



# International Association for Identification

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## Frequently Asked Questions Latent Print Identification Standing Committee

### 1. Purpose of this committee is to:

To administrate business as it relates to the IAI, relative to the latent print identification discipline. This includes all the responsibilities outlined by the By-Laws along with responses to any current events in the field of latent print identification that is outside the scope of the Latent Print Certification Board. Some examples of this include but are not limited to:

- A. Examine current professional issues and formulate position documents for the executive leaderships review, critique, modification, and subsequent adoption.
- B. Review IAI applications where the applicant lists their primary area of expertise as latent prints.
- C. Promote speakers and educational opportunities for the annual conference.
- D. Provide subject matter expertise in answering questions posed to the organization.

### 2. How do I request to serve on this committee?

Talk with the chair of the committee or with the incoming IAI President.

### 3. What are the terms for serving on the committee?

No term limits. Each person on the committee is appointed by the incoming IAI president and can be removed by the incoming IAI president as well.

### 4. What are the responsibilities of the Chairperson?

Review IAI applications where the applicant list their primary area of expertise as latent prints, coordinate and set an agenda for the annual IAI committee meetings, give an annual report to the IAI's 4<sup>th</sup> VP (Chairperson of the Science and Practice Committee) on the latent print committees yearly activities, provide updates for the IAI training manual and related issues in the field, and provide responses to relevant issues, resolutions, and SWGFAST documents.

### 5. Who can I contact to obtain information regarding this committee?

The IAI 4<sup>th</sup> VP (Science and Practices Committee) or the Chair of the Latent Print Committee.

### 6. Are there any requirements for obtaining **entry level** employment in the latent print discipline?

There are no requirements other than those set forth by each agency. Therefore each applicant will need to determine what the agencies guidelines are. The below answers are intended to benefit each individual when choosing a College or University and when applying for an entry level position in latent prints.

- A. Academic? A Bachelors degree, from an accredited College or University, in Forensic Science or a hard science is desired.
  - B. Previous Experience? Previous experience is not necessary for an entry level position; however, any type of forensic experience would be desired.
  - C. Internship? Any experience gained through internships will only help in future interviews.
  - D. Position Specific? Must have corrected vision and cannot be form blind.
  - E. Agency Specific? Requirements are usually agency specific and therefore, the candidate should inquire of each agency for their respective requirements.
7. What source(s) such as a website, standards, best practices or guidance that is utilized by practitioners working in this field?

A. Journals

Journal of Forensic Identification

Journal of Forensic Sciences

Identification Canada

Fingerprint Whorld

B. Newsletters

Identification News

C. Books

Quantitative/Qualitative Friction Ridge Analysis: An Introduction to Basic and Advanced Ridgeology

The Science of Fingerprints

Friction Ridge Skin: Comparison and Identification of Fingerprints

Scott's Fingerprint Mechanics

Advances in Fingerprint Technology

Fingerprint Identification

Basic Latent Print Development

Automated Fingerprint Identification Systems (AFIS)

Fingerprint Detection with Lasers

Manual of Fingerprint Development Techniques

Courtroom Testimony for the Fingerprint Expert

Handbook of Fingerprint Development Techniques

Fingerprints and Other Ridge Skin Impressions

C. Websites

<http://www.clpex.com/>

<http://onin.com/fp/>

<http://www.swgfast.org/>

<http://www.cbdi.ai.org/>  
<http://www.cis-sci.ca>  
<http://ridgesandfurrows.homestead.com>  
<http://www.fingerprints.tk>  
<http://www.latent-prints.com/>  
<http://www.scafo.org>  
<http://www.fpsociety.org.uk/>

8. Can you provide recommendations on where to find information and resources to support research or a science project for:

A. Elementary School

<http://onin.com/fp/lpfaq.html#q4>  
<http://onin.com/fp/wwwbd/>

B. High School

<http://onin.com/fp/lpfaq.html#q4>  
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C. College

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iv. Websites

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<http://www.fingerprints.tk>  
<http://www.latent-prints.com/>  
<http://www.scafo.org>  
<http://www.fpsociety.org.uk/>

#### D. Practitioners in the field

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