

# Foreword

Dear Reader,

I am giving you the latest edition of our organization's yearbook in the hopes that, like in previous years, you will be able to get an overall picture of our activities from last year. Please take a look at what we accomplished in various fields over the year.

In 2011 we faced several challenges. Only to mention the most important one: the number of prisoners increased significantly. I am proud to report that we managed to maintain our high professional standards in our primary task: providing safe incarceration and promoting successful social integration. There were no major incidents in Hungarian prisons last year, which is largely due to the professional excellence, dedication and expert legal knowledge of our employees.

As you may know, from 2010 prison administration again belongs to the Ministry of Interior, which had a positive impact on our activities in 2011. The Government and the Ministry set new goals and objectives, which will provide new foundations for our organization, help us become a more modern prison service and meet the requirements expressed in various European standards. A strong expectation for the full employment of the prisoners manifested itself on the Government's behalf, which should also contribute to the creation of an internal supply network for our institutions.

The fact that prison enterprises were given special priority in the supply of all organizations under the Ministry of the Interior and some other governmental organizations brought a yet unprecedented increase in the number of employed prisoners.

In addition to employment, prisoner education is another expectation often identified as a prerequisite for the success of the social reintegration of criminal offenders. Churches and NGOs played an integral role in our success in raising funds and organizing our programs. Besides, our cooperation with sister organizations, law enforcement agencies and local and central government bodies improved as well.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our partners and supporters for their contributions and express my honor to our staff for their extraordinary dedication and responsible commitment to their service in 2011. Recognizing this remarkable work I request all of my colleagues to continue upholding and developing these high standards and helpful attitude in their fields of expertise in order to reach our common objectives in the years to come.

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