

## *A Message from the President*

October 1999

Fellow Members:

Since this will be my last letter as president, let me say now that this position has been one heck of an experience. To say it has been uneventful would be quite an understatement.

For those of you who may not be aware, your First Vice-President, Ron Fertgus, has resigned effective September 1, 1999. Ron is resigning from his position with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office and will no longer be involved in police work. We're sorry to see Ron leave. He has contributed much to this organization over the years, not only during his time as vice-president but also as our conference speaker coordinator for several years. We wish Ron the best of luck in his new endeavor.

In following the constitution, the Second Vice-President, Vince Chew, will now move up to the position of First Vice-President and the Third Vice-President, Bill Schade, will take over the position of Second Vice-President. I have appointed Harold Ruslander of the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office to the position of Third Vice-President for the remainder of this year pending board approval.

In other news, Ron Plenge has resigned from his position of District Director for District 1. His replacement is pending at this time. Gerald Reichardt, the Chairman of the Crime Scene Certification Committee, has resigned from his position due to his retirement from the Miami-Dade Police Department. I have appointed King Brown of the Hollywood Police Department to replace Gerry for the balance of the year.

Your Conference Planning Committee has been busy working on preparations for the 40th Annual Training Conference being held in Melbourne from October 24-28, 1999. Hopefully most of you have received your brochures for the conference. The brochures were mailed back in July but some members did not receive their copies by the middle of August due to a problem with the mailer. If anyone needs a registration form there is one in the back of this newsletter. If you would like a conference brochure, call myself or Julie Shoff and we will mail or fax you a copy.

I hope you like the new look of the newsletter. It took a while to change due to the fact we had numerous pre-printed covers in stock we had to exhaust. We're trying to improve the look of the association's newsletter with every issue and your editor, Alan Clark, has been doing an excellent job.

I'd like to take this time to thank everyone for their support over the past year. It has been alot of work, but well worth it. This is still one of the best IAI divisions anywhere and we will strive to maintain that distinction. I urge people to get involved and encourage your associates to join and support the FDIAI. We all take pride in what this organization has been able to accomplish over the years and we strive every day to make it even better.

Take Care,

