

An Introduction to the APA's Panel on International Developments in Polygraphy

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In 2005, at the APA seminar in San Antonio, the first-ever APA "International" panel was organized. The purpose of the Panel was to serve as a forum for discussion of contemporary events in Polygraphy and Credibility Assessment in countries outside of the U.S. The advent of the internet, changes in social, political and legal areas, the menace of terrorism and the growing problem of trans-national crime have raised the need for an awareness of developments in the field of Polygraphy. The panel was the APA's initial step in that direction.

The International Panel presentations, hopefully, will be a continuing feature of the annual seminar. Generally the organization will be as follows: Each Panel will consist of three or four presenters, each from a different country. Panelists will make a 20-30 minute presentation, after opening remarks from the moderator. After the featured "country" presentations, the moderator will summarize and integrate the important points. That will be followed by a question and answer session, with questions posed by audience members to the panelists. This organization is intended to promote greater interest in international issues and a better understanding of how practices and policies in other countries are related to those in the U.S.

In addition to a presentation at the seminar, each panelist also agrees to prepare a more detailed paper, in a relatively consistent way, that will be submitted to the APA's Editor for publication consideration. Examples of items that are to be covered in each of the papers include: Who is credited with the initial development of polygraph testing in the country? When? Who uses polygraph testing? How many examiners are

there and how are they selected and trained? What kind of instrumentation is used? What are the dominant procedures ("techniques") in use? What are the legal issues of most concern? What is the public perception of Polygraphy?

In past issues of *Polygraph* papers from several International Panels have been published. In this issue of we are pleased to publish a paper from the International Panel in 2005. In this paper the author describes Polygraphy in South Korea. The author is a trained polygraph examiner and he is also very active in a number of other areas of interest to the examiner community. He is a highly respected member of the Korean National Police University with an appointment approved by the President of South Korea. His paper is based on information derived from his personal experiences, the available literature and his in-depth discussion with a number of police polygraph examiners in South Korea.

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