

# International Association for Identification



## November, 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.

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

Are you considering making a lecture presentation or a providing a workshop during the Spokane Conference next summer? If so, the IAI’s Educational Program Coordinator, Jim Gettemy, is now accepting applications for both workshops and lecture sessions. 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 present either a workshop or lecture.

### ***2010 Annual IAI Membership Directory***

About the middle of November all materials for the IAI’s 2010 Membership Directory will be sent to the printer. If anyone has changes to their personal information such as employer, e-mail address, phone number etc., please send those to the IAI office as soon as possible.

Thanks for your assistance.

### ***Fingerprint Sourcebook***

For several years, the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) in collaboration with the IAI, has worked toward the development of a Fingerprint Sourcebook to provide a ready reference for all matters fingerprint related. The first of several installments of that sourcebook have now been posted on the NIJ’s website. Please see the below link for more information about that sourcebook and to view the chapters that are now finished.

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/pubs-sum/225320.htm>

### ***Biometric Information***

The following came to me from Peter Higgins, a well-known AFIS consultant and IAI member. As Peter notes, there will likely be something to surprise just about everyone.

Some very interesting items in the attachment - each of you is likely to find a surprise!

<http://www.theiai.org/WVBIBiometricsNewsletter20091109.pdf>

Best regards,

Peter

### ***AFIS Interoperability Group***

Sponsored by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and NIJ, the fifth meeting of the AFIS Interoperability Working Group is scheduled for December 10-11 in Baltimore. The group is working with vendors and the fingerprint community to identify issues and develop a framework that will pave the way to AFIS interoperability. Previous meetings have resulted in draft documents such as a model RFP for an interoperable system or component and documents to address agreements between agencies that wish to access other systems.

### ***Forensic Podiatry Sub-Committee Chair, Dr. Wesley Vernon***

Several years ago the IAI's Board of Directors approved and the membership ratified the establishment of a new discipline, Forensic Podiatry. Since that time, the Footwear/Tiretrack discipline Subcommittee has been working with the Forensic Podiatry sub-committee to clarify the scope of practice of forensic podiatry and several other issues.

The Queen of England recently presented Dr. Wesley Vernon, Chair of the Forensic Podiatry sub-committee, with an award. In his note to Fourth Vice-President Lesley Hammer, he tells us a little about the award.

It was indeed really exciting (and pretty scary, too). The award she presented me was that of "Officer of the Order of the British Empire). Physically, it's a medal, with a Warrant for my wall and it gives me various privileges, too - for example, if any of my children are getting married, I am now entitled to use the OBE Chapel at St Paul's Cathedral for this. I also get the letters OBE after my name, which are in effect meant to be part of my actual name now.

The Queen seemed like a very nice person indeed. I met her for probably about one minute, when she pinned the medal on, had a conversation about my work and shook hands with me. This was in front of her throne in the Palace. The whole thing was like nothing I have ever experienced before (or probably will again).

The citation that was read out yesterday said "For services to Medicine and Healthcare". As to what underpinned this, I can only make a guess from some of the press articles, which covered things like the quality management work I have done, the research, changing podiatry practice in the UK and the forensic podiatry work I did over here.

The whole process is a very long and secretive one. Basically, someone has made a nomination (which I never get to see), all the points raised are checked out in depth by someone in the Cabinet Office and then the Prime Minister writes a very formal and confidential letter to you to say that he proposes making this recommendation to the Queen. A response has to be sent back from you saying that if this recommendation is made, whether or not you would be prepared to accept it. I heard nothing after that until it was announced on the news on the Queens Birthday. Various things are then sent through the post with it all culminating in the investiture yesterday. I got the impression from the press articles that the nomination itself must have been sent in from someone about two and a half years ago.

We congratulate Dr. Vernon for his distinguished service and this award.

### ***Impression and Patter Evidence Symposium***

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) recently announced a Call for Abstracts for the *Impression and Pattern Evidence Symposium* to be held August 2-6, 2010 in Clearwater Beach, Florida. The symposium will bring together hundreds of pattern evidence practitioners and other stakeholders in the pattern evidence community to discuss techniques, research, challenges and many other matters related to pattern evidence. Invitations to this symposium will come later but at this time abstracts for presentation are being accepted. For more information please visit the below section of the NIJ's website:

<http://projects.nfstc.org/ipes/>

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