



AUGUST 10-16, 2025

International Association for Identification's 109th Educational Conference

Know Before You Go – A Resource for All Attendees
Tips For a Great Conference Experience

NEW THIS YEAR!

This year's venue is the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando, Florida - **Click Register button for detailed Conference information:** [2025 Conference](#)

Advance Registration will end on 7/31/2025 after which individuals must register onsite.

Division membership does NOT qualify you to register at the IAI member rate. Consider joining the IAI now and reap all the benefits that [membership](#) provides, including the "IAI Member" registration rate.

Wi-Fi - Cellular Connection - Conference Attendees will need a cellular connection in the Conference Center of the property where lectures and workshops are being held. Registered resort guests enjoy free Wi-Fi in their hotel room.

Admission to all conference sessions, exhibits, and social events is by badge only.

Digital Certificates for both general conference attendance and workshop educational hours will be emailed after the Conference; also included in the email will be a link for the Conference or Workshop surveys.

REGISTRATION

Online Registration can be easy and painless. Before you register, check out the Agenda page. If you want to attend workshops, have your list ready before you click the Register button. Payment is due at the time of registration. If you need to defer payment, the registrar will work with you to set a date for payment.

When you have finished your registration you will receive a **confirmation email** from the registrar. If you need to make any changes to your profile, use the **MODIFY** button on the **Registration Confirmation email and your confirmation number**. This will bring you to your profile.

Online **Advance Registration will end on 7/31/2025 after which individuals must register onsite.**

On-site Registration kiosks will be available at the conference in the registration area. When you have completed your on-site registration, proceed to any of the registration staff who will provide you with your credentials.

On Site Registration Opens On:

- **Sunday (8-10-2025) - 3 p.m. - 8 p.m.**
- **Monday - 7:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.**
- **Tuesday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 4 p.m.**
- **Friday - 8 a.m. - Noon**

A Bilingual Spanish Conference Staff Member will be in Registration for assistance.

REGISTRATION TYPES

Full Registration - includes all conference materials and Social Events. The Full Registration DOES NOT include workshops that require an additional fee, hotel accommodations, or travel.

Daily Registration - you may participate in only the non-fee educational sessions for that day; workshops are additional.

Student Registration - To qualify as a Student Registrant, individuals must be full-time college student with a major in a forensic-related field or law enforcement. You must be taking twelve or more semester hours/credits or the equivalent in quarter hours/credits for undergraduate study and at least nine semester hours/credits or the equivalent in quarter hours/credits for graduate study. Students must provide a letter or transcript from their educational institution stating the number of credits currently being taken. The words “full-time student” will not suffice. This registration includes the Sunday President’s Reception, lectures, and entrance to the Exhibit Hall & Exhibit Receptions. A Student Registration DOES NOT include workshops that require an additional fee, hotel accommodations, travel, or the banquet.

Guest Registration - A Guest Registration is for the spouse-significant other of a regular registrant. This registration includes social events Only (the Sunday President’s Reception, Monday Opening Ceremony, entrance to the Exhibit Hall & Receptions, and the Friday night Installation Banquet). This registration does not include educational sessions.

ATTENDEE COMMUNICATION

The IAI Conference Mobile App will be available starting 8/04/2025 for download; look for an instructional email that will be sent to all registered conference attendees. The Mobile App will connect you to the Conference agenda, other attendees, and notification of important events.

Survey Opportunities - Please take the time to provide your feedback on the educational program sessions, meetings, and workshops on the Mobile App throughout the week. Following the conference, a survey link will be emailed to all attendees requesting feedback on the overall conference and workshop experiences.

The IAI Bulletin Board - Located in the Registration Area will have numerous items of interest - Job Opportunities, Division News, as well as IAI Resolutions and Nominations that will be relevant to the Thursday Membership Meeting - be sure to stop by often!

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Lecture Attendance – Lectures are open to all attendees wearing the proper conference name badge.

Workshop Attendance - Workshops are open to all attendees but require pre-registration and pre-payment.

LECTURES

A variety of lecture topics will be presented throughout the week. Lecture topics are expected to include implementation of new technologies in biometrics, facial comparisons, latent print development, and impression identification, as well as presentations related to bloodstain pattern analysis, digital evidence, photography, crime scene investigation, and forensic art.

Prior conferences have included updates on a variety of projects from the FBI, RTI International, NIST, NOBLIS, and other organizations, as well as presentations related to professional development, including hiring and supervision topics, backlog reduction strategies, and public speaking.

Case studies are always a popular lecture option and provide an opportunity to hear from those directly involved in the investigations.

WORKSHOPS

Numerous hands-on workshop sessions will be available. Previous topics have included latent print processing, bloodstain pattern documentation and analysis, nighttime photography, and friction ridge comparison classes.

The Crime Scene Investigation Series - covers most major topics for those just starting in the CSI field. From photography, blood spatter documentation, latent print processing, and impression evidence collection, to mock crime scenes, this series has it all.

WORKSHOP SIGN-UP

How to Register for Workshops - Peruse the agenda before you begin registration. Refer to the registration area on this document. You're all set once you've signed up for a workshop and paid. If you need to cancel out of that workshop, you can do so by signing in to your profile and unclicking the box for that workshop's registration. Refer to the registration area on this document.

Workshop Waitlists - When the workshop is full, you can add yourself to the waitlist by clicking the "add me to the waitlist" button. If a seat in the workshop becomes available the registrar will notify you and offer the seat to the first in line on the waitlist.

WORKSHOP ATTENDANCE

Workshop No-Shows - If you have registered for a workshop, be sure to attend. If you fail to attend, you will be charged for that workshop and a note of No Show will be added to the Sign-in form. No certificate will be given. No refunds for No-Shows will be provided.

You MUST sign in on the class roster when you arrive at the classroom - If you fail to sign in you will be charged for the workshop and a note of No Show will be added to the Sign-in form. No Certificate will be given. If you do not stay for the entire Workshop, no certificate will be provided.

Workshop Walk-Ins are prohibited - You must register and pay in advance for a workshop. Please do not crash a full workshop as there is likely an active waitlist.

Workshop Payments - All payments for workshop registration are due at the time of registration. If you need to defer payment, the registrar will work with you to set a date for payment. The final date for Workshop payments is four weeks before the conference (7/15/2025). If you haven't paid and there is a waitlist, the registrar will open your seat to the first in line on the waitlist.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS Deadline July 26, 2025

At the 109th IAI Educational Conference, individuals will have the opportunity to participate in the Poster Presentation Session. There are two categories of posters: Student and Professional. Both Student and Professional Posters that have been accepted through the IAI Science and Practice peer review process will be displayed on Monday evening. The Student participants will have an opportunity to compete for a scholarship award generously sponsored by *Ideal Innovations, Inc.* Research projects in the forensic fields of crime scene processing and collection, friction ridge skin, footwear or tire impression, biometrics, bloodstain pattern, facial identification, forensic art, photography, digital/multimedia, and DNA evidence are welcome. Other topics will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Posters may also demonstrate a process, present an unusual case, or include items of historical interest.

PHOTO CONTEST Deadline July 31st, 2025

Categories for this popular event include Forensic and Creative entries. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category courtesy of the contest sponsor Foster and Freeman. There will also be a Peoples' Choice Award chosen by the conference attendees. Participants may submit only ONE photo for each category (Creative and Forensic) The theme this year is "Fun in the Sun".

Entries from past conferences may not be resubmitted. 1st-place winners in each category from 2024 will not be eligible to enter the contest this year. Any subject matter may be used for the Forensic category (crime scene and evidentiary). Applications will open April 1, 2025.

See full details on the conference website.

EXHIBIT INFORMATION

There will be over 100 booths in the Exhibit Hall this year - where you'll have the opportunity to view the latest products and services available in the forensic field.

The **Exhibit Grand Opening** will be 4 p.m. on Monday, followed by the Tri-Tech - Sponsored Reception and the *Ideal Innovations* - Sponsored Poster Presentations.

The exhibit hall is open all-day Tuesday - Mid-morning and afternoon beverage breaks will be held in the exhibit hall.

Tuesday at 5 p.m. there will be an exhibit hall Reception Sponsored by Sirchie Fingerprint Laboratories, as well as the Photo Contest sponsored by Foster and Freeman..

The exhibit hall opens Wednesday morning at 9 a.m. and will be open until 1 p.m. There will be a mid morning beverage break held in the exhibit hall.

The IAI is grateful for the generous contributions of each of our Sponsors, and the support of all of the Exhibitors which enables us to offer the exceptional events provided at this conference. Please We encourage you to take the time to visit representatives from each company at their exhibit booths and say 'Thank You'!

EVENTS, LOCATIONS, AND ATTIRE

Business casual or smart casual is the standard for attendees' general attire through the conference week. Agency polos and uniforms are acceptable. Bring a backup jacket or sweater you can easily throw on in case the meeting rooms are too cold.

SUNDAY

President's Welcome Reception

Sunday, 8/10 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

IAI President Aldo Mattei welcomes you to the 109th International Educational Conference!! This Reception is always a terrific kick-off to the week's activities. You'll meet the IAI's Officers and have an opportunity to see the friends that you've developed in the past as well as meet new colleagues.

Reception Attire: Business to Business Casual – but whatever you pack or if you're running late - we'd rather you attend the event than be excluded!

MONDAY

Coffee & Opening Ceremonies

Monday, 8/11 7:00 - 9:30 a.m.

Sponsored by Foster & Freeman

Coffee will be available before the Opening ceremonies and following the Group Photo.

The Opening Ceremony will begin promptly at 8 a.m. and conclude by 9:30 a.m. for the Group Photo (directions and location will be announced at the conclusion of opening ceremonies).

Discipline Networking Event

Monday 8/11 9:30 a.m.

Ribbon Cutting, Opening of Exhibit Hall

Monday, 8/11 4:00 p.m.

Join us for the Ribbon Cutting and Opening of the Exhibit Hall.

Grand Opening Reception

Monday, 8/11 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., Exhibit Hall

Sponsored by TriTech Forensics

Poster Presentations

Sponsored By Ideal Innovations, Inc.

TUESDAY

Exhibit Hall Reception

Tuesday, 8/12 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Sponsored by Sirchie

Photo Contest

Sponsored by Foster and Freeman

THURSDAY

IAI Business Meeting

Thursday, 8/14 4:30 p.m.

Check-in will start at 4 p.m.

(All IAI Members Welcome!)

FRIDAY

Closing & Installation Banquet,

Friday, 8/15

Cocktails at 6 p.m., Dinner at 7 p.m.

It is a long-standing tradition that the IAI President and Officers' attire is formal black tie. Other guests arrive in semi-formal to business informal attire. Whatever you pack for this conference week will be fine. We would rather you enjoy the evening than feel excluded and not attend this special event - and we encourage our International Attendees to wear their cultural dress.

Be sure to sign up for the Banquet. This is NOT a "ticketed event" You Must sign up for a seat!

You can sit with friends or total strangers, it's your choice, but be sure to go to the registration area and sign up for your seat for Friday's Banquet. You'll be offered several table options. If you want to sit with friends, be sure to coordinate with them to know where your table is. See any Registration staff to sign up anytime before Tuesday 8/12 by Noon.

INTERNATIONAL DELEGATES

Group Photo - Following the Full-Conference Group Photo - we ask the International Delegates to remain for additional photos.

Photo Opportunities - Throughout the Conference, you will see various Conference Photo areas for an opportunity to snap photos with friends and colleagues.

Travel Visas - The IAI recognizes that many will travel internationally to attend the 2025 IAI Annual Educational Conference and will need to acquire a travel visa. We are happy to provide invitation letters detailing your intent to attend our event. Simply download the invitation, fill in the relevant details, and print the document to present to the consulate during your visa appointment.

Link to [Invitation](#):

This Letter of Invitation is to be used for the purpose of securing a visa to attend the IAI's 2025 Annual International Educational Conference. Attendees' registration, travel, lodging, and any other expenses incurred to attend this meeting will not be covered or waived by the IAI. Please note that the IAI cannot guarantee or assist with the obtaining of any visas or other travel documentation required for entry into the United States.

STUDENT ATTENDEES

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PHOTOGRAPHY/RECORDING

IAI Photography Policy

The official IAI Photographer will be on-site to photograph events at the Conference. The photographs will be used in future IAI publications. If you object to having your image photographed, please inform the photographer before the photograph is taken. For any issues or concerns regarding this, please contact the Conference Planner in the Registration Area.

Recording Policy

It is the policy of the IAI that recording by means intended to capture images, video, audio, or a combination thereof of any lecture, workshop, or other IAI sanctioned proceeding shall be prohibited without the expressed written consent of the IAI. All requests shall be made in writing and forwarded to the Chief Operating Officer for consideration by the President, Chairman of the Board and/or Board of Directors. This policy is in no way intended to prevent the occasional photograph that may be taken during the course of a presentation provided that the instructor has given approval prior to such photograph being taken.

Resolution posting/timing

Resolutions are changes being proposed to the IAI's bylaws or constitution. They must be posted at the conference for all members present to read by 5 PM Tuesday, which is two days before the IAI membership meeting on Thursday. The posting is on the main notice board in or near the registration area. Members should read the resolutions and be prepared to vote or ask questions at the membership meeting.

Nomination committee process

For the Officers and Board of Directors positions, there is a nomination process that occurs on Tuesday morning at the conference. Those interested will find the location of the nomination committee meeting in the conference program. Anyone can come and take a turn expressing interest in a position. They should be prepared to answer questions from the nomination committee. After hearing from all, the nomination committee will determine their recommendations for the open positions, and post them on the main notice board for all members to consider. Other individuals not listed may still "run from the floor" for positions at the membership meeting, which means they are nominated for positions when asked if there are "any other nominations from the floor" for each position. Candidates for office will be allowed an allotted time to address the membership. Members present will then vote for their choices for each position considering those nominated by the nominating committee as well as those that run from the floor.

Election Process

The candidates are listed on a screen at the membership meeting, and voting takes place by paper ballot, one ballot for each member present. These are counted while other business continues, and then when ready, the election results are presented at the meeting.

The Business Meeting will be Thursday evening. All IAI members are welcome!

The agenda for the meeting is shared at the start of the meeting. There are plans to share the agenda beforehand this year, so watch for updates.

Reports are read by IAI leadership, resolutions are discussed, candidates for offices are presented, and all votes related to these items are conducted.

MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

Are you interested in “Becoming More Involved with the IAI”?

President Aldo Mattei will be moderating a panel discussion on Monday, 08/11/25.

How do I get more involved?

- Read the IAI Constitution, By-laws, and Operating Procedures for an understanding of responsibilities and opportunities to become more involved in the Association.
- Encourage a colleague to join the membership, or sponsor an international membership.
- Provide a lecture, case study, or workshop at the conference.
- Get involved with your local Division and volunteer.
- Express your interest in participating in the various standing and special committees
- Apply and or participate in the nominating process for positions on the Science & Practices committees, Certification Boards, and Board Of Directors.
- **Johnson-Whyte Foundation** - The International Association for Identification (IAI) has established a charitable foundation fund to promote education and research in forensic identification. This fund is a self-sustaining research and scholarship fund. As such, all contributions are held in perpetuity and only income from investments is made available for scholarship and research grant awards. A **QR code** has been created to make donating easy.

Please consider contributing to the **Johnson-Whyte Memorial Foundation Fund**.

Your contribution today will benefit the field of
forensic identification for years to come.

