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### **J4 Questioned Document Examination in Turkey**

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The attendee of the presentation will learn to about questioned document examination applications, education, and criminal laboratory settings in Turkey.

Questioned document examination is a field of forensic sciences that performs examinations on printed or written documents creating legal arguments or providing evidence. This area of expertise started in the early 1930s in Turkey. Government questioned documents laboratories are divided into three groups in Turkey. The first group is in the police criminal laboratories, the second group is in the gendarme, and third of group is in The State Institute of Forensic Medicine. Despite the presence of private and individual experts in Turkey, there are no private document examination laboratories possessing developed technical equipment.

In this study all three group laboratories and private experts in Turkey briefly discuss the professional work, procedures of specialization in document examination, and the workload of laboratories. Today the equipment of Turkish document laboratories meet rather high standards and it is hoped that, in the near future, training, expert systems, and other related document examination procedures meet the same up-to-date standards in Turkey.

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