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From the Editor



Hello again everyone. Our inaugural conference is over, and was a great success. We had attendees from 15 states and 13 countries, quite a turnout! Everything ran smoothly, and everyone enjoyed themselves. Take a look below for more details and some photos from the event.

Daryl

Got comments/questions or want to submit an article for The Examiner? e-mail me: [Daryl W. Clemens](mailto:Daryl.W.Clemens)


CSI Conference 2014




ICSIA's first conference was held from May 13-15 in Little Rock, Arkansas. Turnout for a first time conference was very good, with just over a hundred participants. There were three days of speakers and breakout sessions, with presentation topics which included crime scene protocol, shooting

reconstruction, bloodstain patterns, infant death and more. International presenters spoke about the Jamaican scenes of crime unit, and research from the U.K. into fingerprint processing on plastic materials.

Lots of networking took place during and after hours, with a great turnout each night at the hospitality suite, where everyone could

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These are the vendors we had at the conference. We highly valued their support and assistance, so keep them in mind when you are looking for supplies and equipment.

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relax and talk shop.

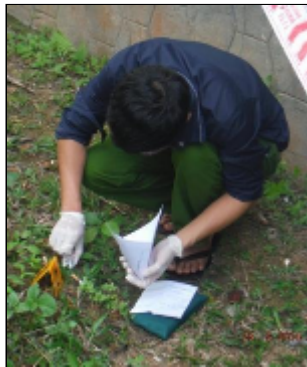
With such a good turnout, and nothing but positive feedback from the attendees, ICSIA is exploring options for a conference in May of 2015. More details will be announced in a future newsletter, and we hope to see you all there if it works out.

Special thanks go to all the Board members who worked hard making sure everything was ready, arranging presenters, transportation and all the myriad of details that go into a successful conference.



Wildlife CSI Training

by Crispian Barlow



The Technical Advisor, Protected Areas Enforcement for WWFs Greater Mekong Region, has developed a series of courses designed to improve the capacity of PA staff, provincial multi-agency teams and management. The process for developing this curricular included:

- The identification of skill sets required by different levels of conservation and enforcement personnel using the ASEAN competence Standards for Protected Area personnel.
- The identification of a curricular based on these skill sets
- The development of training modules in Field Craft, Law Enforcement, Natural Resource Monitoring and Assessment.

The Value of Training for the CSO

By Dick Warrington

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As a Crime Scene Officer, you have many responsibilities. In order to do your job well, you need to stay current with advances in the field. The best way to accomplish that goal is to invest in your ongoing training. In this issue I'll take a closer look at why this training is so important, and I'll also give you some suggestions for finding the right training to fit your needs.

When a CSO is called to a crime scene, that officer can be expected to evaluate the scene, process and collect evidence, document the scene with photography, and write a detailed report. For a major crime, the CSO can call in experts from the state police, state crime lab, or even the FBI. But for more typical cases, such as aggravated assaults, rapes, burglaries, and thefts, the CSO won't have that kind of help. CSOs need to rely on their own knowledge and training to identify and collect evidence to help the prosecutor build a case. All too often, though, CSOs don't have the necessary training or skills. When that's the situation, the CSO is likely to settle for doing the bare minimum—taking notes, photographing the scene, and writing up a report. But when

At the WWF Protected Areas Workshop, hosted by WWF-CarBi, in Hue in Dec 2011, it was agreed that training within the region would be based on these training curricula for rangers and related staff in the regions protected areas, the mobile teams operating in provinces as well as with government counterparts.

This course report concerns the law enforcement and field craft course presented by WWFs transboundary CarBi project, to Forest Protection Department rangers, Vietnamese policemen, and Vietnamese Border Army soldiers tasked with forming Multi-agency team (MAT) patrols for Bach Ma National Park.

Read more about the training program in the three documents below (.pdf format).

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[conservation_oriented_patrol_standards.pdf](#)

[wcsi_guide.pdf](#)

Examining the Deceased: An Investigator's Perspective

by Wes Sossamon

Editors note: This article originally appeared in the July 2001 Edition, but we felt it needed to be repeated.

Generally, the examination of the body should be conducted in a systematic manner that is followed as a matter of routine in all cases. The most significant advantage of this procedure is that the investigator will quickly develop the ability to focus upon conducting the examination within specific parameters in a sequential method. Another important consideration is that the examination is more thorough and accurate because specific areas are not cursorily viewed or totally ignored in favor of some other part of the body that obviously bears relevance to the inquiry. Moreover, since a systematic protocol requires the examination to be conducted the same way all the time, the investigator can perform competently even under the stressful conditions of a fast-moving investigation or a high profile case because the procedure becomes almost second-nature.

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you do that, you haven't done anything to solve the case.

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By Daryl Clemens

Former police officer Marla Bernard has a book on the "Precious Doe" case, investigated in part by her husband, and it's effect on their family. [Through the Rain: A True Crime Memoir of Homicide and Survival](#)

I thought [this article](#) from Islamabad, Pakistan was interesting. Just goes to show that Crime Scene Protection is a problem worldwide.

Online Training

ICSIA collaborated with the Criminal Justice Institute of the University of Arkansas to produce an online training course: [Crime Scene First Responder For The Uniformed Officer](#)

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