

April, 2008 - Monthly Update

FYI, this update is sent each month to all IAI board members, officers, committee chairs, regional representatives, division secretaries, certification board chairs and secretaries, division editors and IAI staff. This update contains information that is of particular interest to these groups. It is sent by e-mail to all those for whom I have an e-mail address and by regular mail to the rest. **If you receive this by regular mail but have an e-mail account**, please let me know and I will add your e-mail address to the distribution list. It is much more efficient and cost effective to send it that way.

Hello again from the IAI office.

2008 Membership Dues

Anyone who has not renewed their IAI membership for 2008 will now be dropped from the membership rolls of the association. If you wish to remain a member but have not paid your dues, please do so as soon as possible and you will continue to receive all IAI publications. In addition, in the next week or so, we will be sending a final reminder postcard to those who have not renewed for 2008.

International Association of Forensic Science (IAFS) Triennial Meeting

The Triennial Meeting of the IAFS will be held during the week of July 20, 2008 in New Orleans, Louisiana. As noted below, NFSTC will provide funding for a limited number of people to attend that meeting. The funding will include airfare, hotel and per diem allotments. If you or someone you know is interested in taking advantage of this unique opportunity, please review the information below and complete the application process. **Please note that all applications must be received by April 15, 2008.**

The [National Forensic Science Technology Center \(NFSTC\)](#) will provide the opportunity for the introduction of new technologies to investigators, prosecutors, and forensic scientists. An agreement with the [Bureau of Justice Assistance \(BJA\)](#) will fund the attendance of selected participants at the [International Association of Forensic Science \(IAFS\) triennial meeting](#), which will be held in New Orleans, LA in July 2008.

Following their attendance, the participants will be required to submit a paper reporting on an area of technology for which they attended a seminar at the IAFS meeting. The papers will be submitted to the BJA and may be made into a publication by the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS), thus providing the forensic community with access to information regarding new technologies.

Click [here](#) for complete details and application procedures.

Note: Scholarship resources are limited. We are expecting a large applicant response; as many applicants as possible will be accommodated. All applications will receive a response.

All the details you need (with the exception of the draft program, which has not been released by IAFS) are provided through the link provided.

Mobile ID Workshop – Peter Komarinski

As noted in the past, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is conducting a series of meetings/workshops to define best practices and guidelines to ensure interoperability and uniformity of hand held fingerprint capture devices. Peter Komarinski is the IAI's representative to these workshops and prepared the following report of the March workshop. Note that the term "enrollment" as used in the report refers to the taking of a full set of 10 print impressions traditionally associated with the booking process.

**Summary of the March 5th -6th, 2008
NIST Mobile ID Workshop
March 12, 2008**

The 3rd Mobile ID workshop held March 5-6th, 2008 at NIST was attended by over 40 participants. Peter Komarinski, Chair of the AFIS Committee, represented the IAI. After welcoming remarks, a review of the November 29, 2007 meeting was presented along with a "Strawman" document.

A proposal was accepted to separate in the Strawman the *characteristics* of the Mobile ID device itself from the *application* function (enrollment, identification, or verification) for which the device is used.

All devices will have to meet minimum dimensional specifications of width and length. This use of Mobile ID was not intended for commercial applications such as cell phones, and keyboard fingerprint readers

To address the question of application function, tables were developed for the year 2010 and beyond listing the Subject Acquisition Profiles (SAP) levels to be satisfied. These tables were for fingerprints and irises; face will be determined later.

The ANSI/NIST-ITL 1-2007 references will be used in lieu of any agency-specific references. Available communication protocols, as well as security and encryption, should be introduced and listed, but no requirement should be dictated.

The Strawman document was further refined into two major pieces: "Best Practice Recommendations" and considerations when procuring Mobile ID devices.

Since Mobile ID is evolving, it will not become a standard, but perhaps an FBI specification or a NIST Special Publication.

The agreements reached during this workshop will be used to update the existing Strawman, with release by May 1st followed by a thirty-day window for comments. The next Mobile ID meeting is scheduled for the beginning of June.

More information can be found at the NIST website <http://fingerprint.nist.gov/mobileid>

FBI Publication – Forensic Science Communications

The April 2008 issue of *Forensic Science Communications* has been posted to the FBI's Internet site at <http://www.fbi.gov/hq/lab/fsc/current/index.htm>. If you have trouble accessing the issue via the link, go to the FBI's home page and access "Reports & Publications" on the left-hand side. *Forensic Science Communications* is listed under law enforcement services.

Thank you for your continued interest in *Forensic Science Communications*.

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On a related note, FBI Laboratory Director Joe DeZinno recently retired from the FBI. I've been told that his temporary replacement is Ralph Diaz, the SAIC of the San Antonio, TX Field Office of the FBI. No permanent replacement has been named as of this time. We wish Joe all the best in his retirement and future endeavors.

2008 IAI Annual International Educational Conference

It's not too early to begin thinking about this summer's conference in Louisville, Kentucky. The dates are Sunday, August 17th through Friday evening, August 22nd. Please visit the conference page of the IAI's website (<http://www.theiai.org/conference/2008/index.php>) for complete conference and hotel information. Recent conferences have been absolutely outstanding and this one promises to continue that tradition of excellence.

The conference program will be available on the IAI's website (www.theiai.org) within the next two weeks. Depending on scheduling, the program may be available for viewing before registration opens. The availability of the program however will give conference attendees an advance look at what will be offered and an opportunity to plan for workshops, etc.

AFIS Interoperability Working Group

As noted in past *Monthly Updates* and *Identification News* columns, the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is vitally interested in the issue of AFIS interoperability. To that end, a working group has been created to identify the issues and begin to identify a roadmap to solve this very important issue affecting the fingerprint community. The first meeting of that working group will be on April 28th and 29th at NFSTC in Largo, Florida. I will provide an overview of that meeting in the next *Monthly Update*.

Monthly Update on the IAI's Website

Please note also that this Update is sent directly to those listed above. It is also available to all members on the IAI's website by following these instructions (these instructions are also printed in each *Identification News*):

On the bottom right of main page of the IAI's Website is a link titled *Monthly Update*. Click on that link to get to the login page for the *Updates*.

Enter the following information to get to the *Monthly Update* page:

User Name: update

Password: 357cwv

Please note that the password **is case sensitive** therefore it must be entered in all small letters just as shown. After the name and password have been entered, the *Update* screen will appear.

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