congress on Crime Prevention through independent scientists. The large evaluation report are published a few month after the congress in the internet as well as in the book documentation. In the evaluation report of the Gesellschaft for sozialwissenschaftliche Analyse, Beratung und Evaluation – proval it says for the overall rating: „Also the 20th German Congress on Crime Prevention reached with an overall average grade of 1,8 an excellent overall result (19th GCOCP: 1,8; 18th GCOCP: 1,7; 17th GCOCP: 1,7; 16th GCOCP: 2,0; 15th GCOCP 1,9; 14th GCOCP: 1,9; 13th GCOCP: 1,7). 90,3% of the interviewees suited the 20th German Congress on Crime Prevention well or very well; only 1,1% of the participants thought it was bad or even very bad.”

