

A Message from the President



Fellow Members:

What an educational opportunity it was (in more ways than one) to attend the IAI Educational Seminar in Boston, Massachusetts this past July. Florida had over thirty-five delegates in attendance. Many of the members of the state division were elected to offices within the IAI and also received special awards. Jim Gettemy was elected as First Vice-President. Jan Johnson and Frank Kendall were re-elected to the Board of Directors while Greg Parkinson was elected to Sgt. of Arms. Many of you may know that Tom Fiorenza is "retiring" from these duties because of his health, but he will still be as active as possible within the IAI. Bill Sampson received the John A. Dondero Memorial Award for his continuing work in the field of identification. Our congratulations go out to all these individuals.

The FDIAI will be co-hosting the IAI Seminar to be held in the year 2001 at the Doral Resort in Miami. The awarding of this bid to the FDIAI was due to the excellent presentations that Glen Calhoun gave to the IAI Board of Directors. A Lot of work went into preparing the bid proposal and the presentations. Thanks Glen for another job well done.

As you know, this will be my last message to you as President of the FDIAI. What a great year it has been and I look forward to serving you in the capacity as Chairperson of the Board of Directors. I want to take the opportunity to thank all of the members and officers of this Association for being a part of my team. In some way, each and every one of you has contributed something of significance to this Association and for this I am truly grateful. I look forward to seeing you at our 38th Educational Seminar in October.

Last and certainly with deepest regret, I must inform you of the deaths of three of our members. In the past two months, John Tyler, Carolyn Estep, and Warren Bell have passed away and their presence will be missed. Our condolences are extended to their friends and family.

Best wishes to all of you in the upcoming year.

Sincerely,

Deborah L. Fischer
President