



International Association for Identification

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To the Members of the International Association for Identification (IAI)
On March 17 of this year, I wrote a message to all of you regarding the COVID-19 Virus Pandemic. All of our members and our societies have been affected by the Virus, both directly and indirectly. To those of you who have contracted the disease, have family members or friends affected, our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with you all for a successful recovery.

As most of you are aware, a majority of our Division meetings have been canceled or rescheduled to later dates. Therefore, the Board of Directors has voted to cancel the Orlando Annual IAI Educational Conference scheduled for August 9-14, 2020. This decision is out of an abundance of care, caution, and concern for our members and organization. The IAI has only canceled a conference once before, in 1945, "due to government travel restrictions," we again find ourselves in a similar situation. The IAI has plans to offer some online training courses this year in the fall for our members.

We wish to extend our sincere appreciation to all of you who have worked so hard on the 2020 Orlando Conference. We want to recognize the members, students, science and practice committees, presenters, workshop providers, without whom we could not provide the quality education program you deserve, thank you for your participation.

To read the resolution approved by the Board of Directors in consultation with IAI legal counsel please go to www.theiai.org.

Please plan on attending the 105th Training and Education Conference of the IAI to be held in Nashville, TN at the Gaylord Opryland Resort from August 1 – 7, 2021.

In closing, the Executive Office, Elected Officers, Board of Directors Chair, Lisa Hudson, and the entire BoD, wish all of our members and their families a safe and healthy spring, summer, and fall. Please take care of yourselves and family and all those who depend on you.

Sincerely Yours,

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President, I.A.I. 2019-2020

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