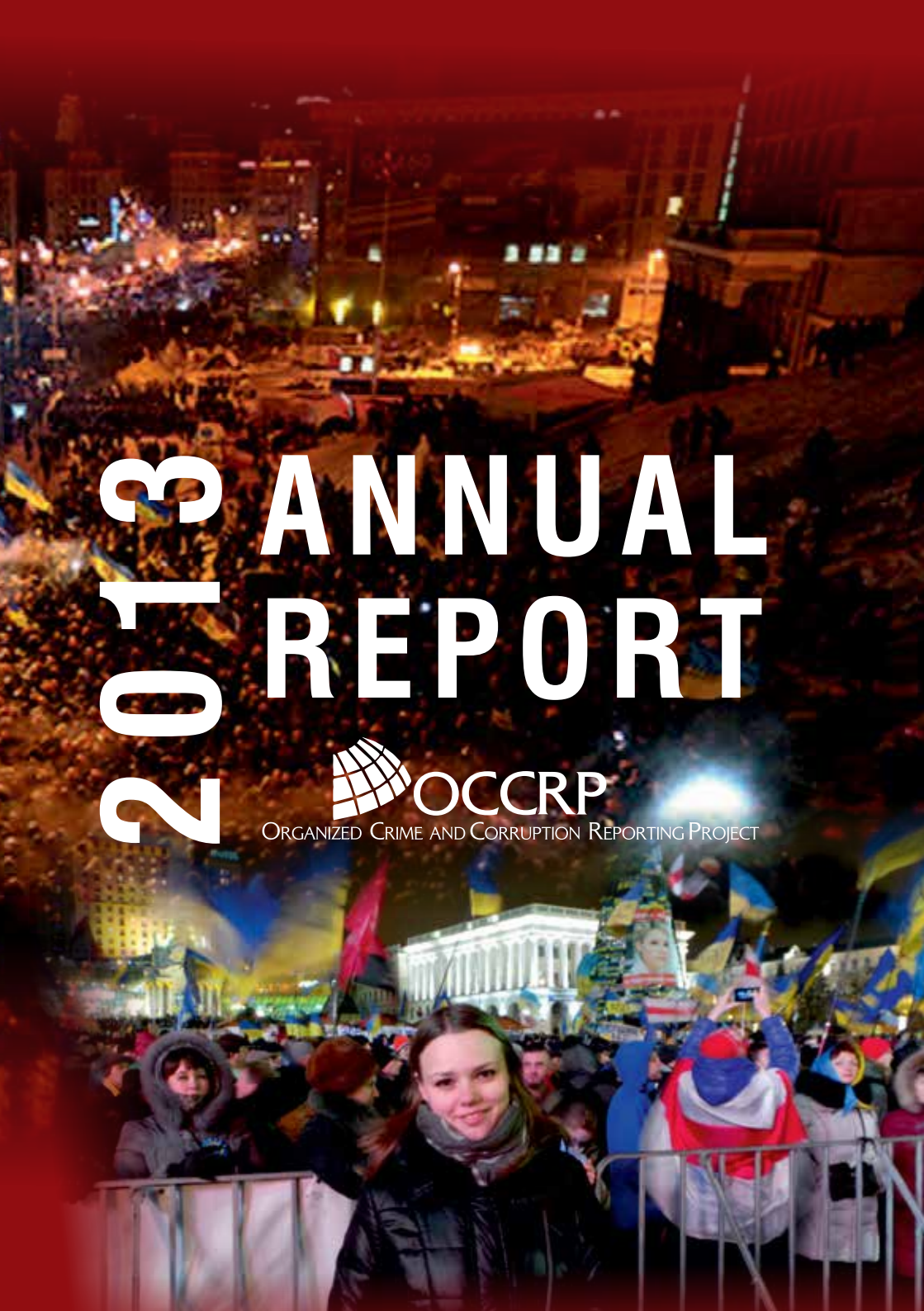


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Cover:
Protesters hold up barricades.
Photo: Kyiv Post

OCCRP and Slidstvo.info
member **Anna Babinets** reports during
protests in Kyiv, December 2013

“If we had known last January what we know today, we would have been both delighted and deeply afraid. It’s been an amazing year of successes, tribulations, lawsuits, awards, threats and constant tough reporting. But we wouldn’t want it any other way.”

Drew Sullivan, Editor of OCCRP

Marina Gorbis (President)



is Executive Director of the Institute for the Future (IFF). Gorbis also created the Global Innovation Forum, a project comparing innovation strategies in different regions, founded the Global Ethnographic Network (GEN), and led

IFF's Technology Horizons Program, focusing on interaction between technology and social organizations. She has authored publications on international business and economics, with an emphasis on regional innovation.

David Boardman (Treasurer)



is Executive Editor at the Seattle Times and has served as its Senior Vice President since May 2010. He is also Vice President of the American Society of News Editors. He sits on several boards in addition to that of OCCRP, including the Center for Investigative

Reporting, and the Reporters' Committee for Freedom of the Press. He is a former two-time president of Investigative Reporters and Editors, Inc. Under his leadership, The Seattle Times won the 2012 Pulitzer Prize for investigative reporting and the 2010 Pulitzer Prize for breaking news.

**We believe in the concept of identifying members of “Uncivil Society”:
the organized crime players and corrupt politicians that harm our countries.
Our task is to differentiate uncivil from civil society.**

Drew Sullivan



is the Editor and co-founder of OCCRP and served as its first director. He founded the Journalism Development Network, an innovative media development organization with programs worldwide. He has served on the board of directors of Investigative

Reporters and Editors and the National Institute for Computer Assisted Reporting. Before becoming a journalist, he was an aerospace engineer on the Space Shuttle Project for Rockwell International Space Systems. He worked on stories with OCCRP that have been awarded the Daniel Pearl Award, the Online Journalism Award for investigative reporting, the Global Shining Light Award for reporting under duress, the Tom Renner Award for Crime Reporting and many other international awards.

Paul Radu



is the Executive Director and co-founder of OCCRP and a co-creator of the Investigative Dashboard concept (www.investigativedashboard.org.) He is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Knight International Journalism

Award and the Investigative Reporters and Editors Award, the Global Shining Light Award, the Tom Renner Investigative Reporters and Editors Award, and the Daniel Pearl Award for Outstanding International Investigative Reporting.

Sheila Coronel



is the Professor of Professional Practice, Columbia University, New York, as well as director of the Toni Stabile Center for Investigative Journalism. In 1989, she co-founded the Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism (PCIJ) to promote

investigative reporting. She has received numerous awards including the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Journalism, Literature and Creative Communication Arts in 2003, which further promoted the widespread recognition of her work.

Lowell Bergman



is the Reva and David Logan Distinguished Professor of Investigative Reporting at the U.C. Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism. He has received the Pulitzer Prize for Public Service, awarded to The New York Times in 2004.

The recipient of numerous Emmys, Mr. Bergman has also received five Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University silver and golden Baton awards, three Peabodys, a Polk Award, a Sidney Hillman award for labor reporting, the Bart Richards Award for Media Criticism and the James Madison Freedom of Information Award for Career Achievement from The Society of Professional Journalists.

**We try to shed light on the dark places where the workings of government and business intersect with organized crime.
This is how we equip our audience for informed participation in democracy.**

David E. Kaplan



is Director of the Global Investigative Journalism Network, an association of more than 70 organizations worldwide dedicated to the expansion and support of investigative reporting. Kaplan has reported from two dozen

countries and his stories have won or shared more than 20 awards. He is a four-time winner of the coveted Investigative Reporters and Editors Award, including three medals, IRE's highest honor.

Branko Čečen



has worked as an editor and reporter in Serbia since 1992, and covered wars, crime and all things important and interesting, before becoming a trainer and faculty lecturer (2004). He became Director of the Center for Investigative Journalism

of Serbia (CINS) in 2010. Since then, CINS has won three national annual investigative journalism awards, has more than doubled its number of reporters and tripled its production of investigative stories. The organisation has made a serious impact in Serbian journalism and beyond, and is a member of the PrEUgovor coalition of NGOs monitoring the EU/Serbia negotiations. Branko spoke at the "Speak Up!2" conference organised in Brussels by the EU Commission, but is proudest of being elected to the Board of OCCRP in 2013.

PARTNERS/DONORS WE COOPERATED WITH THIS YEAR:





Our Journalism

OCCRP is one of the world's leading cross border investigative journalism organizations, and 2013 was a banner reporting year. We had more awards, more stories, and more effects. We had more partners, more grants, and more reporters involved. The level of our success can best be measured by the number of new and old organizations that have started to copy OCCRP's model – organizations in the US, Africa and Latin America. But what is most important to us is our journalism, and this was a year of hard reporting that led to real changes for the better.

Drew Sullivan, OCCRP Editor
photo: Novo Vrijeme



and Its Effects

But even as this happened, many of the countries we worked in continued to backslide on democracy, transparency and accountability. A decade of unfettered corrupt leadership in places like Azerbaijan, Russia, Montenegro and other countries has led to more aggressive attacks on media and on OCCRP itself. More and more, we are the nail that is sticking up. It has never been harder to report on the nexus of crime and government. But our reporters did exactly that.

Paul Radu, Executive Director
OCCRP



On the Barricades in Kyiv

“It was around 2 a.m. on 11 December when, alarmed by reports of an upcoming attack by the riot police, I entered Kyiv City Hall. The building was being used by the protesters as a sleeping lodge and makeshift hospital. Inside, around 200 mostly male protesters – women had been asked to leave the building – were getting ready for the attack.”

Vlad Lavrov, OCCRP Ukraine




Vlad Lavrov of Kyiv Post/OCCRP, with partners Natalie Sedletska of RFE, Anna Babinets and Dmytro Gnap from Slidstvo/TV Hromadske, and Oksana Kovalenko from *Ukrainska Pravda* stayed on the front line of Euromaidan, reporting right up to the point when Ukraine President Yanukovich fled.

Matters then took a new turn: in the hours after his flight, reports started surfacing that there were documents floating in the reservoir on his palatial 350-acre estate outside the capital.

Vlad, Dmytro and Oksana were the first journalists on the scene. With the help of more than 50 other people, including Oleg Khomenok, an investigative trainer with Internews and Scoop, they spent the weekend sorting, separating, and drying the soggy and clumped documents.

“Now we are occupying the site of Yanukovich’s corruption and investigating his wrong-doing... That’s amazing.”

Vlad Lavrov, OCCRP Ukraine



Members of YanukovichLeaks:

Natalie Sedletska,
Oleksandr Akymenko,
Anna Babinets, and
Vlad Lavrov.

Tens of thousands of documents belonging to ousted Ukrainian president Viktor Yanukovich were fished out of the lake on his sprawling estate in Mezhyhirya Park outside of Kiev.

OCCRP partners and other journalists began uploading them to the website “Yanukovich Leaks,” built virtually overnight by OCCRP’s technical staff. The site now displays a wealth of information about the former president, including receipts detailing his extravagant spending, financial investments, and lists of press enemies.

Національний проект **YanukovichLeaks**

Національний проект "YanukovichLeaks"

Група дослідників документів, знайдених у
Мезирипі

22 лютого на території залишеної резиденції колишнього Президента України водолази вилучили близько 200 тек з документами, які хтось намагався знищити під час втечі.

Група журналістів та волонтерів планує рятувати, систематизувати, розглядати величезну масу інформації про діяльність колишнього власника резиденції.

Вилучені і збережені документи публікуються на цьому сайті, і будуть доступні для всіх журналістів світу.

Також на сайті унеможливиться журналістське розслідування, що базуватиметься на цих документах.

YanukovichLeaks National Project

A group investigating the documents found in
Mezhyhirya

On Feb. 22, volunteer divers found nearly 200 folders of documents at a lake at the residence of former president of Ukraine. They had been thrown in the lake to destroy them as people were escaping the compound.

A group of journalists and activists has undertaken to rescue, systematize and investigate the enormous wealth of information about the former owners of the residence.

The recovered documents are being published on this website to make them available to journalists and citizens around the world.

The investigations based on these documents will also be published here and in Ukrainian media.

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photos: N. Sedletska



photo: Kyiv Post



As the Euromaidan movement swelled, speakers as well as bloggers online started naming our stories as motivation, e.g., the Customs Cash Cow series. Reported with Kyiv Post, this series explained how the President had a private customs warehouse built in Odessa. The warehouse processes all imports - at high profit. **The operators have a long track record of organized crime connections.**

February 2013

There may be some justice yet for Sergei Magnitsky

Magnitsky is the Russian lawyer who died in Moscow's notorious Butyrka prison in 2009 after a year of beatings and neglect. He had exposed a \$230 million tax scam, the largest in Russian history, but was himself accused of the crime and jailed. The money disappeared and Russian authorities said it cannot be found.



The story had OCCRP nominated for the 2013 Gannett Foundation Award for online journalism. Roman Anin of Novaya Gazeta, one of the OCCRP members who worked on this story, received a 2013 Knight Fellowship Award.

OCCRP and Novaya Gazeta broke our first Magnitsky story in August 2012, together with Barron's.

Russian prosecutors had gone on record saying they could not track the money because documents had been destroyed in an accident. But we followed the money, identified two beneficiaries, and showed how a portion ended up in high-end Wall Street apartments. US prosecution has now filed for seizure of those apartments.

The Wall Street Connection

June 2013

When reporters followed the money, the path was clear – a Moldovan ghost company was used to transfer funds stolen from the Russian tax authority to an international real estate company named Prevezon. Shortly after, the company bought luxury New York apartments near Wall Street.

US Authorities Look to Seize Magnitsky Linked Assets

September 2013

Prosecutors are asking that a number of high end apartments in the Wall Street area of Manhattan worth approximately \$30 million and a number of bank accounts owned by a series of related companies be seized as illegal gains from the Magnitsky fraud.

“Today’s forfeiture action is a significant step towards uncovering and unwinding a complex money laundering scheme arising from a notorious foreign fraud.”

United States Attorney Preet Bharara

‘Investigative journalists of the *Novaya Gazeta*, working together with colleagues of the Organised Crime and Corruption Reporting Network (OCCRP), have followed the “money trail” beginning with the suspect tax reimbursements and leading to any number of exotic destinations. I had the privilege of meeting two of these reporters during my first visit to Moscow, in February 2013. They explained their working methods to me – following the trail of...considerable amounts of money, which had originally been stolen from the Russian people.’

*Rapporteur Andreas Gross, Switzerland,
18 November 2013,
Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights,
Council of Europe.*

The European Union, Cyprus, Switzerland, Latvia, Moldova and Lithuania all launched investigations after we published what we knew of the money trail, and now the Council of Europe’s parliament has recommended sanctions.

The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) said in a resolution named ‘Refusing impunity for the killers of Sergei Magnitsky’, that European nations should adopt “targeted sanctions” against individuals involved in the death of Russian tax lawyer Sergei Magnitsky, unless immediate steps are taken by Russia to investigate his death. (January 2014)

A Murderer's Trail



Vitalie Proca shot an innocent man in Bucharest, Romania
(photo:adevarul.ro)

This series was a finalist for the latest European Press Prize.

Together with the Guardian, we outed a ring of assassins in Moldova paid to murder people around Europe.

April 2013

An Assassin's Travels

VITALIE PROCA'S Journeys (2011-2013)



Police arrest Ion Anton Druta alias Vanea the Writer on charges of murder.



In November 2012, a Mercedes pulled up to a home not far from downtown Bucharest, the capital of Romania. As the young driver got out of his car, a thin, blond man in his early 30s emerged from the shadows and fired a dozen bullets into his chest and head.

Six months earlier in London, the same blond man fired six bullets into a Moldovan-Russian banker as he exited a London taxi. Both attacks were classic organized crime hits by a professional hired killer.

Police identified him as Vitalie Proca, 33, from the Republic of Moldova, released after serving only a fraction of his sentence for killing three people.

OCCRP, along with the Guardian, traced Proca's business relationships and found him connected to an ultraviolent network of criminals. This network of hit men is paid to pull the trigger to settle conflicts between criminal gangs.

The judge who ordered Proca's release is now under investigation.

Organized crime boss Ion Anton Druta, known as "Vanea" or "Pisateli The Writer", is accused of hiring Proca to murder another organized crime figure. OCCRP successfully contacted Druta. **Shortly afterwards Druta was arrested (on July 12, in Chisinau).**

Helping Expose the SPS in Serbia



Ivica Toncev (foreground) is often seen at public appearances with Prime Minister Ivica Dacic



Advisor to Serbian Prime Minister worked for Montenegrin Criminal

We demonstrated how the National Security Advisor to Prime Minister Ivica Dacic was a long-time business partner of major mafia figures.

The key reporter for this series, Stevan Dojcinovic, won Serbia's top journalism prize, the Jurg Grizelj award.

“Ivica Tončev, a low-profile businessman turned politician, is an advisor for national security to the Prime Minister and Interior Minister Ivica Dačić, President of the Socialist Party of Serbia (SPS). But that doesn’t really reflect Tončev’s true power...

According to research of OCCRP and the Center for Investigative Journalism in Serbia (CINS), Tončev managed a company owned by Branislav Šaranović, a secretive but influential crime figure from Montenegro who was assassinated in Belgrade in 2009. Tončev still controls the Šaranović’s Fil-Sar branch office in Belgrade.”

February 2013

OCCRP also established that the Prime Minister had been aware of those ties. Far from taking action, he had supported Tončev’s rise to power.

A major investigation of the cabinet was initiated. The SPS lost power in a landslide election in March 2014.

Offshore Secrecy: The Horsemeat Scandal

Together with the Guardian, we identified sources of the smuggled meat that disgusted Europe.



It's now known as the horsemeat scandal – and it has consumers and policy makers unnerved.

How could horsemeat get passed off as beef lasagna and hamburger meat in some of Europe's largest supermarket chains?

OCCRP and the Guardian showed that part of Europe's food trade is conducted by a secretive business network: large deals take place far from scrutiny, leaving room for tax evasion and fraud. Romanian horsemeat was sent to cold storage in the Netherlands and from there sent on to France-based companies.

However, on paper, the meat took a strange detour through a secretive offshore haven. OCCRP analyzed the paperwork and discovered an offshore route via a secretive Cyprus company whose sole shareholder is another secretive British Virgin Islands firm.

February 2013

OCCRP and Technology

OCCRP seeks to leverage technology to improve our ability to gather, analyze and present information. Our investment has grown this year with the introduction of the Visual Investigative Scenarios (VIS) tool and a new version of the popular Investigative Dashboard (ID). OCCRP understands that journalists need research methods that are cheaper, better and faster, and has taken the lead internationally in building innovative tools.

OCCRP's New and Improved Investigative Dashboard Is Here

From corrupt business takeovers to horsemeat scandals, investigative reporters worldwide are using the Investigative Dashboard with award-winning results.

The Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project (OCCRP) rolled out the new and improved Investigative Dashboard at the Google Ideas Summit in New York, showcasing the platform's abilities and ambitions in ways that will "take public records to a whole new level," says Google.

November 2013



Investigative Dashboard helps uncover illicit ties that cr



Search for a company or person of interest.

We have scraped national business records from Panama, Luxembourg, Switzerland and many other countries

Start Searching



If you need more recommended

We have assembled a direct databases that

Visit Datab



With support from Google Ideas, our Investigative Dashboard has been redesigned, making it easier for journalists, researchers, activists, and others to connect the dots of organized crime and corruption across borders. Our Investigative Dashboard program has partnered with Arab Reporters for Investigative Journalism (ARIJ), Connectas and Insight Crime in Colombia, and ANCIR in South Africa, expanding ID's on-the-ground research capacity over most of the globe.

Helps investigators expose
cross borders.

re data, visit
databases

story of over 300 local
might help

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If you need help, request
expert assistance.

We understand investigations are sensitive and we take privacy very seriously. Requests are only seen by our full-time experts and, if you are willing, by vetted volunteers.

Ask an Expert

The new Dashboard was previewed on October 13 at the 2013 Global Investigative Journalism Conference in Rio de Janeiro where projects utilizing the Dashboard netted several awards and nominations. (See our Awards page.)

Clients who signed up for the service represent a huge geographical range: Kenya, China, Tajikistan, Chile, Italy, Norway, Peru, Canada, UK, Latvia, Brazil, USA, France, Ukraine, Turkey, and Germany – making the clientele of the Dashboard as global as the services it provides.

The Investigative Dashboard now has 18 languages including Portuguese, Kiswahili, Arabic, Turkish, Hungarian, Slovenian and Ukrainian. Spanish and Russian are coming soon.

2014 promises new tools already in the works. Keep watching our site for their introduction.



Status, By the Numbers

Two months after launch

365 customers registered, plus 52 volunteers,
19 staff, 7 admins

18 research requests completed, 30 in
progress

1 localized language for the interface

Four months after launch

481 customers registered, plus 65 volunteers,
21 staff, 7 admins

86 research requests completed, 31 in
progress

16 localized languages for the interface,
registered users from 60 countries

3 big wins:

- Magnitsky money - \$30 million seized
- Teliasonera - \$200 million seized
- Argentina - \$300 million in assets uncovered by tax authorities

55k unique visitors to date

Users with accounts include:



OCCRP partner in Azerbaijan **Khadija Ismayilova** describes how she made use of the Investigative Dashboard:

“Today I published another investigation which I carried out thanks to OCCRP’s Investigative Dashboard.

President Aliyev’s daughter Arzu sold her company in the Czech Republic for \$1.2 million to an Azerbaijani public official, an advisor of the tax minister.

The guy is also a partner of the president’s family in their banking business.

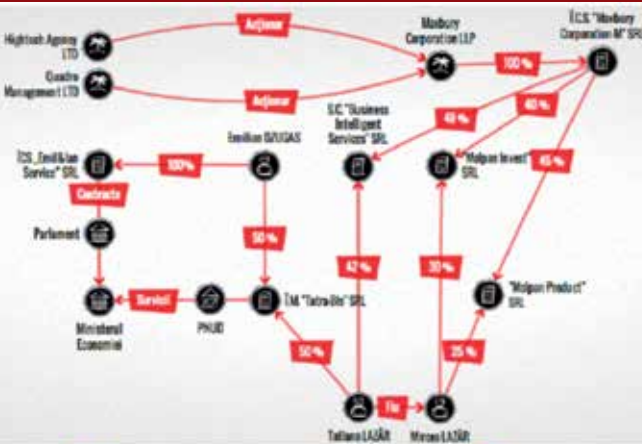
The story is a follow-up to the investigation of the Czech businesses of Azerbaijani oligarchs which we did one year ago with Czech reporter **Pavla Holcova.**”

<http://www.azadliqradiosu.az/content/article/25232145.html>

OCCRP and Visual Investigative Scenarios (VIS)

VIS is a data visualization platform designed to assist investigative journalists, activists and others in mapping complex, cross-border business or crime networks.

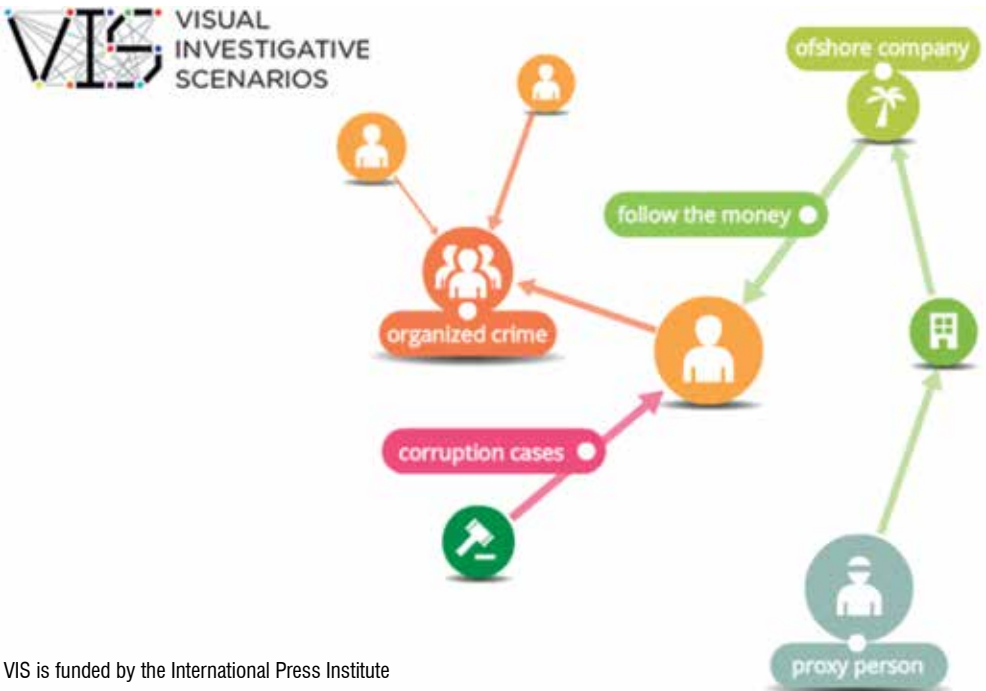
Our goal is to simplify and enhance their work and, at the same time, help the public understand and access data quickly and easily, translating complex narratives into visual language.



Our Visual Investigative Scenarios (VIS) platform made its debut in 2013, and has been adopted by dozens of reporters and news media around the world.

At the start of 2014, over 560 visualizations had been created and VIS had over 730 users from over 27 countries. We had received 261,445 visits and the visualizations had been viewed over 600,000 times.

In 2014, with the help of Google Ideas, we plan to combine VIS with the Investigative Dashboard (ID).



OCCRP and Security

While we are excited about our accomplishments and progress, there is no room for complacency. Threats we encountered in 2013 ranged from physical risk to smear campaigns – and costly lawsuits.

Ukraine

“There were a lot of them. Ten to fifteen hands clung to my hood. They were beating me all over my body. I was trying to defend myself,”

*Dmytro Gnap, reporter for OCCRP and Slidstvo.info,
November 2013, Kyiv*

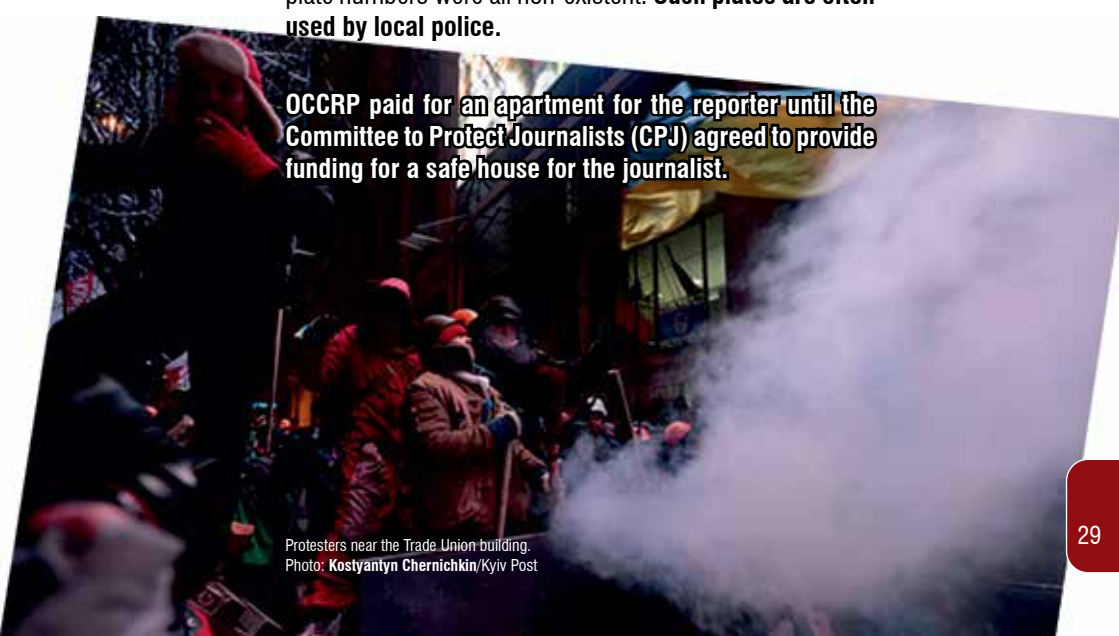
The physical risks were so severe that OCCRP decided to send six suits of full body armour to our reporters.

We also assisted an at-risk reporter from Donetsk in eastern Ukraine when local police claimed that they could not provide him with coverage for a week because of “paperwork”. He was followed and trapped inside a store by several men. He managed to escape and get on a train, from where he was able to call us.

We arranged to have him transfer to another train, then another, and finally had him brought safely to a prepared location.

The reporter took pictures of the cars that followed him, and OCCRP used sources to access records. The license plate numbers were all non-existent. **Such plates are often used by local police.**

OCCRP paid for an apartment for the reporter until the Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) agreed to provide funding for a safe house for the journalist.



Protesters near the Trade Union building.
Photo: Kostyantyn Chernichkin/Kyiv Post

Azerbaijan

“I do not consider anyone an enemy. It is not the people, but their wrongdoings I target. Corruption is a crime and I expose those involved in it. Whoever does not like it, should stop stealing from the people.”

Khadija Ismayilova, OCCRP/RFE/Radio Liberty,
Azerbaijan

Khadija is arrested at a protest in Baku,
January 2013



In July, a **video invading Khadija’s private life** (similar to the one used in the blackmail attempt against her in March 2012) was circulated on the Internet, via a fake opposition website.

A number of journalists **publicly protested** in Baku against the renewed smear campaign. The police detained more than a dozen. By that time, the latest events were receiving widespread international coverage, including from **Eurasianet**, the **Caucasian Knot** website, **Human Rights Watch** and the **Washington Post**.

“By arresting... prominent human rights defenders, Azerbaijan authorities show that they use detention as a tool to punish critical voices.”

Human Rights House Foundation (HRHF), 26 January 2013

In spite of this widespread condemnation, developments escalated in August:

“Khadija’s Armenian Mother Should Die”

Headline of SES, a daily widely associated with Azerbaijan’s ruling party.

This front page article associated Ismayilova, her mother and her sister with prostitution, sex trafficking and child trafficking, and accused Ismayilova and her sister of appearing in pornographic films. Most worryingly, the article provided the address where Ismayilova and her mother live – and suggested that readers should go there.

The article was widely condemned, including by the U.S. embassy in Baku, which described the latest developments as “appalling”.

“Ms. Ismayilova has exhibited rare bravery. She is working in a dictatorship where her mission to uncover fraud and corruption can be life threatening. She has been a victim of a vicious state campaign to discredit her only for daring to speak out.”

Judges awarding the 2013 Global Shining Light Award

But most dangerous to investigative journalism in the long run may be the financial risk posed by lawsuits brought by those with power and money to defend themselves – including by bringing frivolous suits until they exhaust any potential to oppose them.

- A Cyprus based company registration firm was mentioned in our Proxy Platform series. The Russian owner has brought lawsuits against OCCRP, Latvia - TV1 and Re:Baltica.
- OCCRP had reported that the company registered and appointed proxy directors for other companies allegedly used for criminal activities – including hiding the proceeds of the Magnitsky tax scandal that led to the death of Russian lawyer Sergei Magnitsky.
- The case against TV1 has now been dismissed. The case against Re: Baltica is still ongoing. The case against OCCRP, in Maryland, was dismissed, but the dismissal is being appealed.
- OCCRP’s local partners in Latvia obtained funding from the Media Legal Defence Initiative. OCCRP has been assisted pro-bono.

We believe that the time has come to start a fund as well as a pool of firms and individual lawyers willing to give their services pro-bono for the protection of journalists who follow the money. This will enable them to continue their work by safeguarding them and the media who publish their stories from being ruined by frivolous or malicious lawsuits. We are seeking support from a range of sources.

OCCRP Members



WINNER
2013 GLOBAL
SHINING LIGHT

Winner:
**Global Shining
Light Award**

Winner:
**Knight International
Journalism Award**



WINNER
2013 SEEMO
AWARD

Khadija Ismayilova and
Nushabe Fatullayeva
(Baku), together with Czech
journalists **Pavla Holcova**
and **Jaromir Hason**, were
acknowledged for uncovering
the questionable dealings of
the Azeri President's family.

In November, OCCRP
reporter and Novaya Gazeta
journalist **Roman Anin**
received the 2013 Knight
International Journalism
Award

"Five journalists at Novaya
Gazeta have been murdered for
their work since 2000, but Anin
has continued to investigate and
document high-level corruption
in Russia and globally through
his work with the Organized
Crime and Corruption Reporting
Project.

Anin's investigative work
over a five-year period led to
documents and data showing
that nearly \$1 billion had
vanished from Russia's budget."
ICFJ 2013



RUNNER-UP
2013 GLOBAL
SHINING LIGHT

Winner:
**SEEMO Professional
Journalist Award**

Finalist:
**2013 Global Shining
Light Award**

**Contributed to second
Global Shining Light
Award winner**

Acknowledged



Mahir Šahinović (CIN Sarajevo) was acknowledged for uncovering an international stock exchange scam. Mahir also gained an award from the Open Society Foundation that enabled him to attend the Global Investigative Journalism Conference in Rio de Janeiro.

Miranda Patrucic, Valerie Hopkins, and Drew Sullivan were nominated for their two-year “First Family, First Bank” investigation into how Montenegro Prime Minister Milo Djukanovic had exploited his control over the government to benefit himself, his siblings and friends.

Swedish Television was acknowledged for revealing corruption in a deal between Swedish telecom TeliaSonera and the daughter of Uzbek President Islam Karimov. OCCRP’s **Miranda Patrucic** and **Roman Anin** were acknowledged in the story for their role.



Finalist:
Daniel Pearl Award 2013

Finalist:
European Press Prize 2013

Finalist:
Tom Renner Award

Finalist:
Gannett Foundation Award 2013

OCCRP’s “Proxy Platform” project, uncovering the nest of companies used for draining billions from Russia, was one of six finalists for Outstanding International Reporting.

Paul Radu, Mihai Munteanu, Luke Harding, Ion Preașcă, Iurie Sănduță and Cristi Ciupercă were nominated for the series titled “A Murderer’s Trail”.

The nomination in early 2013 was for the 2012 award. OCCRP/**Khadija Ismayilova** was nominated for three stories on “The Hidden Wealth of the Azerbaijani President”.

OCCRP’s “Following the Magnitsky Money” investigation was a finalist for the Innovative Investigative Journalism awards.

OCCRP's partner organizations independently won the following:

- **Winner: Jurg Grizelj Award**
Stevan Dojcinovic of OCCRP/CINS (Serbia) won Serbia's top investigative award, for exposing organized crime.
- **Winner: NUNS investigative award**
CINS also won the NUNS (Independent Association of Journalists, Serbia) investigative journalism prize for a story on public transport.
- **Winner: Anti-Corruption Network Award**
CIN (Bosnia and Herzegovina) won Bosnia and Herzegovina's top award for investigative journalism for a story on the indirect taxation authority that has led to a major investigation by Bosnian prosecutors.
- **Winner: Josh Friedman Prize**
Studio Monitori (Georgia) and OCCRP partner Nanka Naskidashvili was awarded for a video report investigating failed water distribution projects.
- **Winner: National Contest held by Transparency International**
Studio Monitori won two awards: **Giorgi Mgeladze** was awarded first prize for investigating a member of parliament who seized control of a prime ski area. **Tskrialia Shermadini** won second prize for investigating deception concerning new type of corn which resulted in catastrophic harvests.
- **Winner: Best Journalism on Bulgarian Wildlife**
Bivol, our newest member organization in Bulgaria, investigated the "absorption" of lucrative public lands by people close to power.



Bivol members receive their award.

NEWS ORGANIZATIONS WE WORKED WITH/WHO RAN OUR WORK



OCCRP: Income vs. Seizures

In June 2013, New York prosecutors filed for seizure of luxury apartments and a bank account worth collectively \$30 million, which OCCRP had identified as purchased with money missing in the Magnitsky case.

Also in June 2013, French police, in cooperation with Swiss authorities, simultaneously raided several properties in France owned by Gulnara Karimova, daughter of the president of Uzbekistan.

OCCRP had found the properties and verified their ownership through various nested offshores.

The approximate worth of these assets is \$200 million.

The O’Huiginn Database

Through a database built and currently maintained by OCCRP’s technical coordinator Dan O’Huiginn, the tax authorities in Argentina were able to track down several hundred million dollars worth of undeclared assets.

“With a simple click on <http://ohuiginn.net/panama>, and other search engines, the Federal Administration of Public Revenue (AFIP) managed to raise nearly \$600 million since the beginning of this year, to detect undeclared Argentine goods abroad.” La Nacion

This year, our expenditures will again top \$1.2 million – a respectable amount but nothing compared to the hundreds of millions collected in fines and seizures from our stories – and pocket change for even a small organized crime group.

Our real overhead is around 7 percent, which may be the lowest in the industry.

OCCRP makes a compelling case study for donors on how to maximize funds for maximum effect in the field. We are better, cheaper and faster.

“We do not need St. Tropez.”

Tweet from Karimova
(@GulnaraKarimova)
to her 33,438 followers.



COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JOURNALISM DEVELOPMENT NETWORK, INC.

FOR THE YEARS ENDED

DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012

COMBINED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012

ASSETS	2013	2012
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 142,045	\$ 156,946
Accounts receivable	14,100	16,708
Grants receivable (Notes 2 and 6)	167,307	330,163
Prepaid expenses	2,917	6,450
Other current assets	4,878	-
Total current assets	<u>\$ 331,247</u>	<u>\$ 510,267</u>
FIXED ASSETS		
Furniture	1,890	841
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(305)	(14)
Net fixed assets	<u>1,585</u>	<u>827</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 332,832</u>	<u>\$ 511,094</u>

OCCRP is a trade name of the Journalism Development Network, Inc., a Maryland 501 (c)3 non-profit organization.

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

	2013	2012
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses (Note 5)	\$ 57,713	\$ 64,194
Refundable advance (Note 6)	73,218	76,901
Total liabilities	<u>130,931</u>	<u>141,095</u>
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	11,665	(155)
Temporarily restricted (Note 3)	190,236	370,154
Total net assets	201,901	369,999
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 332,832</u>	<u>\$ 511,094</u>

COMBINED STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012

	2013		
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
REVENUE			
Grants and contributions (Notes 4 and 6)	\$ 1,058,518	\$ 265,615	\$ 1,324,133
Consulting and other revenue	13,807	-	13,807
Net assets released from donor restrictions (Note 3)	445,533	(445,533)	-
Total revenue	1,517,858	(179,918)	1,337,940
EXPENSES			
Program Services	1,414,195	-	1,414,195
Management and General	91,843	-	91,843
Total expenses	1,506,038	-	1,506,038
Change in net assets	11,820	(179,918)	(168,098)
Net assets at beginning of year	(155)	370,154	369,999
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 11,665	\$ 190,236	\$ 201,901

COMBINED STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012

	2013		
	Program Services	Management and General	Total Expenses
Personnel costs	\$ 780,540	\$ 23,271	\$ 803,811
Contract services	171,120	33,514	204,634
Facilities and equipment	35,902	17,267	53,169
Travel and meetings	206,947	7,578	214,525
Operations	97,800	8,548	106,348
Insurance expense	35,595	1,665	86,291
Program expenses and subgrants	86,291	-	-
TOTAL	\$ 1,414,195	\$ 91,843	\$ 1,506,038

2012

Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
\$ 765,542	\$ 337,724	\$ 1,103,266
13,237	-	13,237
217,301	(217,301)	-
996,080	120,423	1,116,503
925,463	-	925,463
74,152	-	74,152
999,615	-	999,615
(3,535)	120,423	116,888
3,380	249,731	253,111
\$ (155)	\$ 370,154	\$ 369,999

2012

Program Services	Management and General	Total Expenses
\$ 562,887	\$ 12,543	\$ 575,430
82,410	36,653	119,063
48,788	3,778	52,566
146,646	12,694	159,340
51,820	2,577	54,397
32,912	5,907	38,819
-	-	-
\$ 925,463	\$ 74,152	\$ 999,615

COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012

	2013	2012
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Changes in net assets	\$ (168,098)	\$ 116,888
Adjustments to reconcile changes in net assets to net cash (used) provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	291	14
(Increase) decrease in:		
Accounts receivable	2,608	(11,708)
Grants receivable	162,856	(132,610)
Prepaid expenses	3,533	(4,484)
Other current assets	(4,878)	-
Increase (decrease) in:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(6,481)	2,387
Refundable advance	(3,683)	76,901
Net cash (used) provided by operating activities	(13,852)	47,388
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of fixed assets	(1,049)	(841)
Net cash used by investing activities	(1,049)	(841)
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(14,901)	46,547
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	156,946	110,399
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 142,045	\$ 156,946

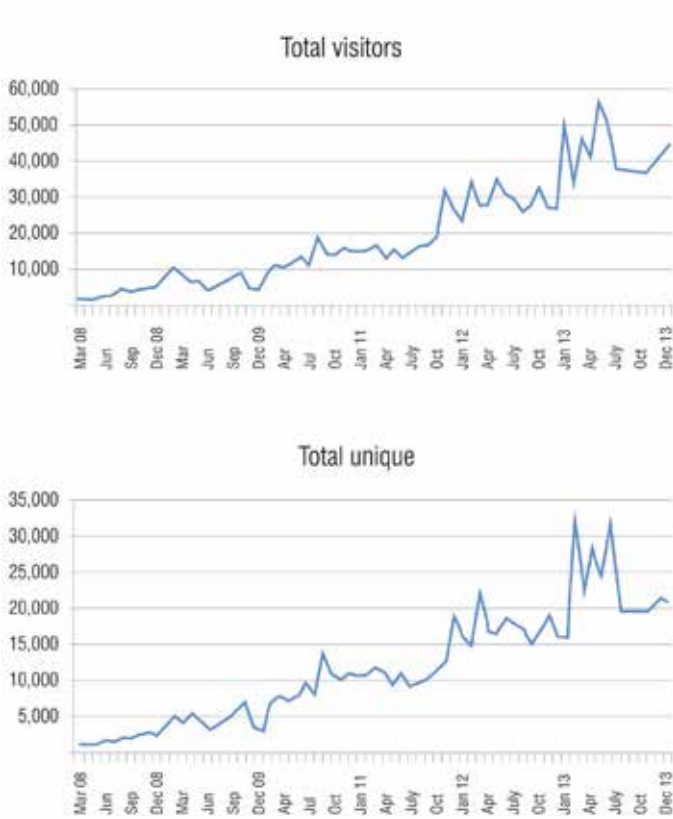
NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012

GRANTS RECEIVABLE

Grants receivable as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively, are as follows:

	2013	2012
Open Society Institute - Training	\$ 44,000	\$ -
Open Society Institute - Media Ownership	-	49,048
Open Society Institute - Regional	98,307	-
International Press Institute	-	19,281
Google	-	250,000
Open Society Institute - Central Asia	25,000	-
ICFJ (RIJN Program)	-	11,834
TOTAL	\$ 167,307	\$ 330,163

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Looking Ahead

Organized crime and corruption takes no holiday, and the media world is rapidly evolving. The model for the future of investigative reporting stems increasingly from Silicon Valley. Our future is being sketched out for us by tech companies rather than by traditional news organizations.

To stay ahead of the game, we are planning a number of new initiatives for 2014, including a stronger focus on video journalism, new cyber innovations, comprehensive website redesign, and several programs linking Europe to Latin America, all of which will underpin our new investigative projects. We also hope to take advantage of our new strategic relationships.

OCCRP keeps growing and is now the largest investigative reporting organisation in the world, for numbers of active reporters and published investigative stories. We continue to build relationships around the globe, tapping into investigative networks with local expertise – our proven method of operating.

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) has extended our core grant, guaranteeing our work for another three years. We are also grateful for support from the ICFJ, the Open Society Foundation, Google Ideas, the National Endowment for Democracy and others. We are thankful to our supporters and our readers. Considering the challenges of the future, we hope you will continue to stay with us and support us in fulfilling our goals for next year. We couldn't do what we do without you.

Our Most Visited

OCCRP Announces 2013 Organized Crime And Corruption “Person Of The Year”

December 2013

Extortion and smuggling. Counterfeiting, fraud, and money laundering. Hacking and bribery. Organized crime groups and corrupt persons were wildly successful in 2013. They trafficked and enslaved millions of people around the globe, hustled hundreds of billions of dollars through drug sales, corrupted countless persons and further cemented partnerships at the nexus of crime and politics.

Every year, the Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project acknowledges the efforts of those who work tirelessly to promote crime and corruption. In December 2013, we gave this dubious distinction to the Romanian parliament. The Romanian parliament had approved amendments to the criminal code that would give its members, as well as other elected government officials, immunity from corruption charges.

Story of 2013:

Shortly after OCCRP announced that the Romanian parliament had been selected for OCCRP's 2013 "Crime and Corruption Person of the Year" award, the parliament in Bucharest decided to lift the immunity of one of its members currently facing corruption charges. The amendments to the criminal code now seem unlikely to come into force.



