

# 3RD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MISSING CHILDREN AND ADULTS

14 - 16 JUNE 2017, ABERTAY UNIVERSITY, DUNDEE, SCOTLAND

## PROGRAMME

### Day 1: Wednesday 14 June 2017

12.00 - 14.00	<b>Registration (Main Reception)</b>	
14.00 - 15.00	Opening and Welcome (Room 2517)	
	Professor Steve Olivier, Vice-Principal (Academic), Abertay University	
	<b>Keynote Speakers (Room 2517)</b>	
	Professor Dame Sue Black DBE FRSE (CAHID, University of Dundee)	
	Dr Susan Hitchin (DNA Unit Co-ordinator, Interpol)	
15.00 - 16.00	<b>Plenary Session 1: Families Lived Experiences of Missingness (Room 2517)</b>	
	The Necessity of Status Vermist, the Complexities of Missing Abroad, and the Power of the Internet - Inger de Vries (Family member, Netherlands), Medea Moons (Family member, Netherlands) and Loren O'Keeffe (Family member and MPAN, Australia)	
	Readings from my memoir 'Twenty-six hours: The vanishing of Tom Drew' - Allison Drew (University of York, UK, and University of Cape Town, South Africa)	
16.00 - 16.30	<b>Coffee break, poster viewing and sponsorship stands (Events Space)</b>	
16.30 - 17.45	<b>Session 1: Correlates and Treatment of Psychological Distress in Relatives of Missing Persons (Room 2517)</b>	<b>Session 2: Organisational Challenges (Room 2522)</b>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cognitive-Behavioral Correlates of Psychological Symptoms among Relatives of Missing Persons – Paul Boelen (Utrecht University and Arq Psychotrauma Expert Group, Netherlands)</li> <li>Coping Strategies and Psychological Distress: A Cross-Cultural Perspective – Lonneke Lenferink (Universities of Groningen and Utrecht, Netherlands)</li> <li>Ambiguous Loss in Relatives of Missing or Disappeared Persons – Geert Smid (University of Groningen and Foundation Centrum '45, Netherlands)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is a Dedicated Missing Person Unit an Effective Use of Police Resources? A Mixed Methods Evaluation of LOCATE, West Midlands Police Force, United Kingdom – Susan Giles (Liverpool University, UK) and Neha Prashar (University of Birmingham, UK)</li> <li>A Job Well Done? Framing Police Conceptualisations of Success in Missing Persons – Amy Humphrey (University of Dundee, UK)</li> <li>Advancing Partnerships between Law Enforcement and Subject Matter Experts in the Area of Missing Persons and Unidentified Remains – Roberta Sinclair (Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Canada)</li> </ol>
17.45 - 19.00	<b>Drinks Reception, Hannah Maclure Centre</b>	

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Day 2: Thursday 15 June 2017

08.00 -09.00	<b>Registration (Main Reception)</b>	
09.00 - 09.15	Day two opening (Room 2517)	
	Assistant Chief Constable Andy Cowie, Police Scotland	
09.15 - 10.30	<b>Plenary Session 2: Missing in Migration? European and National Perspectives on the Disappearance of Unaccompanied Children (Room 2517)</b>	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Missing Children in Migration: Findings from European Research – Mette Drivsholm (Missing Children Europe, Belgium)</li> <li>2. Missing Unaccompanied Children in Sweden – Amir Hashemi-Nik (County Administrative Board of Stockholm, Sweden)</li> <li>3. Heading Back to Harm – Susannah Drury (Missing People, UK)</li> </ol>	
10.30 -11.00	<b>Coffee break, poster viewing and sponsorship stands (Events Space)</b>	
11.00 - 12.15	<b>Session 3: Child Abduction (Room 2517)</b>	<b>Session 4: Forensic Age Progression and Identification (Room 2522)</b>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Role of Guardianship in Preventing Stranger Child Abduction: A Comparison of Attempted and Completed Cases – Craig Collie (University of Portsmouth, UK)</li> <li>2. Living in Uncertainty: Parents' Perceptions about Child Abduction – Ana Tavares (University of Lisbon, Portugal)</li> <li>3. Understanding Parental Alienation: Missing Children in the Lives of Good Enough Parents – Karen Woodall and Nick Woodall (Family Separation Clinic, UK)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Know Your Audience: Targeting Public Beliefs about Forensic Age Progressions – James Lampinen (University of Arkansas, USA)</li> <li>2. On Age Progression of Ben Needham's Face - A Computer Method to Age Progression using Faces of Missing Children and Adults – Ali Bukar (University of Bradford, UK)</li> <li>3. How Expectations of Encounter Influence Responses to Missing Person Alerts – James Lampinen (University of Arkansas, USA)</li> </ol>
12.15 - 13.00	<b>Lunch (Bar One), poster viewing and sponsorship stands (Events Space)</b>	
13.00 - 14.30	<b>Session 5: Young People at Risk (Room 2517)</b>	<b>Session 6: Identification and Recovery of Bodies (Room 2522)</b>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Profile and Trajectories of Young Runaways in Belgium – Sofia Mahjoub (Child Focus, Belgium)</li> <li>2. The impact of No Wrong Door and the Embedded Police Roles on Missing from Home or Care Incidents – Clare Lushey (Loughborough University, UK)</li> <li>3. The Link between Repeated Runaways and Sexual Exploitation – Sofia Mahjoub (Child Focus, Belgium)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Body Recovery from Water Study – Lorna Dennison-Wilkins (Sussex Police and Dundee University, UK)</li> <li>2. Forensic Oceanography – Predicting the Trajectory of Human Corpses in the Marine Environment – Jon Rees (Cefas, UK)</li> <li>3. Underwater Decomposition and Forensic Entomology: Application to Missing Person Investigations – Helen Ody (University of Portsmouth, UK)</li> <li>4. Exploring Predictive Factors in the Distance of Bodies and Body Parts to the Last Known Location of a Missing Person – Zara Fuhl (National Crime Agency, UK)</li> </ol>

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14.30 - 15.45	<b>Session 7: Responses to Young People at Risk (Room 2517)</b>	<b>Session 8: Missing with Dementia (Room 2522)</b>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Partnership in Action: Keeping Children Safer – Gillian Scott (Police Scotland, UK) and Liz Lafferty (South Lanarkshire Council, UK)</li> <li>2. Returning Home: A Bespoke Response to Young Runaways in Tayside – Alison Watson (Shelter Scotland, UK) and Mike Whitford (Police Scotland, UK)</li> <li>3. Child Protection Mechanisms as a Prevention and Response Tool for Missing Children – Harold Burrows (National Search and Rescue Dog Association, UK) and Michaela Zannaki (The Smile of the Child, Greece)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. When People with Dementia who Wander-Walk Go Missing: What Can We Learn from Other Countries? – Jan Dewing (Queen Margaret University, UK)</li> <li>2. Adults Missing from Care: A National Partnership Agreement – Jim Royan and Cameron Tait (Police Scotland, UK)</li> <li>3. Protecting Vulnerable Persons and Reducing Demand using Assistive Technology – Abigail Salter (Hertfordshire Constabulary, UK) and Karen Shalev-Greene (Portsmouth University, UK)</li> </ol>
15.45 - 16.15	<b>Coffee Break, poster viewing and sponsorship stands (Events Space)</b>	
16.15 - 17.30	<b>Session 9: Conceptual and Narrative Explanations of Missing (Room 2517)</b>	<b>Session 10: Approaches to Protecting Vulnerable People (Room 2522)</b>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Being a 'Missing Person': A Concept Analysis – Claire Taylor (Abertay University, UK)</li> <li>2. An Endless Narrative: Missing Persons and the Cultural Space between Life and Death – Ori Katz Ben-Gurion (University of the Negev, Israel)</li> <li>3. Harm and Missing Persons: Challenges to and Opportunities for the Measurement of Harm: A Literature Review – Joe Apps (National Crime Agency, UK)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Safeguarding on Transport – Jane Thompson (Railway Children, UK), and Eleanor Page (British Transport Police, UK)</li> <li>2. NHS and Police: A National Partnership Agreement – Inspector Suzanne Smith (Police Scotland, UK) and Val Johnson (NHS Scotland, UK)</li> </ol>
17.30 - 21.00	<b>Pre-dinner drinks and conference dinner (with bagpipes and guest speaker – Jo McFarlane, 'the poet laureate of recovery') Abertay Student's Centre</b>	

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08.30 - 09.30	<b>Registration (Main Reception)</b>	
09.30 - 11.15	<b>Session 11: Behavioural and Investigative Approaches (Room 2517)</b>	<b>Session 12: Responding to Returned Missing People (Room 2522)</b>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Missing Behaviour: The Development of a Missing Interest and Missing Proclivity Scale – Claire Taylor (Abertay University, UK)</li> <li>2. Missing Adults' and Childrens' Behaviours: Exploration of the Narrative Action System Model – Daniel Hunt (University of Huddersfield, UK)</li> <li>3. Examining the Efficacy of a Self-Administered Report Form in Missing Persons Investigations – Donata Andriuskeviciute and Fiona Gabbert (Goldsmiths, University of London, UK)</li> <li>4. Forensic Interviews with Child Victims of Trafficking: Understanding the Challenges – Stephanie Bennett (University of Portsmouth, UK)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What Missing People and their Families tell us about their Return – Hester Parr (University of Glasgow, UK)</li> <li>2. Adult Return Home Interviews by Telephone – Becca Padbury and Shane Hemsley (Missing People, UK)</li> <li>3. Safe and Well? Managing the Return of Repeatedly Missing People in England &amp; Wales – Karen Shalev-Greene (Portsmouth University, UK)</li> </ol>

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11.15 - 11.45	<b>Coffee break, poster viewing and sponsorship stands (Events Space)</b>	
11.45 - 13.00	<b>Session 13: Social Media and Publicity: Uses and Abuses (Room 2517)</b>	<b>Session 14: Community Responses to Missing (Room 2522)</b>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Police Use of Social Media in Missing Person Investigations – Joseph Hamilton (Abertay University, UK)</li> <li>2. Impact of Publicity on Missing Children Cases – Karen Shalev-Greene (Portsmouth University, UK)</li> <li>3. A Missing Person's Perspective of Social Media – Esther Beadle (returned missing adult, UK)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Citizen-led Forensics: Searching for Disappeared Persons in Mexico – Arely Cruz Santiago (Durham University, UK)</li> <li>2. 'Without Them': An Activist Opportunity for Changing the Way Israel Deals with Missing Persons – Shuki Minivitzki and Galit Itzhaki Shimshon (Bil'adeihem, Israel)</li> <li>3. Missing but Assumed Dead: Public Participation and the Complexity of Mourning Practices – Maggie Sweeney (University of the West of Scotland, UK)</li> </ol>
13.00 - 13.45	<b>Lunch (Bar One), poster viewing and sponsorship stands (Events Space)</b>	
13.45 - 15.00	<b>Session 15: Technological solutions (Room 2517)</b>	<b>Session 16: Risk (Room 2522)</b>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Quest for Adventure in the Safe Society: Is the free hire of 'Personal Locator Beacons' in the Blue Mountains National Park, Australia compensating for less preparation and self-sufficiency of the bush walker? – Abigail Salter (Hertfordshire Constabulary, UK)</li> <li>2. 'Proof of Feasibility' Studies to Develop an Interactive Geo-spatial Decision Support System for Police Forces (CASPER) – Susan Giles (Liverpool University, UK) and John Bayly (Liverpool John Moores University, UK)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Investigative Journey from Missing to Murder – Tony Osborne (National Crime Agency, UK)</li> <li>2. Understanding and Managing Risk in the Context of Missing Persons – Charlie Hedges (Amber Alert Europe)</li> <li>3. Risky business? A Study Exploring the Relationship between Harm and Risk Indicators in Missing Adult Incidents – Naomi Eales (National Crime Agency, UK)</li> </ol>
15.00 - 15.30	<b>Closing remarks (Room 2517)</b>	
	Joe Apps (UK Missing Persons Bureau, National Crime Agency)	

## Poster Presentations

**Deaths of Missing Persons following Police Contact in 2015/16** - Emma Tilley (Independent Police Complaints Commission, UK)

**Acceptance, Tolerance of Uncertainty and Experiences of Psychological Distress among Family and Friends of Missing Persons: A Report of Preliminary Findings** - Cecilia Hammell (University of Wollongong, Australia)

**Repeat Missing Adults: Incidences and Characteristics** - Claire Taylor (Abertay University, UK)

**Looked After and Accommodated Children: Evaluating the Implementation of a National Partnership Agreement in Dundee** - Richard Grieve (Police Scotland and Dundee University, UK)