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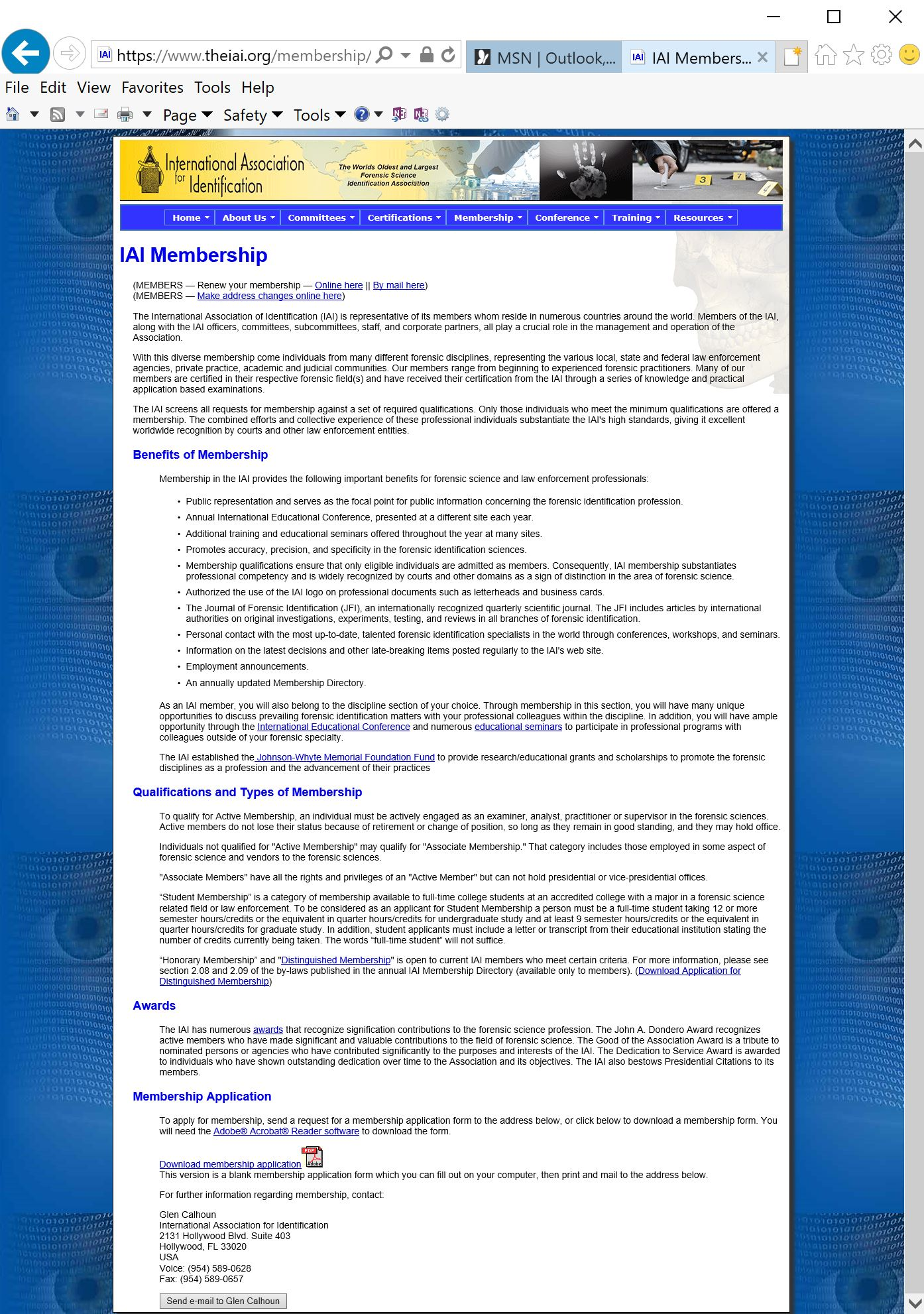


Welcome to the website of the International Association for Identification! We are the oldest and largest forensic association in the world. This professional forensic association represents a diverse, knowledgeable and experienced membership that are assembled to educate, share, critique and publish methods, techniques and research in the physical forensic science disciplines.

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IAI Membership

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The International Association of Identification (IAI) is representative of its members whom reside in numerous countries around the world. Members of the IAI, along with the IAI officers, committees, subcommittees, staff, and corporate partners, all play a crucial role in the management and operation of the Association.

With this diverse membership come individuals from many different forensic disciplines, representing the various local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, private practice, academic and judicial communities. Our members range from beginning to experienced forensic practitioners. Many of our members are certified in their respective forensic field(s) and have received their certification from the IAI through a series of knowledge and practical application based examinations.

The IAI screens all requests for membership against a set of required qualifications. Only those individuals who meet the minimum qualifications are offered a membership. The combined efforts and collective experience of these professional individuals substantiate the IAI's high standards, giving it excellent worldwide recognition by courts and other law enforcement entities.

Benefits of Membership

Membership in the IAI provides the following important benefits for forensic science and law enforcement professionals:

- Public representation and serves as the focal point for public information concerning the forensic identification profession.
- Annual International Educational Conference, presented at a different site each year.
- Additional training and educational seminars offered throughout the year at many sites.
- Promotes accuracy, precision, and specificity in the forensic identification sciences.
- Membership qualifications ensure that only eligible individuals are admitted as members. Consequently, IAI membership substantiates professional competency and is widely recognized by courts and other domains as a sign of distinction in the area of forensic science.
- Authorized the use of the IAI logo on professional documents such as letterheads and business cards.
- The Journal of Forensic Identification (JFI), an internationally recognized quarterly scientific journal. The JFI includes articles by international authorities on original investigations, experiments, testing, and reviews in all branches of forensic identification.
- Personal contact with the most up-to-date, talented forensic identification specialists in the world through conferences, workshops, and seminars.
- Information on the latest decisions and other late-breaking items posted regularly to the IAI's web site.
- Employment announcements.
- An annually updated Membership Directory.

As an IAI member, you will also belong to the discipline section of your choice. Through membership in this section, you will have many unique opportunities to discuss prevailing forensic identification matters with your professional colleagues within the discipline. In addition, you will have ample opportunity through the [International Educational Conference](#) and numerous [educational seminars](#) to participate in professional programs with colleagues outside of your forensic specialty.

The IAI established the [Johnson-Whyte Memorial Foundation Fund](#) to provide research/educational grants and scholarships to promote the forensic disciplines as a profession and the advancement of their practices

Qualifications and Types of Membership

To qualify for Active Membership, an individual must be actively engaged as an examiner, analyst, practitioner or supervisor in the forensic sciences. Active members do not lose their status because of retirement or change of position, so long as they remain in good standing, and they may hold office.

Individuals not qualified for "Active Membership" may qualify for "Associate Membership." That category includes those employed in some aspect of forensic science and vendors to the forensic sciences.

"Associate Members" have all the rights and privileges of an "Active Member" but can not hold presidential or vice-presidential offices.

"Student Membership" is a category of membership available to full-time college students at an accredited college with a major in a forensic science related field or law enforcement. To be considered as an applicant for Student Membership a person must be a full-time student taking 12 or more semester hours/credits or the equivalent in quarter hours/credits for undergraduate study and at least 9 semester hours/credits or the equivalent in quarter hours/credits for graduate study. In addition, student applicants must include a letter or transcript from their educational institution stating the number of credits currently being taken. The words "full-time student" will not suffice.

"Honorary Membership" and "[Distinguished Membership](#)" is open to current IAI members who meet certain criteria. For more information, please see section 2.08 and 2.09 of the by-laws published in the annual IAI Membership Directory (available only to members). ([Download Application for Distinguished Membership](#))

Awards

The IAI has numerous [awards](#) that recognize significant contributions to the forensic science profession. The John A. Dondero Award recognizes active members who have made significant and valuable contributions to the field of forensic science. The Good of the Association Award is a tribute to nominated persons or agencies who have contributed significantly to the purposes and interests of the IAI. The Dedication to Service Award is awarded to individuals who have shown outstanding dedication over time to the Association and its objectives. The IAI also bestows Presidential Citations to its members.

Membership Application

To apply for membership, send a request for a membership application form to the address below, or click below to download a membership form. You will need the [Adobe® Acrobat® Reader software](#) to download the form.

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