

The charter of honorary member of the Victimological Society of Serbia

The Articles of Association of the Victimology Society of Serbia provides that the Society may award recognition in the form of a charter of an honorary member to individuals who have, through many years of work in the field of victimology, specifically improved the work of the Society and thus have made a lasting contribution to the achievement of the goals for which the Society was founded.

The Executive Board of Directors has decided to award the Charter of Honorary Member to **prof. dr Ivo Aertsen**, Professor Emeritus at the Institute of Criminology, Catholic University of Leuven (Belgium), and **prof. dr Oliver Bačanović**, Full Professor at the Faculty of Security at the University of St. Kliment Ohridski", Skopje (Northern Macedonia).

Prof. dr Ivo Aertsen is Professor Emeritus at the Institute of Criminology, Catholic University of Leuven (Belgium); he was the Director of the Institute from 2012 to 2016. The main areas of his research and teaching are victimology, penology and restorative justice. Prof. dr Aertsen is one of the initiators of research in the field of restorative justice and victimology at the Leuven Institute of Criminology. He was one of the initiators of the European Forum for Restorative Justice in the late 1990s; and he served as its first chair from 2000 to 2004. From 2012 to 2018 he was a member of the Executive Board of the World Society of Victimology. Prof. dr Aertsen has been an expert to the UN, the Council of Europe, the OSCE and the EU on a variety of topics related to his research field. He was the coordinator of the ALTERNATIVE project, which aimed to develop alternative ways of understanding justice and security in an intercultural context, in which the Victimology Society of Serbia was one of the partners. He is the editor-in-chief of *Restorative Justice: An International Journal*. He is a member of the Advisory Board of the academic journal *Temida*. He is one of the important promoters of the Victimology Society of Serbia in Europe and worldwide. For this reason, the Executive Board decided to award prof. Aertsen with the Charter of Honorary Member.

Prof. dr Oliver Bačanović, is Full Professor at the Faculty of Security at the University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Skopje (Northern Macedonia); he was the Dean of the Faculty from 2013 to 2017. Professor Bačanović is one of the founders of victimology in Macedonia and the first to teach the subject of Victimology at a higher education institution in the former Yugoslavia. At the Faculty of Security, University "St. Kliment Ohridski" he teaches Victimology, Juvenile Delinquency and Penology. Professor Bačanović has been actively involved with the Victimology Society of Serbia since its establishment. He has been a member of the Editorial Board of the academic journal *Temida* for years. He has participated at all Annual conferences of the Victimology Society of Serbia organized since 2010, and is the most responsible for the affirmation of the Annual conferences of the VDS in Macedonia. He is the recipient of the Award for the contribution to the promotion of victims' rights given by the Victimology Society of Serbia in 2016 for his contribution to the advancement of victims' rights in Macedonia and throughout the region of the former Yugoslavia, and the affirmation of victimology in Macedonia and Serbia, the affirmation of the Victimology Society of Serbia itself, and the construction and affirmation of young experts in the field of victimology. For this reason, the Executive Board decided to award prof. Bačanović with the Charter of Honorary Member.