



WORKSHOP

Application of the logical approach for forensic handwriting casework

Tuesday May 1st ; 8h30PM to 5h00PM

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Objectives: At the end of the workshop participants will understand and be able to apply the logical approach to evidence evaluation in forensic document/handwriting casework.

Synopsis: The workshop covers the hands-on, practical application of the logical approach to evidence evaluation. Participants require a good working knowledge of the theory and concepts relevant to the logical approach (see notes below). They will be provided with an examination process map and relevant worksheets to facilitate their practical work. Various case examples are drawn from the forensic handwriting and documents domain and will be completed by participants. Working in small groups they will complete the various phases of the examination process from beginning to end. This will include setting of propositions, exploration of expectations, evaluation of the findings, and determination of an appropriate conclusion/opinion. Key aspects of report writing will be discussed and there will be discussion of presentation of the results and testimony; however the latter will depend upon time-availability. This workshop is aimed primarily at practicing forensic document/handwriting examiners.

Keywords: evaluation, conclusions, logical approach, forensic handwriting

Notes: Participation requires completion of workshop 1 (*i.e.*, "Theory of the logical approach to evidence evaluation") or equivalent prior training/experience. For the latter, participation will be permitted solely at the instructor's discretion after review of participant's background in this topic.

Lunch will be provided.