



Cours de formation continue – Continuous professional education course :

Forensic Signature Examination: Expertise Development Workshop with Bryan Found

September 28th-30th 2016, ESC Lausanne

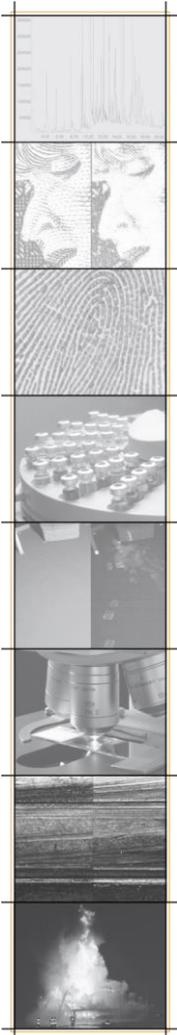
Course description

Forensic Document Examiners frequently encounter cases where the authenticity of a signature is questioned. Although much has been written on the topic of forensic signature examination, the psycho-physiological basis underlying the process has, for a variety of historical reasons, attracted little attention.

Course objectives and topics

This workshop will provide participants with information that will enable them to put their role as forensic handwriting experts into perspective, will characterise the principles and processes of signature examination in a rational framework, and will explore issues around the human factors aspect of their work. Topics will include:

- Expert evidence and ethical issues for handwriting experts
- Contemporary challenges to forensic science
- Fundamental theories of forensic signature examination
- Basic elements of the nervous system
- How the nervous system communicates
- Sensory/motor systems
- Motor control of handwriting
- Mimicking of motor control
- Genuine, simulated and disguised signatures
- Validity and reliability issues
- Human factors and cognitive forensics
- Key questions for forensic handwriting experts



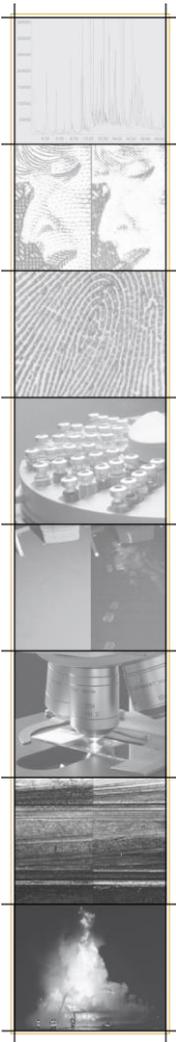


Throughout the course, participants will be provided with opportunities to examine forged, disguised and genuine signatures, and carry out blind tests and studies to assist in the personal assessment of their skill with respect to relating theoretical constructs to casework problems.

 **Persons in charge of the training**

Dr Bryan Found, Chief Forensic Scientist with the Victoria Police Forensic Services Department

Bryan is the Chief Forensic Scientist with the Victoria Police Forensic Services Department. He is also Adjunct Professor in the Program in Expertise, Evidence and Law, Faculty of Law, at the University of New South Wales. He holds a Bachelor of Science, a Graduate Diploma in Education, a Graduate Diploma in Neurosciences and a Doctorate in Philosophy. He is a former President of the Victorian Branch of the Australian and New Zealand Forensic Science Society, he is Chairperson of the Victorian Chapter of the Australian Academy of Forensic Sciences and has held memberships with the European Academy of Forensic Sciences, the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners, the Association of Forensic Document Examiners, and the International Graphonomics Society. Bryan is an Editorial Board member of the Journal of Forensic Document Examination (USA) and the Journal of the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners. He is a section editor for Elsevier’s Encyclopaedia of Forensic Sciences, and a chapter author in the Wiley Encyclopaedia of Forensic Science. Bryan has published widely across a number of forensic disciplines. He has been accepted as a forensic expert in the Australian courts of Victoria, Tasmania, New South Wales and the Northern Territory. He has provided sessional teaching in forensic science and interpretive evidence at Latrobe, Deakin, Swinburne, Monash and Melbourne Universities in Victoria. Over the past 28 years, Bryan has provided invited workshops in forensic handwriting examination, and cognitive factors at conferences and in training programs in 20 countries throughout Australasia, Asia, Europe, Africa, the Middle East and the Americas. Bryan’s research interests include the characterisation of the probative value of expert opinions on pattern evidence, human factors and cognitive bias, and the objective assessment of forensic practitioner skill characteristics.



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 **Target audience**

The training is intended for participants from forensic service as well as experts in handwriting and signature examination.

The ESC may ask extra information before accepting a participant. The ESC can refuse any application without having to justify the reason.

The number of participants is limited to 20. The workshop will take place only if 10 participants or more are registered.

 **Practical information****Dates**

From September 28th to 30th 2016 (3 full days)

Location

Campus of the University of Lausanne, 1015 Lausanne-Dorigny

Detailed information about the venue, schedule and material needed will be sent later to accepted participants.

Language

Slides, documentation and the oral presentation will be given in English. Assistance will be provided in French and Italian if needed.

Registration

Registration information is to be sent per e-mail to info.esc@unil.ch before June 30th 2016.

Course cost

CHF 1'000.-/participant

Lunch, one evening meal and coffee breaks are included

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