

staying connected Newsletter

Introduction

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News from the Chief Operating Office

Crawford Robinson, Chief Operating Officer

I will lead with an appeal. I am working with various sector groups (FMCG, pharmaceutical, automotive, Oil & Gas, Telecommunications) to explore opportunities to provide mutual support through the ACi. If you are interested, and we have not yet spoken, then please do get in touch via email crawford.robinson@bat.com

As we go forward into 2019, the ACi will be holding a number of networking events. These will be hosted by selected partners. The aim is to have late afternoon/early evening drinks and a chance to meet investigations colleagues or those interested in investigations from different industry sectors for networking. During these sessions, a member of the ACi ExCo will give a brief address as to our progress. If you are interested in attending our future networking events please e-mail admin@my-aci.com. These are invitation only events as such details will not be posted on our website.

Education & Training – the way forward

Stephen Storey, Chief Education & Training Officer

It's been a tough year, right? The forefront of my update is to thank everyone who has offered support, resource and/or guidance to develop the ACi education and training mandate.

Through the commitment and efforts of a small working group comprising investigators from Rio Tinto, members of Stoneturn Consulting, my fellow ACi ExCo member Neil Fletcher and myself, we have undertaken the following key activities: (1) Designed and continue to develop a thematic one-day training event (2) Market research on current training offerings applicable to corporate investigators (3) Initial scoping and registration for our training event (and future

courses) to be accredited for continued professional development (4) In partnership with Deloitte (London) we are developing an investigations capacity/benchmarking survey - the first of its kind! We hope to distribute this before the end of 2018 for your input.

Turning back to the development of our one-day immersive and interactive corporate investigation training event, I am pleased to report this is progressing well. The case study and materials under construction are realistic yet challenging. The ACi is delighted that Kirkland & Ellis have proposed to be our venue partner and gold sponsor for two training events in 2019. The first will be held on 16th February and the other will be in March (date to be confirmed). Both will be held at Kirkland & Ellis's offices in the Gherkin (London).

Places will be limited so RSVP now via www.my-ACi.com. More details on the event to follow.

Looking ahead, Neil Fletcher and I are collaborating on the 2019 training plan with an EMEA focus. On our wish list is to onboard a training manager to roll out and advance our training and education proposition. We will also be scoping potential partnership opportunities with established training providers, particularly in specialist areas of digital forensics, eDiscovery and investigative interviewing.

Legal – staying on the straight and narrow

Lisette Van Eenennaam, General Counsel

Since joining the ACi's ExCO I've put on my running shoes and hit the ground running! To get all the basics for our Association in place we are constructing our policies and closely considering the foundations of our Association. No decision is taken lightly but all discussions so far are engaging, cooperative and clearly relay the positive spirit and excitement of what the association wants to do and be, for its future members. Over the past weeks I have been working on the ACi's constitution. It's important to us to have a constitution that lays down the ground rules of our purpose and how we make decisions. We want to be running on a solid foundation for the ACi!

Policies - making progress

Katie Hodson, Chief Administration Officer

Working on the assumption you cannot build 'a great building on a weak foundation'; we have been putting much effort into designing our policies. Here are two important ones:

1. ACi Constitution

The ACi constitution is our roadmap for running the association. We are a non-profit association championing the role of corporate investigators. Our constitution lays out benefits we afford to members, which include:

- Independent professional body and industry voice
- Continued development of the corporate investigation profession
- Creating networking opportunities amongst members
- Program framework and benchmarking data for in-house investigation teams
- Sharing of career opportunities and jobs forum
- Organizing professional events
- Publications and knowledge bank
- Corporate investigations code of ethical conduct for ACi members
- Training and accreditation for the corporate investigation's profession

2. ACi Membership policy

The ACi's vision is that corporate investigations is universally recognised as an accredited profession and that the ACi is a key enabler for continued personal development and operational investigative excellence.

Without you, we can never achieve our vision! Therefore, we have been busy discussing the different membership types: what we will be offering our members and how much it will cost. We look forward to updating you in the coming weeks, with further details on how to become an ACi member.

Finance – funding is essential

Dmitry Bazhenov, Chief Financial Officer

Call for action – ACi sponsor, partner or affiliate?

We have finalised our Sponsorships, Partners and Affiliates Policy. If you are interested in sponsoring, partnering or affiliating with us we would be delighted to hear from you. To discuss further please contact a member of the executive committee or send an e-mail to admin@my-aci.com and one of the ExCo will contact you.

The regions – moving forward

Mark Gough, Regional Head, Asia Pacific

Neil Fletcher, Regional Head, Europe Middle East and Africa

Mark Gough

I recently re-located from Singapore to Australia, and I am keen to reach out to friends of the ACi who are based in Australasia. We are exploring ways to raise awareness of the association throughout the entire region. We will shortly be launching our new website and we are busy planning training events for 2019 to include the Asia Pacific region. We need to finalise sponsorship opportunities and introduce new payment processing facilities before we can launch our Asia Pacific based events. I urge you to please watch this space for more information and ask that any interested parties based in Asia, and particularly Australia, reach out to me via the ACi website and email address admin@my-aci.com.

Neil Fletcher

In EMEA, there is demand for networking opportunities with fellow investigation professionals, a core corporate investigation and interviewing skills workshop, and specialist modules such as eDiscovery. There is demand to use technology to reach the entire region. We are developing workshops, network events and Web-Ex meetings for 2019.

Keeping the wheels turning

Basha Galvin, ACi - Secretary

I am pleased to welcome Kate Winter on board who is building our Association Management Software (AMS) and building our new interactive website. Our AMS will support our infrastructure, training events and build our library of investigative resources for our members. In addition to these developments I am working with Crawford creating networking events to catch up with my investigations colleagues across the sectors - a chance to exchange war stories and discuss lessons learnt!

Vacancies



We are still searching for a Chief Technology Officer. The position, as with all ExCo positions, comes with additional work on top of your day job and no pay...if that has appeal and you have a passion for investigations then we would love to hear from you. Please get in touch via e-mail at: admin@my-aci.com. Please note our preference for this position is a candidate holding a technology role in an existing corporate.