

ENFSI

64 forensic laboratories from 34 European countries are members of the European Network of Forensic Science Institutions (ENFSI). The network's objective is to promote and coordinate cooperation between Europe's forensic institutions and to strive for common levels of quality.

The **Forensic Science and Examination Bureau**, a division of the Estonian Police, was accepted as the network's 35th member in **May 1998**. Becoming a member provided the bureau with a lot of information about new technology and methods that were being adopted in the field. Since 01.01.2008 **Estonian Forensic Science Institute** continued as an official member of ENFSI.

During 2011 (May) - 2015 (May) Director of EFSI Üllar Lanno was selected to join the ENFSI management board. First two years he was Chairman designate after he was selected to be the ENFSI Chairman.



Robert Antropov, the former police director of what is now the Estonian Forensic Institute, was a member of the board from 2000 to 2003.



The management board is charged with the responsibility of coordinating the activities of ENFSI and its working groups, preparing and forwarding any information received to laboratories, organising meetings, determining the development directions for the network, developing its quality system and arranging training, also training- and continuing education for experts.

The management board of ENFSI visited Estonia in November 2001 to hold a meeting. One of their goals in coming here was to investigate the possibility of holding the annual ENFSI conference in Tallinn in 2003. They also visited the Estonian Forensic Institute's newly opened laboratories, which had been renovated and reconstructed as part of the Phare "Development of Forensic Science and Forensic Examination" project. It is very important to the network that new, modern forensic laboratories are opened throughout Europe so as to significantly improve the quality of forensic examination. The opening of the institute's new laboratory premises was the third event of its kind in Europe. Other laboratories had been opened in 2001 in Linköping in Sweden and in

Birmingham in the United Kingdom.

The **15th** annual ENFSI conference was held in Tallinn in **2003** and opened by then Minister of the Interior Margus Leivo.



Over five days more than 70 attendees from outside of Estonia gained not only new knowledge of their profession but also insight into local culture and traditions and first-hand experience of the sights of Tallinn and the island of Naissaar. The network's annual conference is an event at which recent events in the field of forensic science in Europe and around the world are reviewed, new members are elected to management bodies and activities for the coming year are planned.

The **23rd** annual ENFSI conference was held second time in Tallinn in **2011**. The conference was introduced by Secretary General of Ministry of Justice Margus Sarapuu.



The **23rd** annual **ENFSI conference** focused mainly on education and training. European Police College and European Judicial Training Network were included in the centric discussion. Over 80 participants in ENFSI AM 2011 conference gathered new information about ENFSI and learned Estonian national traditions, within the programme and cultural event of European Capital of Culture.

In 13-16th of May 2012 ENFSI hosted together with Police and Border Guard Board colleagues **ENFSI Scene of Crime Working Group Annual Meeting in Tartu**. Over 40 crime scene officers and criminalists gathered together to discuss the most outstanding techniques and visions under the main topic - **Crime Scene 2.0**

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