

FOREWORD

In the late 1980's, while researching literature for my PhD dissertation on the links between drugs and crimes, I found a book in the Library of the County Hospital of Miskolc, named István Schäfer: *Narcotic Drugs and the Task of International Criminal Law*. I was happy to find this unique publication in the Hungarian literature which filled a gap at the time, even though it was published in 1946. At the same time, I wondered who the author was, because in spite of my knowledge of the history of Hungarian criminology, I had not encountered István Schäfer's work in the Hungarian literature until then.

I soon found out that István Schäfer taught criminology at the university of Budapest from 1946 to 1948, and conducted research on victimology under the name Stephen Schafer, including state compensation for crime victims and became an internationally recognized criminologist as an advocate for reparation by the perpetrator to the victim.

I became intrigued by the not-so obvious development of professional life path of István Schäfer/Stephen Schafer who was born on February 15, 1911 and died on July 29, 1976. As a result of my more or less regular research work on his professional career and scientific achievements I got to know the most important publications of Stephen Schafer and also his approach on criminology and criminal law. For a very long time, however, I knew practically nothing about his life or his career stages. The intention to learn more about these influenced my choice of Northeastern University, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice in Boston as the institution for my Fulbright Scholarship from February 1 to June 30, 2018, the very institution where Professor Schäfer taught from 1967 until his death. The time spent in the institution proved to be a milestone in terms of learning about his life. Two of the faculty members, Professor Emeritus Jack R. Greene, a leading figure in police research, and Professor Simon I. Singer, a widely recognized researcher in juvenile justice, had a close relationship with Professor Schafer as students in the 1970s. I had a talk with both professors, they were pleased to share their memories and experiences about their former teacher. Professor Jack R. Greene remarked at the end of a longer conversation that he knows that the son of Stephen Schafer lives in New York, from whom I can learn everything about his father's life.

After that, I only had to find out the contact details of Stephen Schafer's son. The wonderful Marika Barnett of the Hungarian Society of Massachusetts helped me with this. She responded immediately to my inquiring email. She wrote that she knew "Pista" and does know his son, "Andris", and she gave me his e-mail address and phone number.

I successfully contacted Stephen Schafer's son, Andrew I. Schafer, a renowned medical professor. He was delighted to help me. Several e-mail exchanges and a longer telephone conversation later I had a much more thorough picture of Stephen Schafer's life. Knowing his scientific and educational achievements and his unique life course, I subsequently initiated the publication of the Stephen Schafer Memorial Book in the summer of 2018 at the

board of the Hungarian Society of Criminology (HSC). The Presidency supported the initiative.

At the presidency meeting dealing with the details of the Memorial Book on 29 September, 2020, Professor Katalin Gönczöl, President of the HCS, emphasized that “the forthcoming volume will enrich the already published treasury of the Great Ancestors”.

When compiling the material of the volume, I considered the following aspects to be relevant: to present the life path of Stephan Schafer and the characteristics of his criminological thinking; from among the publications published in Hungary, the aim was to re-publish in the volume primarily those that due to their topic or approach are still relevant today; from among the works published in the United States, we aimed to include publications and their details on topics that were of particular interest to Stephen Schafer; and finally to prepare and publish a more complete Schafer bibliography than the existing ones.

The Memorial Book contains publications in both Hungarian and English. The volume has an English summary of Stephen Schafer’s two works originally written in Hungarian. The volume includes memoirs by Andrew I. Schafer and Simon I. Singer in both languages, as well as the Foreword, and a Hungarian translation of three originally English excerpts. The reason behind the partial bilingualism is that we want to give access to the life and professional career of Stephen Schafer to his American colleagues and allow the younger generation of American criminologists to discover his work. On the other hand, we would also like to assist in providing the relevant excerpts to Hungarian professionals who do not speak English.

I must thank several people for the creation and publication of the Memorial Book.

The first to be mentioned is Katalin Gönczöl, President of the Hungarian Society of Criminology (HSC), who supported the proposal of the Memorial Book from the very beginning. The presidency of the HSC also kindly supported the publication of the Memorial Book.

The contribution of Professor Schafer’s son, Andrew I. Schafer, his valuable insight, and his willingness to write a memoir about his father was extremely important regarding the completion and content of the volume. The moving essay should be an essential resource for anyone interested in the life path of this outstanding scholar. Anyone who reads the memoir will certainly share the sentiment that Stephen Schafer was “an exceptional man.” Many thanks to Andrew I. Schafer for his cooperation, writing the memoir, and providing the photos.

I would like to thank Professor Simon I. Singer for his contribution to the Memorial Book. His memoir is essentially about his former teacher, his mentor, the “committed scientist” who represented the “art of critical thinking”. In addition, however, in his writing, Professor Singer also points out important criminological and victimological issues.

The Memorial Book includes the most complete Schafer bibliography presently known. Gabriella Bagu, Librarian of the Library of the Faculty of Law Eötvös Loránd University and Roxanne Palmatier, Librarian of the Northeastern University Library both provided significant assistance in compiling it. I would like to thank both of them for their essential work.

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The publications and book excerpts of Stephen Schafer in the volume are not photocopied, scanned versions of the original texts. In order to ensure the quality of the Memorial Book and make it easier to read for the public, Anna Molnár, Alexandra Sipos, Regina Szepcsik and Tímea Zséli, PhD students of the Department of Criminology, Faculty of Law Eötvös Loránd University, re-typed the original texts for the volume. I would like to thank our PhD students for their contribution.

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Part of the resources required for the publication of the Memorial Book – in honor of István Schäfer, the former lawyer and his career – was provided by a group of Hungarian lawyers. We are grateful for their generous support and for the organizational activities of Laura Csontos LL.D., the secretary of the HSC and trainee lawyer.

István Schäfer's career as a criminologist in Hungary was interrupted in 1949. The Memorial Book will hopefully contribute to making Stephan Schafer's work an integral part of the science of Hungarian criminology.

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