

The Richard Jaques-Turner Award

Judging Panel

The Association of British Investigators makes the award in friendship with the World Association of Detectives to any ABI, WAD or member of an association that is a constituent member of IKD.

The Award Panel consists of the following very eminent, universally respected investigators

[Eric Shelmerdine \(Chair \)](#)



Eric was an In house investigator for a national debt recovery company for 5 years before starting own agency in 1976 and working in partnership with retired DS from local Police Force when assignments included criminal defence investigations including murder and rape trial cases.

He joined ABI in early 1984 and served in several roles at regional branch and national level. Eric is a Life member and Past President of both The Association of British Investigators and the World Association of Detectives (WAD); Honorary member of the Association of European Investigators (AEI) Recipient of a number of industry awards including Investigator of the Year for both ABI and WAD. Author of the ABI booklet " An Introduction to Private Investigation " Eric is now operating as consultant undertaking both UK and international assignments as ES Consultancy : Evidential Services Consultancy, providing commercial investigations and litigation support.

[Themistococles Kostenas](#)



Themis joined an investigative firm in Zurich in 1994 as a surveillance operative and intelligence specialist for the next 7 years. In 2001 he founded his own company and later acquired the well established PI-Firms A+A Privatdetektivbüro AG and Detectivfrei AG, both in Zurich. Themis is native in German and Greek and also speaks French, a bit of Italian and English.



[Lothar Mueller](#)

Lothar started his career as Private Investigator in 1990. Before he was employed at German Law Enforcement.

Lothar studied criminalistics at the Humboldt University Berlin (graduated as Diplom Kriminalist). 2007 he graduated from Steinbeis University Berlin, School of Governance, with a Master of Business Administration in Risk & Fraud Management.

Since 1990 he has been working as a private investigator with his sole proprietorship iD-intertrace and since 2007 additional as a freelancer with a consultancy, Risk & Fraud Consulting.

His master's thesis on "Character Profile of Perpetrators of Economic Crime" was awarded the prize of the German Society for Criminology in 2008 and published (ISBN 978-3-415-04413-5). He also works as a guest lecturer, among others at the

Frankfurt School of Finance & Management and Police Universities of Applied Sciences. He is a founding member of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Kriminalistik (German Society for Criminology/DGfK). Lothar is Honorary Dean of the International PI Summer School/Romania.

He has been a member of WAD since 1995, served as Sergeant at Arms and as a member of the Board of Directors for several years. In 2001 he hosted the WAD Annual General Meeting in Berlin.

He has been a member of the ABI since December 2002.

He is also a member of German professional Association BuDEG, member of Transparency International (TI) and the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE). Long years he was responsible as Delegate of its German professional association in the IKD.

Lothar is primarily involved in Due Diligence and Compliance tasks.

He has published several times in professional journals and in the series of publications of the German Society for Criminology on the topic of compliance and he was co-author of several professional books.