



Participants' views on the conference

“The inspiring, international conference held in Germany was very well organised with a very collegial atmosphere that will contribute to the exciting developments in Germany regarding investigative interviewing.”

Prof Ray Bull, University of Derby, United Kingdom

“A well organised conference held in a warm environment with prominent speakers from all around the world, providing an international perspective to such an important topic: that of investigative interviewing and its contribution to human rights. Well done!”

Dr Eleana Fitidou, Cyprus Police, Member of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT)

“The speakers' presentations and subsequent discussions demonstrated the crucial importance of a comprehensive vision of the system of torture and ill-treatment prevention in law enforcement. The combination of procedural safeguards with the introduction of investigative interviewing approach should significantly improve the maintenance of rights and freedoms of suspects, witnesses, and victims”.

Yuriy Belousov, General Prosecutor Office, Kyiv, Ukraine

“This was an outstanding conference, very well organised (thank you Ralf), with lots of great conversations and discussions. The tour around Potsdam was perfect. Thank you for inviting me!”

Prof. Gavin Oxburgh, Northumbria University, United Kingdom



"The journey from Australia to Berlin was worth every second to attend the conference. To be in the police university with the globe's best minds, all focused on moving the topics of ethical investigative interviewing and human rights forward in a collaborative way has been humbling. I am excited for both the outputs and the next conference"

Gary Stuart, Interview Management Solutions, Australia

"Great opportunity to discuss complex issues of criminal investigations and to develop quality standards for police interrogations in an international atmosphere with participants from all over the world"

Prof Robert Esser, University of Passau, Germany

"It was a unique opportunity to have such diverse audience and speakers, with researchers and practitioners from different parts of the world going through very interesting discussions within human rights on interviewings."

Dr William Ceconello, Atitus Education, Passo Fundo, Brazil

„It was a privilege to attend and speak at this excellent conference that brought together professionals from around the world. Brandenburg State Police are leading the way in Germany in this important topic.“

Dr Andy Griffiths, iKAT Consulting and University of Portsmouth, United Kingdom

"The mixed audience made the conference so inspiring. The discussions were thought provoking and new collaborations will surely evolve after this event."

Dr Tanja van Veldhuizen, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands

"A brilliant conference with a fantastic and impressive line of speakers, all with cutting-edge competences. Simply impressive!!"

Stig Knutsen, Davidhorn AS, Norway



“I would like to express my gratitude for the very powerful conference you organised and hosted. I could meet highly qualified professionals who introduced the topic of ‘Investigative interviewing’ from various angles. We have heard fascinating presentations and case studies from the practicing educators, police officers, lawyers, public prosecutors, human rights activists and other representatives of government authorities, EU and international organisations. The introduction of the legal background and the scientific work of academic persons and researchers were impressive, just like having the opportunity to deep-dive into the psychological aspects. The fully international dimension just added extra value and triggered interesting discussions and debates. I trust that this is just the beginning of the co-operation and information exchange and we can also use the expertise and referred training resources in future CEPOL training activities. I am grateful for getting in contact with highly acknowledged speakers and hope that some presenters and participants of this conference can also benefit from the Research and Science Conference we organise in October.”

Barbara Kovacs, CEPOL, Budapest, Hungary

“The conference provided a unique perspective on the features of investigative interviewing and the elements that make interviews effective. This is particularly valuable for countries that are implementing investigative interviewing, as it helps build high-quality training programs and find right arguments for institutions to work on it.”

Vasylyna Yavorska, Just Group, Kyiv, Ukraine

“With polarisation on the rise, it is now more than ever important that academics and police team up to assure and improve an ethical and effective approach to interviewing. Be it either witnesses, victims or suspects. This conference was very inspiring in this regard, with new research findings of well known researchers and thought provoking workshops of good practices in several countries.”

Rozemarijn de Vries Msc, Investigative psychologist, Netherlands Police Academy
Dr Martijn van Beek, Investigative psychologist, Netherlands Police Academy

“An absolutely enriching conference that strings together theory and practice of human rights in investigative interviewing as well as historical development of standards and principles to current political debates on human rights protection and police education.”

Prof. Sonja John, Hessische Hochschule für öffentliches Management und Sicherheit, Gießen



“Every time police practitioners and researchers gather together to share insights about investigative interviewing, we take a few more steps towards integrity and human rights protections. I feel privileged to have the benefit of so many international perspectives on this field to which I have devoted my career.”

Prof Georgina Heydon, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Australia

“Very interesting conference. Showed the effectiveness and difficulties of implementing investigative interviewing into police practice very well.”

Kai Kokosza, Brandenburg Police

„Die Konferenz war sehr inspirierend, vor allem weil sich Professionelle aus unterschiedlichen Bereichen und Ländern vereint haben um die gleiche Idee weiter zu tragen: menschenrechtswahrende, gerichtsverwertbare Vernehmungstechniken in den Polizeien zu vermitteln, ohne psychologischen Druck, empathisch, und trotzdem, wie es die Wissenschaft eindrucksvoll vermittelt, mit einem maximalen Erhalt glaubhafter Informationen.

Vielen Dank für die Organisation dieser mehrperspektivischen Konferenz zu diesem international so wichtigen Thema!“

Jennifer Heuschling, Polizei Luxemburg

„Herzlichen Dank für die überaus gelungene Veranstaltung und den Kraftakt, so viele namhafte Akteur.innen zum Thema Vernehmung zusammen zu bringen. Die Interdisziplinarität des Kongresses ist besonders, ebenso die Vielfalt des Austausches. Die Veranstaltung ist ein expliziter Beitrag, die Mendez-Prinzipien und die daraus hervorgehenden Methode der Untersuchenden Vernehmungstechnik über Landesgrenzen hinaus zu etablieren.“

Prof. Dr. Bernd Körber, Polizeiakademie Niedersachsen, Psychologe, MG ImpleMendez



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„Die Interdisziplinarität der Tagung und der professionsübergreifende Austausch war für mich als Praktiker sehr wertvoll. Innerhalb der deutschen Polizei fehlt es im internationalen Vergleich leider oftmals an Forschung und wissenschaftlicher Betrachtung kriminalistischer Themen. Die Veranstaltung der Hochschule Polizei Brandenburg ‚The Police, investigative interviewing and human rights‘, bewies jedoch eindrucksvoll, dass dies in der Bundesrepublik möglich ist.“

Kriminaldirektor Patrick Niegisch, Polizeipräsidium Trier

„Dieser Kongress hat einmal mehr aufgezeigt, wie wichtig es ist, Vernehmung als Gegenstand interdisziplinären Verstehens und Zusammenarbeit zu betrachten. Die Beiträge haben durch ihre Vielfalt die Absicherung polizeilicher Expertise über eine Standardisierung des Vorgehens verdeutlicht. Der Erhalt eines Weltbildes, das auf einer demokratischen Sicht auf den Menschen in all seinem Tun und Wirken aufbaut, ist unser höchstes Gut. Daher sind Themen wie „Würde“ sowie „Achtung der Menschenrechte in jedem Fall“ ein rahmenbestimmendes Thema. Also ist es um so wichtiger, einheitliche Vorgehensweisen zu etablieren und in die Praxis umzusetzen.

Danke Dir, Ralf, für die wundervollen Ideen und Tipps für die Aus- und Weiterbildung unserer Polizei zum Thema und auch dafür, einen guten Blick erhalten zu haben auf die Wertigkeit bestehender Ideen und Konzepte. Die Umsetzung ist noch ein weiter Weg, den wir aber gehen könnten, wenn wir - und das ist ja unsere Aufgabe als Lehrerinnen und Dozentinnen für die Polizei - praxisorientiert und „griffig“ vorgehen.“

Prof. Dr. Sabine Schildein, Polizeiakademie Niedersachsen, Psychologin, MG ImpleMendez
