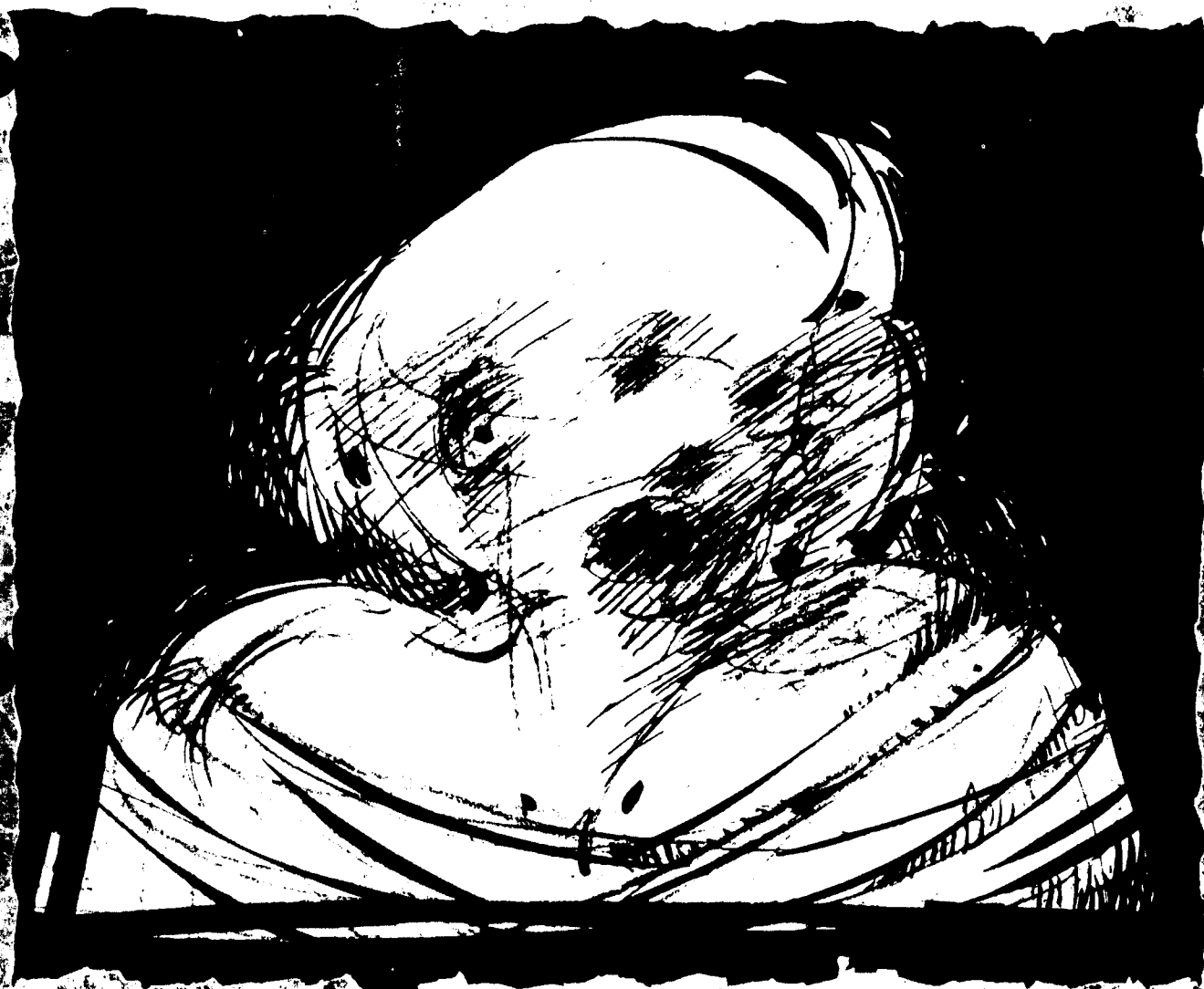


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Amsterdam, 24th June 1985.

Dear participants to ICOPA '85,

Welcome to the Second International Conference on Prison Abolition in Amsterdam, that has been organized by the Criminological Institute of the Free University Amsterdam by request of the steering-committee of the first ICOPA in Toronto, Canada of May 1983, and in continuation of the abolitionist section at the IXth International Congress on Criminology in Vienna, Austria in the autumn of that same year.

Academics, activists working in the field of criminal justice, and interested politicians have been invited to participate. The conference is meant to be a working-congress, a think-tank for alternatives to, and strategies to achieve the abolition of, the prevailing system of criminal justice with the prison as its repressive core.

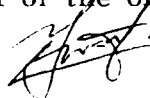
Looking at the programme you will notice that, of the three lectures planned, one is held by a scientist, one by someone who is working with abolitionist theory in practice, and one by a politician who feels very much sympathy for abolitionist thought.

National presentations are meant to present a survey of the differences between the criminal-law climate and abolitionist focusses in the several countries. Various items will be discussed in groups of c. 25 people. The gathered information from this sections and workshops will be integrated in a more general abolitionist perspective by a paneldiscussion at the end of the conference. The results of the conference will be published in a congressbook which might become an abolitionist manual. Participants will be informed about this by December 1985.

Though we have tried to place as much signs as possible, it might be hard to find your way in the Free University. You will find a map of the building at the main-entrance, near the porterslodge. The first sign of the roomnumber indicates the number of the floor, the second sign the wing of the building, and the last two the number of the room: so 2A-05 means: second floor, A-wing, fifth room, and OD-02 means groundfloor, D-wing, second room.

We hope you will have a good conference.

Sincerely,  
on behalf of the organizing committee,



René van Swaaningen.



ROOSTER/PROGRAMME

Maandag/Monday 24th June.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Initiator</u>
15.00 h.	OD-02	Meeting of the discussionleaders, initiators and notulists.	
16.00 h.	desks in the front-hall.	Registration. Here you will receive the reader, a badge (that serves as a means of control for lunches, coffee etc.)	
20.15 h.	foyer front-hall 1st floor.	Coffee + simple reception.	

Dinsdag/Tuesday 25th June.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Initiator</u>
9.00 h.	desks in the front-hall.	Registration.	
9.30 h.	aula/auditorium.	Openingwords.	Prof. dr. P.J.D. Drenth, Rector-Magnificus of the Free University.
9.45 h.	aula/auditorium.	Lecture.	Herman Bianchi.
10.45 h.	foyer 1st floor.	Coffee-break.	
11.15 h.	2A-05	Continuous film-video-presentation.	
	2A-10	Section I.A.	Herman Bianchi,
	2A-11	Section II.A.	Job Knap/Willem Damen.
	2A-12	Section III.A.	Robert Gaucher.
	3A-10	Section IV.A.	Tony Ward.
	3A-11	Section V.A.	Frank Dunbaugh.
	3A-13	Section VI.A.	Richard Korn/Rolf Theissen.

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<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Initiator</u>
12.05 h.	restaurant 1st floor.	Lunch.	
14.30 h.	Amsterdam prison.	Section VII.A. with prisoners in Bijlmerbajes, (Amsterdam house of detention).	Willem Damen, Paul v. Rutten, Jan Annard.
14.30 h.	aula/auditorium.	National presentation 'Europe'.	COSYPE/CLaude Faugeron.
15.30 h.	foyer 1st. floor.	Tea-break.	
16.00 h.	2A-05	film & video.	
	2A-10	Section IVB	Howard Davidson/Jack-Jan Wirken.
	2A-11	Section IX	Delbert Tibbs/Daphne Brooke.
	2A-12	Section X.A.	Wayne Northey.
	3A-10	Section VI.D.	Carol Bergman.
	3A-11	Workshop 4.	Claire Culhane.
	3A-13	Workshop 5.	Howard Davidson.
20.00 h.	Amstel Station	Fifth 'Battle of Jericho', intuitive abolitionism, walking seven times around the prison (vigil rally).	Manuel Kneepkens.

Woensdag/Wednesday 26th June.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Initiator</u>
9.30 h.	aula/auditorium.	Lecture	Raymond Shonholtz, (dir. Community Boards).
10.30 h.	foyer 1st floor.	Coffee-break	
11.00 h.	2A-11	Section X.B.	Elizabeth Barker/Dante Germanotta.
	2A-10	Workshop 3	Willem de Haan.

Woensdag/Wednesday 26th June.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Initiator</u>
11.00 h.	2A-05	Workshop 2.	Common Nonsense Shop.
	2A-12	Section I.B.	James Caron/Ted Orlin
	3A-10	Section II.B.	Coornhert League.
	3A-11	Section III.B.	Sibo van Ruller.
	3A-13	Section IV.C.	Joyce Hes.
13.00 h.	Restaurant 1st floor	Lunch.	
14.15 h.	aula/auditorium	National Presentation North America.	Carol Bergmann/Frank Dunbaugh.
15.15 h.	foyer 1st floor.	Tea-break.	
15.45 h.	2A-10	Workshop 3.	Willem de Haan.
	2A-11	Section V.C.	Louk Hulsmán.
	2A-05	Workshop 2 (continued).	Common Nonsense Shop.
	2A-12	Section VI.B.	Ruth Morris/Liz Elliot.
	3A-10	Section VII.B.	Sebastian Scheerer.
	3A-11	Section VIII.B.	Bart de Smit/Weisstub.
	3A-13	Workshop 1.	Robert Gaucher.
17.45 h.	foyer 1st floor	Reception by the burgomaster and aldermen of Amsterdam, and the rector-magnificus of the Free University.	
20.00 h.	OD-02	Meeting of the notulists of sections and workshops to prepare the results for the panelists of the tomorrow discussion.	

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Donderdag/Thursday 27th June.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Initiator.</u>
9.30 h.	aula/auditorium.	National presentation North-Europe.	KRAK/John de Wit/Willem de Haan/Victor Blankevoort.
10.30 h.	foyer 1st floor	Coffee-break.	
11.00 h.	2A-05	Film/video.	
	2A-10	Section I.C.	Raymond Shonholtz.
	2A-11	Section VIII.A.	Stan Cohen.
	2A-12	Section V.B.	Sebastian Scheerer.
	3A-10	Section VI.C.	Kai Bussman/Martin Farrell.
	3A-11	Section X.C.	Robert Gaucher/Richard Korn.
	3A-13	Section X.D.	David Brown/Russel Hogg.
13.00 h.	restaurant 1st floor.	Lunch.	
14.15 h.	aula/auditorium.	Lecture	dr. Bram van der Lek (European Parliament).
15.15 h.	foyer 1st floor.	Tea-break.	
15.45 h.	aula/auditorium.	Paneldiscussion on section- & workshop results.	Louk Hulsmán.
18.00 h.	aula/auditorium.	Closing of the conference.	René van Swaaningen.
19.00 h.	a restaurant in Amsterdam.	Discussion on the place of the next conference + continuation of a steering committee for ICOPA.	René van Swaaningen.

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