

INTERPOL Australasian Regional DNA Symposium 15-16 June 2010

The INTERPOL DNA Monitoring Expert Group (MEG) is an international committee convened by the INTERPOL DNA Unit twice yearly to discuss the status of forensic DNA typing and DNA database operations. The DNA MEG was first established in 1999. Its main terms of reference are to support the role of INTERPOL in facilitating the international exchange of DNA investigative information, provide regional support for DNA capacity in the developed world, and convene a bi-annual DNA User's Conference. It has become traditional for the INTERPOL DNA MEG meeting (to be held 11-12 June 2010) to be followed by a 2-day Regional DNA Symposium. The INTERPOL Australasian Regional DNA Symposium will be held on 15-16 June 2010 at the Sebel Pier One, Sydney, Australia.

The focus for the Symposium will be National-and-International -level issues relating to policies and procedures for the management of forensic DNA technologies, databases and data sharing in the international context. The INTERPOL DNA MEG is made up of representatives from INTERPOL, Europe, South Africa, USA, China, India, the Caribbean, England, the Middle East (UAE), Australia and New Zealand so it has a strong international flavour and the Symposium will benefit from this level of contribution.

Speakers to include:

Mr Richard SCHEITHAUER (Austrian Central DNA Laboratory)
Mr Werner SCHULLER (INTERPOL)
Ms Lorraine ALLEYNE (Forensic Sciences Centre, Barbados)
Mr Ahmed AL-MARZOUQI (Forensic Sciences Centre, Abu Dhabi)
Ms Neeraja GOTRU (Central Bureau of Investigation, India)
Mr Douglas HARES (Federal Bureau of Investigations, USA)
Mr Alan CHALKLEY (Metropolitan Police)
Ms Susan HITCHIN (INTERPOL)
Mr Ingo BASTISCH (Bundeskriminalamt, Germany)
Mr Pierre JOUBERT (South African Police Service)
Ms Anne PALEOLOGUE (Laboratoire de Police Scientifique de Lyon, France)
Mr Chen SONG (Ministry for Public Security, China)
Mr Arthur TOMPKINS (Hamilton District Court, New Zealand)
Mr Simon WALSH (Australian Federal Police)

The Symposium will also include delegates, attendees and presenters from partner countries from the Asia-Pacific who will present on matters relevant to their own country and benefit from the contributions of others.

Cost of registration will be \$250.00 (AUD) for the two-day Symposium. A Symposium Brochure including Registration Form will follow shortly. Communication will be managed through the following email Symposium@afp.gov.au Please refer any initial questions via email.

Simon Walsh,

Chair, Australasian Regional DNA Symposium