

Dear Readers, Dear Authors

we deliver to you the first issue of *European Polygraph* in its revamped edition. Beginning with 2020 our journal will be published not quarterly but semi-annually.

The visual layout is also changing, especially the cover. The main line of the general content, however, continues to be devoted to the methods of lie detection, especially polygraph examinations.

We will continue to publish academic articles, case studies, and book reviews, as well as reports from academic and scientific conferences, and news about the developments in the lives of organisations dealing with what is broadly construed as lie detection. We will also publish announcements of seminars, conferences, and training sessions free of charge.

The basic form of our journal will continue to be its online version with free access to archive articles. The “hardcopy” edition will remain secondary, as it is designed mostly for libraries and authors at request, and also available for sale.

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There is one more change on the post of our editorial assistant, with Margerita (Rita) Krasnowolska, MA, being succeeded by Anna Szuba-Boroń, PhD.

Rita Krasnowolska was our editorial assistant since the establishment of the journal in 2007 and has contributed to the publication on 50 issues of *European Polygraph*. Let me thank her most cordially for the years of cooperation.

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This issue of *European Polygraph* is a special one. It reminds us that the practical use of the polygraph in criminal cases is already a hundred years old. This is the span of time from the moment when young John Augustus Larson entered service at the Berkeley Police Department, and started his work on the construction of the first polygraph for forensic use.

Following an initiative of our colleague and member of the Editorial Board of our journal, Tuvya Amsel, PhD, we turned with two questions to a group of long-serving, experienced polygraphers. They were:

- 1) Suppose you were a polygraph examiner already in the early years of the profession, when the practice was evolving please, outline the foremost changes you have witnessed in the last 100 years.
- 2) Please, disregard technical instrumental development due to the fact that those were basically developed by out of polygraph professionals and were later harnessed to the polygraph needs.

In this issue of *European Polygraph*, we publish their answers. I believe they are interesting food for thought showing the evolution of polygraph use, and the evolution of the examination technique and equipment in the last several decades. I would like to thank all who have submitted their texts very cordially in my name and on behalf of the initiator of the project, Tuvya Amsel.

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Editor-in-Chief