

International Association for Identification



August, 2009 – 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.

Tampa Conference

The Board Meeting will be held in the Tampa Convention Center, Room 30. It will begin on Friday morning, August 14th at 8:30 a.m. The meeting will continue all day Saturday and into Sunday afternoon. It is likely there will be several follow-up board meetings during the week.

As in previous years, a meeting of all certification board chairs and secretaries will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday morning of the conference week. It is particularly important that all certification board leadership attend this meeting to hear an update on accreditation of IAI certification programs by the Forensic Specialties Accreditation Board (FSAB) and discuss any required operational changes required by the FSAB.

On Wednesday morning, August 19th, a breakfast meeting will be held for all division presidents, secretaries and regional representatives in attendance at the conference. This annual event is an excellent opportunity for division leadership to discuss pertinent issues with IAI leadership and network with leaders of other divisions. A sign-up sheet for this breakfast will be posted in the conference registration area. Please sign up if planning to attend.

Nikon Camera Raffle

Phil Sanfilippo, 2nd Vice-President and Chair of the Johnson-Whyte Memorial Foundation Fund provided the following information:

Nikon Professional Services has donated a Nikon D5000 camera kit, which includes a lens, to the Johnson-Whyte Memorial Foundation Fund. With the approval of President Bob Garrett, a raffle has been established so the winner will receive this camera. The price of the tickets is \$5 each or \$20 for a book of five. The value of this kit is \$849.99. Eight hundred tickets have been printed. Estimated revenue is \$3,200 - \$4,000 for the foundation.

The drawing will be held at the installation banquet and the winner need not be present. Mr. William (Bill) Pekala, General Manager of Nikon Professional Services (and new

IAI member) is scheduled to be in attendance at the conference. Bill, the man who facilitated this donation, tells me that Nikon will ship the camera directly to the winner provided he or she has a U.S. mailing address. In the event of an international winner, the camera will be shipped to the IAI office to be forwarded to the winner.

Raffle flyers will be included in the attendees' registration packets and posters will be displayed at various locations throughout the conference.

I will be convening a meeting of the Johnson-Whyte Memorial Foundation Fund committee during the conference where this initiative and other fund raising activities will be discussed.

Phil

For those of you not familiar with the Fund, last year the IAI's two foundations, the R. L. Johnson Foundation and the William Whyte Foundation were combined to form the Johnson-Whyte Memorial Foundation Fund. It was felt that the IAI was not large enough to sustain two foundations, hence the consolidation. The goal of each fund was retained in the organizational documents for the combined fund. This strategy should provide an increased amount of funding to be available to meet the goals and objectives of both funds.

FBI Publication

This was received from the FBI a short while ago.

The July 2009 issue of Forensic Science Communications was posted to the FBI's Web site at <http://www.fbi.gov/hq/lab/fsc/current/index.htm>.

If you have trouble accessing the issue via the link, try accessing the FBI's home page at <http://www.fbi.gov> and clicking on Reports and Publications on the left-hand side. FSC is posted under law enforcement services.

As always, thank you for your continued interest in Forensic Science Communications.

Respectfully,

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AFIS Interoperability Technical Working Group (TWG) ATTN: Latent Examiners and AFIS Personnel

I ran this item in last month's Monthly Update and received several responses. The AFIS Interoperability Working Group can use even more examples as outlined below:

As you know, the National Institute of Justice along with the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) is sponsoring an AFIS Interoperability Working

Group. This group has been meeting for about a year now and is making real progress. During the last meeting in St. Petersburg, Florida, it was decided to try to get information about fingerprint cases where AFIS interoperability between state and/or local systems would have prevented criminal activity or other case information where the ability to search AFIS systems, if they were interoperable, would have significantly assisted in an investigation. If you have such a case or anecdotal information regarding AFIS interoperability, please forward that to me at joseph.polski@theiai.org. This type of case information will be extremely helpful to augment the argument for interoperability.

As always, don't hesitate to contact the IAI office if there is anything we can do to assist you and look forward to seeing many of you in Tampa!!

Joe Polski