“In A Few Words”
A message from the Managing Editor

Welcome to Volume 5, number 2, July 2013 issue of the Investigative Sciences Journal. In this issue I have two articles that will be an informative read for all.

The first article is entitled, “Assessing Deception by Voice Analysis, Part 1, The CVSA”, by Dr. Harry Hollien and James D. Harnesberger of the Institute for Advanced Study of the Communicative Process located at the University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. This is a well contested area in both the literature and in practice, and Hollien and Harnesberger have put forth a very valuable piece regarding how deception is assessed by Voice Analysis. The debates will continue but in the meantime it is felt this manuscript will be very beneficial to all, especially investigators.

The second article, entitled “Cold Case Models for Evaluating Unresolved Models”, by Dr. Sarah Stein and I, is a precursor to the second edition of our book on Cold Cases that came out 2 years ago. The thrust of this article is to illustrate to the readers a different approach to properly evaluating a cold case; one that could very well be beneficial for an agency applying for grant funds that focuses entirely on the utilization of DNA. However, we have added latent prints to the mix with DNA as both have the potential to positively identify a suspect. But remember that physical evidence is not everything there is to gather and that most cases are resolved through circumstantial evidence gained while obtaining the story of the crime during a thorough investigative process.

As usual, I encourage everyone to submit their research, technical notes, case studies and anything else they feel might be of importance to the investigator for publication in this journal. It will be peer reviewed and published in the next issue. Please go to: www.InvestigativeSciencesJournal.org or email me at editor@InvestigativeSciencesJournal.org.

Thank you.

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