



**IAATI UK**  
**Awards Policy**  
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## Our Branch Awards

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### IAATI UK Presidents Award

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The President's Award is supported by IAATI UK's first gold supporter to commit to our Supporters package each year. It is our most prestigious Award.

#### **Who can be Nominated?**

This Award recognises an outstanding contribution by an individual or a team in either:

- the reduction and deterrence of motor vehicle theft in the United Kingdom or Ireland,
- the achievement of a significant result from an investigation in auto crimes, and/or
- a significant achievement in the detection of motor vehicle theft and/or fraudulent vehicle crime.

#### **For example, potential nominations in this category may include:**

- Individuals or organisation involved in the development of security devices;
- Vehicle manufacturers;
- Insurance companies for the introduction of new procedures or incentives to vehicle owners or the funding of crime prevention programs;
- Police services for the introduction of initiatives or the development and distribution of training programmes;
- Local crime prevention practitioners;
- Youth workers or organisations involved in prevention programs for offender or age risk individuals;
- Advertising agencies for the development of an awareness campaign etc.;
- Motor Registration authorities or consumer protection agencies for the development of policies or procedures aimed at restricting the activities of car thieves and protecting the unsuspecting consumers;
- Individuals or organisations involved in the media for the development of responsible reporting practices, the dissemination of vehicle theft prevention material, or the reporting of vehicle theft issues;
- Police services, Customs services, Insurance companies, private investigators, or anyone else involved in the prevention, detection and investigation of motor vehicle theft or vehicle crimes;
- Inter-agency operations or co-operation between public and/or private companies to achieve a positive result in the tackling of vehicle crime.

#### **Criteria:**

Submissions could be for any project or initiative that deals with the reduction, prevention or investigation of motor crime, either at an international, national or local level.

Nominees will be assessed by the Awards Assessment Committee who will present a short list of finalists to the United Kingdom Board to select the winner. The winner and runner up for this award are announced at the annual IAATI UK National Vehicle Crime Conference Awards Banquet held each year.

The successful recipient or organisation will receive the Award from the IAATI International President or representative and the IAATI UK Branch President at the IAATI UK National Vehicle Crime Conference.

The runner up will receive a Certificate of commendation from IAATI. Would you like to nominate someone or an organisation for this Award?

## IAATI UK Keith English Award (Award of Merit)

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The IAATI UK Keith English Award (Award of Merit).

This award is presented in the memory of Keith English who was one of the founding members of IAATI Europe, before the two Associations split. Keith English died in a road traffic accident whilst on his way from carrying out a car examination.

### **Who can be Nominated?**

The Award of Merit is presented to an individual, group, association or company, who has shown distinction in the investigation, prevention or detection of motor vehicle crime, involving motor cars, motorbikes and caravans. It is open to any squad, individual or team who have conducted an outstanding investigation involving the detection and prevention of auto crime. It is open to members of police forces, customs services, insurance investigators, private investigators, or anyone else involved in vehicle theft investigations.

### **Criteria:**

Submissions will be judged on their demonstration of any or all of the following criteria:

- innovative methodologies,
- application of best practice investigation techniques,
- the complexity of the investigation, and
- co-operation and involvement of multiple agencies

to achieve a result in the fight against auto theft and related crime.

The investigation may involve cooperation of international agencies but at least part of the investigation must have taken place in either the United Kingdom or Ireland during the last 3 years.

Nominees will be assessed by the Awards Assessment Committee who will present a short list of finalists to the United Kingdom Board to select the winner.

The winner and runner up for this award are announced at the annual IAATI UK National Vehicle Crime Conference Awards Banquet held each year.

The successful recipient or organisation will receive the Award from the IAATI UK Branch President at the IAATI UK National Vehicle Crime Conference.

The runner up will receive a Certificate of commendation from IAATI.

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## IAATI UK Peter Leigh Award

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The IAATI UK Peter Leigh Award (IAATI UK Plant Award) .

This award is presented in the memory of Peter Leigh, who was a member of IAATI UK, and was involved in the investigation of plant theft, farm machinery, trailer theft, and industrial machinery.

### **Who can be Nominated?**

This Award has traditionally been a plant award presented to a police operation but of late it has been given a wider remit to involve any organisation, individual and/or stakeholder in the industry.

### **Criteria:**

The Plant Award will be presented to an individual, group, association or company who have shown distinction in the investigation, prevention or detection of plant theft, which includes, farm machinery, tools, construction machinery and trailers.

Nominees will be assessed by the Awards Assessment Committee who will present a short list of finalists to the United Kingdom Board to select the winner.

The winner and runner up for this award are announced at the annual IAATI UK National Vehicle Crime Conference Awards Banquet held each year.

The successful recipient or organisation will receive the Award from the IAATI UK Branch President at the IAATI UK National Vehicle Crime Conference.

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## IAATI UK Alan Taylor Award

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The IAATI UK Alan Taylor Award (Technology Award).

Alan Taylor was a valued member of IAATI. His background of over 30 years' service with the Kent Police and his time spent as a Detective in the Special Branch dealing with vehicle crime enabled him to contribute to initiatives undertaken by the Association.



In 2000 Alan was part of the team who worked towards the foundation of the IAATI UK Branch. It was his ambition to create a magazine for the UK Branch and he successfully launched the 'Alliance' magazine which rivalled the International's APB and helped attract new members forming the foundation of this branch.

It is a fitting tribute for the Alan Taylor Award to recognise Alan's service to the Association and the community.

### **Who can be Nominated?**

This Award is usually given to a company, organisation or individual who has successfully used the latest anti-theft technology in their pursuit of prevention, detection and investigation of Auto theft and related crime.

### **Criteria:**

The Technology Award will be presented to an individual, group, association or company who have demonstrated a successful investigation, operation or recovery of stolen vehicles or vehicle with the use of latest technological advancements and up to date techniques providing counter measures to vehicle theft.

Nominees will be assessed by the Awards Assessment Committee who will present a short list of finalists to the United Kingdom Board to select the winner.

The winner and runner up for this award are announced at the annual IAATI UK National Vehicle Crime Conference Awards Banquet held each year.

The successful recipient or organisation will receive the Award from the IAATI UK Branch President at the IAATI UK National Vehicle Crime Conference.

The runner up will receive a Certificate of commendation from IAATI.

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## IAATI UK Insurance Award

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The IAATI UK Insurance Award is an Industry Award supported by an individual or organisation working within the insurance industry.

### **Who can be Nominated?**

The Insurance Industry Investigation of the Year Award is open to any individual or team working in the insurance industry.

### **Criteria:**

This Award is open to any individual or team who have conducted an outstanding investigation of a suspicious motor vehicle claim, or a network of suspicious motor vehicle claims or any auto crime claims (staged accident etc.). The award is open to both investigators who have conducted an outstanding investigation into motor vehicle theft claims, auto crime claims, and claims staff working in the investigations unit of an insurance company who manage the investigation process.

The investigation may be deemed outstanding for a range of reasons including its use of innovative methodologies and investigations techniques; the complexity of the investigation and the outcome of the investigation. The submission could be in relation to one specific claim, a network of theft claims, or auto crime claims that were identified and investigated.

Nominees will be assessed by the Awards Assessment Committee who will present a short list of finalists to the United Kingdom Board to select the winner.

The winner and runner up for this award are announced at the annual IAATI UK National Vehicle Crime Conference Awards Banquet held each year.

The successful recipient or organisation will receive the Award from the IAATI UK Branch President at the IAATI UK National Vehicle Crime Conference.

The runner up will receive a Certificate of commendation from IAATI.

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## IAATI UK Member of the Year Award

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The IAATI UK Member of the year Award is our Association Award recognising the efforts of our members.

### **Who can be Nominated?**

Nominations for this award are open to present or past members of the United Kingdom Branch of IAATI.

### **Criteria:**

This award is to recognise the work of an individual member, who through their dedication and involvement, has helped in the development, growth or professionalism of IAATI within the United Kingdom or at the International level. .

Nominees will be assessed by the IAATI UK President.

The winner of this award is announced at the annual IAATI UK National Vehicle Crime Conference Awards Banquet held each year.

The successful recipient or organisation will receive the Award from the IAATI International President or their representative and the IAATI UK Branch President at the IAATI UK National Vehicle Crime Conference.

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## Procedures

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### How do we determine a winner?

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The Award Committee shall be made up of a Chairman, an IAATI UK Director and a member at large.

Any person on the Awards Committee with a conflict of interest should stand down on that specific matter and appoint a further person to take their position.

The Awards Committee shall be appointed by the IAATI UK President.

All nominations (with the exception of the Member of the Year Award) will be reviewed by the Committee and a short list of two nominees determined for recommendation and approval by the IAATI Board.

The IAATI Board shall review the recommendations and decide upon the successful nominee who will be announced at the IAATI UK National Vehicle Crime Conference in each given year. The runners up will receive a certificate of Commendation.

If necessary, the Awards Committee can outsource their deliberations to industry specific experts to assist them in their deliberations and recommendations for the short list.

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## Can I self nominate?

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What makes self-nomination so difficult? Humility is a virtue that is taught the world over. At a young age, we haven't developed the social skills to talk about our accomplishments — and ourselves — gracefully. Instead, as children we blurt out, "My daddy has lots of money," "I'm better than you because...," or "I have more toys than anyone!"

Our parents and mentors know it's important to squelch this behaviour right from the start or people aren't going to like us — and they were right. The problem is that there wasn't a chapter two in that part of life's lessons, and very few of us ever learn how to reconcile the virtue of humility with the need to promote ourselves later in life. This tug-of-war between showing humility and showcasing our accomplishments is played out daily across the working world.

Currently, this is playing out in IAATI UK's search for nominees for its awards programs, and that needs to change. Too often we hear, I couldn't nominate myself or my team, it just wouldn't be right. There is absolutely nothing wrong with drawing attention to your accomplishments, about which the IAATI UK would have no other way of knowing. So check out the submission date for the award(s) of your choice and enter online at your convenience. Let us be the judge of you or your team or your organisations accomplishments.

### **How to Nominate**

1. You may nominate someone or an organisation for an Award by completing an 'On Line Form' found at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/IAATIUKAWARDS> or emailing your submissions to Director, Dr. Ken German at [germanty@btinternet.com](mailto:germanty@btinternet.com).
2. If you are submitting multiple nominations, either for the same award or for multiple awards, please complete a separate Nomination Cover Sheet for each nomination.
3. You may nominate yourself, your colleague(s), an organisation etc.
4. Read the 'Guide to making a Submission" (see below)
5. It is appreciated that initiatives or investigations may take place over a long period of time and their outcomes may not always be immediate, but all nominations for these types of awards should be for work that has taken place within the last three years.
6. All the information contained in any nomination and marked 'confidential' will remain so, and will not be released without the permission of the nominee. However, the winners of each award will be expected to provide a 'public' version of their nomination for publication by IAATI.
7. If nominating a team please list names of team members or other agencies involved in the investigation / initiative
8. You should ensure that you do not send us confidential information that may impede an existing investigation.
9. The closing date for all nominations is two months before the commencement of the IAATI UK National Vehicle Crime Conference each year.

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Nomination form cover sheet

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This form is a cover sheet and must be used for all award nominations. Please complete a separate cover sheet for each nomination and attach it to your Nomination Statement and any supporting material. The nomination statement should not exceed four pages and the total size of the nomination, including all supporting evidence should not exceed 3 MB.

Electronic submissions in PDF format via email to [executivedirector@iaati.org](mailto:executivedirector@iaati.org) are preferred.

Alternatively, hard copy submissions may be forwarded to: Awards Director xxxxxxxx. The closing date for nominations is two months prior to the opening of the IAATI UK National Vehicle Crime Conference, each year.

**Nominee's Details**

Name of Award nominating  
for:.....

Nominee's Name :  
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(as to appear on award if selected - name may be an individual, a team, or organisation)

Nominee's Organisation:  
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Contact Person (if team or organisation):  
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Position:  
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Postal Address:  
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Phone: .....

Email: .....

If nominating a team please list names of team members or other agencies involved in the investigation / initiative:

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**Nominator's Details**

Your Name: .....

Your Organisation: .....

Your Phone: .....

Your Email: .....

Your relationship to nominee:.....

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## Guide to writing an Award Nomination

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Award submissions should be made by providing a nomination statement and supporting evidence to demonstrate why the nominee is a worthy winner in their eligible category. Here are some tips in putting together your submission.

1. **Read the category description carefully and identify what the judging criteria are for that award.** Make sure you clearly demonstrate how the nominated investigation / project / initiative meets the criteria.
2. **Provide clear and succinct Nomination Statement about the investigation / project / initiative you are nominating.** The maximum length for the nomination statement is four pages. This is the maximum size, it does not have to be this long, so don't add unnecessary details just to fill pages.
3. In addition to your Nomination Statement you may **include supporting evidence**, such as photos, charts, graphs, promotional material, news clippings, website references, etc. The judges like to have relevant supporting material but the most important point to focus on when preparing any background material and supporting evidence is that it is quality and relevance that matter, not quantity. In fairness to all nominees, the total nomination submission must be less than 3MB in size and the Nomination Statement, should be able to stand on its own from the supporting material, and fully explain the reasons for the nomination.
4. **Structure your nomination.** The nomination statement and evidence should first "wet the appetite" and then "tell a story" that backs this up. For example, what were the results of your investigation / project / initiative? What difficulties did you have to deal with and overcome to get those results? What innovative techniques or strategies did you use to overcome these difficulties. Did the investigation or initiative involve cooperation with multiple organisations?
5. In general nominations will be judged on their demonstration of any or all of the following criteria: innovative methodologies, application of best practice investigation techniques, the complexity of the investigation, and co-operation and involvement of multiple agencies to achieve a result in the fight against auto crime. The number of vehicles recovered or the number of offenders apprehended is not the determining factor other these factors can add extra complexity to an investigation. **Small single vehicle investigations can be just as worthy of an award as larger investigations.**
6. **Sub-sections.** Think about whether you should break up your submission into sections to really make your point, particularly if you are sending in the maximum four pages, to make it easier for the judges to read and understand. Don't be afraid of white space.
7. **Sell you nomination.** Every year we receive a number of very worthy submissions, so you need to spell it out for the judges why your nomination deserves to win. What makes your nomination stand out as an excellent example in it's category?
8. **Proof read** your submission. Make sure it is free from spelling and grammatical errors, and that it flows well to the reader.
9. **Finally**, don't hesitate, get your nomination in now.

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### IAATI International awards

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If your submission has sufficient information and has merit, the IAATI UK shall undertake to place your submission before IAATI International for inclusion in their International Awards program.