



2024 **SPRING** CONFERENCE

The premier learning and networking event for professional investigators and security consultants in BC

GUEST SPEAKERS



Alain Filotto

Artificial Intelligence for Investigators



Sean Tweed

Current Trends in Cryptocurrency Investigations



Bruce Pitt-Payne

Switching from Criminal to Workplace Investigations

Key Discussions & Insights

- ✓ Artificial Intelligence
- ✓ Cryptocurrency Fraud
- ✓ Workplace Investigations
- ✓ Industry Updates



24-25 May 2024

**BOOK YOUR
TICKET NOW**

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can be found at



www.piabc.ca

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Board of Directors has worked hard to make the 2024 conference both enriching and entertaining in a unique setting, the Beach Club Resort in Parksville, BC.

This event is scheduled for Friday, May 24 and Saturday, May 25, 2024 and is a pleasant drive from the Nanaimo ferry terminal. Come network with your colleagues and attend the professional development opportunities available as part of Saturday's agenda.

There will be a hosted wine and cheese, meet and greet on Friday evening, followed by a breakfast and lunch on Saturday, as part of the conference package. We will be hosting a dinner and dancing on Saturday evening, after the conference.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Regards,
Tony Hunt, CPP, CCPI

Conference Pricing

Members & Associate Members

\$249 (CAD) / APPROX. \$162 (USD)
CONFERENCE INCLUDES GALA DINNER

EXTRA GALA TICKET
FOR SPOUSE OF GUEST \$99

Non Members

\$349 (CAD) / APPROX. \$226 (USD)
CONFERENCE INCLUDES GALA DINNER

EXTRA GALA TICKET
FOR SPOUSE OF GUEST \$99

PIABC Students

\$249 (CAD)
CONFERENCE INCLUDES GALA DINNER

EXTRA GALA TICKET
FOR SPOUSE OR GUEST \$99



SPECIAL ROOM RESERVATION OFFER

PIABC is thrilled to present an exclusive room reservation offer from the Beach Club Resort in Parksville, BC for the upcoming Spring Conference on May 24-25th.

You can now secure rooms for the conference at a discounted rate starting at \$166/night CAD (Approx. \$108 USD) with no deposit required.

Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity, take advantage of this offer and book your room now using the following link: [PIABC ROOMS](#).

TRAVEL WITHIN CANADA

[181 Beachside Drive, Parksville BC](#)

The Beach Club Resort is situated directly on Parksville Beach and its ideal location features incredible natural vistas from their guest rooms.

[Book Your Ferry](#)

To avoid disappointment be sure to book your ferry in advance.

TRAVEL FROM THE UNITED STATES

Ferry service is also available from Vancouver Washington or fly in directly to Vancouver or Victoria.

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ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES



Fairwinds Golf Club
\$86 CAD for 18 holes
(Approx. \$56 USD)

Parksville offers a wide range of activities and scenic views for all visitors. Two highly recommended activities you may want to take part in should you have a little extra time in area include:

[Golf at the Fairwinds Golf Club](#)

Fairwinds Golf Club provides excellent facilities, including two large practice greens, covered/heated driving range stalls, and a short-game practice area. The challenging course demands strategic play with contoured greens and tree-lined fairways, but the stunning rainforest location and ocean views make it enjoyable for golfers of any level.

PIABC will be arranging golf for conference attendees & guests on the morning of Friday, May 24th.



RESERVE YOUR SPOT BY MARCH 25, 2024

[Whale Watching](#)

Parksville Whale and Wildlife Adventures. Chances to encounter Biggs Killer Whales, Orcas, Humpback Whales, Pacific White Sided Dolphins, Steller & California Sea Lions, Pacific Harbour Seals, Bald Eagles and Stunning Scenery. We are located 5 minutes from Parksville and 10 minutes from Qualicum Beach. Marine Adventures departing daily from French Creek Marina.



BOOK ONLINE

Ocean Adventures Parksville Whale & Wildlife Adventures

Starting at \$139 CAD
(Approx. \$90 USD)



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PRESENTER INFORMATION

INVITATIONS HAVE BEEN EXTENDED TO:

The Registrar's Office, The Privacy Commissioner, Worksafe, and ICBC to share industry updates and connect with members.



ALAIN FILOTTO

Artificial Intelligence for Investigators

Alain has been working with digital evidence for over 15 years, including with his company, Alphafox Forensics. He is a retired Sergeant of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) with 29 years of policing experience. The last 10 years of his career were spent with the RCMP's Digital Forensic Services as an examiner and team leader. He is certified by the Technological Crime Branch of the RCMP as a computer forensic examiner. He is a graduate of the computer forensics program of the British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT). He is a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) which is considered the premiere cybersecurity certification in the industry. He holds other certifications including being an Encase Certified Examiner (EnCE) and a court-recognized expert in computer and mobile forensics. Alain has supported major investigations as an examiner including commercial crimes, child sexual exploitation, organized crime, and national security. He is a licenced private investigator in British Columbia.

Description:

Alain has been actively researching AI since ChatGPT 3.5 was released in November 2022. This presentation is an overview of the recent developments in artificial intelligence and its tools, including ChatGPT.

Topics Covered:

- What is artificial intelligence and how does it work?
- How is ChatGPT different from a web search?
- Benefits and dangers of AI?
- How can criminals use artificial intelligence and what are some of its perils?
- Can police and investigators use AI to assist them?
- How should governments and companies handle this technology?
- Will AI bring about a better world for humanity or will it overtake its creators?

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SEAN TWEED

Current Trends in Cryptocurrency Fraud and Investigations

Sean is a Cryptocurrency Investigator at The Preston Matthews Group and has received certification as a Certified Fraud Examiner, Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialist, and a Certified Cryptoasset Anti-Financial Crime Specialist. Sean's work predominantly focuses on helping individuals who have fallen victim to cryptocurrency romance, pig butchering, and investment scams. He has experience using public blockchain explorers and paid software to assist in the tracing of stolen funds that follow traditional money laundering techniques.

Description:

This session will delve into the dynamic realm of cryptocurrency investigations, exploring emerging trends that shape the field. As digital currencies evolve, so do the tactics of fraudsters, and this session will look into how fraudsters are updating scams to outsmart investigators. Additionally, we'll analyze recent court decisions that hold significance in the cryptocurrency landscape.

BRUCE PITT-PAYNE

Switching from Criminal to Workplace Investigations:

Sometimes the Old Dog Must Learn a Few New Tricks

Join Bruce as he gives an engaging presentation, beginning with the similarities and moving to the differences, while offering suggestions for change. The differences will be divided into the following sections: the person being interviewed, the legal considerations, and the interview process. Bruce Pitt-Payne is a member of the PIABC who is also a teacher and investigative consultant. He is a strong believer in passing on what he has learned through trial and error, so other investigators don't have to. He lives in Maple Ridge where, when not working, he enjoys being with his two dogs and playing guitar.

Description:

When Bruce Pitt-Payne left a 26-year career in policing and moved into the world of non-criminal, workplace investigations, he believed an "investigation was an investigation". He naively thought that he would be able to transfer all his skills and knowledge over to the new situations without having to modify the approach. He soon learned; however, that although the principles of investigative interviewing for police officers were similar to workplace interviews, he would have to adjust his tack due to often subtle differences. The hardest part of this opportunity for growth was to recognize the variances, so he could adapt to them.

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