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J6 International Cooperation and the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) E-Learning Program on the Detection of Fraudulent Documents

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After attending this presentation, attendees will possess background information regarding security and travel documents, fundamental techniques for analyzing security documents, screening and examination processes of identity documents, plus INTERPOL databases and the ID and Travel Documents Reference Center.

This presentation will impact the forensic science community by exploring the “Train the Trainer” and e-learning program developed by the INTERPOL Counterfeit Currency and Security Documents (CCSD) branch that covers the requirements of border control officers and forensic document examiners in member countries, thus ensuring the sustainability of the standardized training modules for the detection of fraudulent documents and adapting this program to the current trends.

The INTERPOL CCSD Branch is responsible for establishing programs that provide forensic support, operational assistance and technical databases in order to assist the 190 member countries of INTERPOL regarding counterfeit currency, security documents and addressing border security issues by improving the integrity of travel and security documents. INTERPOL CCSD also coordinates and supports border-security operations with the goal of disrupting criminals who seek to cross borders using fraudulent documents to hide their true identity.

This presentation will focus on CCSD responsibilities and activities to continuously assess existing measures with the goal of implementing new ones that may provide an “added value” to the international community in addressing counterfeit documents on a global scale. CCSD publications present high-quality products with descriptive text and detailed forensic analyses designed to convey the information in a clear and concise manner. This allows the front-line officer to absorb the information quickly and retain that information for use in the field.

The goal of this program is to foster national forensic capacity on security document examination and to encourage exchange of information/intelligence among front line officials, forensic personnel, and other relevant parties. The goal is to reach out to a wider audience using web-based/e-learning platforms and explore mechanisms which would foster continuing professional development for the beneficiaries in security document examination. The learning objectives focused on the level of awareness of the use of fraudulent documents and methodologies for recognizing the use of genuine documents being used fraudulently. The basic forensic document examination techniques, how documents are falsified, and use of INTERPOL databases, such as INTERPOL ID and Travel Document Reference Center, are the main topics of this eLearning program.

In 2016, training courses were conducted in seven countries (Laos, Ghana, Turkey, Argentina, Cameroon, Malawi, and Cambodia) covering all four INTERPOL statutory regions based on the CCSDS “Train the Trainer” program. Border officials and forensic document examiners from 23 different nationalities were trained. All participants were trained to the minimum common standards on the identification of fraudulent documents.

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