

Conference and Training Programme

Developments in facial identification from eyewitness testimony

Scalford Country House Hotel

Leicestershire

October 17th 2019

This one-day conference is dedicated to dissemination of recent advances and developments in facial identification from eyewitness testimony. The day will be divided into 3 main parts – i) A series of presentations from operational users in UK police forces and UK academic institutions. ii) Papers on recent advances in technical and psychological methods pertaining to eyewitness identification. iii) A hands-on EFIT6 workshop.

Conference Programme

10am: Registration and Coffee

Case Studies

10.10: EFIT case studies from the Metropolitan Police (Tony Barnes, Metropolitan Police)

10.40: Use of the EFIT6 facial composite software in University Teaching (Dr Stuart Gibson, University of Kent)

Scientific Developments

11.00: The future of EFIT identification? Detecting facial familiarity with brainwaves – the EEGFIT project (Professor Howard Bowman, University of Birmingham)

11.20: Does image background colour influence facial identification? (Dr Catriona Havard, Open University)

11.40: Measuring recognition in line-ups with pupillometry (Dr Camilla Elphick, Open University)

12.00: Does composite construction affect subsequent eyewitness identification accuracy? (Prof Graham Pike, Open University)

12.20: Superior face recognisers: Enhancing police and security activities worldwide (Dr Josh Davis, University of Greenwich)

12.40: Can we automatically match facial composites against suspect data bases? The E²ID project. (Dr Rueben Farrugia, University of Malta)

13.00 – 14.00 Hot and Cold Buffet Lunch

Training Workshop

14.00 workshop commences



The training workshop is open to both existing professional users of the EFIT6 software and to other attendees interested in learning about the software or assessing it for police or academic use. We will aim in particular to explain recent important developments and their uses in day to day practice.

Those taking part in the workshop will receive a fully functioning trial license of the EFIT6 facial composite software as summarised in the flyer. Please note that only a limited number of laptop computers can be provided on the day. Participants should register before the event and bring a suitable laptop to the event.

16.00: Close