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From the Editors



Dear members,

We would like to wish you and your loved ones a very Happy New Year and we hope you had a wonderful Christmas. We are now in 2017 which (amongst other things) we have the conference in Phoenix to look forward to (save the dates 6th – 8th June 2017).

Let's make 2017 a year of helping each other and helping ICSIA move forward!

As you may be aware, it has been decided that from now on, we will be having quarterly newsletters as we believe this will enable us to incorporate a lot more articles and themes into the newsletter. We hope you find some interest in sharing an article or two with the rest of the ICSIA family. It is great to have different people from all over the world sharing common practice and techniques they use within their own police forces.

In this edition of The Examiner, we are introducing 7

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M-Vac

M-Vac Systems, Inc has created innovative surface sampling technology that can improve forensic DNA collection, especially from porous surfaces and when the DNA material is in small quantities such as in touch DNA scenarios.

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reporters from different parts of the world sharing information about what their roles entail in law enforcement.

If you have any questions/comments or if you would like to become a reporter or contribute any articles in future newsletters, please do not hesitate to contact us through the following links K.Georgiou@tees.ac.uk or Kalisa@hadji.co.uk

Director's Letter

Greetings!

May 2017 bring you all health and happiness!

We begin the new year with changes in the Newsletter that I think you will find worthy of your time. We welcome the new ICSIA International Reporters and value what they will be sharing with you now and upcoming issues. Please keep in mind it is up to the membership to make ICSIA what it is. Without your input and support ICSIA will fail.

I have sent out emails to all the members about an opening in the Board of Directors. Please give it consideration and if interested after reading the email then submit your resume to us (hbb@icsia.org) for consideration. The deadline for receiving your resume is the end of this month. We may be selecting more than one person for past and current openings.

Mark your calendars for the 2017 CSI Conference in the Phoenix, AZ area. June 6, 7 & 8, 2017. I hope to see all of you there!

We are no longer using the Yahoo Groups for communication and forums for the members and those groups will be deleted shortly. Currently, we are using Facebook and LinkedIn for ICSIA Postings.

The ICSIA Training Committee is still in its infancy stage and working on identifying a baseline for crime scene investigation. The issue is that we are an international group and what we do in the



Arson Investigation

By Dick Warrington and Owen McDonnell

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Arson cases are among the most challenging scenes Crime Scene Investigators encounter. Arson may be motivated by psychological problems, insurance fraud, and cover-ups of other crimes. Structures and vehicles may be set fire to in an attempt to destroy evidence. Removing a body from the primary scene, transporting it to a remote location, then burning the vehicle with the body inside has become increasingly prevalent. Such actions destroy evidence and make victim identification more difficult.

Read the full article [here](#)

USA may not apply elsewhere. While I am a firm believer that we all work similar and for the same goal, how we get there may vary by agency. Hopefully by the next issue we will have something to share with the members.

We are always looking at the technology side of communications and training so if you have experience in creating web sites, blogs, or providing online training we would like to hear from you to help us in the 21st Century!

Our current online course for the Patrol Officer as a 1st Responder at crime scenes has been a success and continues to receive extremely good evaluations and comments. I wish every agency would make it mandatory for all the uniformed officers to complete. We receive nothing from it so it is not a financial gain for us. I am hoping in 2017 we will be able to produce more free ones PLUS a couple of courses that will require a small fee.

If you have not considered being “Certified” by ICSIA as a CFCSI, Certified Forensic Crime Scene Investigator please consider it. We have a few currently going through the process. Once you have gone through the process you will be a better CSI for it. I can guarantee it is not an easy task but one that will make you stand out from the rest. Please review it here, <http://icsia.org/FCSI/index.htm>

The world is getting to be a rough place so be careful out there, watch your back and stay safe we need you!

Thanks,

Hayden B Baldwin, Executive Director

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Computer Forensics Company Recovers Data from Submerged Mobile Phone

As the search for missing Malaysian Air Flight 370 continues, a great deal of curiosity has been generated about what could potentially be found on the mobile phones of passengers, if the aircraft is ever located. A CNN team led by reporter Ted Rowlands decided to pose this question to Chicago-based computer forensics firm, 4Discovery, recently. The dramatic results were aired on CNN's evening show, "OutFront with Erin Burnett."

Please click [here](#) for the full article

ICSIA's 2017 Conference



Phoenix, Arizona.

6th, 7th and 8th June 2017

To those planning on attending the conference this year and you wish to give a presentation at the conference please let us know ASAP.

Book your place now for another great conference.

Please click [here](#) for a link to our conference page.

Our reporters*

Christian C. Ferretti (Italy): Christian C. Ferretti, also known in the world of triathlon as "mac" for his passion for Scotland, aged 43, father of two. After serving in the Army Special Forces (Airborne Brigade "Folgore"), with international experience, as during 1992 United Nation Mission in Somalia, joined the Italian State Police.

Please click [here](#) for the full article

Fernando Picoli (Brazil): In July 2016 I was in Italy on a sightseeing trip. Interested in learning how the Italian CSI work, I searched for some Italian colleague who could show me how the work is done there. After posting in the ICSIA's Facebook page, I was promptly answered by CSI Christian Ferretti, who showed me a little of the work performed in the Padua region. As I noticed the similarities and differences between Italy and Brazil regarding the job, I realized how much better understanding the realities in other countries can improve forensic sciences both locally and globally.

Please click [here](#) for the full article

Kalisa Hadji (United Kingdom): Hello from the UK. My name is Kalisa Hadji. I graduated from Teesside University in 2012 with a 1st Class Honours in BSc Crime Scene Science. After graduating I was offered a job with Key Forensic Services as a DNA analyst which I carried out for 9 months before being made redundant. From there I joined West Yorkshire Police as a Designated Examiner where I examined exhibits for blood and swabbed/mini-taped for DNA. I was there a year before moving onto my current job as a Forensic Laboratory Officer (FLO) for Cambridgeshire Police, UK where I have been for the last two years.

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Marcus Bastien (Virgin Islands): Police Constable # 776 Bastien joined the Royal St. Lucia Police Force on September 12, 1994 and served for a period of nine (9) years. He worked at the Beat and Patrol Department, and Traffic Unit before moving to the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force. He was re-enlisted in Royal St Lucia Police Force in 2009 and has been attached to the Scenes Of Crime Office for a period of five (5) years. During his stint in the RVIPF, he pursued a number of studies in the areas of Forensic Science, Crime Scene Investigation and Criminal Justice. Also, during his tenure at the RVIPF, he acted in a supervisory position on numerous occasions.

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Shernadine Peters (Belize): My name is Shernadine Peters and I am hailing from the beautiful country of Belize, Central America. Belize is a tropical country, very diverse in culture, marine life and land creatures. We are well versed in many languages because of the multicultural nature of our country. Belize is serene in nature, best-kept secret as the travel agencies would advertise but like any other paradise around the world, Belize also has high numbers in crime.

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Salar Jadoon (Pakistan): After the assassination of former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, her crime scene was washed with water, when this incident was spread on international media some of international law enforcement agencies and organizations has focused on Pakistan regarding importance of scene of crime.

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Wendell Ballantyne (Virgin Islands): Wendell Ballantyne was born in St. Vincent and the Grenadines on 2nd June 1973. He is married and has one son. He attended the Fancy Government School. In July 1992 he graduated from the Emanuel High School, Kingstown. In July 1994 he enlisted in the Royal St. Vincent and the Grenadines Police Force and successful completed six months of police training in December of the same year. He serves on the Royal St. Vincent and the Grenadines Police Force for six years.

Please click [here](#) for the full article

*Please note that English may not be the first language of some of our reporters.

If you have any questions regarding any articles, please do not hesitate to contact our newsletter editors for clarifications.

History of the Police

by **Wendell Ballantyne**

The history of the British Virgin Islands Police Force stretches back to the end of the 19th Century when the British Virgin Islands became a member of the Leeward Islands Police Force. Also included were Antigua and Barbuda, Montserrat, St. Kitts, Nevis, and Anguilla, with the administrative Headquarters in Antigua. Because the serve police officers, were mostly demanded in the other countries only the minimum of staff was stationed in the British Virgin Islands.

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Research papers

A methodology used for fingerprint depletion and development: Following a focussed and structured

procedure, should be the primary objective of any fingerprint research. This allows the researcher to follow a set of pre-planned guidelines but it also enables other researchers to carry out different experiments following the same procedures used in the research.

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Timeframe required to develop latent fingerprints using Wet Powder Suspension: During the experimental work of this project, some tests were carried out assessing the quality of the developed marks, using various chemical development techniques. When the chemical treatment "WPS-B" was used, it was noticed that it did not develop freshly deposited latent marks. WPS-B was utilised in this experiment, to investigate the effectiveness of this technique and the time it requires for the development of latent marks.

Please click [here](#) for the full article

Crime Scene First Responder for the Patrol Officer

As you may be aware, ICSIA has developed a **FREE** online entitled "Crime Scene first responder for the patrol officer". In this short course, we will review the steps involved at the scene for the uniformed first responder and demonstrate the importance of this task by actual case work. Students who complete the course will receive a certificate from the International Crime Scene Investigators Association.

Please click [here](#) to sign-up for the free online course.

The next edition of "The Examiner" will be in April 2017

If you would like to contribute any papers/articles/stories from your experiences about any of these themes, please do not hesitate to [contact us here](#) with your papers in order to include them in our future newsletter.

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