

A Message from the President

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Fellow Members,

I'm proud and honored to be the one chosen to lead the Florida Division of the International Association for Identification into the twenty-first century. As we enter the new millennium, the technological advancements that have come about in law enforcement have been truly amazing. These advancements have given us capabilities far beyond our previous potentials; particularly in areas related to crime scene investigations, forensic laboratory examinations, and the development of latent prints. However, these advancements have made even more critical, our need for continued current training.



As President, I look forward to continuing the project of securing a Web site for the FDIAI. Law enforcement today, more than ever before, is an international brotherhood. With the advent of the Internet, it's easier now to share information and meet people in law enforcement from all over the world. A Web site will offer current information to keep abreast of the latest changes and innovations that are taking place in the world of forensic science. Nowadays, if you're not on the Web, you're behind the times.

The 40th Annual Training Conference held in Melbourne, Florida, was a reflection of the enormous effort and time put in by the members and exhibitors. Another Great Job by ALL.

The Bahaman delegation, led by Sgt. Leon Bethel, added a Caribbean flavor and we welcome their contribution and participation.

I encourage all of you to participate in the administration of your association. The value of a planned training program is the expertise you gain to make your job easier and less risky. Training seminars are put on for you. Make the most of them. It will be good for you, your career, and the future of our organization.

Welcome to all the new and old committee appointees. I look to hear from you with suggestions and comments.

With the Holiday Season upon us, I would like to wish everyone a safe and prosperous New Year.

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