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As leaves begin to change and fall, a beautiful scene is unfolding. It is not that things are dying but it is the beginning of something...a rebirth. As we move on from 2019 and transition to 2020 IAATI will be undergoing its own rebirth.

While change is always difficult and scary; more often than not what comes out of this is something more beautiful, stronger, and more relevant than ever.

IAATI is a family, it's a great resource, and is relevant. So hold on tight and look forward to the future because IAATI's future starts now and we want our entire FAMILY on board and helping to usher in this new transformation.

Tools for Your Toolbox has been updated with some useful things such as Car Rental Security Contacts and PSA's.

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IAATI's Branch and Chapter Websites

Branches:

Asian Branch
iaati.org/ab

Australasian Branch
iaatiaus.org

European Branch
eb-iaati.org

Latin American Branch
iaatilatam.org

Southern African Branch
iaatisab.co.za

United Kingdom Branch
iaati.org.uk/

Chapters (North America/Canada)

North Central Regional Chapter
ncrc-iaati.org

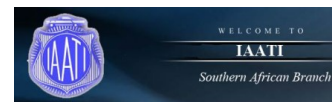
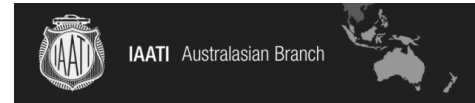
North East Regional Chapter
neiaati.org

South Central Regional Chapter
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South East Regional Chapter
seiaati.org

Western Regional Chapter
wrciaati.org

COMING SOON!



MEMBER NEWS

Just a reminder!!!

2020 dues are NOW due

Go to the website and renew today!!



WEBSITE UPDATE:

For photos and PowerPoint presentations from the IAATI conference in Glasgow, please log into www.iaati.org and go to the resources page.

E-NEWSLETTER UPDATES

In order to provide relevant and fresh news related to vehicle theft and related crimes, the focus will be to provide more issues, more often, with the latest stories that you need to see, all at your fingertips. IAATI training seminar information, Branch/Chapter News and updates, and committee reports are all posted on the website. Auto Theft Today will have a section included with links to all of these areas on the website that you can easily access for the latest information. Below is a chart of the menus on the website to provide an overview of the wealth of information available once you log in. Please take a few minutes to visit www.iaati.org and check it out!

ABOUT IAATI	MEMBERSHIP	EVENTS	NEWS	RESOURCES	AWARDS	CERTIFICATIONS
President's Message	Application Form	IAATI Training Events	Submit a News Story	Training Resources		Certification Process
Association History	Renew Online	Non-IAATI Training Events	North & South America	Publications		Basic Certification
Branches and Chapters	Search Members	Past Events	Europe & the UK	Photo Galleries		Advanced Certification
International Board Members	Member List		Asia, Africa, & Australasia	Forum		Master Certification
Committees			Browse by Month			Certification Resources
Documentation						

Networking, sharing information and keeping up to date with the latest trends, contacts and news in the world of vehicle theft are instrumental in the always demanding world that we as investigators live in, so the majority of each issue will contain summaries of the latest incidents, arrests, and related information with links to the full story. The links can also be copied and pasted into an email to share with others.

There will also be a section that links to the "Submit a News Story" function on the website. Collectively, we can all reap greater benefits from every-one sharing just one story, one contact or one idea. Please submit yours either through the website or in an email to enews@iaati.org.

MEMBER Dues Update

Membership Dues are increasing January 1, 2020. It is still possible to get your current rate for another 3 years but you must renew by December 31, 2019. Also by renewing for multiple years you save even more. Below is what our current Dues and what it will be changing too.

Current Dues:

New Member:	\$45
1 Year Renewal:	\$40
2 Year Renewal:	\$75
3 Year Renewal:	\$110

After December 31, 2019

New Member:	\$55
1 Year Renewal:	\$50
2 Year Renewal:	\$95
3 Year Renewal:	\$140



Please do not hesitate on renewing your membership. Your membership gets you access to International and Regional Conferences, Contacts, APB Magazine, Vehicle Crimes Today Newsletter and all the updated information on trends and happenings around the world.

Conference Recap

The 67th IAATI Vehicle Crimes Conference was a huge success. From great training, networking, to all the kilts being rocked out. The UK Branch and its Onsite Committee were on top of everything and made sure things went smoothly for everyone.



We want to congratulate the new 2019-2020 President Marthinus H. Odendal and his new Executive Board. We look forward to the upcoming year and what the future brings as we continue to grow and evolve with the times and trends.

As always we want to thank our Sponsors and Exhibitors. Without their continued support the conferences would not be what they are. They allow us to enhance the experience, activities, and the training and it is very much appreciated.

Glasgow and its surrounding area was amazing and really enhanced the atmosphere. The conference was full of smiles and laughter. We got to look for Nessie, experience the culture, food (Haggis), and all the historic surroundings. Glasgow opened their arms to us and made us feel welcome and right at home.

The International Forum was reformatted and over the coming years look to be real informative and productive as it moves forward.

The future is bright so hold on to your kilts...it's going to be a great ride.

Conference Recap-New Executive Board



1ST VICE PRESIDENT
Paul Thomas



PRESIDENT
Marthinus H. Odendal



2ND VICE PRESIDENT
Brad Anderson



3RD VICE PRESIDENT
Ana Laura Brizuela



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Anna Kotsovos



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Bob C. Hasbrouck

To see the full list of Directors and Associate Directors please visit the direct link below:

[Full Executive Board](#)



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
John Abounader

Conference Recap



Look for a later edition of the APB Magazine for full coverage but for now we will begin our slow transition to next year and CHICAGO

Conference Information-Chicago



August 2 – 7, 2020

The Westin O'Hare
6100 N. River Rd, Rosemont, IL

<https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/chiwa-the-westin-ohare/>

Room rate: \$179/night (includes breakfast)

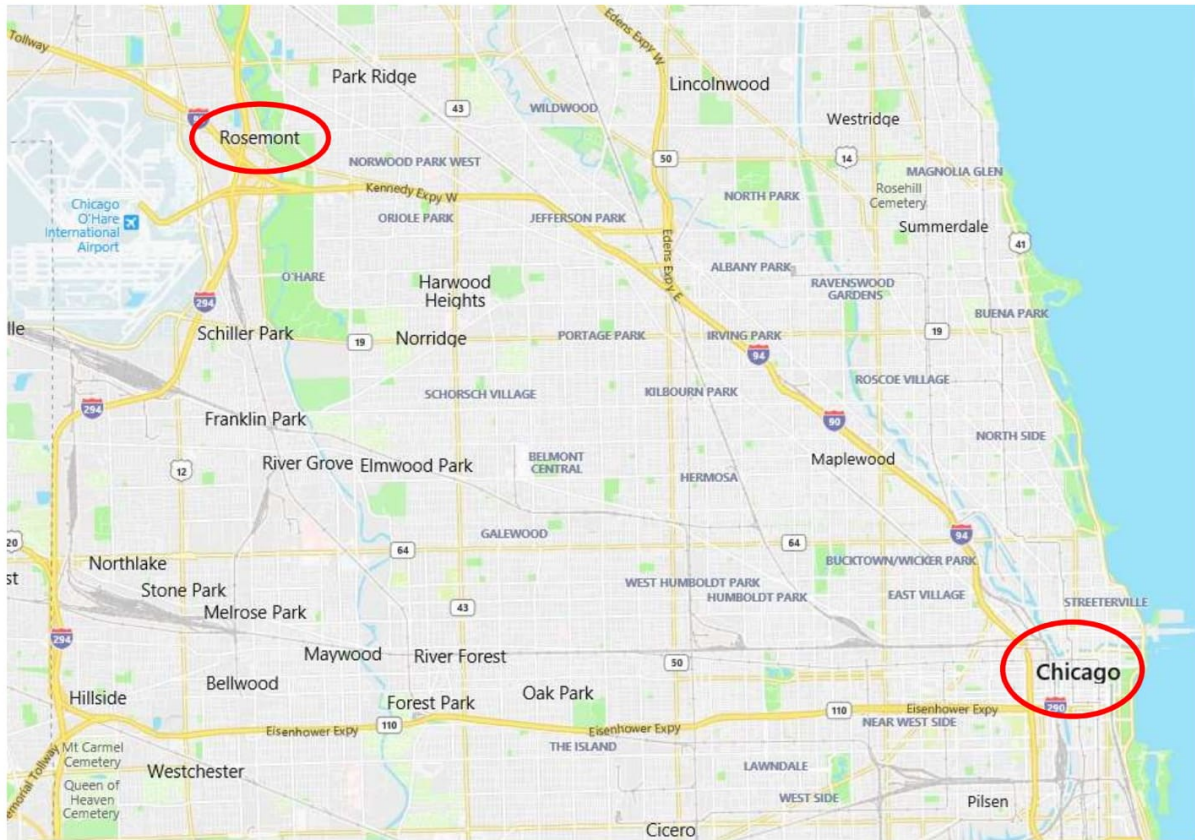
200 parking spaces will be complimentary. Each vehicle after 200 will be \$5/day.

More information will be coming. Please monitor the IAATI website for more information.

Conference Information-Chicago

Only 15 miles (24 km) to downtown Chicago, and next to O'Hare International Airport.

There are many entertainment options in Rosemont including a casino, outlet shopping mall, and even an indoor skydiving venue!



Mark your calendars now for this seminar, and stay a little longer to enjoy the sights and sounds of the Chicagoland area. For more information regarding tourism in Illinois:

www.rosemont.com

www.choosechicago.com

www.enjoyillinois.com

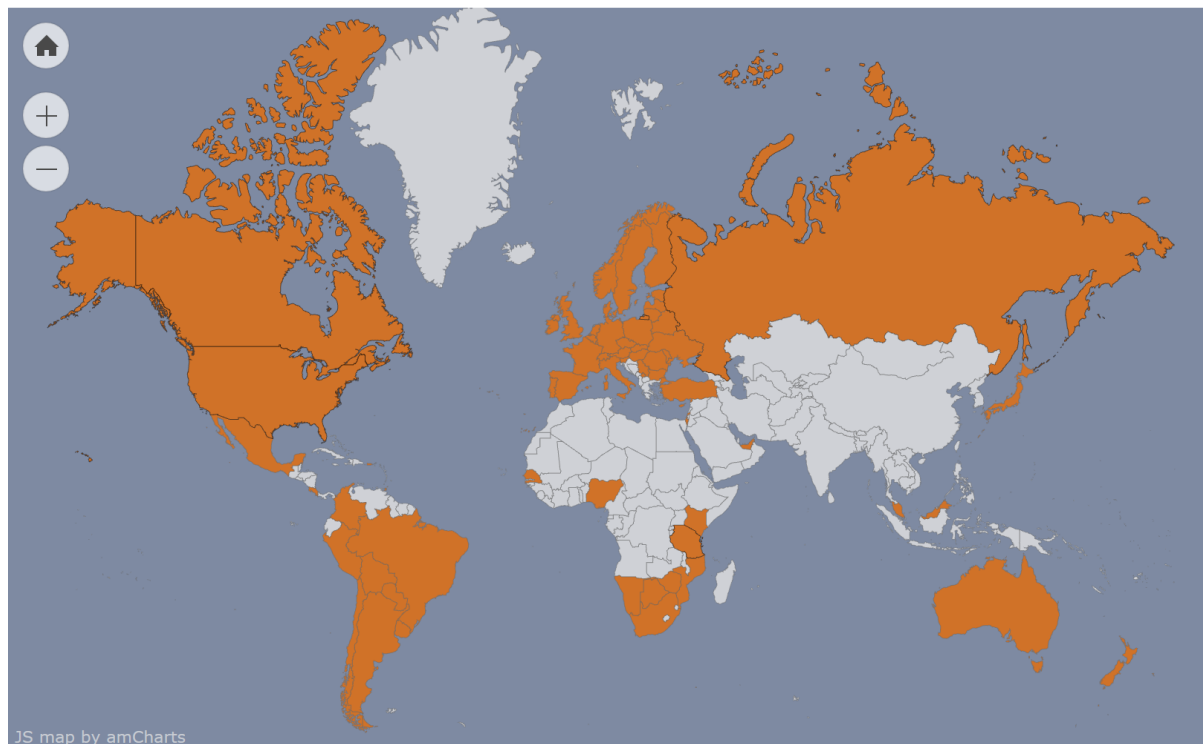
Where in the World? By Paul Thomas

Did you know that IAATI has members in Trinidad and Tobago? Well we do, we have two members based there - Martin and Robert.

Have you ever needed a contact in Belarus, Kenya or Malaysia? Yes, we also have members there as well.

In fact we have over 3,100 members in 66 countries throughout the world.

While IAATI is currently working to expand our membership base throughout Asia, you can see from the following map that we have members in most parts of the world. These are people you can turn to for assistance with your investigations.



To find details of an IAATI member in another country simply:

Go to our website www.iaati.org

1. Click the *Account* button in the header of the home page and log in.
2. Once you have logged in, click the *Search* button in the header.
3. An orange coloured panel will open where you can either search the entire site or search for members.
4. To search for members click the blue *Member Search* button.
The best way to search is to then click the '+ *Further options*' link. This will enable you to filter your search by a large number of data items including 'Home country'.

Alternatively, you can access this search feature from the Membership page of the website. Simply select 'Search members' from the submenu on the right side of the Membership page. Remember, as this tool is only available to financial members, you can only search for members once you have logged into your account.

As a quick guide to where we have members you can also visit the new interactive membership map on our website.

<https://www.iaati.org/membership>

IAATI UPDATES

Chapter / Branch Information - Branch and chapter information is located on the website.

For general information and obtain contact information for a branch or chapter, please [click here](#). Information about IAATI chapters and branches can be found on the website: ABOUT IAATI/BRANCHES AND CHAPTERS. For individual chapter and branch news, please visit that website or go to page 2 and click on a logo to be directed to that branch or chapter website.

Committee Information / News / Reports - Committee information is located on the website.

For general committee information, members and their contact information, please [click here](#) or from the website, click ABOUT IAATI. To access periodic committee reports, please [click here](#). Committee reports are located on the website: ABOUT IAATI/DOCUMENTATION.

Training Seminar / Event Information - Training information is always being added to the website.

For information on all IAATI training events as well as training offered by others, please [click here](#). Members are able to view information regarding the various training opportunities available and register online when able.

Board Members / Information - Please [click here](#) to view information on the IAATI website regarding current board members.

Auto Theft Today - Publication deadline

The next issue of Auto Theft Today will be released end of December. If you have any articles, photographs, member news, or anything else to include in the next issue, please [click here to submit a story](#) or send an email to enews@iaati.org. In order to have your information included in the next edition, please submit or email everything by the 10th of each month.

Board Members and Committee Members wanted!

Each year during the annual IAATI conference, members elect a new board of directors. New committee members are selected as well. Now is the time to do your part and submit your intent to serve on the IAATI board or one of the committees. It is as simple as sending an email to the chair of the Nominating Committee, Past President JD Hough at jdhough@iaati.org.

When submitting your email, please including the following information:

- Your name and number of years you have been an IAATI member along with membership number;
- Your profession and current employer;
- Your reasons for wanting to get more involved;
- The number of IAATI seminars you have attended over the past years;
- What ideas you have that might benefit IAATI;
- Your experience/work within your local IAATI chapter/branch.



IACP's Vehicle Crimes Committee has been busy for the last few years!

The committee continually works on multiple issues regarding vehicle related crimes. Currently work groups are focusing on rental vehicle thefts, emerging technology issues and creating a vehicle crimes toolkit for smaller agencies.

[Click here](#) to see what resources are available for your agency!



Awards & Recognition

If you know of any IAATI Member that has received any recognition please let us know so we can share the news. Email enews@iaati.org.



Awards Nominations

With a busy work life we rarely take time out to sit back and review our work or that of others. We rush to finish one job and then move straight on to the next. However it is important that we all occasionally take a moment and assess ours and our colleagues work, and then acknowledge those examples of outstanding achievement.

While all Chapters and Branches have their own local awards the International Board also manages a total of eight awards including:

- Raymond H. Dreher Memorial Award
- The IAATI Award of Merit
- IAATI President's Award
- IAATI Directors Award
- The IAATI Insurance Investigator of the Year Award
- IAATI Heavy Equipment Award
- IAATI Component Parts Markings Award
- NICB Award of Excellence

Nominations for all Awards close on 1st May each year, but you don't need to wait until then. Why not use some free time over the Christmas holidays to nominate someone and send it in.

Details on the criteria for each award and how to nominate can be found on the Awards Page of the website at <https://www.iaati.org/awards>

You Chapters also have awards available. Please reach out or look at their websites and see what is available and the due dates as they will all be different. It is important to recognize all the dedicated hard workers out there. Please take the few minutes and nominate these important people.

Training Opportunities

2019 & 2020 Auto Theft Training Seminars

Submitted by Past Pres. Denny Roske

Training is one of the most important areas that we as auto theft investigators need to continually seek out. With the trends in auto theft changing on a daily basis, we need to stay on top of these new developments that can assist us with prevention, identification, investigation, and prosecution. If you know of any other auto theft courses that are being offered, please contact me at: iaatidenny@aol.com IAATI will also post course announcements on our web site & the IAATI e-news during the year. Always check the IAATI web site for training information at: iaati.org The following auto theft training courses are being offered at this time:

TRAINING LOCATION	DATE	CONTACT INFO.
National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) on line training web site, click on: courses	Continuous	www.NICBTraining.org
National Cargo Theft Summit Louisville, Kentucky	Oct. 3rd & 4th	Melissa Sullivan MSullivan@nicb.org
South Central Regional Chapter Waco, Texas	Oct. 6th – 11th	Michelle Snyder M3Editor@outlook.com
Western Chapter & Southern Western States Auto Theft Inv. San Diego, California	Oct. 14th – 18th	Mick O’Neill moneill@HAGERTY.com
South African Branch Weesgerus Modimolle, Limpopo	Oct. 30th – Nov. 1st	Adrie Blignaut adrie@zonke-unicode.co.za
European Branch Ljubljana, Slovenia	Nov. 6th – 8th	Vince Wise vince.wise@datatag.co.uk
2020		
Australasian Branch Seminar Melbourne, Australia	April 20th – 22nd	Mark Pollard mpollard@iaati.org
North East Regional Chapter Middletown, Rhode Island	June 1st – 4th	Kim Hormann KHormann@PlymouthRock.com
South East Regional Chapter Savannah, GA	June 7th – 11th	Julio Valcarcel Julio.valcarcel@seiaati.org
2020 International Seminar & North Central Chapter Chicago, Illinois	August 2nd – 7th	Barb Rambo brambo@nicb.org
South Central Regional Chapter San Marcos, Texas	Oct. 13th – 18th	Michelle Snyder M3Editor@outlook.com

Future Seminars

2021 69th Seminar: Denver, Colorado, USA

Training Opportunities continued

Enter to Win: A Free registration to the 2020 Australasian Branch Training Seminar

We would like to encourage our fellow IAATI members to join us at our 2020 Training Seminar. So to help entice you down under, the Australasian Branch of IAATI is offering **one member from each** of IAATI's Branches and Chapters a free registration to our 2020 Annual Training Seminar in Melbourne, 20-22 April, 2020 (Note: the date is yet to be confirmed).

Why? To encourage greater interaction and exchange of IAATI members from around the world. We know Australia and New Zealand are a long way from the rest of the world, but we would love to have you visit us and develop networks and contacts with your fellow IAATI members 'down under'.

What's the catch? While we are offering free seminar registrations, you will be required to cover all your other costs including travel and accommodation. Sorry, but it will be worth it! Why not consider bringing the family and having a holiday in Australia. You can visit our great beaches, our modern cities, the natural beauty of the Australian outback or take in some of our unique flora and fauna.

When & Where: The Seminar is being held in Melbourne, in the State of Victoria. Most international airlines fly directly into Melbourne so there is no internal flights required. The Seminar venue is currently being finalised.

How to apply: Please send a short email stating your name, IAATI membership number, and contact details to the Australasian Branch President, Mr. Mark Pollard, via: mpollard@iaati.org
Nominations close 11th October, 2019 and winners will be advised by the 30 October 2019.



The Fine Print:

1. The Australasian Branch is offering up to nine (9) free seminar registrations to current IAATI members from outside the Australasian Branch to attend their 2020 Annual Training Seminar in Melbourne. One free registration will be offered to a member from each of the following IAATI Branches - Asian, European, Latin American, Southern African, United Kingdom, and each of the North American IAATI Chapters - NERC, NCRC, SCRC, SERC, and the WRC.
2. If multiple nominations are received from a branch or chapter then the Australasian Branch will consult with your local branch or chapter president to determine who will receive the offer.
3. The offer only covers the cost of the seminar registration fee, i.e. training classes, delegate's pack, lunches during the seminar, the Networking reception and seminar dinner. Recipients of the offer are required to cover all other costs including, but not limited to, transportation costs, accommodation, visas (if required), other meals not included in the seminar, travel insurance, tickets for partners to the seminar dinner and reception, etc.
4. This offer only applies to current financial IAATI members who have applied and have received confirmation from the Australasian Branch that they have been selected to receive a free registration.
5. Please only apply if you are reasonably certain you will be able to attend and take up the offer if selected.

Training Opportunities continued



SAVE THE DATE: 2019 Cargo Theft and Transportation Summit

Join us for the 5th annual Cargo Theft and Transportation Summit hosted by Travelers Insurance and CargoNet. The Cargo Theft and Transportation Summit provides important opportunities for law enforcement, insurance, and private industry personnel to gain insight into local and national cargo theft and transportation issues.

The Summit offers training and networking opportunities to provide a collaborative effort to detect and deter theft and identify trends in the transportation industry.

Registration: We will be sending out the invitation for this complementary no charge training opportunity in June. The invitation will include the detailed schedule and links to register for the event and book a hotel room.



Join us!

November 5-6, 2019

Double Tree By Hilton
924 West Huntington Drive
Monrovia, CA 91016

Tuesday, the 5th:
Classes 8:00am to 5:00pm

Tuesday Evening Networking
Reception

Wednesday, the 6th:
8:00am to 12:00pm

Details to follow on POST and
CE credits accreditation

NMVTIS

What is NMVTIS you ask?



According to the website, The National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS) is, among other things, a tool that assists local, state, and federal law enforcement in investigating, deterring, and preventing vehicle-related crimes.

Please [visit the website](#) to learn more about [NMVTIS and its Benefits to Law Enforcement](#).

IN THE NEWS...

1978 Pontiac Trans Am Stolen in Georgia. *October 2, 2019, <https://news.yahoo.com>* reports that the vehicle was stored in a trailer attached to a Ford F350 while being transitioned from one car show to the next.

October Marks 25 Years Of Maryland's Vehicle Theft Prevention Council: How Crimes Have Changed. *October 2, 2019, <https://www.southernmarylandchronicle.com>* reports on how far they have come in 25 years with quotes from our very own Christopher McDonold who is the Executive Director of this Council.

Wichita County Tax Office warns of fraudulent vehicle titles. *October 4, 2019, <https://www.timesrecordnews.com>* reports they had probably one of the best fraudulent Blue Texas Negotiable Vehicle Titles they have ever seen and are warning people when buying vehicles online.

Theft of catalytic converters from hybrid cars surges. *September 20, 2019, <https://www.theguardian.com>* reports that Toyota has seen a 2000% rise in demand for parts for metals that contain precious metals.

Surge in Fiat 500 thefts as cops warn owners to increase security. *October 3, 2019, <https://www.birminghammail.co.uk>* reports that with the increase in activity that the West Midlands Police have issued advice to owners of the cars, urging them to use steering locks, immobilizers and trackers.

Tools for your Toolbox

Here you will find publications that could be used as a tool for the trade. If you have anything you would like to share here please email it to enews@iaati.org.

- [VEHICLE RENTAL/LEASING INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIPS: A FORCE MULTIPLIER](#)
- [TSA Rental Truck Brochure](#)
- [NHTSA "Preventing Auto Theft" Video](#) (Please use and share)
- [NHTSA "Protecting Your Vehicle from Theft" social graphics](#) (Please use and share)
- [Car Rental Security Contacts](#)