

IAI Support of NIST Organization of Science Scientific Area Committees for Forensic Science (OSAC) Standards Development and Implementation

The International Association for Identification is the oldest and largest forensic association in the world. This professional forensic association represents a diverse, knowledgeable and experienced membership that are assembled to educate, share, critique and publish methods, techniques and research in the physical forensic science disciplines.

The International Association for Identification's Constitution objective states in part:

“[The purpose of this organization is] [t]o associate persons who are actively engaged in the profession of forensic identification, investigation, and scientific examination of physical evidence in an organized body, *so that the profession, in all of its branches, may be standardized and effectively and scientifically practiced*” ...

“*To encourage the enlargement and improvement of the science of forensic identification and crime detection*” ...

“*To employ the collective wisdom of the profession to advance the scientific techniques of forensic identification and crime detection.*”

In order to achieve these objectives, it is vitally important our member forensic practitioners become involved at all levels (national and international) of standard development.

To this end, the IAI supports the NIST OSAC for Forensic Science and the OSAC Registry of standards and encourages all member forensic science service providers to incorporate the standards on this registry to the largest extent possible. In addition to standards, the IAI encourages and promotes NIST OSAC new research priorities as well as member participation in research on these topics.

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