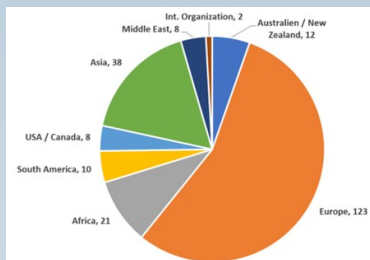
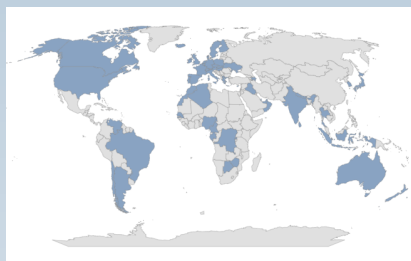


SPECIAL EDITION

This special edition newsletter is published in view of the successful DVI conference, which was held from May 14th to 16th in Lyon, France. There were also meetings of the sub-working groups before, during, and after the conference. In this newsletter, you will find information about the conference and a brief summary of what was discussed.

NUMBERS

The registration and final attendance at the conference was an overwhelming success. The origin of the participants provided a good distribution from all over the world, resulting in not only a large group but also a diverse group of attendees. Here are some numbers:



Duration:	2,5 day
Location:	INTERPOL, Lyon
Participants:	224
Countries:	63
Presenters:	33
Working group members:	18
Sub working groups:	4

CONFERENCE BANNER

Every year, a unique banner is created for the DVI Conference. This year, a photograph of the Tsunami wall of remembrance in Thailand had a prominent position. The reason for this choice is the approaching 20th anniversary of a catastrophic event: the Indian Ocean tsunami, which took place on December 26th 2004 and resulted in over 230,000 fatalities. The Identification Mission was carried out by a large number of countries and marked the beginning of the DVI community as we know it today.



OPENING CEREMONY

The opening ceremony was conducted by Mr. Kavanagh, INTERPOL Executive Director of Police Services. He emphasized the importance of the work and good cooperation between DVI teams around the world. The ceremony concluded with a group photograph featuring over 220 participants.





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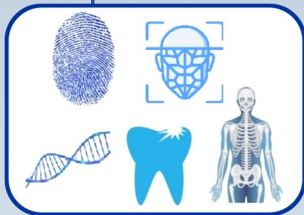
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DVI WORKING GROUP

During the conference, the DVI working group came together for the 47th time. Experienced DVI commanders from 18 countries discussed various topics. They shared their experiences from the past 6 months and the lessons learned. Additionally, the new Terms of Reference (ToR) were formally established, and the three regional DVI networks provided updates. New members were welcomed, and farewells were said to others.

SUB WORKING GROUPS

During this conference, the four sub-working groups met twice. Experts in the fields of Forensic Odontology, Pathology/Anthropology, Genetics, and Friction Ridge & Facial Comparison met in separate sessions. The first meeting was held on Monday morning, and the sub-working groups met again during the breakout sessions of the conference. All sub-working groups were well-attended, and a large number of new members participated for the first time.



AGENDA CONFERENCE

This conference featured 37 diverse items on the agenda, resulting in a highly informative two-and-a-half-day event. In addition to updates from the DVI Unit, the four sub-working groups, and the chairperson, there were a total of 15 case studies presented. These case studies are critical for extracting key lessons for the future.

This year's conference also featured significant presentations on work in crisis areas by international organizations such as ICMP and ICRC. Following these presentations, there was an important presentation on the legal basis for our identification work in various laws. On the final day, presentations were given by other INTERPOL forensic units on black & yellow notices, missing persons and the latest developments in facial recognition/comparison.



NEW CHAIRPERSON DVI WORKING GROUP

At the end of the conference, the chairpersonship of the DVI working group was handed over. For the past two years, Isabel Riege (DVI-GER) has been the chairperson and she has now passed the baton to Alexandre DEITOS (DVI-BRA). Together with his newly elected deputy, Jon MARSDEN (DVI-UK), they will lead the working group and oversee the conference in the coming two years.





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COMMUNICATION / FEEDBACK

A glimpse of the many posts about the conference on social media:

John Riemen · 1st
Manager National Criminal ABIS, Lead Specialist Center for Biometrics, Du...
1h · 🌐

Back home from the 33rd INTERPOL Disaster Victim Identification (DVI) conference and working group.

With our Friction Ridge and Face Comparison (FRFC) sub-working group we discussed two main topics :

1. Best Practice document on sources of Ante Mortem (AM) friction ridge images for DVI use.

This document will offer insight in sources of this data to INTERPOL member countries that are confronted with an international DVI incident.

2. Face Comparison(FC) for DVI

Jon Marsden · 1e
United Kingdom Disaster Victim Identification natio...
4 d 🌐

Today I represented the United Kingdom 🇬🇧 regarding the repatriation process of those killed in Ukraine 🇺🇦 over the past two years. I never forget those who have died and always relay their names during presentations.

Primarily it is an honour to support families and do so with a host of other specialists and policing colleagues.

Today I was able to share our learning with over 230 delegates from over 60 INTERPOL DVI countries.

Some thoughtful questions from the audience. More to do tomorrow.....

Damian Powell · 1e
Law Enforcement Specialist at the South Australia Police
4 d · 🌐

Today I presented to 230 DVI experts from 62 countries at the 33rd INTERPOL DVI Conference in Lyon, France on the topic of 'Treating deceased victims with dignity and respect; and the requirement for State authorities to ensure staff are trained'.

The presentation was well received, and was adapted from research I conducted as part of my Masters studies in International Law and International Relations.

I am both honoured and humbled to have been able to deliver this to such a distinguished forum, and on behalf of Australia and New Zealand DVI

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International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP)
13K volgers
3 d 🌐

ICMP's Heads of Anthropology & Archaeology, Soren Blau, DNA Labs, Lucy Johnson, and Director of Science & Technology, Ingo Bastisch, showcased #ICMP's ongoing efforts in identifying #missingpersons worldwide at the 33rd INTERPOL #DVI Conference in Lyon, France this week. Ms. Blau also serves as the Chair of the Pathology and Anthropology Sub-working Group.

Bryan Johnson · 1e
Major Incident Program Manager at U.S. Federal Bu...
Opnieuw geplaatst van Charles Lamens EMTF · 3 d 🌐

Final day in France. Great seeing old friends and new faces, and furthering the DVI capabilities across the world. Looking forward to the next one!

Dr. Shelina Khalid Jilani · 1e
Face Examiner at INTERPOL
3 d · 🌐

Humbled and honoured to have had the opportunity to speak at the prestigious 33rd INTERPOL Disaster Victim Identification (DVI) Conference in Lyon, France. Delving into the potential application of Facial Recognition technology in DVI, it's inspiring to contribute to such crucial conversations shaping the future of forensic investigations. Grateful for the platform and eager to continue advancing in this vital field. #INTERPOL #DVI #FacialRecognition #DVItech

Ricardo Henrique Alves da Silva · 1e
Forensic Odontology, Professor (PhD) - USP - Facu...
3 d 🌐

🇧🇷 Odontologia Legal brasileira em destaque! Parabéns ao caro amigo e professor do nosso Curso de Especialização em Odontologia Legal (USP - Faculdade de Odontologia de Ribeirão Preto), Alexandre Deitos, que assumiu hoje o cargo de Coordenador junto ao Comitê Diretor Permanente de Identificação de Vítimas de Desastres da INTERPOL.

Kornel Papp · 1e
Head of Central Forensic Division National Bureau...
3 d 🌐

I presented to 230 DVI experts from 62 countries at the 33rd INTERPOL DVI Conference in Lyon, France on the topic of 'NATO and DVI, VW24 and CC24'. NATO Centre of Excellence for Military Medicine NATO INTERPOL

PJ | Polícia Judiciária
4K volgers
2 d 🌐

O Diretor Nacional Adjunto da PJ | Polícia Judiciária, Carlos Farinha, participou, esta semana, na sede da INTERPOL, em Lyon, França, na 33ª conferência Interpol sobre "Catástrofes e Desastres de Massas - DVI".

No evento, que teve como tema a discussão sobre as melhores formas de resposta, em matéria de identificação humana em cenários de exceção, bem como a partilha das lições aprendidas, em casos internacionais recentes, participaram mais de 200 especialistas de todo o mundo, empenhados em contribuir para o aperfeiçoamento do Guia de Procedimentos Interpol, nesta temática.

A delegação nacional integrou, ainda, por parte do Instituto Nacional de Medicina Legal e Ciências Forenses, a especialista forense de Antropologia, Eugénia da Cunha, e a perita médica patologista, Maria Cristina Mendonça, bem como a perita de Odontologia Forense, Cristiana Pereira, da Faculdade de Medicina Dentária de Lisboa e o Especialista de Polícia Científica Paulo Ferreira, do Laboratório de Polícia Científica da PJ.

Malfroy Camine Lise · 1e
Expert en Odontologie Médico-Légale Institut de R...
2 d 🌐

4 days of international working groups at the INTERPOL headquarters, Lyon. ... or how forensic experts share knowledge, experience and views in the common aim of enhancing the DVI procedures. I feel glad and honored to be part of this scientific community, and of this process for the respect and dignity of the victims and their families.

Prof. Cristiana Palmela Pereira · 1e
President of IOFOS-International Organization for F...
1 d 🌐

It was honoured to be part of the 33rd INTERPOL Disaster Victim Identification (DVI) conference and of the INTERPOL DVI Forensic Odontology Sub-Working Group meeting, which took place from 13 to 16 May 2024 in Lyon, France. The event saw an oversubscribed attendance of 224 participants from 63 INTERPOL member countries.

Forensic Odontology was represented by Prof. Cristiana Palmela Pereira from the INMLCF DVI-RR, contributed with one presentation in the Forensic Odontology Sub-Working Group meeting.

The presentation brought the understanding of the polices of different countries on forensic reports terminology for human identification. Besides facilitating knowledge exchange, the meeting was an excellent opportunity for members to network and strengthen their partnerships, such as ISO standards for Forensic Odontology.

Congratulations to INTERPOL DVI UNIT and the organising committee for the success of the DVI conference 2024!

Magdalena Jabłońska-Milczarek · 1e
PhD, ekspert w Centralne Laboratorium Kryminalist...
1 d 🌐

I was privileged to present "applications of molecular biology methods on missing persons and identification cases carried out at Central Forensic Laboratory of the Police":

- law regulations
- Polish DNA database
- methodology of bone samples
- results of NGS projects,

during the 33rd INTERPOL DVI Conference - ForGen sub-working group. Honoured to have the possibilities to discuss with international DNA forensic colleagues that are engaged in UHR identification process.

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