



# Florida Division International Association for Identification



## **Welcome Letter from the President of the Florida Division, International Association for Identification**

Dear FDIAI Members,

It is my honor and privilege to greet you as the 65th President of the Florida Division of the International Association for Identification. I want to begin by thanking each of you for being a part of this incredible organization. Your dedication, involvement, and passion are what make the FDIAI strong, and I am humbled to serve you in the year ahead.

I was fortunate enough to attend the 2025 IAI Educational Conference in Orlando recently, where FDIAI members truly shined on a global stage—presenting, networking, and learning alongside colleagues from around the world. The conference was a powerful reminder of the importance of professional growth, and I could not be prouder of how our division represented. It was both inspiring and energizing to see so many FDIAI members showcasing Florida's excellence in the forensic sciences.

My vision for the year is one of growth—growth in membership, in conference attendance, and in your professional development. I encourage each of you to get involved in your Association. That might mean stepping into a leadership role as a future Region Director, joining a Science and Practices subcommittee, hosting a training, presenting at a conference, or even submitting an article for our quarterly newsletter. You don't need to have all the answers— I surely didn't when I began my journey. What matters is showing up, sharing your passion, and supporting one another. That's how we move this profession forward.

As we navigate this year together, let's remain connected, lift one another up, and remember that our greatest strength lies in community. The work we do can be both physically and mentally demanding, so I encourage you to take care of your own wellness and to watch out for your colleagues as well. Let's also make it a priority to reach down and support those who are just beginning their journeys as crime scene investigators or latent print examiners. We all started somewhere, and the future of our profession depends on how we mentor and encourage the next generation.

At the end of the day, what makes this Association so special isn't just the training or the conferences—it's the people. It's the friendships, the mentorships, and the shared passion for a profession that demands so much of us but gives back even more. I am truly grateful to walk this path with all of you, and I can't wait to see the incredible things we'll accomplish together this year.

Sincerely,

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FDIAI President