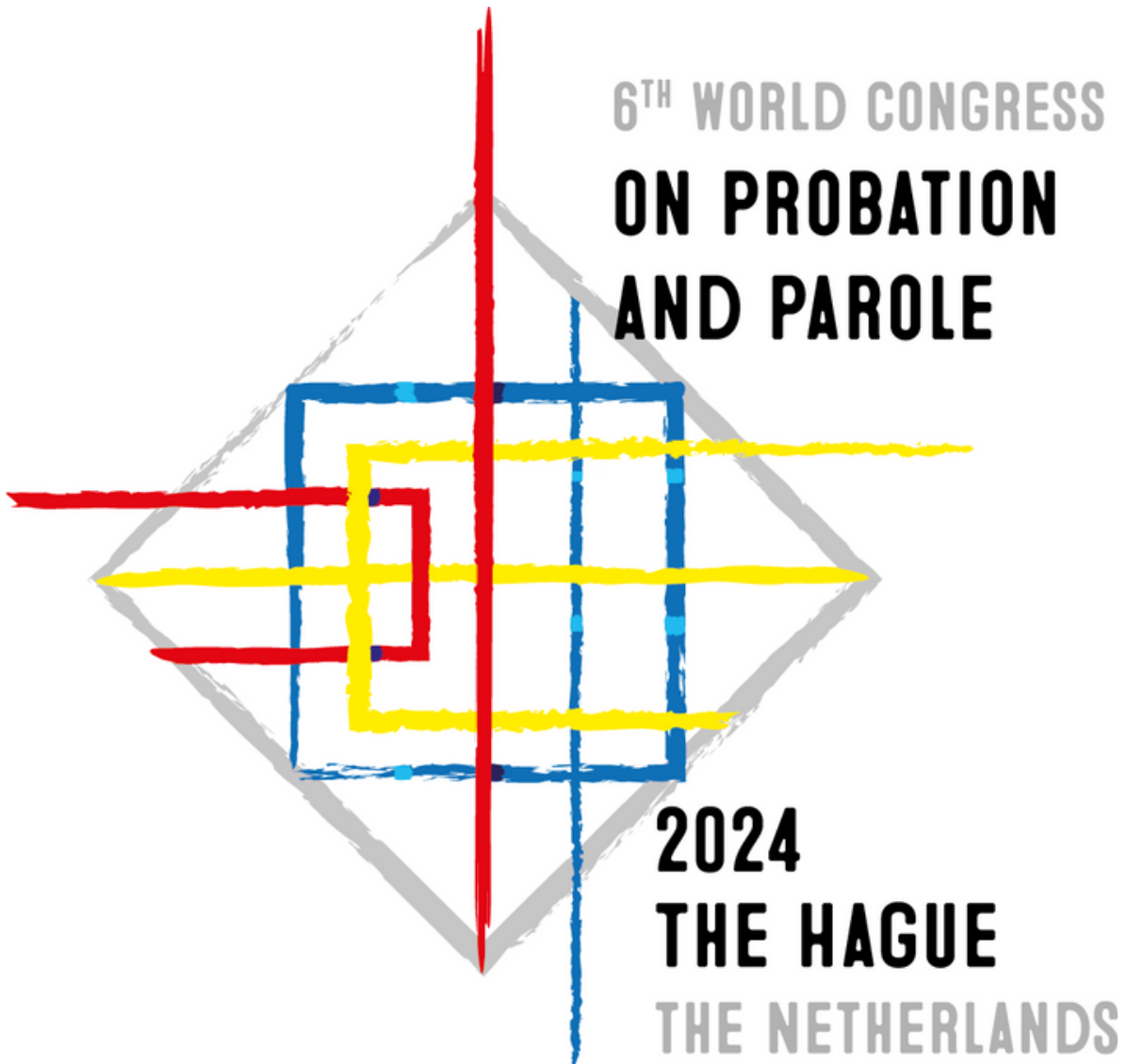


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The Netherlands is hosting the 6th World Congress on Probation and Parole from 16 to 18 April 2024 in the city of The Hague. We are looking forward to inspiring each other and discussing the central theme 'The Future of Probation and Parole' with you. We invite you to submit a proposal to provide a parallel session at the World Congress on Probation and Parole 2024.

THE FUTURE OF PROBATION AND PAROLE

The World Congress on Probation and Parole (WCPP) is held every two years. It brings together experts, researchers, and practitioners from around the world to promote and develop probation, parole, and community corrections by sharing practical, policy, and academic knowledge. The 6th edition of the WCPP will take place in the Netherlands, on 16, 17 and 18 April 2024.

The main theme of WCPP 2024 is *The future of probation and parole*. When talking about the future of our field of work, it is imperative that we take each other's perspective into account. For example: the political, societal, cultural, and legal context we work in varies greatly across the world. These factors influence our views on the role and value of probation and parole, how we determine what is effective and innovative, and how we implement and execute probation and parole. This is why we believe that if we are to learn from each other, we need to have a better understanding of these contexts.

With this in mind, we aim to benefit from the diverse perspectives on the future of probation throughout the world. We want to learn from probation and parole in different societies, legal systems, and practices. We will therefore organize the programme around the following subthemes.

Society

The social, cultural, political, and historical context in a society influences the attitude towards offenders and punishments. It colours our standards and values, the general opinion on legal offences and appropriate punishments, and what we accept as effective or innovative approaches. This means that there can be different views in different societies. It is exciting to share our views on probation and parole and how we look at the future of our field of work. How do these views vary across the globe and what are the similarities and differences between them?

System

The (potential) role and use of probation and parole in a country depends on its constitutional structure and its legal system. How do probation and parole fit in with the laws, the judicial institutions, the protocols, and the methods? There is no unanimous answer to this question: the structure and development of a legal system, the way sanctions and protection are implemented and executed, the forms of punishment that are applied, and the (possible) role of probation and parole in the system vary across the globe. What similarities and differences can we distinguish, how do these affect the efficacy of probation and parole, and what does this tell us about the future?

Practice

When looking at the future of probation and parole, it is paramount to include the perspective of practitioners and probationers. Their views and experiences can contribute to a better understanding of the effectiveness and innovation of probation and parole. By delving into the daily life of practitioners and probationers, we can learn more about how circumstances and conditions influence the implementation and execution of probation and parole, and how this can be linked to scientific effectiveness. Looking at greater involvement for practitioners and probationers in shaping the working environment and

trajectories raises the question: How can we best organize the practice of probation and parole in the best way now and in the future, considering the context in which we are operating?

HOW CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROGRAMME?

The organizing committee is inviting you to contribute to the congress programme by providing a parallel session in English. You have until Sunday 22 October 2023 to submit proposals for parallel sessions through this form: <https://tinyurl.com/proposalwcpp2024>. You will find all the information regarding the submission of your proposal below:

- An overview of possible session formats
- Proposal requirements
- Reviewing criteria
- A timeline

To emphasize the importance of including the perspective of practice during the congress, the organizing committee encourages submitters to bring along presenters with a role in the day-to-day practice of probation and parole, such as probation officers or experts by experience. To support their attendance to the WCPP 2024, the Dutch Probation Service has made a budget available to cover their ticket fee. More information about this budget and application requirements can be found on www.worldprobation2024.nl (online from 1 October 2023)

Possible session formats

To ensure a varied programme, we are facilitating different ways to organize a parallel session. We are inviting you to submit proposals that fit one of the following formats:

<p>Inspirational talk</p>	<p>An inspirational talk is a parallel session for a large group of participants (more than 50). It provides the audience with an inspiring angle on the future of probation and parole, based on results and lessons learned from a research project, a tested best practice or a personal view on probation and parole.</p> <p><u>Build-up</u> A talk lasts 35 minutes and consists of a presentation / keynote speech (25 minutes), followed by a Q&A with the audience (10 minutes). In one session of 75 minutes, there will be two talks.</p>
<p>Poster presentation</p>	<p>A poster presentation is part of a parallel session for a medium to large-sized group of participants (up to or over 50). In this poster 'fair', researchers, policy makers and probation workers present posters covering the design and/or provisional results of research projects or (best) practices to participants that are walking around. This gives the opportunity to get inspired by a number of ideas and approaches and reflect with a diverse group of people on early experiences or results.</p> <p><u>Build-up</u> A poster presentation is included in a poster fair of 75 minutes, which consists of several posters (maximum size A0) that can be presented by the makers. Participants can walk around freely and discuss the poster with the presenters. If possible, this poster fair centres around an overlapping theme or topic</p>
<p>Workspace</p>	<p>A workspace is a parallel session for a medium-sized group of participants (approximately 30-50). A workspace requires active participation on a professional topic, for example by means of a group assessment, design thinking assignment or another working</p>

	<p>method. This way, all participants actively work on subjects that are dealt with in the day-to-day practice of probation and parole.</p> <p><u>Build-up</u> A workspace lasts 30 or 75 minutes and consists of a short introduction, an active working method and a short conclusion.</p>
Round table	<p>A round table is a parallel session for a small group of participants (up to 25). A round table offers the opportunity to delve more deeply into a hot topic or dilemma, ranging from interesting methods to emerging trends, to gather new perspectives and insights.</p> <p><u>Build-up</u> A round table lasts 60 minutes and consists of a short introduction to the topic, concluding with a dilemma, statement, or hypothesis. The introduction is followed by a group discussion.</p>
Out-of-the-box	<p>In addition to the formats mentioned, we offer the opportunity to submit a proposal with an out-of-the-box, creative format. For example, an escape room, musical method, or a role play. Submitters are free to propose their own format, within the requirements of an interactive session of 30 or 75 minutes. If the proposal is selected, we will discuss how we can facilitate this format at the congress venue.</p>

Proposal requirements

Proposals can be submitted until Sunday 22 October 2023 through this form: <https://tinyurl.com/proposalwcpp2024>. Only proposals that are submitted online before the deadline will be included in the selection process.

Every proposal must be in English and include the following information:

- The title of the parallel session (max. 100 characters).
- The subtheme (society, system, practice) that is most applicable for the proposal.
- The session format (inspirational talk, round table, poster presentation, workspace, out-of-the-box) that you prefer.
- An abstract of the content of the parallel session, which describes the main topic, the essence and build-up of the session and the intended result for participants (max. 300 words). In addition, for the inspirational talk and poster presentation, the abstract must include the following information:
 - Research question / Case for change.
 - Research method / intervention approach.
 - Results (or provisional results) and motivated conclusions.
 - Lessons learned.
- A description of how the parallel session contributes to the main theme and subtheme(s) (max. 100 words).
- A description of how you establish the interaction with the participants (max. 250 words). In addition, for the workspace and out-of-the-box sessions, the description must include the following information:
 - The practical requirements you need.
 - The number of participants you are able to host.
 - An indication of the time (30/75 minutes) you need.
- A description of how you include the perspective of practice (max. 100 words).
- Names and contact information of the presenters (max. 2 per session), including the countries they represent.
- A short description of your hopes and fears regarding the future of probation and parole (max. 100 words)

Reviewing criteria

Every proposal will be reviewed individually by at least two reviewers. In case of doubt or insufficient agreement, the programme committee will decide. Proposals will be examined on the following reviewing criteria:

- The quality of the content of the proposal.
- The contribution to the future development of theory and practice in probation and parole.
- The level and quality of the proposed interaction in the session.
- The way in which the perspective of practitioners and/or probationers is included.

If the total number of submitted proposals is higher than the number of available slots for parallel sessions, the programme committee will decide which proposals are accepted for the congress. In that case, the programme committee takes the diversity of the content and formats in the entire set of proposals into account. The programme committee can therefore decide to accept a proposal on the condition that adjustments are made to the content or format.

Proposal submitters will receive a decision on 10 November 2023 regarding the result of the review. There will be one of three possible outcomes:

- 1) Accepted.
- 2) Accepted, under the condition of adjustments.
- 3) Rejected.

Registration mandatory

If a proposal is accepted, we expect the presenter(s) to provide his/her/their parallel session during the WCPP on 16, 17 or 18 April 2024. Submitters, presenters and others participating in the organization of the parallel sessions need to register online for the congress as a participant. They will not receive a discount or reimbursement.

Timeline

Sunday 22 October 2023	Deadline submission of proposals
Friday 10 November 2023	Result of the review
November 2023	More information on registration for presenters
November 2023	Publication official programme WCPP 2024
16 – 18 April 2024	World Congress on Probation and Parole 2024

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