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**INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF ASSOCIATIONS  
OF PRIVATE DETECTIVES**



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Re: **Meeting of the Executive 2006**

Founded in 1964, the I.K.D., "Internationale Kommission der Detektiv-Verbande" (International Federation of Associations of Private Detectives) is an International Umbrella Body consisting of Associations of Private investigators throughout the world.

Your representative association is a keen participant in the IKD and stands alongside 20 members most being other national organisations and the World Association of Detectives. This equates to a wider IKD membership or family in excess of 5000 affiliated Private Investigators; without doubt the largest number of an investigation representative organisation anywhere.

The IKD is focused on maintaining the highest standards meeting its code of ethics and promoting harmonisation of regulations and licensing process, particularly within the European Economic Area.

On 30<sup>th</sup> September 2006, some 14 delegates of the membership met at the IKD's annual executive meeting, which this year took place in Copenhagen hosted by its Danish member organisation. Those member organisations whose delegates were unable to make the meeting presented submissions in writing.

**Definition**

This year saw numerous advances achieved in the IKD goals. Not least was an agreement on the **Definition of Investigations in the Private Sector** to be adopted by the IKD membership and thus by the majority of affiliated Private Investigators, world-wide. The wording eventually agreed is as follows: -

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Any surveillance, inquiries or investigations that are carried out on behalf of another, for the purpose of

(a) obtaining information and/or evidence about a particular person or about the activities or whereabouts of a particular person; or

(b) obtaining information and/or evidence about the circumstances in which or means by which any property has been lost or damaged

The activities included in the above Definition being:

1. Accident Investigation
2. Blackmail
3. False Accounting
4. Family Law
5. Forgery
6. Fraud Investigations
7. Loss Investigations
8. Intellectual Property
9. Legal knowledge
10. Litigation Support
11. Providence
12. Repossessions
13. Status reports
14. Surveillance
15. Theft Investigations
16. Tracing

### **Common Minimum Standards**

The IKD has also made considerable progress in the debate on forming **Common Minimum Standards**, which hopefully will be in place ready for agreement by the time the IKD meets again in May 2007.

<http://ec.europa.eu/>

The IKD is, like all other professional organisations, dependant on the participation of the delegates and support of the member groups. However, it carries an unfortunate misconceived image of unimportance due to the number of people that attend. The low number is in fact a realistic reflection of the nature of the IKD, in that only one delegate per member group is required. But the importance of what the IKD does and strives to achieve bites far harder and influentially than any other lobby group in the sector. It is acknowledged by the European Commission as the Sector's professional body and is thus linked on the EU web site. The IKD has also always maintained a strong financial position in readiness for when its ambitions and policies require extra external professional support.

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### **IKD Congress 2007**

The next IKD Congress is planned for May 2007 in Bavaria, Germany, hosted by the Bundesverband Deutscher Detektive E.V. (BDD). The 3-year cycle for its executive comes round and an election of the officers will take place at this event. With the issue of Common Minimum Standards as a key feature of the meeting, such is the importance and potential impact of its decision making that the IKD will be encouraging a wider audience from the rank and file IKD family. It will of course be, in any event, one of the great international networking opportunities.

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