

GENERAL INFORMATION

This special edition of the DVI Newsletter is published in view of the successful DVI Conference, which was held in Lyon, France from 20 to 22 May 2025. The DVI Working Group and Sub-working Groups held additional meetings before and during the Conference. In this special edition, you will find information about the Conference and the topics covered. You will also find a brief summary of the discussions that took place in the four Sub-

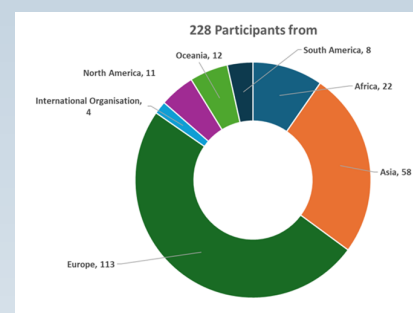
Working Group meetings. If you have any further questions or require more information, please don not hesitate to get in touch with us using the contact details provided at the end of the Newsletter. Each year, a custom banner is designed for the DVI Conference. The 34th edition displays a photograph of an airplane crash that occurred in Brazil. The Brazilian DVI team gave a presentation on this incident during the Conference.



NUMBERS

The Conference achieved remarkable success in terms of both registration and final attendance. The diverse geographical representation of participants from around the globe contributed to a sizable and cosmopolitan gathering, fostering a unique and enriching experience for all attendees. Here are some numbers:

Duration:	2,5 days
Location:	INTERPOL, Lyon
Participants:	220
Countries:	68
Presenters:	42
Working Group members:	18
Sub-Working Groups:	4
Sub-Working Group members:	55+



OPENING CEREMONY

The opening ceremony was led by Mr William Hippert, Director of Operational Support and Analysis *pro tempore*, at INTERPOL. He highlighted the significance of the work being done and the vital importance of collaboration among DVI teams worldwide. This co-operation, which dates back to 1980,

was particularly evident during the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami.

Additionally, Mr Hippert acknowledged the crucial role of the four scientific DVI Sub-Working groups, emphasizing their invaluable contributions to the identification process.



AGENDA AND MAIN TOPICS

The Conference boasted a comprehensive agenda, comprising 37 engaging topics that spanned two-and-a-half days, making for a highly informative event. In addition to updates from the DVI Unit, the four Sub-Working groups, and the Chairperson, the Conference featured 14 in-depth case studies that provided valuable insights and lessons for future application. Furthermore, various DVI teams

shared their experiences and organizational structures, offering a unique perspective on how DVI is implemented in their respective countries. The event also included technical presentations and demonstrations of innovative developments, ranging from facial recognition technology to the application of artificial intelligence (AI) in DVI, highlighting the latest advancements in the field.





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ADDITIONAL MEETINGS - INTERPOL DVI WORKING GROUP

Before and after the Conference, the DVI Working Group came together for the forty-ninth time. Experienced DVI commanders from 18 countries discussed various topics. They shared their experiences from the previous six months and the lessons learned. The INTERPOL DVI Unit, the four Sub-Working Groups, and the two regional DVI networks also provided updates.

There were in-depth discussions about the use of facial images; the relationship between DVI and CBRNe and how to handle incinerated and fragile remains. The Israeli DVI team provided an overview of its capabilities, laying the groundwork for the country's forthcoming formal application to join the DVI Working Group.



ADDITIONAL MEETINGS 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 meetings were held on Monday morning, and the Sub-Working groups met again during the breakout sessions of the conference. All Sub-Working Group meetings were well-

attended, and a large number of new members participated for the first time. The meetings resulted in proposals aimed at enhancing existing processes and introducing new techniques. These proposals are currently being reviewed by the Working Group members and will be shared more broadly in the future.



ELECTION NEW DEPUTY CHAIRS SUB WORKING GROUPS

Chairing of the DVI Working Group and its Sub-Working Groups follows a rotational scheme. Every two years, the Deputy chair takes over as Chair, and new Deputy Chairs are elected at the same time. To ensure continuity, the rotation is staggered: the Working Group Chair changes in one year, and the Sub-Working Group Chairs change in the alternating year. The new Sub-Working group executive team for the next two years will be:

SWG pathology and anthropology

Peter ELLIS (Chair)
Simon Stables (Deputy Chair)

SWG forensic genetics

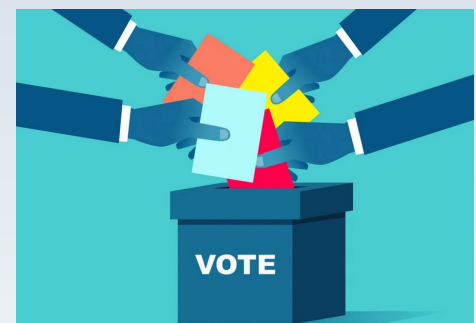
Bo Thisted Simonsen (Chair)
Jukka Palo (deputy Chair)

SWG forensic odontology

Ajang MONFARED (Chair)
Ricardo ALVES DA SILVA (Deputy Chair)

SWG friction ridge/facial comparison

Bryan JOHNSON (Chair)
John RIEMEN (Deputy Chair)



SUMMARY

INTERPOL is thrilled to have hosted an extremely successful DVI Conference! As in 2024, we reached maximum capacity at the venue in Lyon, making it one of the most highly attended conferences within the INTERPOL General Secretariat. The presentations were of exceptionally high quality, facilitating a valuable

exchange of experiences and expertise between participants. By incorporating feedback from the 2024 edition, we were able to refine and improve the organization of the current edition. To build on this success, we have solicited feedback from participants once again, with the aim of making the 2026 edition

even more outstanding. Interpol would like to express its sincere appreciation to all attendees, presenters, experts, and the DVI Executive Committee for their participation, contributions, and input. We look forward to welcoming you back to our 2026 DVI Conference!



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COMMUNICATION

A glimpse of the many posts on



Alexandre Deitos • 1e

Chair of the INTERPOL Disaster Victim Identification Working Group / Head of...
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The 34th **INTERPOL** Disaster Victim Identification Conference took place at the IPSG in Lyon, France, from 20-22 May, 2025. The Conference was attended by 228 people from 68 countries, as well as 4 international organizations. The event was a great opportunity for countries to share experiences and strengthen the **INTERPOL** international standards on DVI.

As Chair of the INTERPOL DVI Working Group I had the honor of presenting the Chairperson's Report and coordinating the activities and discussions of the event, together with my colleagues from the DVI Unit and Deputy-Chair **Jon Marsden**. As Coordinator of the Permanent Commission on DVI of the Brazilian Federal Police (**Policia Federal**), I presented the "Identification Efforts of 62 victims in São Paulo", related to the DVI response of a plane crash that occurred in 2024.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the event, especially the DVI Unit/PSG – **Charles Lamens EMTF**, **Eckhard Klemp** and Alper GONULLULER -, which spared no efforts to maintain the high quality of the conference, as well as the INTERPOL DVI Working Group, all the participants and presenters who shared lessons learned with the DVI community.



John Riemen • 1e

Manager National Criminal ABIS, Lead Specialist Center for Biometrics, Dutch ...
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Its a wrap! The 34th INTERPOL Disaster Victim Identification conference closed yesterday. With our INTERPOL DVI Friction Ridge and Face Comparison(FRFC) sub-working group we also had two productive meetings on two projects. We finished the document on best practices of sources of friction ridge (fingerprints) data. This document is now in procedure to be published. We also delivered a position paper to the DVI working group on the use of face comparison and facial recognition systems by competent face examiners for DVI identification. The delivery of these papers and end of the conference also closes a period for me personally. After two tours of 8 years totally as deputy chair and chair of this INTERPOL FRFC sub working group, it is now up to others to lead this group.



Prof. Cristiana Palmela Pereira • 1e

President of IOFOS-International Organization for Forensic Odonto-Stomatol...
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It was an honour to represent Portugal at the 34th INTERPOL Disaster Victim Identification (DVI) Conference, held at the INTERPOL General Secretariat in Lyon, as the Portuguese delegate in the Forensic Odontology Sub-Working Group (FOSWG). This annual meeting brings together international experts committed to strengthening DVI procedures through collaborative dialogue, operational updates, and technical advancements.

My talk focused on Artificial Intelligence and the development of models for positive identification, specifically using dental evidence from 2D radiological images. I highlighted how these AI models can enhance the accuracy and efficiency of identifying individuals, contributing to advancements in forensic investigations.



Lynzi Lefort • 1e

United Kingdom Disaster Victim Identification Deputy National Coordinator at...
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UKDVI have the privilege of attending the 34th INTERPOL Disaster Victim Identification Conference in Lyon. This important event which this year has representatives from 68 member countries, 4 international organisations and other DVI related organisations. It is wonderful to reconnect with many of our international colleagues and meet new ones. All with the same purpose and drive to continually improve in our delivery of DVI and in the support of the deceased, the bereaved and all our valued partners.

Informative and thought provoking presentations from all around the globe including the UK. Thankyou to **Craig Nicholson** , Group Captain Melanie Clarkson and **Lewis Hughes** for their well received and professional presentations.

Thank you to the INTERPOL WG chair and deputy chair **Alexandre Deitos** and **Jon Marsden** and to the INTERPOL DVI Unit **charles lamens** and **Eckhard Klemp**



Dr. Ajang Armin Farid • 1e

Chair at INTERPOL DVI Committee (Forensic Odontology Sub-working group)
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Honored to participate in the 34th INTERPOL DVI Conference in Lyon, where I am taking over the chair of the Forensic Odontology Sub-Working Group.

It's a privilege to contribute to global disaster victim identification efforts alongside dedicated experts and law enforcement professionals from around the world. I'm grateful for the trust placed in me and look forward to continuing this important work together.

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Cezar Capitaneanu • 1e

Visiting Professor at Universidad de la Frontera
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Honored to represent my country (online) at the 34th DVI Conference held at INTERPOL General Secretariat in Lyon, France, for the Forensic Odontology Sub-Working Group.

Always a pleasure to meet friends and colleagues from all over the world.

Congratulations to all involved, and especially to **Dr Selina Leow**, **Dr. Ajang Armin Farid** and **Ricardo Henrique Alves da Silva** for their past and future roles!

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Ricardo Henrique Alves da Silva • 1e

Forensic Odontology, Professor (PhD) - USP - Faculty of Dentistry, Ribeirão Pr...
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🇧🇷 Agora é oficial! Nova coordenação do Grupo de Trabalho em Odontologia Legal da INTERPOL para o biênio 2025-2027, sob a liderança de **Ajang Armin Farid** (Hungria) como Coordenador. É uma honra poder colaborar como Vice-Coordenador. Gratidão sempre!

🇬🇧 It's official! INTERPOL DVI Forensic Odontology Sub-Working Group under the leadership of the new Chair, **Ajang Armin Farid** (Hungary). It's a honor to serve as your Deputy Chair.

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