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## 6TH INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE “CRIME SCENE”

**6th International Scientific Conference “Crime Scene”, organized by the Central Forensic Laboratory of the Police together with Gdańsk International Trade Fairs, under the honorary patronage of the Police Commander in Chief Inspector General of the Police Jarosław Szymczyk PhD, took place in Warsaw on 9–10 May 2019.**

The Conference was one of the main events accompanying the EUROPOLTECH 2019 – International Fair of Technology and Equipment for the Police and National Security Services. Its leading theme concerned complex crime scene investigation and disaster victim identification (DVI). The Conference was opened by the Director of the Central Forensic Laboratory of the Police Col. Radosław Juźwiak PhD. In his speech, he emphasized the unique character of the meeting, organized on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Police Forensic Science in Independent Poland. He also expressed his gratitude towards the representatives of Warsaw Metropolitan Police and the Police Training Centre in Legionowo for their support in preparing the presentation of the mock crime scene investigation. The next speaker, the First Deputy of the Police Commander in Chief, General of the Police Dariusz Augustyniak, indicated the need for discussing the activities performed at complex crime scenes. He also expressed his appreciation for the professional organization of the conference. The audience was honored with the presence of:

Renata Leoniak – Deputy Director of the Department of Public Order of the Ministry of the Interior and Administration,  
col. Marek Fałdowski PhD – Commandant-Rector of the Police Academy in Szczytno, Poland,  
col. Lubos Kothaj – Director of the Institute of Criminalistics, Prague, Czech Republic,  
col. Ondrej Laciak PhD – Director of the Institute of Forensic Science in Bratislava, Slovakia,  
Mihail Coslet – Deputy Director of the Forensic Laboratory in Chisinau, Moldova,  
col. Dariusz Laskowski PhD – Director of the Bureau of Forensic Examination of the Internal Security Agency,  
representatives of the Embassy of the United States of America in Poland with the chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Poland – Justin Kolenbrander.

The first lecture was given by the honorary guest of the Conference – Professor Henry C. Lee PhD from the University of New Haven, which was dedicated to the history of forensic science in the USA. The first two sessions were devoted to the selected key achievements of the Polish forensic science and its high-profile cases. The milestones of forensic science were discussed by the former members of the CFLP management, namely Professor Jarosław Moszczyński, Professor Ireneusz Sołtyszewski and Waldemar Krawczyk PhD. The second session was initiated by a joint speech of the Professors of the University of Warsaw Tadeusz Tomaszewski and Piotr Girdwoyń, who presented a short historical and comparative outline from the “official lustration” to the contemporary crime scene investigation. The audience listened with great interest to the lectures of Aleksandra Borowska-Solonyńko PhD from the Medical University of Warsaw and Professor Andrzej Ossowski from the Pomeranian Medical University in Szczecin, who revealed the secrets of their everyday professional research work, supporting them with selected examples from the practice. Subsequent lectures concerned issues related to the DVI team operation at the site of a mass event as well as to the examination of places and objects that could pose the CBRN hazards. Presentations on the methodology for the disaster victims identification were given by Professor Peter Thiis Juel Knudsen from the University of Southern Denmark (SDU) and Howard Way from the UK National Disaster Victim Identification Unit (UK DVI). The Conference participants could listen to the national (maj. Małgorzata Kamińska from the Bureau of Forensic Examination of the Internal Security Agency) and international (Eduard van Zalen from the Netherlands Forensic Institute NFI) point of view on the CBRN threats. The gathered guests were looking forward to the presentation of Philip Thorlin from

the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who discussed the activities of the services in response to the tragic shooting in the "Pulse" night club in Orlando. In the last session of the first day of the Conference, the presentations were given by Robert Konieczka PhD (the Silesian University of Technology), Dariusz Bułka (CYBID Ltd. - the Conference partner) together with maj. Artur Dębski (Quality Unit of CFLP) and Lt. Bernadetta Bałdyga (the Revenue Administration Regional Office in Olsztyn). The second day of the conference was opened with the presentation of mock scene of terrorist attack investigation performed by the international group of crime scene officers', supported by the DVI team, representing Czech Republic, Slovakia and Poland. Additionally, from the Polish side, the show involved officers and employees of the Police Forensic Laboratories, the National Police Headquarters and the Police Training Centre in Legionowo, as well as representatives of the Medical University of Warsaw, the Border Guards and companies offering cutting-edge equipment dedicated to the forensic techniques. The session was moderated by Lt.col. Piotr Trojanowski - the National Crime Scene Officers Manager - supported by experts from various forensic disciplines. The subject of the investigation was a vehicle exploded by the suicide bomber. The mock crime scene was aimed at presenting the algorithm of activities to be carried out by the entities and services cooperating during the crime scene investigation. The practical part was followed by a discussion involving teams that performed investigation and conference participants. Referring to the questions posed by Professor Peter Knudsen - an authority in the field of disaster victims identification - Deputy Director of CFLP col. Adam Frankowski shared his knowledge about the DVI team that is being just formed in Poland. The discussion was dominated by the issues related to the application of modern technologies at the mass event site. The next session consisted of the various presentations related to the examination of "difficult" evidence. Professor Maciej Trzciński (the University of Wrocław) discussed the possibilities of using forensic archeology in the investigation process and Professor Wojciech Branicki (the Biology Department of CFLP) referred to new possibilities in the field of DNA identification of an individuals. The presentation delivered by the conference partner, Jacek Krawiec from LASER-3D, complemented the discussion on the use of new technologies at the scene (in this case 3D scanners). At the end of the Conference, during the session dedicated to the use of modern technologies at the crime scene, the speeches were given by Michael Puetz (Federal Criminal Police Office, Forensic Science Institute in Wiesbaden), Marek Kowalczyk PhD (the Jan Sehn Institute of Forensic Research) and cpt. Magdalena Jabłońska PhD (the Biology Department of the CFLP). It is worth mentioning that the "Crime Scene" Conference was attended by nearly 200 participants from 19 countries: Germany, USA, France, Italy, Norway, Denmark, Great Britain, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Romania, Spain, Malta, Georgia, Ukraine, Moldova, Hungary, the Netherlands and Poland. The exhibition "The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Police Forensic Science in the Independent Poland" was also very popular among the conference participants and other guests of the EUROPOLTECH 2019 Fair. Apart from the history of the institution itself, whose heir is the research institute under the current name "Central Forensic Laboratory of the Police", the exhibition showed the changes that have occurred in the forensic science since the interwar period up to the present day. The organizers of the exhibition provided the overview of the most interesting cases from the past. On the spot, the interested guests could not only view the exhibits and read about the beginnings of particular forensic disciplines, but also talk to the Police forensic experts. In total, during the three days of the EUROPOLTECH Fair, the exhibition was visited by almost one thousand guests.

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