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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Annual Conference – The Fingerprint Society

It is now 36 years since The Fingerprint Society was founded and this year The Society will be holding its 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, which will take place in Central London, hosted by the prestigious University College London. It is particularly appropriate that this year's conference is being held at UCL, for the university has very close connections with fingerprint identification. Indeed, many of the personal effects of one of the founding fathers of fingerprint identification, Sir Francis Galton, are housed in the university's Galton Library and will be available for delegates to examine closely.

Since its humble beginnings The Fingerprint Society has developed into the most respected organisation of its type, specialising in promoting and advancing the study and application of fingerprint identification in all its many facets. Despite the colossal advances in forensic science generally, and indeed fingerprint technology over the past century, fingerprint identification still maintains its premiere position as the definitive form of personal identification. This has been enhanced in the last 18 months by the very successful Workshops which have been so well supported by police forces throughout the UK. The Society has an exciting agenda for further such workshops in the future.

This year's conference will take place from 9<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> April and delegates will be accommodated in the stunning Victorian Hotel Russell in the heart of Central London. The conference will be officially opened by the President and Provost of UCL, Malcolm Grant and over the conference weekend delegates will be able to enjoy and learn from a respected and distinguished group of speakers. Workshops and seminars will also take place dedicated to this year's conference theme, "*Past, Present & Future.*"

Being so aware of the increasing necessity for forensic and fingerprint evidence in the current climate and the many potential changes lurking over the horizon, you will realise that it is paramount that every fingerprint practitioner, be he/she a court testifying officer or not, be kept fully informed of all the latest techniques, stated cases and other vital information that helps promote the skill and efficiency of the fingerprint examiner. The Fingerprint Society now has a remarkable track record and with the demise of the UK's National Fingerprint Board and its Annual Conference, The Society is now the only organisation in this country devoted *entirely* to dispersing fingerprint information to the practitioners.

Whilst I understand that Police and Government budgets continue to be closely scrutinised and cut, I would urge you to give serious consideration to supporting this important annual event and sponsor representatives from your Force's Scientific Support Unit (our membership consists of Fingerprint Officers, Scene of Crime Officers and fingerprint chemical development laboratory staff).

Conference registration/attendance fees are extremely low in comparison with most educational seminar events and represent extremely good value, particularly as the event is being held in Central London.

I am attaching the conference fees and other information which may help you reach your decision. I should also point out, that although our organisation's name would indicate that we are solely concerned with fingerprints, nothing could be further from the truth: great diversity within forensic science and police procedures is always seen at our annual conference. The full conference package includes meals and gala dinner. For further information please contact: Kate Bishop, BTP Fingerprint Bureau, 14/22 Baches Street, London N1 6DL or [Katie.bishop@btp.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Katie.bishop@btp.pnn.police.uk) alternatively, you will find full information about the Annual Conference on The Fingerprint Society web site: [www.fpsociety.org.uk/](http://www.fpsociety.org.uk/)

I sincerely hope that you will realise that this event is very worthwhile and will decide to give staff in your organisation the support to attend.

Yours faithfully,

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