

December, 2006 - 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.

It doesn't seem possible that another year is coming to a close. 2006 marks the completion of my ninth year as Chief Operations Officer for the IAI. It was been a wonderful experience, much more fun and exciting than I anticipated when I took the job in January of 1998. During these past nine years the association has grown from 4,352 members to our current number of 6,553. That's an increase of 50% in nine years. Pretty astounding. It appears we are on our way to another record setting year for new memberships as well.

On behalf of the officers and board of the IAI, I would like to thank all those who, day in and day out, make this organization a success. We have many very good things happening: the JFI, our Annual International Educational Conference, the training programs offered through the combined efforts of the IAI and Ron Smith and Associates, the activities of our many committees and our certification programs to name a few. It takes lots of work on the part of many volunteers to make these things happen and that commitment is not taken lightly. There is often little praise or thanks for the work you do. At this holiday time of the year, please know that your efforts are greatly appreciated and we are very thankful to all those who continue to make the IAI successful.

Committee Appointments

President Diana Castro has completed her committee assignments for the 2006-2007 year. Those can be found at the following link:

www.theiai.org/committees_0607.pdf

If anyone has any questions or comments regarding the committees, please contact IAI President Diana Castro at diana.castro@theiai.org

Microscope

I received the following by e-mail a while ago. If anyone has a microscope for disposal, please contact him.

I am seeking a source of a used comparison scope for our criminal investigations bachelor's degree program. I am wondering if I could query your organization to see if anyone is looking to replace an old one and may be interested in donating one to the college. Thanks.

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West Virginia University (WVU) AFIS Training

This information was included in last month's *Update* but I've listed it again for those who may have missed it:

A while ago, WVU created an AFIS training program available from that institution via the Internet. Below is a short overview of that program:

The AFIS (Automated Fingerprint Identification System) is an introductory level course covering topics such as Classification systems, Tenprint and Latent Print Processing, and Forensic and Civil Applications. This course is free to all practicing forensic professionals. The course can be found at <http://www.elearn.wvu.edu/Continuing/index.htm> under "Forensic Science." Participants are given 8 weeks to finish the course, however work is completed at the individuals own pace. If you have any questions, please contact Samantha Huffman at Samantha.Huffman@mail.wvu.edu.

Mid-Year Board of Director's Meeting

The IAI's Board of Directors will hold a mid-year meeting in San Diego on January 29th and 30th, 2007. If anyone has matters to be considered by the board at that meeting, please send them to Board Chair Joe Maberry or myself as soon as possible.

2007 Membership Directory

Please note that all information for the 2007 Directory has gone to the printer. Any corrections or changes to information that are submitted now will not appear until the 2008 Directory.

On behalf of Molly, Jennifer and I here in the IAI office, best wishes for a wonderful Holiday Season and a very Merry Christmas!!!

