



*Report from the 2nd International
Conference Polygraph in Kazakhstan:
Contemporary Problems and Perspectives*

The D.A. Kunaeva Eurasian Academy of Law and the Eurasian Polygraph Association organized the 2nd International Conference Polygraph in Kazakhstan: Contemporary Problems and Perspectives. The conference took place in Almaty, the former capital of Kazakhstan, on 1–2 April 2016.

The conference was attended by participants from many countries and represented mostly former Soviet Union (Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, Kyrgyzstan, Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan) as well as Bulgaria, Poland, and Mongolia. The conference was an opportunity to exchange European and Eurasian experiences on the theory and practice of polygraph examinations and research in this field.

The scientific part of the conference began with a speech by Professor Kopabayev, Rector of D.A. Kunaeva Eurasian Academy of Law. Participating in the conference were also representatives of Kazakhstan law enforcement agency, representatives of the academia and polygraph examiners from Russia, Bulgaria, Poland, Ukraine, Belarus, Kyrgyzstan and Mongolia. Sergei Alexovsky, co-organiser of the conference and President of the Eurasian Polygraph Association, presented a report on the activity of the association and a paper on the polygraph in Kazakhstan. Discussing history, the speaker emphasised the special role of the oldest polygraph expert in the former Soviet Union, Professor Jan Zinkevich, now a citizen of Kazakhstan (it can be interesting: he is a Polish origin).



Professor Boiko Ganchevski from the Institute for Behaviour Analysis of the Police Academy in Sofia (Bulgaria) presented the use of polygraph examinations in Bulgaria. The following speaker, Vladimir Knyazev (Belarus), Chairman of Polygraphologist NGO, presented fifteen years of history and development prospects of polygraph examinations in Belarus.

Papers presented on the first day of the conference also concerned contemporary trends in the use of detection of deception in Ukraine and non-verbal cues in lie detection during polygraph examinations (both by Vitaliy Shapovalov, a polygrapher and psychologist, Deputy Director of the Ukrainian Bureau for Psychophysiological Research) and experiences in polygraph examinations in Kyrgyzstan (V.T. Salykbaev).

Professor Jan Widacki (Andrzej Frycz Modrzewski Kraków University, Poland) spoke about preparations for experimental use of infrared cameras in deception detection (part of NCN project No. DEC-2013/11B/HS5/3856), and Anna Szuba-Boroń, another Polish speaker, presented the history and current polygraph examination practices in Poland.

E.V. Gaydamasheva (Academy of Internal Affairs of Kazakhstan) presented a comparison of pre-employment and screening examinations used in Eurasia.

A very interesting paper on Criminal profiling for polygraph examination in Israel was delivered by Dr Olena Aleskovskaya, and followed by Dr Elena Friedman's

presentation of the Kazakh perspective on The influence of the personality of polygraph examiner on results of examination.

The organisers made sure the conference was a success both in its scientific and practical dimension. It is worth noting that participants were experts, psychologists, representatives of penal prosecution agency, and members of organisations making use of lie detection.

The 2nd International Conference Polygraph in Kazakhstan: Contemporary Problems and Perspectives was highly stimulating as it expanded both the experience and knowledge of polygraph examinations in countries of the former Soviet Union and others, mostly lying within the realm of the Russian language. The papers presented proved that polygraph examinations in these countries steadily continue to strengthen their position in various areas.

An exhibition of lie detection equipment and a presentation of the latest Russian Polygraphs: Diane – 07 and Triumpf were also organised during the conference.

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