

ISFRI DVI Group Meeting May 2016 Amsterdam Report to Board

Chair of Group – Prof. G Rutty, UK

A meeting was held on the 12th May, 2016, 1300-1330hrs at the ISFRI/IAFR joint annual conference Amsterdam of the ISFRI DVI group. This was chaired by Prof. G Rutty. A total of 38 people attended the meeting. They were made up of a mixture of ISFRI and non-ISFRI members. An attendance contact list has been compiled and already forwarded to the Board.

Prof. Rutty started by giving a general introduction to those present of the history, purpose and function of the group. He then gave a report of the activities of the group for 2012-2016. In summary;

1. Due to Prof. Rutty's UK commitments during the period the group had been relatively dormant for the first time. Thus no positional statements have been published.
2. Prof. Rutty has commissioned a piece of work concerning forensic odontological imaging during DVI. This has been provided by Dr Alain Middleton, lead forensic odontologist for the forensic odontology advisory group to the Interpol steering committee for DVI. This will form the basis of a positional statement the group will now work on and complete in 2016. As usual the statement will be provided to the Board prior to submission to JoFRI.
3. Prof. Rutty has received a submitted work concerning the positioning of cadavers for radiological imaging from Dr Sarah Heize. She is to work with Ms Claire Robinson to complete this work and then a positional statement will be produced in 2016. As usual the statement will be provided to the Board prior to submission to JoFRI.
4. Prof. Rutty relayed to the group that at the Interpol DVI meeting the Forensic Pathology and Anthropology advisory group will receive an update from him on the activities of ISFRI. It is hoped that the positional statement of ISFRI will be adopted by Interpol and placed into the appendix of the DVI manual. This may require some reformatting and rewording to avoid copyright issues related to JoFRI.

There was then a general discussion. The following were discussed;

1. Dr Chris O'Donnell suggested that in light of the use of PMCT at the MH17 and UK Shoreham air disasters the current ISFRI positional statement on PMCT for DVI should be re-visited, updated and reissued. The group agreed this. Chris is to lead on this for the group.
2. Prof David Ranson discussed the current work on the management of fragments which is been undertaken by the Interpol pathology group. It was agreed that a positional statement concerning the imaging of body fragments during DVI should be developed by the group. A lead for this work will be identified. This may be Dr A Brough, UK.

These were the main points discussed. Thus the plan to produce 2 positional statements in 2016 with a further 2 in development was agreed by the group.

Next meeting: email communications will be lead for the group by prof. Rutty during the year with the next scheduled meeting of the group at ISFRI 2017, Odense, Denmark.