



Forensic International Network for Explosives Investigation (FINEX)

ENFSI Explosives Expert Working Group

Membership Application Form 2005/2006

Aims and objectives of FINEX

The Forensic International Network for Explosives Investigation (FINEX) supports the aims and objectives of the European Network of Forensic Science Institutes (ENFSI) in the area of forensic explosives and post-explosion investigation.

The activities of the FINEX Network will be directed towards:

- Exchange of information and expertise.
- Support on technical issues.
- Promoting quality assurance, proficiency testing and collaborative exercises.
- Harmonisation of crime scene guidelines, examination procedures and analytical methods.
- Co-operation in research and development activities.

These activities will cover all areas of forensic explosives investigation, including:

- Crime scene investigation.
- Examination of physical evidence.
- Chemical analysis.
- Writing expert reports and testifying in court as an expert witness.

FINEX membership categories

FINEX membership is available in three categories;

Full Member (M): Full Membership of the FINEX Network is open to representatives from ENFSI institutes which are active in the area of forensic explosives or post-explosion investigation. The director of the ENFSI institute may nominate one representative to apply for membership (one representative per institute).

Associate Member (AM): Representatives from other (non-ENFSI) government institutes which are active in the field of forensic explosives, or post-explosion investigation, can apply for Associate Membership (one representative per institute). Associate Members do not have the right to vote.

Further details of FINEX membership categories can be found in the attached 'Terms of Reference'.



Benefits of FINEX membership

FINEX Membership will run from 1st April 2005 – 31st March 2006. Membership will provide:

- Access to the secure area of the FINEX website (www.dstl.gov.uk/finex), with contact details of all Full Members and Associate Members, relevant documents and an on-line discussion forum.
- Proceedings of all FINEX meetings and conferences.
- Participation in the FINEX Proficiency Testing and collaborative exercises programme.
- Sponsorship of FINEX Guests to support the widest possible participation, including those who would normally (or otherwise) be unable to attend.



Institute details

Name of Institute:	
Institute Director:	
Is the Institute an ENFSI member?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
What is the primary purpose of your Institute?	
What is the level of accreditation for your Institute?	

Note: Only institutes which are ENFSI members may apply for full membership of the FINEX Network. Non-ENFSI institutes may apply for Associate Membership of the FINEX Network. The institute refers to the parent organisation.

Department details

Name of department:	
Department Head:	
What is the primary purpose of your Department?	

Note: This may be the wider department in which the Forensic Explosives section/unit resides.

Section / Unit details

Name of Section / Unit:	
Section / Unit Head:	
What is the primary purpose of your Section / Unit?	

Note: This may be a sub section of the Forensic Explosives section / unit in which the FINEX representative is based, i.e. Forensic Explosives Research, or Forensic Explosives Casework.



Name of FINEX representative:																					
Address:																					
E-mail:																					
Telephone:																					
What is your role in your Section / Unit?																					
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Note: Only one representative per institute may apply for Full, or Associate, FINEX Membership.

Please return this completed form, by e-mail or fax, to:

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