

International Association for Identification



March 2011 – 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 - and for the last time - from the Minnesota IAI office.

IAI Office Transition

You are likely aware that I am going to retire at the end of March 2011 and Glen Calhoun, a longtime IAI member, has been appointed by the Board of Directors to the position of Chief Operations Officer (COO). The transition of the office will occur on March 25th when my office in Minnesota officially closes and the moving company loads up all IAI files and other equipment for transition to the new location in Florida. Just FYI, Maria Lies who handles all the Crime Scene administrative matters and the IAI accounting is going to move to Florida and work in the office there.

Beginning March 18th, please send all mailed correspondence to the new address of:

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The physical move of the office will take place on March 25, 2011. After March 18th, please send all IAI e-mail correspondence to Glen at gcalhoun@theIAI.org and discontinue using the e-mail address of jaisecty@aol.com. The Minnesota office will accept phone calls until Wednesday, March 23rd. After that time please direct all calls to the new office in Florida.

ATTENTION: Discipline Chairs, Regional Representatives, and Certification Board Secretaries

As noted above, due to the move of the IAI’s headquarters office to Florida, after March 18, 2011, please direct all mail and e-mail correspondence to the Florida office address listed above. The e-mail address I have used for years (jaisecty@aol.com) will be monitored as long as necessary but gradually phased out. This means that all application approvals, either by mail or e-mail, and all correspondence regarding certification program matters should be directed to the

new location. Mail sent to the Minnesota office will be forwarded to the Florida office but that process will result in a significant delay in delivery. We are told that anything sent by FedEx to the Minnesota office after March 25th will be returned to the sender as they have no provision for forwarding. It appears UPS may have such provisions and we are exploring those now. If not, those will also be returned to the sender to be resent to the Florida office. We are also told by both FedEx and UPS that if packages are returned to the sender, the cost of resending those lie with the sender. There will undoubtedly be some confusion during this period of transition but we will do everything possible to minimize that. Please keep in mind that responses to both mail and e-mail to the IAI may be significantly delayed during this transaction process. That will likely affect applications for membership, Crime Scene Certification, approvals of applications for both membership and certification and other correspondence.

Request for Assistance

During the recent American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) Meeting in Chicago, IAI President Phil Sanfilippo and I had the pleasure of meeting with Wayne Derrick from Wide-Eyed Entertainment to discuss the following proposal. This is a bona-fide proposal and would probably best fit someone who is retired and interested in the kind of media programming proposed below. Please disseminate this information to your divisions and to anyone you feel might be interested in applying to participate in this program.

The following is a proposal from Sara Moralioglu that outlines the specifics of the programming planned by this producer.

Thank you for taking the time to meet Wayne in Chicago he said he had an enjoyable chat with you! He mentioned that you would be happy to put the word out that we are indeed casting for Detectives to take part in our series. I would be ever so grateful if you could please pass on the following message:

We are a London, UK based science documentary production company. We have been commissioned by National Geographic US and National Geographic Worldwide to produce a landmark 8 x 60min series looking at the latest in forensic science.

To give you a bit of background the series we are making is a formatted series whereby we will have a panel of three experts - a detective, a forensic pathologist, and a psychologist. Each week they will have to identify a mystery living target. Using the same science and technology (minus the autopsy) used in forensics they will piece together who this mystery person is and ultimately find them somewhere in America. The forensic scientist will focus on the anatomy and physiological evidence (DNA, x-rays, hair samples), the psychologist will narrow down the target's identity through personality profiling, IQ tests, and problem solving, and the detective will have the role of analyzing clues from the targets clothes and tracking them down in the field. The same expert team will be presented with a new mystery target in each of the 8 x 1hr films.

We are currently looking for Detectives based in the USA who would be interested in taking part in our series. The filming would take place sporadically over the summer months and the job will be remunerated for time and work. Anyone interested should contact sara.moralioglu@wide-eyedentertainment.com or tel: +44 203 008 5650. Please send an updated CV and if possible any video footage which can be shot on a home video camera simply introducing yourself so that we have a name to a face. Please do not hesitate to get in touch should you wish to discuss the series in more detail.

Kindest regards,
Sara Moralioglu

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National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Grant Award Information

The following is reprinted from Kasey Wertheim's *Weekly Detail* publication:

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) recently posted a summary of all Forensic Science Research and Development Awards from 2004-2010 which includes a very large section for Friction Ridge related topics. The awards are divided by discipline into: Forensic Anthropology; Controlled Substances; Crime Scene Investigation; Fire and Arson; Latent Prints and Other Friction Ridge; Impression Evidence; Forensic Pathology; Questioned Documents; Forensic Toxicology; and Trace Evidence. A separate link for DNA Research and Development projects can be viewed at the bottom of the page. All final technical reports associated with each award, if available, can be accessed by clicking on the project title. Please monitor the website for new technical reports that will be released as soon as possible. The site can be accessed via the following link:
<http://www.nij.gov/topics/forensics/general-forensic-awards.htm>

2011 Membership Dues

Just a reminder that 2011 membership dues are now due. The first dues invoice was sent in mid-October and a reminder notice to those who have not paid was sent in February. If you have not yet paid 2011 dues, please do so as soon as possible.

Last Monthly Update

It is with some regret that I write this last *Monthly Update*. Since taking this position in January of 1998, I have felt very strongly that communication is of the essence in holding together the membership of the association. To that end I began writing this *Update* to inform, especially the leadership of the association, of events taking place in both the association and the wider world of forensics that affect our membership. Our members are scattered across the continents of the earth and e-mail provides the opportunity to communicate almost instantly with the far-flung membership of the association.

I would like to say a heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful members and others I have had the opportunity to meet and work with over these past thirteen years. My time as COO of the IAI was interesting and fun beyond my wildest expectations.

My wife Linda and I look forward to a new phase of our lives and new adventures. We plan to do some travel, spend time with our grandkids, perhaps play a little more golf and do many projects around the house that have been put off.

We will be attending the Milwaukee Conference so will have a chance to see many of you there. In the meantime, all the best to each of you and God Bless!!!!

Joe Polski