

# ImpleMéndez newsletter



WELCOME TO THE SEVENTH EDITION OF THE **IMPLEMÉNDEZ NEWSLETTER!**

***Our team keeps growing!***  
***Now we have 345 members representing***  
***58 countries!***

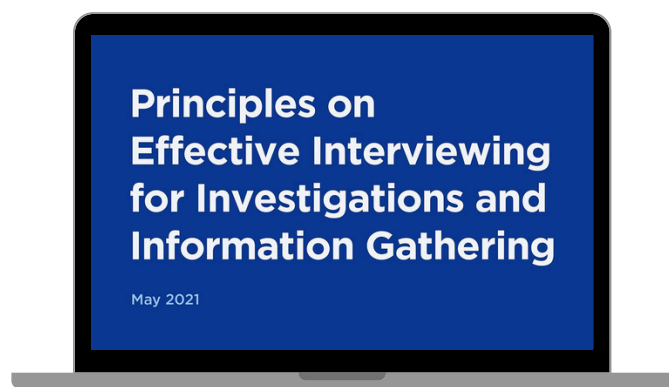
**Working on a Wikipedia page**  
**– members are invited to contribute!**

Dear Colleagues, the **Wikipedia entry for the Méndez Principles** is live now. However, Wikipedia's credibility relies on active editors. Regular monitoring stops vandalism and misinformation, ensuring the public always find well-sourced content. You can contribute by:

1. **Watching the page** – just log in and click the ★ at the top-right to receive change alerts,
2. **Improve the text** – Add a citation, refine a sentence, or fix a typo; every small edit boosts reliability!
3. **Cross-link** – From related articles in law, psychology, human rights, etc., link to this page so it's woven into the wider knowledge network.

Once the English version is stable, the Wiki team aims to launch 25-30 language editions by year-end. If you are interested, add your name and target languages to the **Translation & Contribution Coordination Sheet**.

Questions or comments – contact **Steve Barela** at [steven.barela@unige.ch](mailto:steven.barela@unige.ch)



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### Successful Completion of ImpleMéndez Seminar in Mexico

Eduardo Perez Campos Mayoral has announced the successful completion of a multi-week seminar series in Mexico, marking another milestone for our team. This initiative was made possible by the enthusiastic participation of a group of Spanish-speaking ImpleMéndez members who delivered online sessions to a large audience of practitioners across the region. The program culminated in a final session led by Victor Moloeznik, which drew over 90 participants on Zoom and 24 additional viewers via Facebook Live. The session focused on key themes aligned with our COST Action and showcased impressive engagement and insight-sharing. Congratulations once again to the entire team involved in this meaningful initiative!

### Short-Term Scientific Mission in Sheffield, UK

Four of our colleagues – Aura Preda (Romania), Luminitsa Diaconu (Moldova), Olga Mazur, and Denis Solodov (Poland) – took part in a Short-Term Scientific Mission hosted by the University of Sheffield, UK, and kindly organised by Professor Layla Skinns. Over the course of two weeks, the grantees participated in a roundtable at the Centre for Criminological Research (School of Law, University of Sheffield), a police-academic roundtable, Policing Innovation Forum on neurodiversity in the criminal justice system in York, visited Robert Dyson House SYP Training Centre and the South Yorkshire Police Custody Suite, and had the opportunity to meet practitioners and academics from the UK. The mission facilitated an in-depth exchange of knowledge concerning the application of the Méndez Principles in England and Wales, and their comparative status in Moldova, Poland, and Romania. A key outcome of the mission was the identification of priority areas for action, with specific Méndez Principles highlighted for further attention in each of the target countries. During the mission, valuable academic connections were established with scholars in the UK, among others with the Centre for Linguistic Research at the University of Sheffield, opening new avenues for collaboration. The exchanges opened possibilities for further cooperation on future projects and academic visits.

The mission enabled constructive engagement with police stakeholders, whose practical insights enriched the understanding of how the Méndez Principles and the investigative interviewing model are being applied on the ground. The mission also strengthened collaborative ties among the participating researchers.



## Best Practices when Interviewing and Communicating with Victims of Trafficking, a workshop in Liverpool, UK

On 10 July 2025, members of the ImpleMéndez team delivered a specialised workshop in Liverpool, UK for professionals supporting victims of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking. The session focused on best practices for interviewing and communicating with victims of trafficking, with particular attention to trauma-informed and culturally sensitive approaches. Organised in collaboration with the Modern Slavery and Immigration Crime Unit and the ImpleMéndez COST Action, the event was hosted at the Liverpool Centre for Advanced Policing, part of Liverpool John Moores University.

The day featured a series of expert-led presentations and discussions:

- **Laura Pajón** spoke on building rapport and applying best practices in engagements with victims of trafficking;
- **Zoe Given-Wilson** offered insights into complex PTSD and how it affects victim interviews,
- **Kate Davis** addressed the importance of cultural differences in effective communication;
- **Maria Gomez Bedoya** explored the linguistic, emotional, cognitive, and cultural barriers that can hinder understanding in interviews;
- **Amina Memon** presented the background to the development of the Méndez Principles.

The workshop provided a good opportunity for practitioners to reflect on current challenges, share experiences, and strengthen their practice through evidence-based methods and open discussion.



## Call for Papers Special Issue on Implementing the Méndez Principles

We are pleased to announce a new submission deadline for the upcoming special issue of the Journal of Investigative Psychology and Offender Profiling, titled: "Implementing the Méndez Principles: Cultural Differences Within Effective Interviewing and Investigative Practices". The new deadline is **30 December 2025** (by 11:59 PM GMT!).

This special issue has been created to showcase the innovative and impactful work of the ImpleMéndez network, with a particular focus on its projects and subprojects. It offers a unique platform for members to share research and insights on ethical, non-coercive interviewing practices in diverse cultural contexts. All contributors within the network are invited to submit their manuscripts and help highlight the ongoing efforts to embed the Méndez Principles in investigative settings across different countries. Link to the Journal's webpage for submissions is [here](#).

## Conferences

### **World Conference on Criminology 2025, Delhi, India**

Our colleague – Tonny Raymond Kirabira (UK) – participated at the World Conference on Criminology 2025, hosted by the Jindal Institute of Behavioural Sciences (JIBS) at O.P. Jindal Global University, located in Sonipat, NCR of Delhi, India. The prestigious event took place from 19th to 22nd June 2025, gathering experts in criminology, policing, law, and human rights. As part of the conference's academic program, he delivered an oral presentation titled "Effective Interviewing for Criminal Investigations: Human Rights and Policy Implementation". The presentation critically examined the human rights implications and risks of miscarriage of justice that arise from unethical interviewing practices. Drawing on the Méndez Principles and foundational human rights standards, the presentation addressed the effectiveness of current suspect interviewing frameworks in criminal investigations. A special focus was placed on the UK's Police and Criminal Evidence Act (PACE) Codes of Practice, showing how these align with or diverge from international principles. Beyond presenting, Tonny Raymond Kirabira actively participated in the full suite of conference activities, including poster exhibitions, panel discussions, "Author Meets Critic" sessions, plenary talks. Highlights included thought-provoking discussions on legal reforms, justice systems, investigative techniques, and human rights in policing with participants from India and around the world.

A particularly enriching experience was the guided tour of the university's Constitution Museum and the Rights & Freedoms Academy, both of which underscore India's commitment to constitutional justice and civil liberties. A noteworthy milestone from this experience was our colleague's induction into the International Society for Criminology (Société internationale de criminologie – Sociedad internacional de criminología). The event was also an occasion to reconnect with Prof. (Dr.) Stephan Parmentier, Secretary General of the Society and a long-time academic collaborator from the Leuven Institute of Criminology, K.U. Leuven, Belgium.



### **14th Counter Fraud, Cybercrime and Forensic Accounting Conference Portsmouth University, UK**

Our colleague, Anna Meyniel, participated in the 14th Counter Fraud, Cybercrime and Forensic Accounting Conference, hosted by the Centre for Cybercrime and Economic Crime at the University of Portsmouth, UK, on 18–19 June 2025. As part of the Diversity of Online Harms panel, she presented her work on understanding the role of incels in the sphere of cybercrime. In particular, she explored the integration of the issue of Online Sexual Exploitation and Abuse of Children (OCSEA) into this context. Although research acknowledges the presence of illegal



content involving children on incel forums, the intersection of OCSEA and incel communities remains significantly under-researched. Anna's presentation also highlighted practical recommendations stemming from her research—especially regarding the interviewing of vulnerable individuals, the interrogation of young offenders involved in cyber harms using the Méndez Principles, and the development of more effective prevention strategies. She also had the opportunity to present our Action and its related opportunities to a broad audience of international researchers working in the fields of criminology, cybercrime, and fraud.

### 6th Asian Conference on Criminal and Operations Psychology 2025 Singapore

Professor **Dave Walsh** participated as a keynote speaker at the Asian Conference on Criminal and Operations Psychology, held in Singapore from 16–17 July 2025, where he delivered a presentation on the Méndez Principles and our Action to investigative professionals. The face-to-face event brought together hundreds of law enforcement practitioners, security experts, academic researchers, and private sector specialists.

### Latest articles

We are pleased to announce that the latest issue of the Investigative Interviewing Research Group's journal (*Investigative Interviewing: Research and Practice*, ISSN: 2227-7439) features a co-authored article showcasing our international team's work and achievements. **Many thanks to Dave for his outstanding contribution!**

Walsh, D., Areh, I., Barela, S., Boukalova, H., Bull, R., Chung, KL., Cusack, A., Daly, Y., Deljkic, I., Fahsing, I., Fazlic, A., Haworth, K., Heydon, G., Holewik, K., Ivanovic, Z., Izotovas, A., Kask, K., Kelly, CE., Kvanvig, G., Lahtinen, H., Mergaerts, L., Milne, R., Muniroh, DD., Shah, P., Skinns, L., Solodov, D., Tipton, R. & Vanderhallen, M. (2025). A co-ordinated global initiative to enhance interview practice', *Investigative Interviewing: Research and Practice*, 15 (1), 1-19. International Investigative Interviewing Research Group (IIRG).

Direct link to the article in PDF is [here](#).

### Delightful update from our Team

We are happy to share the news that Linda Geven (Netherlands), has recently welcomed a baby! Please join us in congratulating Linda and her family on this joyous occasion. We send our warmest wishes for health, happiness, and love!



### The Reminder

Those submitting a paper for publication should follow the COST Annotated Rules to ensure proper recognition of COST funding. In short: just use the following "formula": This article is based upon work from COST Action CA22128 (ImpleMéndez), supported by European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST). More details on the COST rules can be found [here](#).



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