



About the IAI

The International Association for Identification is a professional membership organization comprised of individuals worldwide who work in the field of forensic identification. With over 7,000 members from 77 countries, the IAI remains the oldest and largest forensic science/identification association in the world.

History

On August 4, 1915, Inspector Harry H. Caldwell of the Oakland (California) Police Department's Bureau of Identification wrote numerous letters to "Criminal Identification Operators" asking them to meet in Oakland for the purpose of forming an organization to further the aims of the identification profession. A group of about twenty-two men met and, as a result, the "International Association for Criminal Identification" was founded in October, 1915. Currently, we have a diverse membership that includes all disciplines of forensic science at the local, state, federal, and international levels.

Purpose

The IAI was formed to associate persons who are actively engaged in the profession of forensic identification, investigation, and scientific examination of physical evidence in an organized body, so that the profession, in all its branches, may be standardized and effectively and scientifically practiced.

Annual Educational Conference

Education is one of the IAI's primary missions. The IAI strives to be the main professional association for those engaged in forensic identification, investigation, and scientific examination of physical evidence. At this important annual Conference world-renowned professionals present the most current scientific educational sessions, utilizing the most efficient methodologies and technical products and advances in the identification field. The Conference offers general sessions, poster presentations, hands-on workshops, field trips, and vendor exhibits. Every forensic discipline subcommittee offers some type of training. Levels of the educational sessions range from basic to advanced.

Certification Programs

The IAI certification programs are accredited by the Forensic Specialties Accreditation Board (FSAB), and currently offer certification programs in the following areas: Bloodstain Pattern Analysis, Crime Scene, Footwear, Forensic Art, Forensic Photography, Forensic Video, Latent Print and Tenprint. Each program consists of a rigorous educational process, a certification procedure, and re-certification requirements. Each is administered by a certification board comprised of experts in the discipline. All programs operate under a written set of procedures approved by the IAI's Board of Directors to ensure compliance with broad IAI goals and policies.

Science and Practice Subcommittees

The Science and Practice Subcommittees of the IAI provide subject matter expertise within their respective disciplines, assist in the development and evaluation of education conference program and approve applications for membership in their respective disciplines. Current subcommittees include: Biometrics Information Services, Bloodstain Pattern Analysis, Crime Scene Investigation, Digital Evidence, Facial Identification, Footwear and Tire Track Examination, Forensic Art, Forensic Photography and Electronic Imaging Forensic Podiatry, General Forensics, Latent Print Identification, Latent Print Development, and Tenprint Identification.



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