

From the Editors

Courtesy of the American Polygraph Association, we had the privilege, to publish the “Terminology Reference for the Science of Psychophysiological Detection of Deception, 4th Edition, 2022” in the previous issue of *European Polygraph* (2023, volume 17, No. 2 (58)).

The work has been, and continues to be, profoundly valuable for all those engaged in polygraph examinations and who use the results of such examinations, including judges, prosecutors, and law enforcement officers. It is also of great use for researchers conducting scientific inquiries in the field of psychophysiological detection of deception. Undoubtedly, it will contribute to the standardisation of terminology in the extensive scientific and professional literature. The authors, Donald Krapohl, Mark Handler, and Michael Lynch, are globally recognised authorities in this domain. Their “Terminology Reference...” merits profound respect and commendation.

The realisation that clarification and unification of terminology is a continuous process that, furthermore, must be pursued in parallel with the development of the field (science) it pertains to, and has to keep pace with such development, makes it evident that universally accepted terminology can only be adopted through consensus, preceded by open discussion within the professional community. Which is why the Editorial Board of *European Polygraph* initiates this discussion and kindly invites participation.

We begin by publishing two texts. The first is “A Handful of Remarks on the ‘Terminology Reference for the Science of Psychophysiological Detection of Deception’” by Jan Widacki, and the other, titled “A Letter to the Editor Regarding the APA’s Terminology Reference for the Science of Psychophysiological Detection of Deception” comprises comments presented by James Allen Matte in a letter to the authors of the “Terminology Reference...”.

The Editorial Board commits to publishing texts that may contribute to the refinement of subsequent editions of the “Terminology Reference...”. The published texts solely reflect the views of their respective authors and do not necessarily align with the views of the Editorial Board, whose position is articulated in the text by Jan Widacki, published in this issue.