

International Association for Identification



April, 2010 – IAI 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 also available on the “Members’ Area” of the IAI’s website. Please see the last page of *Identification News* for login and password information.

Hello again from the IAI office.

2010 Spokane Conference – Registration Information

The registration booklet for the upcoming Spokane Conference has now been posted on the IAI’s website. Again this year, we have utilized an “electronic booklet” instead of the mailed registration booklet. This format was tried for the first time last year and found to be very successful and efficient. Eliminating the printed registration booklet saves a considerable amount in printing and postage, both of which have risen a good deal in recent years. The conference program distributed to attendees at the Spokane Conference **will** continue to be available as a printed document.

The registration information can be found at:

<http://www.mydigitalpublication.com/publication/?i=35050>

IAI Scholarship Information

Each year the association accepts applications for scholarships to be awarded during the annual conference. Last year, due to poor economic conditions, no scholarships were awarded. This year however the IAI’s Board of Directors decided to earmark funding so scholarships could again be awarded. Scholarship applications are accepted from students who are in their junior or senior years in a college or university environment. Graduate students may also submit applications. More information about the scholarship program can be found on the IAI’s website at:

<http://www.theiai.org/foundations/funding.php>

Last year, when the IAI’s two foundations were consolidated into the Johnson-Whyte Memorial Foundation Fund, the aims and goals of each fund were incorporated into the combined fund. This year, for the first time, the IAI will be accepting applications for “Vocational Scholarships”

to fund the Spokane Conference registration fee for up to six attendees from outside the United States. That was a primary goal of the previous William Whyte Foundation and is now incorporated into the goals of the combined foundation-fund. The application for those vocational scholarships can also be found on the foundation website at:

<http://www.theiai.org/foundations/funding.php>

Note that the deadline for the academic scholarship applications is May 1 and the deadline for the vocational scholarship applications is April 30.

ATTN: Division Secretaries – Spokane Conference

Each year many IAI divisions set up a display at the annual conference to sell merchandise advertise upcoming division conferences etc. Any division interested in obtaining display space to set up a display at the Spokane Conference, please contact the IAI Exhibit Coordinator, Jim Murray. Jim can be reached at (407) 568-7436 or by e-mail at conference@theiai.org

2010 Membership Dues

Those who have not paid 2010 dues have now been dropped from IAI membership. A reminder postcard will be sent to those individuals in the next week or so reminding them that it is still possible to reactivate membership by paying 2010 dues. If you have not yet paid dues but wish to remain a member, please visit the IAI's website at www.theiai.org where you can renew using any major credit card or by downloading a dues renewal notice and sending or faxing that to the IAI office.

Web Content Editor

President Vici Inlow has appointed Laura Hutchins as IAI Web Content Editor. During the mid-year meeting in Orlando, the board discussed various ways to make the content of the association's website more relevant to the membership and a resource for forensic information. Laura will be working primarily with the Science and Practice Committee chairs to obtain information about the various disciplines and, in coordination with the IAI's webmaster, Jim Arend, make that information available on the site. If anyone has website ideas for Laura, you can reach her at laura.hutchins@theiai.org

As always, don't hesitate to contact the IAI office if there is anything we can do to assist you.

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