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The International Councilor

BY Eddy Sigrist, CII, CFE

Dear CII Friends,

Joining the Council of International Investigators (CII) has been one of the best choices I have made in business and I am continuously reminded about this as I tender for and win cross border and multi-jurisdiction assignments. The CII network, with its vetting of professional licensed investigators around the world, is a winner. The more I contribute, the more I am rewarded by this wonderful group.



I would like to thank all our members who contribute to the CII and encourage all of you to become more active. Here is how:

- Join us at, or host a regional meeting
- Join us for our annual conference
- Write educational articles for our newsletter. This can cover any topic including, but not limited to, technology, investigative software (link analysis), privacy, legislative, financial profiling, offshore asset searches, investigations in emerging markets and intellectual property protection. You will find sharing your knowledge with the group to be highly rewarding.

- Join a CII committee
- Advertise on our website or in this newsletter
- Provide constructive solution orientated feedback to the CII Board
- Tell your clients about CII

The CII AGM in South Africa was very special for all those that attended. I made new friends, met members for the first time who I work closely with and learned a lot about their businesses and specialized skills. I would like to thank all who attended for making the effort to travel to South Africa. I know the fond memories of this conference will stay with us forever.

The safari experience was excellent as the African bushveld was dry and the wild animals were visible and active. We went on one game drive per day with morning drives starting at 5:30 AM and evening drives at 4:30 PM. Members were divided up onto three safari trucks and generally drove in different directions so there were lots of story swapping at breakfast or dinner, which we enjoyed in the bush or at the lodge.

Six members played golf at the Lost City golf course at Sun City. Norman Groot hit his ball in the crocodile enclosure and opted to use a new ball! Our golfers skillfully played around the antelope and baboons

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on the fairways and smartly avoided venturing into the long grass.

We went for a walk in a neighboring safari park and others went to Margaret Roberts Herbal Centre and De Wildt Cheetah Sanctuary and to touch, feed and enjoy elephants up close. On the game walk we learned about the local plants and animals as we came across them, including a 2 meter long python! We all thoroughly enjoyed our adventures.

The AGM was lively. We reviewed the year and voted on the 2014 AGM host city, which I am pleased to announce, is San Francisco.

John Sexton presented the venue for the 2013 AGM which will be held in Ireland – Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford from September 17th to the 21st. John Sexton and his team have already put in a lot of effort to secure a venue at record breaking low fees. Along with past President Jim Kirby, he attended a press launch in Wexford this past September. I encourage everyone to fix these dates in their diaries and attend what will promise to be an outstanding conference at this beautiful and historical venue in Ireland.

The opening presentation on the Conference day was given by Ian Thomas from South Africa. His presentation was beyond all expectations. He kept us riveted on edge of our seats. The key message from his presentation is to consider the impact of the choices that we make has on our lives and businesses. Ian, a game ranger and his tracker were faced with a critical decision whether or not to shoot a dangerous lion. Ultimately this troublesome lion turned out to be the reserve's biggest asset as people travelled from around the world just to say they had seen Big Black (the lion). Ian's toughest client, an owner of a large travel company, who caused a life threatening



encounter with Big Black ultimately became the reserve's largest marketer. Ian's story illustrates that our choices influence our future more than our skills. He emphasized that before making a choice you need to be:

- certain that you are up for the challenge,
- ensure you bring in the right team who can give you advice and finally,
- prepare well to ensure you can successfully accomplish whatever choice you have made.





Our second speaker Claude Baissac from Eunomix Ltd, South Africa spoke about the geopolitical risk of doing business in Africa and what this means when conducting investigations in Africa. His presentation can be [downloaded from the CII website](#). Claude's presentation was very informative and he reminded us how important it is to use investigative firms that are experienced in Africa and have their own, well established sources.

Norman Groot from Investigation Council Network Inc, Toronto, Canada and Tom Warren from NPI Inc, Burlington, Canada, gave us an instructive presentation on enforcing Mareva Orders in Foreign Jurisdictions. Norm, who is a barrister, assists investigators and his other clients in attaching assets in foreign jurisdictions. Tom Warren presented an international fraud case that he worked on and illustrated how Norm was able to assist with the attachment of the fraudsters assets through the enforcement of Mareva orders.

The gala dinner was festive and delicious and we tasted wild meat with local wines. At the Gala Dinner, The Honorable Peggy Falbaum conducted the swearing in of the new board members.



At the gala dinner Roy Whitehouse received the Meritorious Service Award for his outstanding contribution to the CII over many years and Pawan Ahluwalia received the Malcolm W. Thomson CII Meritorial Award for his outstanding service to the CII as Regional Director of India. Congratulations and a big thank you to

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both members for fulfilling such an important role in the Council.

A bottle of very special Rum was donated by Maurice Amres from Guyana for auction at the gala dinner, which Pascal Mignot from Switzerland took home. The proceeds, together with the ladies generous gift to my wife, Jené, has been donated to a South African children's charity called Child Survivors of Crime. This is a sister organisation to Child Victims of Crime (CVoC), a registered charity in the United Kingdom. http://www.csoc.org.za/about_us.html



I look forward to meeting everyone again soon. The CII Board is available to answer any questions you may have, so please contact us.

Kind regards,
Eddy Sigrist 

Planning Launched for 2013 AGM in Ireland

BY John Sexton

Future CII Presidents know in advance of the daunting responsibility in organizing their inaugural AGM. I daresay there has not been one President since the founding of the Council who has taken the matter lightly. Following on the heels of the spectacular AGM in South Africa, it took some guts to move forward. We are nonetheless proud to announce



the Riverside Park Hotel in Enniscorthy County, Wexford, Ireland as the location of the upcoming 2013 AGM. Given that we will be in Ireland, I knew I needed a strong committee to help plan the events.

Much to my delight, Past CII President and Ireland's Past Presidential Candidate, the Honorable Derek Nally rose to the occasion by agreeing to be the Chairman of the

Committee. The rest of the "Dream Team" Committee includes past president's Jim Kirby, Steve Kirby and Joan Beach from the U.S. and P.O.D.'s Michael Bennett, Tony Fagan and Jimmy Gahan representing the Emerald Isle.

Not to be out staged by their American counterparts, the CII lads from Ireland hosted an AGM Press Launch on September 28 2012 in order to alert their neighbors and fellow citizens of the anticipated arrival of "The Council of International Investigators" this September 2013.

The news of the 2013 AGM in Ireland was spread quickly and was well received in Ireland before traveling to South Africa. Attendees of the AGM in South Africa received brochures from the launch and advised that the hotel rate and registration fee would be much lower than in past years. This was due mostly due to the hard work of the committee members in Ireland. We can only speculate as to what they have in store for us and what they have arranged with local vendors. Look for updates in the upcoming newsletters. 



BIG NEWS

Former CIII President and Chairman Joan Beach is getting married! Joan's lucky fiancé is Emery Reistetter, a retired Nuclear Submarine Commander and graduate of the prestigious U.S. Naval Academy. Joan and Emery met in 2011 and quickly bonded over their love for family, friends, bridge, and traveling. Emery is an avid golfer and devoted volunteer with The Shepherd's Program of Fairfax, VA, an organization that assists older adults with independent living.

Joan and Emery's nuptials are planned with for January 5 2013 before their immediate family. Their CII family gets to celebrate with the newlyweds in Ireland at the upcoming AGM in September 2013. Congratulations Joan and Emery. We couldn't be happier for you.



Please join us in welcoming new member Stuart Snaith! Stuart has been working in the investigations field for over twenty four years with a focus on fraud and corruption investigations as well as business intelligence/due diligence services. Stuart was a Detective Senior Inspector with the Royal Hong Kong Police for eight years as he worked in the Narcotics Bureau and the Financial Investigations Group – combating international drug trafficking and the money laundering of the proceeds of crime.

Stuart has worked on investigations throughout South East Asia, Australia and Europe. After his time in the Police, Stuart was based in Malaysia working for Pinkerton Inc as their Country Manager for over four years. Here he developed his network of clients and contacts in Malaysia and continues to work with them to this day.

Stuart now spends his time between Malaysia and Australia helping various clients with their risk and security issues. Stuart has experience in complex fraud and corruption cases which involves examining suspect transactions through to full blown investigations, ending in criminal prosecutions and recovery of assets from the culprits via civil actions. Stuart also conduct asset tracing to track down any monies which may be the proceeds of crime, money laundering or a civil dispute for law firms, government agencies and corporate clients.

Stuart can be reached at Stuart@RegentsRiskAdvisory.com
Welcome Stuart!

Annie Wong, mother of Leona Wong who is a life partner of CII member Bob Fenech died on October 29, 2012, at 98 years of age, after a brief illness. Annie was the loving mother of six children, 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was leading a fairly active life and in fact was getting ready to go to the senior activities center, which she did on a regular basis when she became ill. Our thoughts are with her family, whom all miss her, especially as the holiday season approaches.



Condolences can be sent to Leona c/o leowonbig@comcast.net. CII will be making a donation in her Annie's memory c/o Mills-Peninsula Senior Focus, 1720 El Camino Real, Suite 10, Burlingame, CA 94010

Do you have some news that you want to share? Submit news on births, weddings, anniversaries, celebrations, seminars and other notable events to the Councillor editor at: editor@cii2.org! ☐

California Governor vetoes mobile device tracking legislation

A bill that would have required law enforcement personnel to obtain a probable-cause warrant before searching location information on a person's mobile phone, tablet, or laptop computer has been vetoed by Governor Jerry Brown. The "Location Privacy Act of 2012" being vetoed by Governor Brown, a Democrat, came as little surprise to its supporters as he vetoed a similar bill last year that would have required police to obtain a warrant before looking at someone's cell phone.

The measure was crafted by State Senator Mark Leto (D-San Francisco) and sponsored several state representatives, along with help from the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

Privacy advocates were hoping to lure the governor's signature, by including a clause in the measure that stated, in the event that a warrant was unable to be obtained in time to address a serious threat or possible bodily injury, a warrant would not be required. In the end, the olive branch was not enough to garner the support of the governor, who cited the bill's lack of balance between an "individual's expectation of privacy and the operational needs of law enforcement" in his veto statement. However, the governor did not rule out supporting similar legislation in the future.

The bill was meant to clarify inconsistencies with police using location information to track citizens' movements. In some cases, a warrant is required to obtain a person's location data; in others a law enforcement officer's signature is all that is required to collect the data.

The legislation was opposed by wireless companies who argued that such a law would prove too burdensome on carriers having to use manpower to cultivate the data, and the requirement to make public how many times they have furnished information for police.

A similar measure is being considered on the federal level but has been stalled in committee for over a year and in many legislative circles is considered dead.

The rejection of the legislation follows direction from the Republican-led U.S. Supreme Court that law-enforcement should obtain a warrant prior to affixing GPS to citizens' vehicles. The ACLU and their allies questioned the constitutionality of the ruling arguing that this opens up the door to a host of unresolved issues surrounding the important question of what information can be extracted from a cellular phone without a warrant.

The Obama Administration maintains that a person does not have a reasonable expectation of privacy when it comes to tracking their location, and has previously defended the warrantless tracking of an individual because the mobile device is held, and serviced by a third party. ☐

**Some of the information in this article came from a piece by David Kravets as published in www.wired.com on Oct.2, 2012.*

Editor's Message by Lois Colley

The upcoming edition of the *Councilor* needs your input! Please submit photos, anecdotes, hot topics or other member news to editor@ci2.org or directly on our website at www.ci2.org

Our public relations committee includes Sheila Ponnosamy, Ruth Hoffman, Joan Beach, Debra MacDonald, Lois Colley, Kelly Riddle and Ed Henry, *but we need your help rebuilding this association.*

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