How to Establish and Maintain Security in the Treatment of Sexual Offenders

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Abstract

The title of the 8th conference of the International Association for the Treatment of Sexual Offenders (IATSO) held in Athens, Greece, October 6-9, 2004, was Sex Offending is Everybody’s Business. In the opening address of the conference, reported here, this general motto is first reflected in a historical perspective before the question of how security in the treatment of sexual offenders may be established and maintained is discussed on a number of different levels. These levels are (1) practical ones, listing what IATSO has been and will be doing in pursuit of establishing and maintaining security; (2) political ones reflecting the context in which such endeavors are undertaken; and (3) psychotherapeutic ones.

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