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2014 saw the retirement from the editorial board of two of the founding members of *Crime, histoire & sociétés/Crime, History & Societies*. Pieter Spierenburg and Clive Emsley were both among the pioneers in the field of the history of crime and criminal justice. As many readers will know, their contributions to the field go well beyond their significance as prolific researchers and writers, Pieter with his ground breaking studies on the early modern carceral institutions: on violence, on masculinity and honour culture and Clive as the pioneer of studies of policing, in Britain, Europe and beyond from the 18th to the 20th centuries.

Together with a few colleagues, Pieter and Clive were instrumental in transforming crime and criminal justice history from a marginal concern of social historians, into an established and thriving interdisciplinary field between history, criminology and cultural studies.

One of the early initiatives was their involvement in the establishment in 1978 of the International Association for the History of Crime and Criminal Justice (IAHCCJ). Pieter remained secretary of the Association until recently, and Clive took over as president after the tragic death of Herman Diederiks in 1995.

In 1981, Pieter and Clive were among the founders of *Criminal Justice History*, the first specialised journal for crime and criminal justice history, bringing together historians from both sides of the Atlantic. This publication ceased to appear regularly from 1994, and was succeeded in 1997 by *Crime, histoire & sociétés/Crime, History & Societies*, with Pieter and Clive as members of the editorial board and frequent contributors. Clive also acted as editor between 2007 and 2009.

In 1996 when the International Institute for Social History, based in Amsterdam, organised the first European Social Science History Conferences as a parallel to the conferences of the American Social Science History Association, a specific network was formed for 'Criminal Justice History'. For almost two decades Pieter and Clive have been at the centre of the ever expanding network emanating from these conferences. They have inspired and encouraged generations of young researchers from across Europe and North America to join the network and to submit their research article to CHS – often through the Herman Diederiks competition – as the platform for presenting research based on national case studies to an international audience of colleagues.

As members of the editorial board of *Crime, histoire & sociétés/Crime, History & Societies* we are sad to lose Pieter and Clive, but also deeply grateful for their generous contribution to the publication over almost two decades. Their ties with CHS are not entirely severed, as they both continue to be on the advisory board. Nevertheless, we will greatly miss the experience, energy and sheer fun they both brought to the editorial board meetings.