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The focus is now on Cape Town

With the last of the branch and chapter training seminars now completed until September, the focus is fully on our 65th Annual International Training Seminar. To be held in the picturesque city of Cape Town, between August 27 - September 1, this is the first time our International Training Seminar has been held in Africa.

Recognising the significance of the event, the South African Police Service have joined with IAATI to provide significant support and to co-host the seminar. This is sure to be a very special event, so do yourself and your career a favour, and book now. Register before the 31st July and you will save \$US 70 off the member fee, \$US 36 off the non member fee and \$US 15 off the companion registration. Full details of the seminar are included in our 17 page seminar preview starting on page 29.

In other news the Information Technology Committee has recently made an important change to the membership database and website to allow you to set your preferred postal and email address for all IAATI communications. This is especially important for those members who don't want their copies of APB sent to their home address.

Members can now go into their account and change their postal address that we use or the delivery of our APB magazine from your home to your work address or vice versa. Similarly you can change between your home or work email address for the delivery of these and any other emails from IAATI.

To make the change simply visit the website (iaati.org) and log in via the Account button. Once in, you can edit the your home and work contact details. Then before leaving make sure you select whether you prefer IAATI to use your home or work contacts details for all emails and APB mailings.

Please enjoy this issue of Auto Theft Today and I look forward to catching up with many members in Cape Town in August.

Chris McDonold, Editor



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Register by 31st July and save \$US 70 or ZAR 1,000

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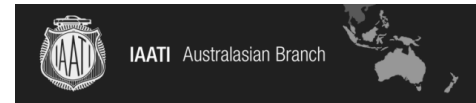


IAATI's Branch and Chapter Websites

Branches:

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iaatiaus.org



European Branch

eb-iaati.org



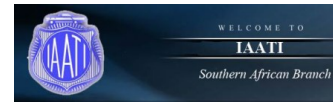
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iaatilatam.org



Southern African Branch

iaatisab.co.za



United Kingdom Branch

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North East Regional Chapter

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South Central Regional Chapter

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South East Regional Chapter

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Western Regional Chapter

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BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES

• President's Message

Hi all,

A year goes fast. After 2 months we will have our 65th IAATI International Training Seminar in Cape Town, South Africa and during that seminar J.D. Hough will take over the President's Gavel.

As President I recently had the possibility to attend three seminars:

- UK Branch Seminar in Loughborough (UK), May 31 and June 1, 2017
- LATAM Branch Seminar in Buenos Aires (Argentina), June 8 and 9, 2017
- SERC Seminar in Delray, Florida (USA), June 11 until June 15, 2017

All seminars were good organized. They had a good program with good speakers and the numbers of attendees was above expectation. The hospitality was extreme.

In Buenos Aires we offered the attendees a free trial IAATI membership for the rest of 2017. As far as I was informed, that brought about 50 new members.

During my stay in Buenos Aires I had the possibility to visit the very modern police call center 911. I also visited the car identification centre of the Federal Police of Argentina in Buenos Aires where I attended a class about vehicle identification. The teachers were good and showed that they have lots of knowledge and expertise.

To show my respect for the LATAM Branch board, members and other seminar attendees, I did a part of my presentation in the Spanish language, which was very much appreciated.

As I said, a year goes fast. I tried to do my best for the Association. It's almost impossible to make changes within one year but I am sure that J.D. Hough and his team of VP's together with the various committees will go on with the work and developments.

I am looking forward to the seminar in Cape Town. I realize that not all members can travel to South Africa but I hope to see many of you there.

Regards

Hans Kooijman, President IAATI 2016-2017



Photos
Top: Latin American Branch's 2nd Annual Training Seminar
Bottom left: SERC Annual Training Seminar
Bottom right: UK Branch Annual Conference



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- **Legislation Committee**

Are you aware of any recently passed or pending legislation in your area that may be of interest to IAATI members. If so, can you please forward details to Brad Anderson, Chair, Legislation Committee at acr1brad@comcast.net

The Legislation committee collate this information from members all around the world and publish it periodically in IAATI's Legislation Update publication.

Past copies of Legislation Update can be downloaded from the Resources > Publications menu on the international website Note: you must be logged into your account to see access these items.



- **Asian Development Committee**

The committee attended the First Interpol Asian Conference on vehicle related crime in Kula Lumpur. There were about 70 delegates, quite a few were already members of IAATI however a significant number had not heard of us before and are very excited to be involved.

At the conference steering committee was formed, comprised of individuals representing industry bodies, private companies, all working within the vehicle industry in Malaysia, China and other countries within the region. Those organisations include the Vehicle Theft Reduction Council of Malaysia (VTREC), Association of Malaysian Loss Adjusters (AMLA), Malaysia Automotive Institute (MAI), Launch software (Shenzhen) Company Limited, a publicly listed company in China. Law enforcement representatives from Hong Kong, Thailand, Japan and Bangladesh have indicated their willingness to work with the steering committee.

Alex Lye who joined IAATI last year at the Interpol conference in Bangkok has been appointed as the coordinator of this committee.

We hope to obtain approval for the steering committee to have an IAATI conference in Malaysia again next year which they will seek to have self-funded. A delegation from the steering committee should be in attendance in South Africa.

If all goes well it would be our goal to have a Charter issued for the Asian Branch in Pittsburgh 2018.

Submitted by John O'Byrne, Chair Asian Development Committee.



Have you forgotten something?

All 2017 Membership renewals are now overdue. If you haven't paid your 2017 membership fees, we understand that it can easily be overlooked in today's busy world. If so, we encourage you to renew as soon as possible as all non financial members will soon have their access to the website's member only pages and APB removed.

You can avoid this by renewing now.

Chapter members can renew via the international website (www.iaati.org). Branch members should renew via their branch website or contact their Branch President for more information on how to renew.

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• Constitution By Laws and SOP Committee

All members are invited to attend the 2017 Annual General Meeting to be held at 3 pm on August 31 in Cape Town, South Africa. At that meeting we will be voting on proposed changes to the constitution. These changes (highlighted below) are designed to reflect the current organizational structure of IAATI:

Article 3 - ELECTION, TERMS AND OFFICES

Section 1. ~~OFFICERS~~ EXECUTIVE BOARD

The ~~Officers~~ Executive Board of the Association shall be composed of a President, a 1st Vice President, a 2nd Vice President, a 3rd Vice President, a 4th Vice President, an Executive Director, a Treasurer. The current President will be the Chairman.

Section 2. EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board of the Association shall be composed of the ~~Officers~~ Executive Board, the elected Directors, Associate Directors, those Past Presidents who have been in attendance at three (3) of the last five (5) annual Executive Board Meetings, and the Chapter/Branch Presidents from each Regional Chapter/Branch. The President shall be the Chairman.

Article 4 - GOVERNMENT

Section: 13 MEETINGS

The Executive Board may meet at any time or place upon the reasonable call of the President or at the request of (3) three members of the Executive Board. The Board may meet at any time or place upon the reasonable call of the President or at the request of ten (10) members of the ~~Executive Board~~. Committees may meet upon the call of the Committee Chairman, at a time and place designated by the Committee Chairman, and in concurrence with the President.

• Membership Committee

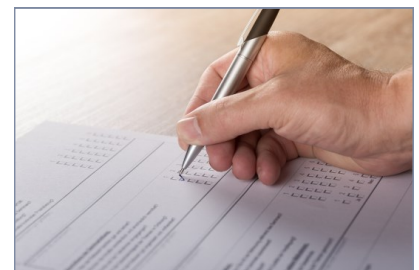
The membership committee has launched a new initiative aimed at recognising long term members. Commencing in Cape Town, members who have reached the milestone of 10, 20 and 25 years membership will be awarded a special lapel pin to celebrate their achievement.

This is the first of a number of initiatives from the membership committee that have recently been developed by the committee. Other initiatives include:

- Production of a new member orientation guide to provide each branch and chapter with suggestions on how to help introduce new members into the Association so they can make the most of their membership.
- A Reward a Colleague Promotion (to be implemented in early 2018)

• Survey Committee

The Survey Committee has recently conducted an Exit Survey of 2016 members who haven't renewed their membership in 2017. The analysis of this data is yet to be completed, but the information is extremely valuable to the Board to help understand members' needs and to monitor our performance. Other examples of how we get feedback from the members are the annual surveys around the International seminar. This year in addition to the post seminar survey of delegates, we will also be undertaking separate surveys of sponsors /exhibitors and presenters to ensure that all parties are getting the maximum benefits from their participation at our seminars. We will also be inviting delegates to complete evaluation forms of each of the classes.



We appreciate that surveys can be annoying but IAATI greatly appreciates your time and efforts in completing these surveys as they are an important tool in helping us shape the Association.

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Information Technology Committee

In response to an enquiry from a member in Germany, we provide the following instructions on how to add a photo to your IAATI website account so it shows up on your account dashboard and when you make posts on the international forum.

Go to iaati.org and click on the 'Account' link in the top right corner of the page (see red dot 1 in the image on the right) and log in using your email and password.

Once you have logged in click the 'Settings' menu on the Account page (see the red dot 2 in the image on the right)

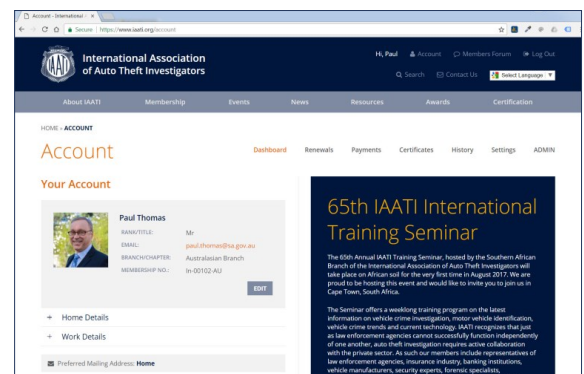
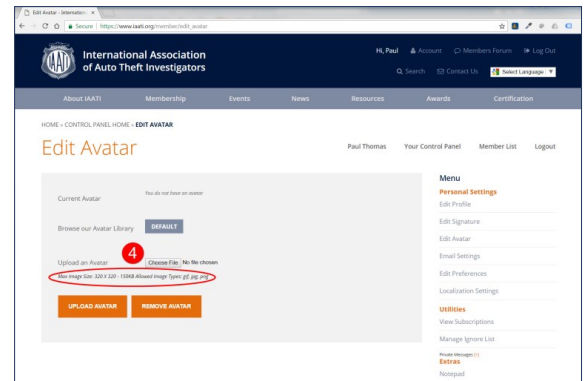
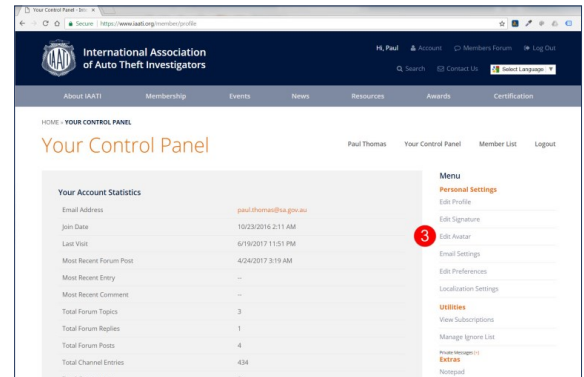
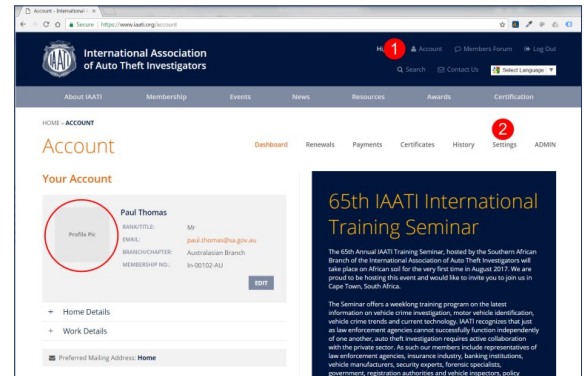
Select the 'Edit Avatar' menu on the right side under Personal settings (see the red dot 3 in the image on the right)

Click 'Choose a file' to upload a photo (red dot 4).

Note the maximum image size is 320x320 pixels and 150 KB. The image can be either .jpg, .gif or .png format

Then press the orange 'upload avatar' button.

Your image will be displayed now be displayed on your account dashboard and when you make posts in the forum.



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- **Nominating Committee**

CALL for 2017-18 BOARD NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee for 2017-2018 will convene in Cape Town during our annual training seminar.

At that time, we will have the opportunity to discuss and summarize all Statements of Intent from incumbent and new candidates for the IAATI Executive Board; as well as conduct interviews of all interested parties.

Each year, we ask for your Statements of Intent prior to the seminar, which allows for time to distribute and review them.

We invite all members who are interested in serving IAATI, as part of our Executive Board, to participate in this process. It is another great opportunity for you to learn more about the organization, as well as for the IAATI Nominating Committee and Board to learn more about our members and all you have to offer our organization. It is a win-win for all involved.

Your responses, or Statements of Intent, should be in the form of a brief, but concise memo outlining your interest in IAATI. Please also note any qualifications for the respective seat that you are seeking to pursue.

This request and invitation extends to all appointed and elected positions, excluding Committee Chairs. We recommend that your responses are forwarded via e-mail, or fax if possible.

Your statement should include the following information on general issues such as:

- The position being sought and understanding of the duties involved.
- Any IAATI seminars you have attended during recent years.
- Number of years you have served on the Board and/or in appointed positions.
- Present and future status of your position within your current department or company.
- Why you believe you are the ideal candidate for that position.
- Your accomplishments in the current term.

For incumbent candidates - You may also want to review the responsibilities of your particular office as outlined in our Constitution and By-Laws. This will aid you in demonstrating that you have fulfilled those duties.

Please also consider providing ideas on some of the following issues:

- Observations or ideas about IAATI that could positively impact the organization.
- Ways of expanding and retaining membership in IAATI.
- Enhancing communication between Chapters and Branches of IAATI.
- Thoughts about IAATI and the use of Information Technology.
- Ideas for successful seminars; topics, speakers.
- Comments on any other topics which would assist IAATI in our mission.

As noted above; please feel free to send your responses electronically to the e-mail addresses noted below with the subject title 'IAATI Nomination' :

Todd Blair, Chair

Email: tblair@iaati.org

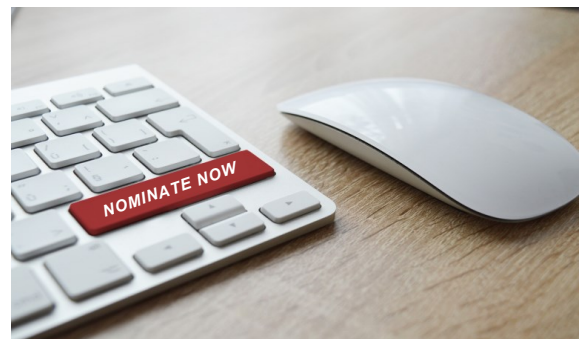
John Abounader, Executive Director

Email: jvabounader@iaati.org

Regards

Todd Blair

IAATI Past President, 2015-2016
Chair - 2017 Nominating Committee



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International Association of Auto Theft Investigators Auto Theft Prevention Authorities Committee



Strategic Focus: Funding of Automatic License Plate Reader Systems

Purpose

The purpose of the document is to provide a strategic focus for Auto Theft Prevention Authorities (ATPAs) when considering funding equipment, software and the development of infrastructure design related to the use of ALPR systems.

Funding

Many ATPAs have provided funding of ALPR projects to law enforcement agencies, where these projects have demonstrated high levels of efficiency and effectiveness in identifying, interdicting and apprehending stolen vehicles and criminal offenders. Appropriate funding of law enforcement ALPR systems can evidence efficient investment value return when simply considering the amount of funds expended to support the ALPR system contrasted with the estimated fair market value of recovered stolen vehicles identified by the ALPR. The following strategies are offered for an ATPA to consider when contemplating the funding of an ALPR project.

Strategy 1: Education

The ATPA should assess the project proposal to identify a plan in addressing public perception and concern regarding the use of ALPR in the project area. The ALPR project should identify goals, objectives, measurements and/or project reporting standards to inform the community on the purpose, experience and intended effectiveness in using an ALPR to combat motor vehicle crimes. The funding ATPA should consider an education plan that addresses the problem of motor vehicle crimes in the intended project area, the goals of funding the ALPR system that will impact motor vehicle crimes, and how the project may demonstrate the efficiency and effectiveness of the investment return as related to the prevention, enforcement and apprehension of stolen vehicles and associated criminal offenders.

Strategy 2: Policies and Procedures

The ATPA should review a project proposal to determine if the agency(s) have established policies and procedures address consistency with national, regional, state and local laws and administrative policies. ALPR projects funded by ATPA should require the use of the ALPR, and associated databases, to be classified as For Official Use Only (FOUO) and considered Law Enforcement Sensitive (LES). Historically, ATPAs that have funded ALPRs have experienced minimal concern regarding direct tactical deployment of an ALPR, as these funded projects have an incredible investment return where stolen vehicles are recovered quickly and efficiently. However, if an ALPR project intends to support the investigative use of an ALPR database, the use of the database (including retention and retrieval) should be clearly addressed and consistent with national, regional, state and local laws and administrative policies. Agencies requesting funds from an ATPA should be encouraged to use professional resources when developing or revising ALPR policies, such as the International Association of Chiefs of Police, local prosecutorial attorney associations, or in-house professional counsel.

Strategy 3: ALPR Information Technology Projects

A significant concern for ATPAs funding an ALPR project is the ability of the ALPR system to demonstrate programmatic and financial efficiency.

First, and foremost, the ALPR system should be deployed using information technology which enables retrieval of base-line information to ascertain efficiency levels regarding the identification, apprehension, and recovery of stolen vehicles.

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Strategic Focus: Funding of Automatic License Plate Reader Systems (continued)

Due to the enormity and complexity of information processed by an ALPR, information technology should be designed and used to provide timely and efficient reporting with minimal cost to personnel allocation. The ALPR information technology should enable the project agency to report the following key factors to the funding ATPA on a timely basis.

1. Date parameter for reporting (based on the ATPA reporting requirement of month, quarter, bi-annual or annual),
2. Number of stolen vehicles identified by the ALPR,
3. Number of stolen vehicles recovered by the use of the ALPR,
4. Estimated fair market value of the recovered stolen vehicles,
5. Number of total license plates read by the ALPR, and
6. Number of ALPR units deployed.

Secondly, the infrastructure design and composition of information sharing capabilities in an ALPR project should identify compliance with federal, regional, state and local laws and policies. ATPAs should encourage the use of information sharing among law enforcement agencies, understanding that political, legal and administrative concerns pre-empt this encouragement. Innovative approaches should be considered when presented by project proposals to enhance law enforcement information sharing of ALPR data, such as the use of Nlets. Privatized vendor-based information sharing solutions should be reviewed by project proposal agencies to ensure configuration of software applications comply with federal, regional, state and local laws and administrative policies.

Strategy 4: Evidence Based Reporting

When considering funding an ALPR project, the ATPA should establish clear expectations and reporting requirements to demonstrate the efficiency and effectiveness of the ALPR project. Reporting requirements by the project agency should provide sufficient information to justify the intended use of financial appropriation and/or its continuation. As such, the following benchmarks may provide the ability to determine investment return values:

1. User success stories related to the tactical or investigative use of a funded ALPR, related to the interdiction, enforcement and apprehension of motor vehicle crimes and/or offenders,
2. The number of stolen vehicles recovered facilitated by ALPR per stolen vehicles recovered not using an ALPR,
3. The estimated fair market value of stolen vehicles recovered facilitated by ALPR per the number of ALPR license plate reads, and/or
4. The estimated fair market value of stolen vehicle recovered facilitated by ALPR per the unit cost of the ALPR (actual or depreciated).

The above strategies are provided to assist in the continuation or initiation of ATPA to use ALPRs to prevent, educate, enforce and prosecute offenders of motor vehicle crimes and elevate the recovery of stolen motor vehicles.

Strategy 5: Recommendations for Funding ALPRs

- A. As ALPR technology is a critical law enforcement tool for the investigation, recovery and prosecution of automobile theft and related vehicle crimes, funded law enforcement agencies should be encouraged to research current trends, news, practices, and privacy issues as provided by the International Association of Chiefs of Police at www.iacp.org/alpr.

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International Association of Auto Theft Investigators Auto Theft Prevention Authorities Committee



Strategic Focus: Funding of Automatic License Plate Reader Systems (continued)

- B. Law enforcement agencies receiving funds to purchase an ALPR from an ATPA should have policies and procedures in place regarding the use, data storage, retrieval, and purging parameter consistent with federal and state laws, and model policy recommendations from the International Association of Chiefs of Police (www.iacp.org/alpr).
- C. License plate “reads” captured from an ALPR on an official government vehicle should be considered law enforcement sensitive/for official use only (LES/FOUO)
- D. Data from ALPR equipment purchased with ATPA funding should be housed in a secure database which limits access to unauthorized persons.
- E. ALPR data from private vendors is not only useful, but in some cases, critical to support investigators and criminal investigations.
- F. Data captured with ATPA funded ALPR's should not be sold or shared with non-criminal justice entities.
- G. Data captured with ATPA funded ALPR's not be used for the purpose of “policing for profit”, i.e. checking for unpaid parking tickets or fines.
- H. Prior to an ATPA funding a request for an ALPR, the ATPA should obtain assurance from the requesting agency that the above recommendations are met.

This article was provided by Reg Phillips, Chair, IAATI's ATPA Committee.

Are you attending 65th International Training?

If so, make sure you download the IAATI App to your smart phone.

Shortly the IAATI seminar app will be populated with all the latest details about the seminar, including descriptions of each class, venue maps and any last minutes changes or updates.

Delegates are also encouraged to use the app to complete a short evaluation after each class. The online evaluation can be accessed via a link on the class description page in the app.

Download the app now by searching 'IAATI' in your app store.

IAATI's New Mobile Seminar App

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The IAATI Seminar App provides you with:

- Alerts of any last minute speaker or venue changes
- The latest version of the seminar program including the time and location of all classes
- Speaker details including photos, biographies and details of their presentations
- Details of all social and networking events
- Links to a floor plan of the seminar venue
- Links to Google maps of the surrounding area so you can plan your travel to and from the venue
- Links to other IAATI Information such as the IAATI Awards, Certification and all IAATI Branch and Chapter websites.

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- **Marketing and Sponsorship Committee**

Message from IAATI Sponsor Coordinator:



To Our Membership,

As most of you know, the International (IAATI) Seminar is fast approaching. This year will be IAATI's 65th annual training seminar. It will be held from August 27th through September 1st, 2017 in beautiful Cape Town, South Africa. This is the first time that IAATI has taken our annual training event to the Republic of South Africa and as would be expected, IAATI's South African Branch is both excited and honored to host this wonderful event.

The South African Branch and Seminar Committee are working extremely hard to make the seminar a success. However, as with any event, there are substantial costs involved.

Sponsorships assist in keeping costs as low as possible to make attendance affordable for you and/or your employer. The Seminar Committee along with the Sponsorship Committee is still seeking committed sponsors to assist with our seminar. If you know of any potential sponsors, or you and/or your organization are interested in providing a sponsorship for this year's seminar, it is not too late.

IAATI places a strong value on integrity, commitment, professionalism and collaboration. Our values extend beyond our membership, as we very much recognize that committed sponsors are essential to our efforts to continually provide high-quality training. Ultimately, that training benefits the public and private sectors, as well as the communities that we all represent and serve. As such, it cannot be understated; corporate sponsorships are invaluable in our mission to provide on-going annual training events.

Support for IAATI can come in many different forms. Monetary donations often prove to be easiest for the donor and IAATI; however, other donations are very much needed and appreciated.

If you know of a potential sponsor, or would like more information, you may contact me directly.

Hopefully, I will see you in Cape Town, South Africa. If not, stay alert, stay smart and always remain safe!

Sincerely,

Brad Anderson

IAATI Director of Marketing/Sponsorship

bradanderson@iaati.org

717-875-0734

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Corporate Partner Package Options:

	Diamond	Platinum	Gold	Silver
Package Costs (\$US)	\$7,500	\$5,000	\$3,500	\$2,500
General Advertising/Promotional Benefits				
Use of IAATI Corporate Partner Logo	✓			
One email blast to the entire membership sent by IAATI on your behalf	✓			
Advertising on IAATI website (includes placement of logo and link to website and link to your company website)	12 months	6 months	6 months	3 months
Inclusion of company profile in <i>Auto Theft Today</i>	✓	✓		
Opportunity to have any company specific training material (videos, publications, PowerPoint presentations, reference guides, links to website tools, etc.) included in the Member's only area of the IAATI file library.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Annual International Training Seminar Benefits				
Seminar Banquet Sponsor	✓			
Break Sponsor		✓		
Complimentary tickets to the Annual Training Seminar	4	3	3	2
Complimentary tickets to the President's Reception	4	3	3	2
Complimentary tickets to the Seminar Banquet Dinner	4	3	3	2
Exhibitor Booth 8 x 10	✓ Double booth	✓	✓	✓
Electricity to exhibitor booth	✓	✓	✓	✓
Signage	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wi-fi	✓	✓	✓	✓
Logo and contact information published in seminar handbook	✓	✓	✓	✓
Inclusion of company logo and links to your website in the IAATI Mobile Seminar App	✓	✓	✓	✓
Entry to nightly networking Hospitality events	✓	✓	✓	✓
Opportunity to present to the delegates during the 'Sponsors Presentations' session	✓	✓	✓	✓
Opportunity to include promotional material in Seminar delegates registration packs	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Corporate Partner Registration Form

To register for the IAATI Corporate Partner Program please complete this form and return it with payment to:

John Abounader
Executive Director,
International Association of Auto Theft Investigators (IAATI)
PO Box 223
Clinton, NEW YORK 13323

via Email: jvabounader@iaati.org or via Fax: 315-883-1310

Company Name:.....

Contact's Title..... First Name:.....

Contact's Last Name:

Contact's Email address.....

Contact's Phone number:.....

Company Postal Address:

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Level of Corporate Partnership (please tick one box)

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Platinum \$5,000

Gold \$3,500

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All payments must be in U.S. Funds.

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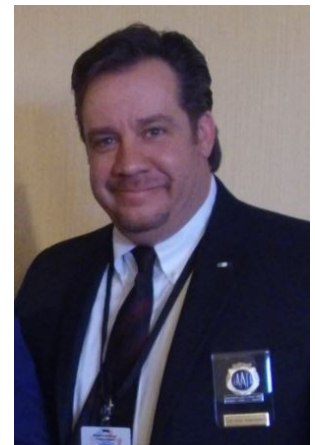
BRANCH & CHAPTER NEWS

North East Regional Chapter

- The NERC held their 2017 Annual Training Seminar in South Portland, Maine on 14-18 May. This was another successful event and the Chapter use the event to film and produce a 6minute promotional video about their Chapter and IAATI. It is a high quality production and will serve as a great marketing tool.

To view the video please follow the link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dal5AU-tQJM>

- Congratulations to both incoming NERC President Joseph Guidice (far right) on his appointment at their and outgoing President John Paskan (right).



Western Regional Chapter

- The 2017 WRC Annual Training Seminar is scheduled for the 11th—15th September and will be held in Laughlin, Nevada. Details will be available closer to the event but if you would like more information please contact Richard Spallinger at rspallinger@nicb.org

South Central Regional Chapter

- The 2017 TAVTI/SCRC (Texas Association of Vehicle Theft Investigators/South Central Regional Chapter – IAATI) Annual Training Seminar will be held in Dallas, Texas, at the Omni Dallas Hotel Park West at 1590 LBJ Frwy., Dallas, TX 75234. The conference will begin on Monday, October 23, 2017, and run through Friday, October 27, 2017. The conference is certified for approximately 24 hours of TCOLE credit. Registration for the seminar is \$200.

Attendees are responsible for making their own lodging arrangements. The Omni Dallas Hotel Park West room rate is \$125 for a single or double room. The hotel phone number is 972-869-4300, and when making phone reservations, please refer to the “Texas Association of Vehicle Theft Investigators” to get the conference rate.

If you have questions about the conference, please contact Kat Anderson, SCRC treasurer, at 806-787-5133 / texkat52@yahoo.com or visit <http://tavti.org/conference/> We hope to see you in Dallas!

European Branch

- The 2017 European Branch Annual Seminar will be held at the Vienna House - Diplomat Hotel in Prague, Czech Republic on 25th—27th October 2017. Information and Registration: See the EB website: eb-iaati.org/



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Colorado Auto Theft Investigators (CATI) President's Message

By Chris Tyus, 2016-2017 CATI President, Past President

CATI was founded in 1973 and for the purpose of bringing together public law enforcement investigators and insurance company investigators who are concerned with the prevention and investigation of motor vehicle thefts and kindred crimes. CATI promotes the exchange of investigative information and creates a forum for improved communication among investigators in Colorado, the Rocky Mountain Region, and the Nation. CATI has focused its attention with providing statewide training and training opportunities with the assistance of CATPA (Colorado Auto Theft Prevention Authority) funding to the various auto theft Task Forces, Law Enforcement Agencies and Insurances company investigators.

This year CATI held its 42nd Annual Motor Vehicles Crimes Conference in the lovely mountain town of Breckenridge with over 143 attendees which included attendees from various States outside of Colorado. I was grateful for the opportunity to serve CATI President for the 2016-2017 term. This was my second time around as CATI President as I served in this position in 2011/2012. As a private sector employee, I would like to take this opportunity to thank COUNTRY Financial for allowing me to participate and grow with CATI. I joined CATI shortly after transitioning from adjusting multi-line insurance claims to Special Investigations in 2005 and began serving on the CATI board a few years later. I have witnessed CATI memberships grow to over 300 members since that time. I also witnessed a trending dramatic reduction in auto theft nationwide and particularly here in Colorado. However, beginning in 2015 our annual theft statistics indicated that auto, trailer and ATV thefts were on the rise once again in Colorado.

Our Annual Seminar took place at the Doubletree Hotel in Beautiful Breckenridge, Colorado as scheduled, from Sunday, May 7th-Thursday, May 11th. This seminar attracted law enforcement auto theft investigators, insurance fraud investigators, related public officials and private industry executives from throughout the state of Colorado, Utah and Nebraska. We had great vendors/sponsors this year including Brite and Vigilant, ELSAG and Lo Jack, Western Region IAATI, Colorado Auto Theft Prevention Authority, Coloradoans Against Auto Theft and the Colorado State Patrol.

Our general session began on Monday, May 8th with our Auto Theft Resource Panel where we heard from our local auto theft task force leaders, the Colorado Attorney General's office and CATPA. The week of training continued with classes



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including auto theft-related case studies including one from America's Most Wanted, major cases and received training on a wide array of topics including but not limited to mail theft, technology, sovereign citizens, rolling surveillance, officer safety, search warrants, facial recognition, cell phones and many others.

As some may know, one of our scheduled speakers, Bill Biondo, passed away suddenly on April 18th. CATI and its members were shocked and deeply saddened by Bill's passing. We expressed our condolences with a monetary donation and were grateful to find several touching articles found in the May IAATI Auto Theft Today newsletter.

On Wednesday evening, during our annual banquet, we



recognized individuals, their departments & task forces with our annual Investigation of the year award.

Incumbent CATI board members were also recognized during banquet. I

would like to congratulate Past President Bill Johnson as our new CATI President, Past President Jennifer King-Sullivan as our new 1st VP Sean Templeton as our new 2nd VP and Beth Daniels as our new Treasurer. Kim Johnson remains as our CATI Secretary. Bill also serves as CATI's IAATI liaison while serving as IAATI's 2nd Vice President.

I would encourage you to contact me at chris.tyus@coloradoautotheft.org or any one of our board members if we may be of assistance to you.

Best Wishes,

Chris Tyus



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Colorado Auto Theft Investigators (CATI) Awards

by Bill Johnson, 2nd Vice President , IAATI and 1st Vice President, CATI.



2017 CATI Investigators of the Year

Left to right:

Gina Jeffries - CSP

Inv. Dana Chavez - Co Attorney General Office

Inv. Random Pihlak- Weld County SO

Inv. Jennifer King-Sullivan - Broomfield PD

Sr. Attorney General Dave Cossin - Co Attorney General Office

Det. William Johnson - Arvada Police (Missing)

Left to right:

CATI President Chris Tyus,

Jennifer King-Sullivan -CATI 2nd Vice President ,

Joni Tangeman- CATI Training Director



Left to right: CATI President Chris Tyus and Retiring CATI Treasurer Scott Mehle.



Left to right: Colorado Auto Theft Prevention (CATPA) Director Robert Force, CATI Treasurer Scott Mehle and CATPA Board member Montezuma County Sheriff Steve Nowlin

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AUTO THEFT TRAINING SEMINAR SEPT 11TH THRU 14TH 2017

Seminar Registration is Monday, Sept 11th, from Noon - 5pm
Classes: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

The Arizona Auto Theft Investigator's Association (AATIA) along with Arizona Association of Special Investigations Units (AASIU) and the Arizona Automobile Theft Authority (AATA) are teaming up to present a training seminar for investigators of Auto Theft Crime. The seminar will foster a spirit of cooperation and communication by encouraging open exchange of information and technical data among the participants and by providing practical training. The seminar will be hosted by the Bullhead City Police Department.

Course list:
Basic & Advanced Vehicle Theft, Mex Vehicle ID, Construction Equip ID, Insurance Fraud, ISO, Law Enforcement online, Case Presentations, ATV Thefts, Street Racing, Acid Restoration, Vehicle Arsons, Forensic Locksmith, Black box, Medical Fraud, Accident Recon, Social Media, Cargo Theft, Cell Phone Investigations
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**Training Grants available
Arizona Auto Theft Authority
<https://aata.az.gov/grants>**



Questions? Nancy Temporado ntemporado@azdps.gov 602-223-2364

Name: _____

Position/Title: _____ Agency: _____

Business Address: _____

Business Phone: _____ Business Email: _____

Registration Fee Enclosed:

___ \$275 ___ \$35 guest banquet ticket ___ Instructor /Vendor _____

Detach this portion and return with payment to: 2017 AATIA Laughlin Seminar, PO Box 39721, Phoenix AZ, 85069

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Australasian Branch:

- **2017 Member Exchange and Travel Scholarship Winner**

The Australasian Branch has announced **David West**, Intelligence Manager, Property Crime Squad, New South Wales Police, as the winner of its 2017 Member Exchange Program and Travel Scholarship. As his prize David will be attending the European Branch Conference in Prague, Czech Republic on 25th—27th October 2017.

David have been employed by NSW Police as an Intelligence manager since 2005. He transferred to the Property Crime Squad in 2014 and has have made a significant contribution to the NSW Police efforts to counter and reduce motor vehicle theft. He has consistently demonstrated an ability to identify opportunities to use intelligence to improve investigative outcomes in relation to motor vehicle crime. In addition he has used intelligence processes to support legislative reform which has further enhanced NSW Police ability to manage and respond to motor vehicle theft. David also has extensive experience in the investigation of major crime across a number of crime types, such as Homicide, Asian and Transnational ATM Crime.



David said "I am sure my attendance at the European Seminar will provide insights into emerging trends and issues that will be of relevance to the Australian context. I hope to make contact with many industry and law enforcement stakeholders and in doing so, create opportunities for the sharing of information with a view to improving what we do in Australia to manage and reduce the risk of motor vehicle crime."

North Central Regional Chapter:

- **NERC Members shine in the 2017 NICB President's Awards**

Congratulations to IAATI's International Associate Director and Past President of the NCRC, Anna Kotsovos, and fellow member, Don Howell on receiving the National Insurance Crime Bureau's President's Award. Anna received the NICB's Analyst Award and Don Howell received the Agent Award.



NICB 2017 President's Award winners.

L- R: Brian Dryfhout (Multimedia Manager - Staff Award), Anna Kotsovos (Senior Analyst - Analyst Award), Jim Schweitzer - NICB Senior Vice President and Don Howell (Special Agent - Agent Award)

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UK Branch

- Below is a message from the newly appointed UK Branch President, Mike Briggs.

Hello to IAATI members globally from us all in the UK.

For those that do not know me I use to be the Vehicle Crime Research Manager at Thatcham Research UK until I semi-retired.

I have since been persuaded to return and set up an Association to continue to uphold standards of vehicle security systems and products and am honoured to become IAATI UK President again.

We had a very successful IAATI UK conference held at Loughborough University where the training topics ranged from:

- Fraud
- Physical vehicle protection
- Investigation
- Tracking Technologies
- Theft awareness
- Cybercrime



Mike Briggs at the UK Branch Annual Conference, Loughborough University

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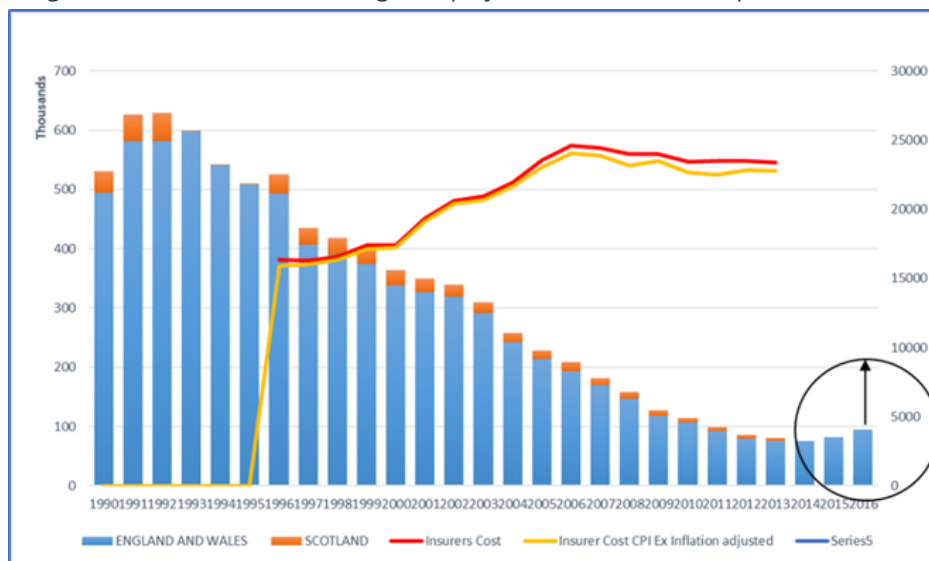
With the rise in vehicle crime over the last 2 years it has become more important that we work together. There is evidence to show that stolen vehicles can and are being used to fund other crimes and terrorism, vehicles will even turn up in conflict zones as gun platforms and transport.

Worst still they are being used in cities around the world as tools to kill and injure people as they go about their daily business.

Here in the UK we have always face the problem of vehicle crime head on and by setting standards we have worked together to strike back but never been afraid to change and adapt, as the thieves are now not just gangs but organised crime gangs (OCGs) with global connections. IAATI is a global player and can use the experience of its members to fight back and overcome the criminals.

The chart right shows how we have achieved things in the past in adapting to the thieves' requirements and methods. 625,000 cars reported stolen down to 75,000 (2014) but we can't take our eye of the ball.

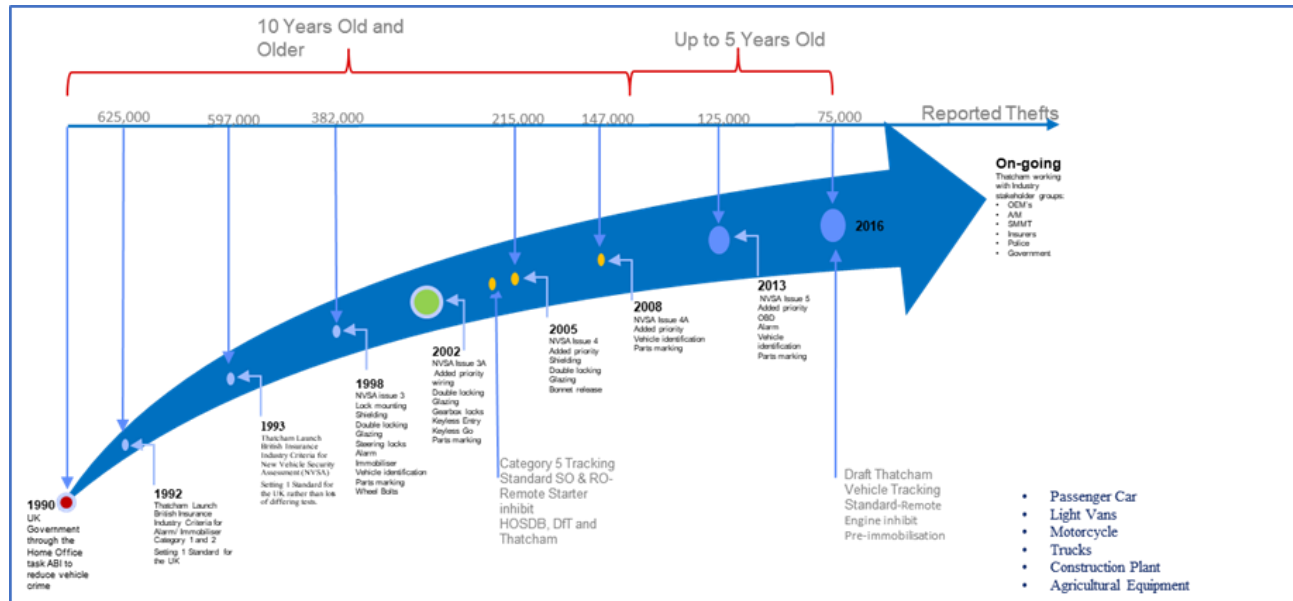
Now it is up to approximately up to 90,000 (2016) so we must once again take up the challenge



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The new board and I will be pleased to help all fellow IAATI members. For the 2017-18 term the UK board comprises:

1st Vice President:

Neil Thomas

2nd Vice President:

Paul Harrison

Executive Board members:

David Northey, Simon Ashton, Peter Stanley, Hannah Chowdhury, John Penn, Bob Hunter, Martin Kerr

Past Presidents:

Simon Hurr, Ken German, Justin Powell

Membership Secretary:

Phil Swift

Secretary:

John O'Byrne

Treasurer:

Colin Gallagher

With everything that is happening, pooling knowledge is a must. IAATI is a large pool of knowledge and experience that is our fingertips and can change, adapt and grow as crime and technologies change. With the UK 2018 conference to be held in June it would be good to see you, so if you are in the area of Europe and the UK and you would like to hear more please visit us.

Any questions you may have please do not hesitate to contact me mbriggs@iaati.org

2017-18 is another 12 month opportunity at engaging and being as informative as we can.

Let me finish by wishing you every success for the future

Best regards

Mike Briggs

IAATI UK President

To view photographs from the **2017 UK Branch Conference** please visit: <http://www.iaati.org.uk/2017-conference-images/>

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Man's Best Friend – IAATI 2017 Presidents Award – PC Dave Wardell and PD Finn

Submitted by 2016/17 UK Branch President, Justin Powell



IAATI UK's Presidents Award winners – PC Dave Wardell and PD Finn receiving their award at the IAATI UK conference 2017 in Loughborough.

What better example of 'A Partnership Approach' than Man and his best friend the dog.

(Pictured: Left to right, Hans Kooijman, PC Dave Wardell, PD Finn and outgoing President Justin Powell)

When I took on the role of IAATI UK President in February 2016 I never imagined I would get such a following from police dogs!! Luckily this is only in the form of social media and not across fields or fences as a suspect. As many of our members will know I have managed the IAATI UK Twitter feed avidly over my tenure as President, I find this is the best medium to engage with law enforcement across the UK and gives a great overview of what our boys and girls in blue face on a daily basis.

After a while of following mostly all the forces and RPU units in the UK it became apparent how much the dog units play a vital role in the fight against crime. I often see many tweets such as 'stolen vehicle pursued, occupants decamped and fled, helicopter and dog units deployed which usually leads to the criminals giving up or being caught by the dogs. This happens more often than you think and highlighted to me at least what a crucial tool the dogs are in the fight against crime. The dog teams Twitter feeds are funny as well. I don't know if working with animals gives them a different perspective on their roles and activities but I myself started following the dog teams back. The success rate they have is pretty awesome and the old adages of 4 legs are better than two is certainly true with dogs reaching speeds of up to 30 miles an hour!

The amount of cases in all manner of operations wasn't lost on me either but again the manner in which man and dog teams operate always comes with a positive message and usually brings a smile. An example of this was CPS (Crown Prosecution Service) pushing for a statement on a case after they had already been informed the apprehension had been made by a police dog! CPS got this MG11 statement returned to them...

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Crime Ref. No. []

WITNESS STATEMENT
(CJ Act 1987, s.9, MC Act 1980, ss.46-51 and 56, Criminal Procedure Rules 2005, Rule 27.11)

Statement of: PC PEACH URN: []
Age if Under 18: 4 Occupation: PD 4541

This statement (consisting of or [] pages) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make a solemn oath of its accuracy in evidence. I will be liable in prosecution if I have wilfully stated or in anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature: X Date: 8/2/18

I Chase Him
I Bite Him
Bad Man
He Tasty
Good Boy
Good Boy Peach

Signature: _____ Signature Witnessed By: X

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Man's Best Friend – IAATI 2017 Presidents Award (continued)

I never thought I would see the day when police dogs would be asked to fill out paperwork of their activities but I think the above has been completed pretty well by PD Peach and sums up what they do quite nicely.

After a few months of this there appeared a lot of Twitter chatter over one dog and his handler in particular, PD Finn and his handler PC Dave Wardell. This team have around 7,500 followers on Twitter, what on earth were they up to in order to gain such notoriety? The first thing I came across was the pair singing 'Bohemian Rhapsody' in the works van. OK so Finn can sing but there was more to this duo... Much as this gave me a smile it was the first time I had engaged with Dave and Finn and sent them a message saying dog teams should probably play 'Who let the dogs out' when the PD's were let off their leads to chase criminals. I highlighted how demoralizing this would be for the criminal running. I got a reply from Dave who liked the idea and mentioned that many police vehicles do have a tannoy system so this could be achieved. We kept in touch from this point and it was over this period I learned of 'Finns story'...

There was nothing funny about the story that unfolded from there. Dave and Finn had been called to apprehend a suspect as they had many times before on the 5th October 2016 in Stevenage, Hertfordshire in the early hours. On this particular night Finn was deployed and the criminal was armed with a 12 inch knife. Finn was stabbed by the youth but probably saved Dave's life who was also wounded in the attack. The perpetrator was 16 years old!! Finn was taken in for 4 hours of surgery as his injuries were considered life threatening. Dave was informed the blade had missed Finns heart by an inch. Dave would also not receive medical attention himself until Finn had undergone the surgery firstly.

The story does continue as the youth was charged with criminal damage and received only 4 months detention for the offences. The outpour of sympathy for the two and the outrage at the sentencing has led to the campaign 'Finn 4 Change' which is aiming to get the law changed for working animals to be better protected under the law. This example clearly highlights to me at least that this should be reviewed and changed; it is simple logic. Surely this is a perfect example of how laws in the UK should be changed based on cases such as this? We shall see but Finn who is now retired has become a bit of a poster boy for all working dogs and in fact animals that better protection should be given, it really is that simple and great to see so many getting behind this cause.

There is some good news though. Finn's story is being made into a book in collaboration with Amazon and I'm happy to say I got to meet both Dave and Finn at the IAATI UK's conference this year and both are keeping well. I think many of you will agree as to the 'why' I decided to give the President's Award to Dave and Finn, for me their story is truly unique and demonstrates perfectly the IAATI strap line 'A Partnership Approach' perfectly. What better partnership do you get than man and dog, his best friend.

Well done to Dave and Finn, worthy winners.

Right: Finn jumping for joy at winning an award. (No Finn it's an award not a big silver Frisbee)



Finn wondering what all the fuss is about.



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Latin American Branch

- *The following article was submitted by Ana Laura Brizuela*

From the 7th to the 9th June 2017, the 2nd Annual Training Seminar of the LATAM Branch took place at the "Pte. Dr. Roberto M. Ortiz" room of the Centinela Building, headquarters of the Gendarmería Nacional Argentina, in the City of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

There were present: authorities of the National and Provincial governments, the many law enforcement agencies from several countries of South America, representatives from INTERPOL, insurance companies, private enterprises and authorities of the judiciary system. Also attended the Seminar, Mr. Hans Kooijman, President of IAATI and Mr. John Abounader, the Executive Director.

An important number of international presentations took place along these 3 days of training, following the idea of having a comprehensive approach in the study of these crimes.

A total amount of 258 attendees during the 8th and 9th of June and 45 people at the LEO workshop on the 7th, making this, the most important event from the Branch so far.

Growing policy

To continue with our growing policy, the registration was free of charge, and we were able to do this because of the contribution of the many sponsors we got this year, along with the invaluable support of the Gendarmeria Nacional Argentina, whose authorities let us held the Seminar in its facilities.

Free membership for attendees

As part of the several initiatives under development to attract new members, a free membership until December 31st was offered to the attendees. The result: 52 new members for the Latin American Branch.

Workshop on Vehicle -Identification - 7th June 2pm to 6 pm

In a room full of experts, with a total number of 45 law enforcement attendees, took place this workshop about vehicle identification.

The main topics were: public VIN, chassis and engine numbers, labels, and the latest trends in these matters.

The speakers were: Commissioner Carlos Cibeira, Comisario Adrián Galati, Comisario Jorge Carvalho, Inspector Joaquín Alaniz, Mayor Pablo Méndez, Suboficial Auxiliar Eduardo Arista and Sargento Marcelo Vega, all recognize experts in this area of knowledge.



Trainers and IAATI Board Members



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1st Day – 8th June 8 am to 5 pm

On the 8th June, at 8.30 the Opening Ceremonies began with a few words from President Daniel Beck, followed by Carlos Mackinlay, CEO of Lo Jack Car Security Arg. S.A. and finally the Subsecretary of Security Policies of the Nation, Darío Oroquieta.



LatAm President Daniel Beck



IAATI President Hans Kooijman



Interpol Regional Chief Jaime Anseta

The audience was then honored with a few welcome words in Spanish by President Hans Kooijman, who also spoke later about the benefits of belonging to IAATI.

The formal classes began then, with the Regional Chief of Interpol, Jaime Anseta, followed by Giordano Lanzarini, and later Mr. Edwin Granados from the Institute of Insurance of Costa Rica.

The Director in Brazil, Carlos Alberto Betancur Ruiz and Mr Jose Geraldo Da Silva, Director of the International Cargo Insurance Club of Brazil, made a presentation each one, as well.

During the rest of the day, there were also present Mr Diego Fleitas, from the Ministry of Security of the Nation, then Leticia Risco, who is in charge of the Special Unit to



Members from Brazil with President Beck

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Search Missing People, who offered all the tools and technology available to law enforcement officers and, finally, a joint presentation of all the experts in the investigation and prevention of cargo theft took place: Prosecutors Facundo Flores, Edgardo Ledesma and Diego Benedetto, Oscar Farinelli from FADEEAC (Argentinian Federation of Cargo Enterprises), Commissioner Fernando Flores –in charge of the Specialized Office in Cargo Theft of the Police of the Province of Buenos Aires- and Subcommissioner Adrián Acuña, –in charge of the Specialized Office in Cargo Theft of the Police of the City of Buenos Aires-.



Cargo theft work group



2nd Day- 9th June 8 am to 5 pm

On Friday, the day began with some words from the Ministry of Security and Justice from the City of Buenos Aires, Dr. Martín Ocampo. Later, the Executive Director of IAATI, John Abounader, presented the latest news about Keyless systems auto theft.

The next turn was for Juan P. Furlong, Subsecretary of Organized Crime Investigation, who was followed by the Subprefecto Cristian Vazquez Fredes, from the Investigation Police of Chile (PDI), whom is in charge of the Brigada de Robos Metropolitana Oriente.



IAATI Executive Director John Abounader



Cristian Vazquez from PDI Chile



Patricio Furlong and 1st VP Omar Nasralla

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Another representative of the insurance industry was Nicolás Jasper, expert from the Superintendence of Insurance of the Nation, who brought the latest statistics in auto theft of the country.

Later, it was time for Ariel Valenti and Flavia Diego from the Catholic University of La Plata, and then the Secretary of Drug Trafficking, Martín Verrier, who emphasized the bond between this crime and auto theft.

After that, Commissioner Cristian Ali, Chief of Cybercrime of the Police of the Province of Buenos Aires introduced several alternative ways to reach a stolen car.

Then, it was the opportunity for General Adrián Manzi, Superintendent of Investigations of the Police of the Province of Buenos Aires and later, Roman Zrll, from Morón University.



Adrián Manzi



1st VP Nasralla and Ana Laura Brizuela

Commissioners Carlos Cibeira –Federal Police- and Adrián Galati –Police of the Province of Buenos Aires- both in charge of the Vehicle Identification Workshop of June 7th, presented its conclusions after Roman Zrll.

Finally, 1st VP Omar Nasralla and Secretary Ana Laura Brizuela, presented a summary of the benefits of belonging to IAATI and a brief of all the LATAM achievements so far.

The closing ceremonies began with the speech of the Ministry of Security of the Nation, Patricia Bullrich, who was very pleased with the development and attendance to the Seminar and made very clear her commitment towards the fight of auto theft and related crimes.

As closure, several awards were handed in to law enforcement officers who distinguished themselves in the line of duty.



Minister Bullrich and General Otero



Recognition for President Kooijman

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Award for the Police of Buenos Aires



Award for Gendarmeria Nacional



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