

PI. International Summer School.

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The P.I. International Summer School in the Romanian Carpathians, the SPA town of Sinaia, has developed already into an institution. This year's Event confirmed this once again: the program, the number of participants and their internationality.

The Honorary Dean of this year's Summer School was Professor Dragan Trivan from Serbia.

He prepared a very interesting program; of course, with the support of the President of the Romanian Association, Mrs Maria Bumbaru, who has been organising this Event since 2004.

In his seminar Professor (and colleague) Dragan Trivan worked on the subject of "Business Intelligence", of course from a Serbian point of view but with a multitude of international references which made such a topic really interesting.

His Serbian colleague, Mila Kisić, conveyed her views and experiences on the so-called "Pre-employment screening". A topic that probably all private investigators have on their service list.

Sam Zonensein from Israel made an exciting one on "The principles of individual surveillance. Specific situations". He presented various observation situations using examples from his professional experience. He not only described the problems, but also presented them with the help of original video sequences made during surveillances. The main focus was on the identification of persons from large groups and in the movement.

A topic hardly any investigator can bypass, are investigations for insurance companies. The colleagues, Igor Timofeyev, Ukraine, Nicolae Ionescu, Romania (Independent RCA Claim Detector), Adrian Mihai, Romania (INTERSAMPOL PROFESIONAL SRL) and the engineer Eugen Lupescu, Romania presented facts of theft of vehicles, identification and forgeries their origin when trying to register them.

The Slovenian colleague Ziga Primc, who is not only private investigator but also Data Protection Officer in Slovenia presented in his seminar about IT-investigations the cryptographic method using block chain.

Prof. Dr. Tudorel Butoi, a forensic psychologist, and Alexandru Dafinoiu, a private investigator, both from Romania, dealt with the topic "Internet and social media - the main source of sexual exploitation of women and children". A very interesting and important story.

Our Romanian colleague Dorel Brahmer presented his contribution under the heading "Let the technology work for us".

The Turkish lecturer Sevket Karaygit, Ankara University, presented his view on the requirements of private investigators, referring to professional as well as to personal competences. Georg Hirtl, Austria (Deputy Secretary General of the IKD) talked about "IKD Model Data Protection Regulation Policy".

An extremely exciting lecture was given by Dr. Alexandru Paul, forensic physician / Bucharest. He dealt with errors committed in connection with private investigator activities. It was, so to say, a small guide to PI's behaviour in relation to issues involving forensic physicians.

I was glad to take on the task to inform the participants about the state of development of the possible merger of the two German professional associations. This was also linked to a report on the publication of the German standard for the private security industry (DINSpec) and a brief outline of its contents. This was followed by information about the initiative of the BID DINSpec to develop an international standard, ie an ISO standard, in addition to other already existing national standards (Great Britain, Hungary, Austria, Ireland); this can be delivered if desired).

The seminars took place from 9am to 2pm. So there was enough time for relax and personal meeting among colleagues.

Depending on interests, one could spent time together in Sinaia, the place where the summer castle of the last Romanian king was located. One could explore the area around the castle or took the opportunity to visit a monastery more than 500 years old. The Romanian colleagues organized excursions to Drakula Castle and the wonderful nature of the Romanian Carpathians.

Highlights were – as every year – the hilarious evenings with colleagues and their companions. Especially the so-called "traditional Romanian evening", when Romanian colleagues appear in traditional Romanian clothes, typical Romanian dishes are served, Romanian music and "Palinka" make the evening a great experience.

On the last night, it becomes ceremonial, dress code: "Black Tie". The participant obtain their certificates and the Honorary Dean of the next year's event will be elected

The elected Honorary Dean the 15th edition, of the Summer School in 2019, is Sam Zonensein from Israel.

This year, 80 participants (including accompanying persons) from 12 countries came to Sinaia. There were colleagues from Denmark, Israel, Serbia, Slovenia, Austria, Germany, Ukraine, Italy, Spain, Romania, Turkey and Moldova. As every year it was a wonderful opportunity to meet new colleagues and renew old friendships in a very open-minded atmosphere

If you are interested in participating next year, the PI International Summer School 2019 is planned for the first week of July.