

# International Association for Identification



## January 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 and Happy New Year!!

### ***2010 Membership Dues***

Just a reminder that 2010 membership dues are now due. The first dues invoice was sent in mid-October and a reminder notice to those who have not paid will be sent in February. If you have not yet paid 2010 dues, please do so as soon as possible.

We realize that many agencies are severely cutting back on all non-essential expenses these days and membership dues are viewed by some as being in that category. Given the rapid change of events in forensic science however and the ongoing discussions resulting from the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) report on forensic science, it behooves all forensic practitioners to stay abreast of the latest developments. We hope you find your IAI membership worthwhile even in these difficult economic times.

### ***FBI Publication: Forensic Science Communications***

The most recent 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.

### ***Crime Scene Certification Applications***

Please note that it takes between 45-60 days to process applications for crime scene certification. We have recently received a fairly large number of applications with an expectation that approval would be forthcoming in a matter of days. The approval process involves entering the application into the IAI’s computer system and sending the application to the chair of the crime scene committee of the division where the applicant lives/works. The chair must then determine suitability of the applicant to sit for the test, arrange for a test proctor and return the signed approval form to this office. All that takes time. Please keep this timeline in mind when submitting an application for certification. We have had several applicants who were ready to sit for the examination but did not allow sufficient time for processing the application and could not take the test on the day they hoped.

Thanks for your assistance with this.

***Mid-Year Board of Directors Meeting***

The IAI's Board of Directors will hold a mid-year meeting in Orlando on January 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 2010. If anyone has items for board consideration, please forward them to Board Chair Bob Garrett at [robert.garrett@theiai.org](mailto:robert.garrett@theiai.org) and/or me.

***Crime Scene Reconstructionist Certification Program***

You may be aware that the IAI is preparing to offer certification in the field of crime scene reconstruction. The Crime Scene Certification Board will administer that program and will be a new and separate certification from those currently offered by that board. There will not be a hierarchy to that certification in comparison to the three levels of certification currently offered. It will be a separate certification.

Originally scheduled for implementation in January, 2010 it is now set to begin in March of this year. Watch the IAI's website, [www.theiai.org](http://www.theiai.org), for more details about this new program and dates of launch.

***2010 IAI Conference – Spokane, Washington***

Are you considering making a presentation during the Spokane Conference next summer? If so, the IAI's Educational Program Coordinator, Jim Gettemy, is now accepting applications for lecture sessions. Due to overwhelming response, applications for workshops are now closed. Please visit the IAI's website where you will find, on the Home Page, a Call for Papers icon that links to an application to make a lecture presentation.

***Joe Polski***