

# Foreword

*Dear Reader,*

As usual, this yearbook is the summary of our activities in 2012.

The world of prisons is, by definition, a closed one, but our aim is to open up this world to the public, to make it more transparent. Our yearbook is a way to present the activities of the Hungarian Prison Service through facts. After the evaluation chapter you may find a summary of our events, contact details of correctional institutions, and then statistical data in the form of charts and graphs.

Despite a growing number of prisoners, we managed to find a balance in our 2012 operations. Almost eight thousand employees worked and continue to work on delivering our main task in the justice system: maintaining law and order in the country.

Safe incarceration is our core responsibility, but helping former prisoners' integration in society is just as important. One of the means to achieve this, and also a justified expectation of society, is to employ prisoners during their prison sentences. Last year we took important steps towards increasing prisoner employment, and at the same time making our institutions more self-sufficient.

*Dear Reader,*

Allow me to present the Prison Service Yearbook for 2012, a publication which I hope contains useful information to anyone interested in correctional work in Hungary.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read 'Csóti András'.

Major General **András Csóti**  
Acting Director General