

October, 2007 - 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.

Attention: Division Secretaries

Several divisions have created certification committees for tenprint and forensic photography certification and perhaps footwear certification however the IAI's Certification Boards for those disciplines do not know those division committees exist. As a result, applications for certification for those disciplines are not forwarded to the division committees.

The Crime Scene and Latent Print Certification Boards are aware of division committees for those programs but we know there are division committees for tenprint, photography and perhaps footwear of which we are not aware.

In order to ensure that the IAI Certification Boards are aware of these division committees, please send a note to this office (iaisecty@theiai.org) stating that fact and also include the name and contact information for the chair of the committee. In addition, if the committee chair changes, it is important to notify this office and/or the secretary of the appropriate certification board so applications and other information will be sent to the correct person. Not infrequently certification applications are sent to the division committee chair of record for a certain program and never returned. Later it is discovered the person to whom the applications were sent is no longer the chair and did not forward those applications to the new chair.

To summarize then, if your division has a certification committee for tenprint, photography footwear or any certification program other than latent print and crime scene (we already have information for those programs) please notify this office of the existence of that committee and also provide the name and contact information for the committee chair.

Thanks for your assistance.

Forensic Science Communications – FBI On-Line Publication

The following was received a short time ago from the FBI. Of particular note in this issue of Forensic Science Communications is the listing of training classes being offered by the FBI. Please consult that class listing for more information on classes and location.

The October 2007 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.

If you are registering for classes offered by the Laboratory's Specialized Training Program, please refer to the schedule of classes for correct course dates and do not use the drop-down menu on the application form. The schedule went through several iterations, but the application did not keep

pace. The application form will be replaced shortly with a corrected version of the drop-down menu.

Thank you for your continued interest in *Forensic Science Communications*.

Kim Waggoner
Managing Editor

National Institute of Justice General Forensics Technical Working Group (TWG)

On October 17th and 18th, the next meeting of the NIJ General Forensics Technical Working Group will be held in Scottsdale, Arizona. The purpose of this TWG is to solicit input from the forensics community regarding research proposals to be considered by NIJ in their annual solicitations. In addition to the General Forensics TWG, there are TWG's dealing with personal protective equipment, less lethal munitions, electronic crime and others.

IAI President Ken Martin and I have been invited to this meeting. I'll provide details of pertinent activities in next month's *Update*.

IACP Conference

The annual conference of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) will be held in New Orleans from October 13th through the 17th. In conjunction with that conference, the IACP's Forensic Science Committee will meet on Sunday, October 14th. That evening the committee will host a reception where the first annual presentation of the August Vollmer Excellence in Forensic Science Award(s) will be presented. IAI Board Member Mike Campbell and myself are both on that IACP Forensics Committee and will be there for that meeting and presentation.

2008 IAI Membership Dues

This week, invoices for 2008 IAI membership dues will be mailed to all IAI members. Please note that the membership approved, a dues increase for 2008. Dues for all IAI members will be increased by \$10 USD. This is the first dues increase since 1998 and is necessary to continue to fund the programs and activities sponsored by the association. Dues for US members will now be \$70 per year; dues for non-US members will be \$60 USD per year and dues for US student members will be \$35 per year while dues for students outside the US will be \$30 USD per year.

Please note this new dues amount when you receive your invoice in October. It will not be possible to renew membership at the old rate of \$60 USD per year.

2008 Membership Directory

We have begun preparation for the 2008 Membership Directory and in that regard, if any members have a change of information such as title, address, phone or fax numbers, e-mail address etc., please submit those changes to this office as soon as possible. During the next month we will begin to compile the data lists for the directory. All directory information will be submitted to the printer around the first of November so any changes received after that date will not be reflected in the 2008 Directory.

Thanks for your assistance.

Joe Polski