

Invitation

The Belgian Federal Police is hosting the 8th ENFSI SPTM meeting from April, Tuesday 27th until Friday 30th, 2010

Public

Forensic Practitioners from Police and Forensic labs (ENFSI and non-ENFSI) and scene of crime officers, working in the field of marks examination (marks of footwear, tools, tyres, ears, gloves, feet, ...)

Venue

- Radisson SAS Balmoral Hotel
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Subject

Marks examination in the DNA era

DNA is a powerful forensic tool, which has become increasingly important over the last 20 years. For some detectives, it even seems to be their only tool in the battle against crime. Other types of evidence, like footwear and tool marks, are still as valid as ever, but DNA has definitely changed “the market”. What are the strong points of marks examination ? How do DNA and marks go together ? Food enough for an exchange of ideas and discussions!

Program

- Tuesday, April 27th, 2010:
 - a.m. Registration
 - 09.30 u. IAI footwear certification : written test
 - 12.00-14.00 Lunch
 - 14.00 u. Welcome
 - 14.30 u. introduction (ENFSI board + organising committee) – Key note
 - 15.00 u. presentations (Marks & DNA)
 - 17.00 u. end
 - 19.00 u. dinner
- Wednesday, April 28th, 2010
 - Breakfast
 - 09.00-12.00 u. presentations (Best Practice)

- 12.00-13.30 u. lunch
- 13.30-17.00 u. poster presentations and workshops
- 19.00 u. dinner
- Thursday, April 29th, 2010
 - Breakfast
 - 09.00-12.00 u. presentations : Case reports
 - 12.00-13.30 u. lunch
 - PM : to be announced
 - 18.00 u. Visit Museum “Circuit de Spa-Francorchamps” + Gala dinner (Monastery Stavelot)
- Friday, April 30th, 2010
 - Breakfast
 - 09.00-12.00 u. presentations – business meeting – farewell
 - 12.00-13.30 u. Lunch
 - 14.00 u. Departure to Airport and railway station
 - PM Board meeting + committee meeting

Call for papers

People wishing to give a presentation or presenting a poster, please send an abstract before February, 28th 2010 to the organising committee, using the attached form.

IAI Certification

Participants will have the opportunity to take the written test of the IAI footwear certification program. The participation fee of 150 \$ should be paid in advance to the IAI (www.theiai.org).

Sponsors

Companies wishing to present their products to the participants of this meeting are welcomed. These commercial presentations are held during breaks throughout the meeting.

Costs

- Room + breakfast (to be paid on-site by participants)
 - 115 € single occupancy
 - 125 € double occupancy
 - Taxes 0,9 € per person per night
- Meeting (Lunch, dinner and coffee breaks included)
 - Fee : 550 € (early registration – deadline : January 31st, 2010)
 - Fee : 600 € (registration up to March 31st, 2010)
- Sponsor fee : 550 € (registration up to March 31st, 2010)

The meeting fee is to be paid upon registration to the SPTM2010 bank account BE32 7554 6799 0802 (BIC AXABBE22)

Travel information for participants

The city of Spa is not in the centre of Belgium, but in the quiet southern part of the country, nearby Liège. It was once a meeting place for royals, around the casino and the “Spa” (ever wondered where this name came from ?). You will search in vain for a metro taking you from the airport to the hotel. However, the hotel can be easily reached :

By car : The hotel is close (5 km) to the motorway E42 (exit 8). Parking at the hotel for free.

By plane and train : Brussels and Koln Airports are at a distance of about 130 km, we can advise you to take a train to « Liège Guillemins », one of Belgium’s main railway stations. Thalys and ICE high speed trains which will take you to Liège from Paris in 2h20, from Köln in 1h30 and from Frankfurt in 2h20. Regular trains need about 1h30 to arrive in Liège, coming from Brussels-Airport.

A regular train ticket from Brussels Airport to Liège Guillemins costs about 13 € in second and 20 € in first class.

We will arrange for a shuttle from Liège Guillemins to the hotel on Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning and busses to Liège Guillemins and Brussels airport on Friday after lunch.

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