

The aim of ENFSI is to ensure that the quality of development and delivery of forensic science throughout Europe is at the forefront of the world\*



*The origin of the statue lies in ancient Greek and Roman times as the lady represented is Themis, the goddess of justice and law. Well known for her clear sightedness, she typically holds a sword in one hand and scales in the other. The scales that she holds represent the impartiality with which justice is served and the sword signifies the power that is held by those making the decision.*

\* from the ENFSI Constitution

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Dear reader,

The year 2010 was an important and border crossing year for forensic science in general and for ENFSI in particular. Forensic science got a lot of attention worldwide and numerous organisations contacted ENFSI for its expertise. The following three examples illustrate this.

The United Nations Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice adopted in its meeting (17-21 May 2010) a resolution on international cooperation in the forensic field, proposed by Ghana and co-sponsored by Belgium, Switzerland, Australia and the United Kingdom. This report calls for increased international cooperation in regional networks as means to develop sustainable forensic services worldwide and welcomes the expansion of tasks of the UNODC in this area. ENFSI will, as the current chair of the International Forensic Strategic Alliance, gladly provide assistance and input from the forensic world to their activities.

The European Union acknowledged that when evidence collected in one member State is to be used in judicial proceedings in another Member State, the collection and examination of the samples as well as the interpretation of findings is a need to be considered. So a Green Paper was published on obtaining evidence in criminal matters from one active State to another and on securing its admissibility. Through the current monopoly funding program, ENFSI supports this process by providing harmonizing methods, setting uniform quality standards and by establishing a standard for interpretation of forensic evidence.

The European Committee on Crime Problems of the Council of Europe published a number of recommendations on the Admissibility, Appraisal and Equality of Arms of Scientific Evidence in Europe (CDPC Meeting, 7 - 10 June 2010).

In previous years it was mostly ENFSI that contacted organisations such as those above. Now we face the situation that those organisations contact ENFSI asking for support or advice. This is a very positive process and it validates ENFSI's current, prominent position.

This ENFSI Annual Report 2010 highlights the large number of activities ENFSI has been involved in through its different structures. Characterising the ENFSI activities in the past year is not easy. Some activities were the result of conscientious and scrupulous teamwork, some outcomes were like spontaneous outbursts of a volcano.

Anyway, I'm convinced you will also feel and experience the omnipresent thrill within the organisation bringing forensic science forward.

Enjoy your reading.

Jan De Kinder, Chairman of the 14th Board

**Membership**

In the course of the year 2010 three new member-institutes joined ENFSI:

- Forensic Expertise Department (Sarajevo - Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- Forensic Service Department of Latvian Police (Riga – Latvia)
- Bayerisches Landeskriminalamt Kriminaltechnisches Institut (München – Germany)



Handing over the ENFSI Membership's Certificate

Two member-institutes left ENFSI in 2010:

- Forensic Science Division (Athens - Greece)
- Forensic Science Centre of the Ministry of the Interior (Moscow – Russia)

The forensic departments of the Canton Police and City Police in Zürich – Switzerland have merged into one organisation (Forensic Science Institute Zürich) which decreased the number of ENFSI member-institutes by one.

The current number of ENFSI member-institutes is 58, geographically spread over 33 European countries (date of reference: 31-12-2010). Four application procedures are in process.

## Board

At the Prague Annual Business Meeting two ENFSI member-representatives were nominated for one vacant position as Board member. After counting of the votes Torsten Ahlhorn (Germany) was welcomed as the new Board member.

The new composition of the 14th Board became:

Jan De Kinder (Belgium) - Chairman

Pawel Rybicki (Poland) - Chairman designate

Tore Olsson (Sweden) - Member

Burhanettin Cihangiroglu (Turkey) - Member

Torsten Ahlhorn (Germany) - Member



ENFSI's 14th Board

## Secretariat

The Netherlands Forensic Institute in The Hague has continued hosting the Secretariat in 2010. Wim Neuteboom (Secretary) and Peter de Bruyn (Co-Secretary) have supported the Board. The Secretariat was also responsible for the ENFSI website.

### ENFSI Meetings in 2010

During the year one Membership Business Meeting, six Board Meetings and one Joint Meeting (where the Board meets with the Expert Working Group Chairs) took place. This has become the norm for meetings during a year.

Date	Venue	Category
January 14 - 15	Prague	Board Meeting
April 15 - 16	Lausanne	Board Meeting
May 19	Prague	Board Meeting
May 19 – 21	Prague	Membership Business Meeting
June 29 - 30	The Hague	Board Meeting
August 26 - 27	Brussels	Board Meeting
November 17 - 18	Wiesbaden	Board Meeting
November 18 - 19	Wiesbaden	Joint Meeting



Discussion by the Board

In addition the 16 Expert Working Groups organised their individual Annual Meetings consisting of a scientific program and a business meeting.

Finally, in 2010 three One day, One topic Seminars (OOS) were organised focusing on current and strategic topics.

Date	Venue	Topic
September 24	Istanbul	Validation - When is Enough Enough?
October 28	Vantaa	LIMS
November 22 – 23	The Hague	CAP Competence Assessment



Networking



The ENFSI Business Meeting ran from May 20 – 22 at the “U Hájků Conference Centre” in Prague. Mr. Jiří Komorous, the 1st Deputy Minister of Interior of the Czech Republic officially opened the meeting. Except for three apologies all ENFSI member-institutes were represented. Eight member-representatives attended the ENFSI Business Meeting for the first time.

As usual the meeting was divided into a thematic part and a business meeting. ‘Future of ENFSI’ was the theme of the Thematic Part. This theme was progressed by membership in three discussion groups focusing on the following topics: Membership Categories, Monopoly Program and Relations between WG’s - Board – Directors. The outcomes were then discussed in a plenary session.



Presentation on the Monopoly Program

The practice of inviting WG Chairs to the Business Meeting was established in 2009 and because of its success, it was repeated in 2010. In Prague two ENFSI Expert Working Groups Chairs, Wout Karelse, Scene-of-Crime WG, and Niina Viitala, Fire & Explosion Investigation Working Group, gave an overview of the developments in their respective Working Groups. As usual a lot of attention was devoted to quality assurance topics. Proficiency testing and collaborative exercises, the ‘flying mentor’ projects and the scope of accreditation were discussed. The results of the annual QA-survey from the membership showed that the number of member-institutes that are accredited by their National Accreditation Body has increased to over 60%.

An extensive discussion took place on the question of how to relate to forensic institutes and institutions which are interested in joining ENFSI but do not fulfil the eligibility criteria. It was decided to establish a Future of ENFSI Project Group (chaired by ENFSI Chairman designate Pawel Rybicki) to study

this problem in depth and to formulate proposals for discussion and approval at the next Business Meeting in 2011.

Other topics addressed at the annual business meeting

- The income and expenses 2009-2010, the balance sheet (31-03-2010), the budget plan 2010-2011 as well as the audit statement by the Financial Audit Committee. were approved.
- A statement supporting the need for interpretation of forensic evidence was unanimously approved.
- The Irish Forensic Institute was assigned to host the Business Meeting in 2012. The venue will be Dublin.
- The updated Framework for the Working Groups and the Terms of Reference for the QCC as well as the Education & Training Project Group were agreed.
- It was decided that the Hair Project Group will merge with the Fibres WG.
- The local organisers gave presentations on the forthcoming Business Meeting 2011 in Tallinn and the EAFS Triennial Conference 2012 in The Hague.
- Following the presentation during the Thematic Part by Richard Gill, ENFSI's Monopoly Program Manager, Jan De Kinder gave a presentation on the Monopoly Program 2010. A clear majority approved the list of selected MP2010-projects to be submitted to EC-Brussels.



Concentrated audience

**Composition QCC**

Position	Name
Chairperson	Christina Bertler (Sweden)
Secretary	Birgitta Roseen Pettersson (Sweden)
Member	Roger Vouillamoz (Switzerland)
Member	Miroslaw Rosak (Poland)
Member	Mary Giblin (Ireland) *
Member	Victoria Morton (UK) *
Member	Jacob Irwin (UK) **
Member	Carolina Sanchez de la Torre Hernandez (Spain) **
Board Representative	Tore Olsson, SKL

\* member until September 2010

\*\* member as of September 2010

**Activities**

The QCC was active in the following areas amongst others during 2010.

It cooperated with ILAC/EA/ENFSI and other organisations from the forensic community revising ILAC G19:2002. The Guidelines for Forensic Science Laboratories is to be updated and cover the whole forensic process. QCC also participated in a meeting in Amsterdam March 2010 with European Cooperation for Accreditation Laboratory Committee (EA LC).

The Summary of QCC survey 2009 was compiled and used to follow up the status of implementation and development of quality systems. The survey was also useful when communicating with EA and ILAC.

A strategy document for the continuation of the competence assessment project was written as well as the draft Guidance for Competence Assessment.

A number of meetings were held. - A One Day, One Topic Seminar (OOS) on Competence Assessment was held in The Hague and the Quality Competence Liaison Group (QCLG) met in Warsaw, 16-17 March 2010. The topic for the QCLG was "How certain are you?".



OOS in The Hague

The Quality and Competence Group also participated in the following meetings: European Cooperation for Accreditation Laboratory Committee (EA LC) meeting in Amsterdam March 2010, the BIPM Workshop “Metrology for Forensic Science- Chemical and Biochemical Analysis” in Paris April 2010 and the Forensic Regulators meeting in Birmingham UK, February 2010.

### **Developments**

There are several areas where there have been important developments from a quality perspective.

These include the approval by the ENFSI members of the Policy on Proficiency Testing and Collaborative Exercises. The ENFSI board and QCC have had extensive discussions on the need for robust proficiency tests within the forensic areas. The option to use an external provider in cooperation with ENFSI has been addressed and will be explored further.

The agreement with the ENFSI board on the Strategy document for the Competence Assessment Project is also significant. Competence assessment is being emphasised and should be a part of the quality systems at the member institutes.



**Composition EAFS Standing Committee**

Position	Name
Chairman	Marcel van der Steen (The Netherlands)
Member	Dariusz Zuba (Poland)
Member	Christophe Champod (Switzerland)
Member	Michael Pütz (Germany)
Member	Birgitta Rasmusson (Sweden) *
Member	Colin Kimpton (UK)
Member	Erkki Sippola (Finland) **
Member	Jim Fraser (UK)
ENFSI Board Representative	Pawel Rybicki (Poland)
External (non-ENFSI) advisor	Walther Parson (Austria)
External (non-ENFSI) advisor	Colin Aitken (UK)
Organiser next EAFS Triennial Conference	Jo Puts (The Netherlands)

\* member as of September 2010

\*\* member until July 2010

**Activities**

In 2010 the EAFS Standing Committee worked hard to finalize the ENFSI's R&D Strategy document. At the Prague Business Meeting the content of this plan was presented to the members and after the summer the ENFSI members formally approved the plan by e-voting.

ENFSI's objective in this respect is to raise the general level of innovation, research and development by facilitating possibilities. The strategy describes the current status quo and important trends in the future. A number of activities are described in the plan that should push R&D-initiatives within and between ENFSI members and forensic stakeholders. Awareness, funding and communication are key success factors for the realisation of this strategy.

In the meantime, a number of actions derived from the R&D strategy are already underway. A steadily growing network of representatives of the ENFSI members now exists forming the R&D Lead Network. This network will no doubt become very valuable in the communication and creating of awareness in R&D activities and opportunities. Also a start has been made to assist the Expert Working Groups in creating a view on necessary mid and long term research.

## Chairpersons of the 16 Expert Working Groups

Expert Working Group	Chairperson
Digital Imaging	Jurrien Bijhold (The Netherlands)
DNA	Ingo Bastisch (Germany)
Documents	Fritz Koehler (Germany)
Drugs	Michael Bovens (Switzerland)
Explosives	Zuzanna Brozek-Mucha (Poland) * Ercan Seyhan (Turkey) **
Fibres	Kornelia Nehse (Germany)
Fingerprints	Monika Hilgert (Germany)
Firearms	Mark Mastaglio (United Kingdom)
Fire & Explosion Investigation	Niina Viitala (Finland) * Helen Rosser (United Kingdom) **
Forensic Information Technology	Zeno Geradts (The Netherlands)
Forensic Speech & Audio Analysis	Andrzej Drygajlo (Switzerland)
Handwriting	Tony Stockton (United Kingdom)
Marks	Dave Baldwin (United Kingdom)
Paint	Knut-Endre Sjastad (Norway) * Stefan Becker (Germany) **
Road Accident Analysis	Florin Rusitoru (Romania)
Scene of Crime	Wout Karelse (The Netherlands)

\* until September 2010

\*\* as of September 2010

## Activities

In 2010 the 16 Expert Working Groups successfully fulfilled their role to exchange information and to ensure cooperation among forensic experts in the particular scientific areas. The results of the various activities are recorded in their specific annual reports.

The Expert Working Groups individual annual meetings took place in 2010 with a lot of scientific presentations, workshops and discussions among the experts from ENFSI member-laboratories, associated members, and guests. These annual meetings are the highlight of the year's activities.

Most of the activities of the Working Groups are focussed on various quality assurance matters. A number of Best Practice Manuals were updated and finalized in 2010. A significant number of best practices are now available with additional ones in progress. As an integral part of quality assurance, various collaborative exercises and proficiency tests were carried out by the working groups in 2010. It has been agreed that there is still a need for further specific proficiency testing in the wide range of areas and methods. Therefore there is particular interest to further ensure that proficiency testing schemes in European forensic laboratories are available according to established standards. Apart from this there is heavy emphasis on the validation of forensic methods. Finally, workshops focusing on interpretation, new methods and other current themes in different areas have been organised by the Expert Working Groups.



The Working Group Chairs meet with the Board (Wiesbaden)

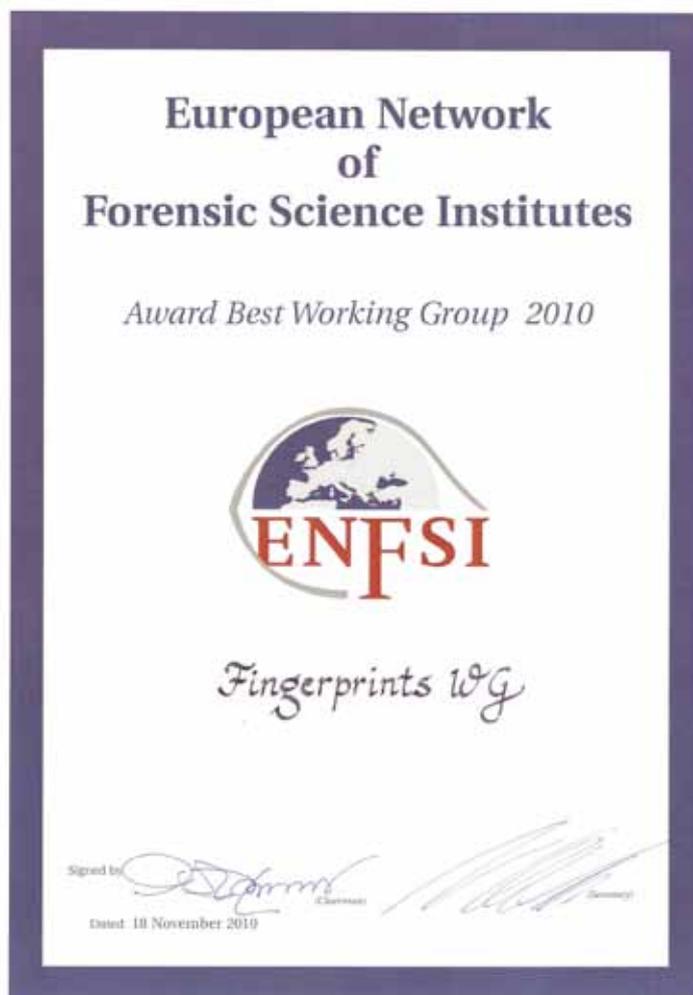
### **Developments**

Today several Expert Working Groups are very active in joint projects. Due to the specific themes of the Monopoly Program the Expert Working Groups are or may be increasingly involved in projects granted by the European Commission. This will have a great influence on the further development of forensic science in Europe. The Expert Working Groups will make an important contribution to this process.

The demand for easier information and data exchange plus fast direct communication within the Working Groups is acknowledged and it is planned to upgrade and redesign the homepage and its forum facilities.

### Best Working Group Award

The Fingerprint WG was granted the Best Working Group Award 2010. This choice was based mainly on the considerable activities and overall achievements of the WG, in particular on their quality assurance workshops. At the Joint Meeting in Wiesbaden the WG chairperson Monika Hilgert received the certificate as well as a typical German mug showing the coats of arms of the 16 German states.



Through the year ENFSI had a lot of contacts at various levels with other international organisations. A selection of these contacts and their nature is presented here in alphabetical order.

### **Bureau International des Poids et Mesures (BIPM)**

The ENFSI QCC chairperson Christina Bertler gave a presentation titled “European Activities in Support of the Quality of Forensic Measurements” at the BIPM Workshop “Metrology for Forensic Science- Chemical and Biochemical Analysis” on 10 – 12 March 2010 in Paris. Also Sarah Wille (Belgium) representing ENFSI attended this meeting and gave a presentation titled “Validation in an analytical toxicological routine laboratory”. The workshop ended with the discussion on the possibility of using the meteorological institutes to support the work of traceability in forensic testing activities.

### **CEPOL**

ENFSI and CEPOL signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in November 2009 planning for future cooperation on education and training. In 2010 the first modest steps were taken. An ENFSI delegation attended the CEPOL Annual Programme Committee in Tallinn on 8 September 2010, wherein mutual future cooperation and potential contribution by ENFSI to CEPOL activities was discussed. In December 2010 a procedure was agreed to get ENFSI proposals for topics for the CEPOL Work Programme 2011 and 2012.

### **Eurojust**

A delegation of the Eurojust College headed by the new President Aled Williams met with the ENFSI Board in June 2010 during the The Hague ENFSI Board meeting. Thanks to the short geographical distance between the Eurojust premises and the ENFSI Secretariat, this was an excellent opportunity to meet personally. Other face-to-face contacts in the course of the year were maintained through the ENFSI Secretariat.

Discussions took place on issues like the education of prosecutors on forensic science and the need for European standards on forensic investigations. Eurojust asked the support of ENFSI for the elaboration of a common form to be applied by all the national authorities when introducing information in the Case Management System on “DNA profiles established from the non-coding part of DNA, photographs and fingerprints” (following article 15.1(n) of the revised Eurojust Decision), and for the establishment of good practices and an adequate methodology for the exchange of information.

Eurojust agreed on ENFSI's request, to consider participation in the Monopoly Programme 2010 ‘Evaluation of Forensic Evidence’ in the role of end-user of forensic reports. Furthermore, Eurojust will organise a workshop during the EAFS Triennial Conference 2012 in The Hague titled “New developments in mutual recognition instruments” including the presentation of some Eurojust cases.



Eurojust/ICC offices in The Netherlands

### **European Commission**

In the course of 2010 the EC has been restructured. The splitting up of the Directorate General Justice, Freedom and Security into two separate Directorates (DG Justice and DG Home) may have some consequences for ENFSI in relation to future contacts. The same applies for the former Police Cooperation Working Party (PCWP) which is now called the Law Enforcement Working Party and has a permanent representative from Europol. The ENFSI's Monopoly Programs 2009 and 2010, the continuation of ENFSI's Monopoly Status in the forthcoming years and the need and benefits for European Standards on forensic science were the most important issues discussed. The need and benefits for European Standards on forensic science was also discussed at an additional meeting with CEN-CENELEC. A Board's delegation met with the involved CEN-department on the way forward. In early 2011 the next steps will be taken.

ENFSI has been in touch with DG Enterprise regarding the 7th Framework Program (FP7). In the 2010 call for proposals the Forensic Toolbox was included. Prior to publishing this call, ENFSI was consulted on the appropriate formulation of the text. An ENFSI delegation (Peter de Bruyn and Bart Nys) participated in the Information & Brokerage day on FP7 (9 September 2010 in Brussels) organised by DG Enterprise. Furthermore, it was noted that there is a lack of assessors for proposals on forensic topics. An appeal for applicants from the ENFSI community was carried out.

### **European co-operation for Accreditation (EA)**

ENFSI has a Memorandum of Understanding with EA and is actively participating in the issues related to forensic science that EA Laboratory committee (EA LC) discusses. The topic that was brought to the attention of

the EA LC in 2010 was the fact that some accreditation bodies accredit for interpretation of the results and some do not. This topic will be addressed in more detail in the near future.

EA is an important partner in the training of technical assessors that is part of one of the Monopoly projects 2009 which will actually start in 2011.

### **International Association of Forensic Science (IAFS)**

The IAFS chairman Duarte Nuno Vieira has invited ENFSI to participate actively in the IAFS Conference 2011 in Madeira. ENFSI will be given the opportunity to organise a half day scientific session as part of IAFS which takes place in September 2011. ENFSI has accepted the invitation and will take full responsibility for the choice of theme/topics, format, speakers, etc. Additionally, an ENFSI booth will be installed in the commercial area of the IAFS Conference.

### **International Criminal Court (ICC)**

The ICC forensic co-ordinator Eric Baccard and the ENFSI Board discussed potential cooperation between the ICC and ENFSI. The main topic focused on the need for forensic experts. The ICC would like to have a list of forensic institutes and experts who are in principle prepared to accept investigative work from the ICC. His request has been announced to the ENFSI community.



Signing of the IFSA Letter of Understanding

### **International Forensic Strategic Alliance (IFSA)**

The IFSA Board held three teleconferences on March 31, August 12 and December 09. The annual face-to-face meeting was held on October 3 in conjunction with the 16th Interpol Forensic Science Symposium in Lyon - France. At the meeting, ENFSI took over the chair from ASCLD for the duration of one year

The most prominent topics discussed during this meeting were: the interpretation / value of evidence, the validation of methods and the bias of forensic examiners.

The Asian Forensic Sciences Network (AFSN) joined IFSA. There are now five regional networks within IFSA. In 2010, the members of this global network of regional forensic networks intensified their contacts.

### **International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC)**

QCC represents ENFSI in the cooperation with ILAC. ENFSI is a stakeholder in ILAC and a member of the ILAC Laboratory Committee. ENFSI has actively worked in 2010 with the ILAC Accreditation Committee (ILAC AIC) in revision the G19:2002 Guidelines for Forensic Science Laboratories. Again this is mentioned in the QCC section.

### **Interpol**

At the 16th International Forensic Science Symposium in Lyon (5 - 8 October 2010) ENFSI presented 2 posters ("General Information on ENFSI" and "Quality Assurance within ENFSI"). The ENFSI Annual Report 2009, the new ENFSI brochure and the EAFS Triennial Meeting 2012 announcement were distributed during the symposium.

Furthermore, a number of individuals from the ENFSI community played a key role in organising this successful symposium.

### **European Security Research Conference**

ENFSI representative Bart Nys attended the SRC'10 (September 22-24) in Oostende – Belgium. The Przemyslowy Instytut Automatyki I Pomiarow (PIAP) in Warsaw – Poland will host the SRC'11 (20 - 21 September 2011) and it was expressed that ENFSI's participation will be appreciated.

Experts from the ENFSI community have been involved in the publications on forensic topics issued by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in Vienna. Furthermore, there have been informal, contacts on a number of issues.

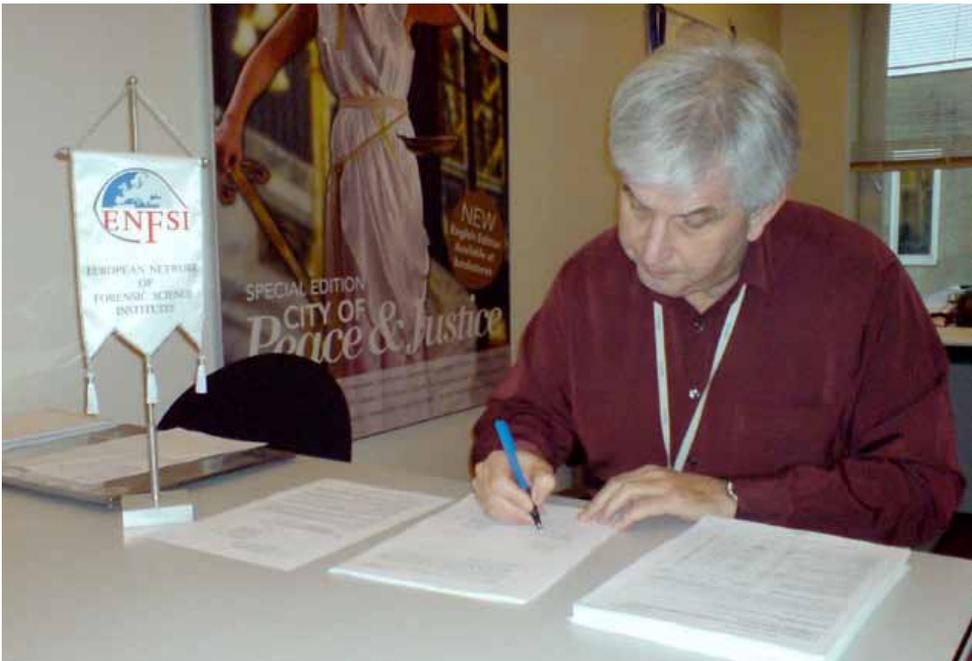
### Monopoly Program

ENFSI is recognised as a monopoly organisation of the European Commission (EC) to “promote the recognition of forensic data, including electronic and computer data, generated by national forensic institutes and of knowledge (expert opinions) across the EU to support the work of police and criminal proceedings”. The monopoly status is acknowledged under the General Programme on Security & Safeguarding Liberties / Specific Programme on Prevention of and Fight against Crime. This programme was managed initially by the European Commission (EC) Directorate-General Justice, Freedom and Security (DG-JFS) and subsequently by the DG Home Affairs. Thus, for the three years 2009, 2010 and 2011 each published ISEC Annual Work Programme has included funding explicitly allocated to ENFSI. Although this funding is specifically directed to ENFSI, the EC requires a detailed project plan each year indicating how the grant will be used.

ENFSI has conducted project work over many years using groups of experts drawn from its member laboratories, helping to push forward the frontiers of forensic science across Europe. However, the EU monopoly funding is providing the organisation with welcome and effective acceleration for such activities. Furthermore, the monopoly status conferred by the EU, recognising ENFSI as the pre-eminent voice of forensic science within Europe, is providing the organisation with many new opportunities to influence the way that forensic services are delivered throughout Europe in supporting criminal investigations and delivering justice within the courts.

The ENFSI Board has developed effective processes by which the Membership can be involved in selecting the work to be delivered with the EU grants. The ENFSI Directors, the Expert Working Group Chairpersons and the Standing Committees (QCC and EAFS) have been consulted regarding the annual theme for each monopoly programme. Following the selection of the theme, specific project proposals have been sought from across the organisation with the Board selecting the final projects for each monopoly programme based on the criteria set and then seeking final endorsement from the Membership at the Annual Meeting. Based on the projects selected, a formal grant application has then been prepared for submission to the EC by the ENFSI Monopoly Programme Manager.

A Monopoly Grant Agreement between ENFSI and the EC for the EU funds allocated in 2009 (€ 500,000) was signed on 16 December 2010 and thus this 3 year programme of work is now underway. The formal application for the 2010 EU funds (€ 650,000) was also made in December 2010 and awaits approval from the EC. The AWP for 2011 was published on 21 January 2011 allocating further funds to ENFSI (€ 650,000) and work is underway to select project activities for inclusion within the formal application.



Wim Neuteboom signing the MP2009 Grant Agreement

The full details of the projects contained within the ENFSI 2009, 2010 and 2011 monopoly programmes are provided below.

### **ENFSI Monopoly Program 2009**

Monopoly Projects (2009) – 3 year programme (€ 500,000 grant)

Programme Theme: “Sustainable Quality Within European Forensic Science”

Current Status: Grant Agreement signed on 16 December 2010 (Project work underway)

1. The development of an ILAC guideline for the implementation of ISO-standards throughout the forensic process. Project leader: Christina Bertler

2. Enhancing the awareness of European accreditation bodies to different forensic fields. Project leader: Christina Bertler

3. Training technical assessors for quality assessment in different forensic fields. Project leader: Christina Bertler

4. The development of guidelines for the validation of analytical and comparative methods in forensic science. Project leader: Jacob Irwin

5. The development of guidelines for conducting proficiency tests and collaborative exercises in forensic science. Project leader: Miroslaw Rosak

6. European Forensic Education & Training Network (EFETN). Project leader: Peter Pfefferli

7. ENFSI website tools for the management and communication of EC monopoly programme activity. Project leader: Peter de Bruyn



## ENFSI Monopoly Program 2010

Monopoly Projects (2010) – 3 year programme (€ 650,000 grant)

Programme Theme: “Strengthening the Evaluation of Forensic Results across Europe”

Current Status: Formal application submitted to the EC on 21 December 2010

1. The development and implementation of an ENFSI standard for reporting evaluative forensic evidence. Project leader: Sheila Willis
2. The development of a knowledge examination for competence assessment. Project leader: Didier Meuwly
3. Upgrading the ENFSI STR BASE. Project leader: Ingo Bastisch
4. An international training seminar on the use of sub class characteristics in firearm investigations. Project leader: Ruprecht Nennstiel
5. Workshops on the application of the Bayesian approach in gunshot residue investigation. Project leader: Ludwig Niewoehner
6. Guidelines for the representative sampling of drugs for quantitative analysis. Project leader: Laurence Dujourdy
7. The evaluation of computer proficiency tests within computer forensics. Project leader: Lena Sjöblom

## ENFSI Monopoly Program 2011

Monopoly Projects (2011) – 3 year programme (€ 650,000 grant)

Programme Theme: “Improving Forensic Methodologies across Europe”

Current Status: Call for project proposals (January 2011)

## Education & Training

Forensic education & training is of growing interest for various stakeholders of forensic science, including the judiciary, the police and others. The position of ENFSI as a leading forensic network includes playing a relevant role in this perspective also. Therefore, the ENFSI Board proposed to establish a new project group 'Education & Training' and it was agreed at the Annual Meeting 2010. Its aim is to act as a strategic advisor and coordinator to ENFSI in matters of forensic education and training in a broad sense; e.g.:

- Evaluate E&T needs of ENFSI stakeholders
- Identify E&T gaps
- Lead E&T projects
- Co-ordinate E&T activities (projects, forums, events)

First contacts have been established with existing Pan-European E&T networks such as CEPOL (see above) as well as the European Judicial Training Network (EJTN).

Besides evaluating educational forensic needs of ENFSI partners, it is also important to identify, within ENFSI, qualified trainers and defined areas of interest to act as providers of forensic E&T. Therefore, it is important to find within ENFSI Members and ENFSI Working Groups the existing necessary potential for the purpose. Consequently, it is also the role of ENFSI to provide educational material that can be used for the various E&T activities. Some effort will be made in this area in 2011.

## Future of ENFSI Project Group

The Future of ENFSI Project Group (FEPG) was founded during the Annual Meeting 2010. The formation of the project was prompted by discussion of the results from the questionnaire focusing on issues highly relevant to the entire ENFSI community. The questionnaire, prepared by the 13th ENFSI Board in 2009, dealt with membership categories, eligibility criteria as well as the annual fee. It was circulated among the membership in the end of 2009.

The essential aim of the FEPG is to continue the discussions and to make some detailed analyses with respect to the future of ENFSI, resulting in a set of proposals for approval by the membership. The group has undertaken to verify the membership categories, to suggest new eligibility criteria and to re-consider the annual fees structure.

The FEPG is supervised by the ENFSI chairman designate Pawel Rybicki supported by Wim Neuteboom, functioning as the group's secretary. Furthermore, it had been decided that the group should consist of volunteers from the membership. Karl Josef Alfter, Kimmo Himberg, Terje Kjeldsen and Gerrit van de Haar were assigned by acclamation. Sadly, Gerrit van de Haar died suddenly prior to the actual start of the FEPG and he was replaced by Üllar Lanno. Additionally, Tore Olsson as the ENFSI Board representative attended meetings of the group. At the Annual Meeting 2011 in Tallinn the FEPG proposals will be presented and discussed.

### Potential new expert groups

During 2010 on several occasions it was observed that experts from non-traditional fields met. Some examples of these fields are:

- Bloodstain Pattern Analysis
- Forensic Knot Analysis
- Animal and Plant Traces Analysis
- Forensic Soil Analysis

It is too soon to speculate how these experts will continue. Will the contacts be limited to Europe, will new, formal ENFSI Expert Working Groups be established, will the experts meet in future on ad hoc basis, etc? Interesting questions that will also affect the work of the FEPG.

### **EAFS Triennial Conference 2012**

In the course of 2010, the local organisers of the EAFS Triennial Conference 2012 in The Hague took on a lot of preparative activities. The conference title (Towards Forensic Science 2.0) was selected, the scientific themes were set, the fund raising process has started, the venue was chosen, etc.



Meeting venue EAFS 2012