

World
Association
of
Professional
Investigators



'United by Vocation'



Letter from the Chairman

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As from late 2006 all investigators conducting licensable activities in England & Wales will have to be licenced by the Security Industry Authority (SIA).

It will be criminal offence to practice without a licence and for a client to engage an unlicensed investigator in England & Wales.

Ian Withers
Chairman, WAPI



What is WAPI?

The World Association of Professional Investigators is a body formed by Professionals for Professionals practising in all areas - Private Investigation, Civil and Military Police, Insurance, Customs and Excise, Government Agencies, Corporate In-house Security and many others.

WAPI meets the need for a worldwide organisation that can provide a 'focal point' for investigators. It promotes the Profession internationally and provides networking opportunities through which Members can exchange ideas, knowledge, methods, advice, education and working assignments.

Aims and Objectives

- To promote and uphold the image and status of investigation as an International Profession.
- To provide educational facilities and resources, through associated organisations, leading to internationally recognised professional, academic and vocational qualifications.
- To publish and abide by a strict code of ethics.
- To present a unified "voice" for the Profession.
- To provide an arbitration service to resolve disputes between Members.

Who can become a Member?

- Membership is available in various categories to any person involved in professional investigation.
- Full Membership is open only to qualified and/or experienced practising investigators who have proven professional competence.
- The stated experience and qualifications of those applying for Membership are verified before acceptance.
- All Members must comply with the strict WAPI Code of Ethics, giving clients assured quality of service.

The WAPI Code of Ethics

The Association and its Members, Associates and Affiliates shall, at all times:

- Conduct all investigations and allied matters with integrity and within acceptable legal, professional and moral guidelines.
- Require a client's undertaking that all information provided by Members is for lawful use only.
- Require that all employees and others assisting in an investigation abide by the WAPI Code of Ethics.

- Assist all regulatory and legal authorities when required to do so by law.
- Practice only in matters for which they are qualified and/or competent.
- Refer all matters of conflict between Members to the Association's Governing Body for arbitration, whose decision will be accepted as binding.
- Not misrepresent or exaggerate the activities and services offered by the Profession.
- Protect the good reputation of the Members, their clients, the Association and the Profession in general.
- Deal professionally in all matters with discretion, courtesy and confidentiality within ethical constraints.
- Not deny any professional services to any client for any reasons of race, colour, religion, sex, handicap, sexual preference or national origin.
- Comply with the regulatory and legal requirements within their operational jurisdiction.

The Impressive Benefits of WAPI Membership

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- An internationally recognised Association of Professionals can do far more than the individual to influence governments, organisations and public opinion in building and upholding the image of the Profession, framing legal structures and protecting rights and boosting the confidence of potential clients in receiving the very highest standards of service.
- A Newsletter providing a forum for news, ideas, opinions and reviews covering topics such as the latest books, equipment and investigative methods, plus regular learned articles by experts in related fields.
- An on-line Directory of Members and Services will provide all the information and contacts to enable the Professional Investigator to make full use of the Association's resources, fellow Members and their services.
- Members also have the opportunity to Network Internationally. This is particularly useful for assignments abroad where local knowledge is vital.
- A Certificate of Membership will be issued to members.
- Inter-agency assignment opportunities and support.
- Representation to the media promoting and projecting a professional image for our industry.
- Branch meetings offering the chance to 'Network' and

providing social and business contact with talks on investigative topics.

- Availability, for publication, of WAPI logos and other items.

Membership

Full membership is only open to qualified and/or experienced practising investigators who have proven professional competence. All Members must comply with the strict WAPI Code of Ethics giving clients assured quality of service. The stated experience and qualifications of all Members are verified before enrolment.

Levels of Membership

- **Student Membership**

Open to all those who are studying or entering into study for a recognised basic qualification in investigation. Limited to one year only. Fee £25.

- **Associate Membership**

Open to those who (a) have gained a Certificate of Achievement in Investigation from a recognised organisation OR (b) are training to become investigators in a professional practice. Annual Fee £50.

- **Full Membership**

Open to those who (a) have gained NVQ in Investigation Level 3 or above (or its equivalent) OR (b) have at least three years' experience in professional practice OR (c) are nominated and elected by the Association's Governing Body. Annual Fee £100.

- **Fellow of the Association**

Open to those who (a) have gained NVQ in Investigation Level 4 (or its equivalent) OR (b) who in the discretion of the Governing Body of WAPI have made an outstanding contribution to the profession and/or the Association. Annual Fee £150.

- **Affiliate Membership**

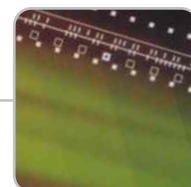
For those who work in a complementary profession such as law, research, forensic science, training providers, etc., and take an active interest in investigation. Annual Fee £150.

- **Corporate Membership**

For limited companies. Must have at least one principal who (a) has gained NVQ in Investigation Level 3 or above (or its equivalent) OR (b) has at least three years' experience in professional practice OR (c) has been nominated and elected by the Association's Governing Body. Annual Fee £250.

- **Overseas Membership**

Open to those outside the UK who (a) have gained a recognised qualification or hold a Licence to Practise OR (b) have at least three years' experience in professional practice OR (c) have been nominated and elected by the Association's Governing Body. Annual Fee £100 (or USD/EUR equivalent).





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