

Foreword

Questioned document examinations are among the most important forensic activities. They allow the relationship between various types of writings and their authors to be examined. The contemporary rapid development of technology has meant that for some time, document experts have expanded the field of handwriting examination to a much wider field related to other forms of communication. With the advancement of the electronic age, traditional handwritten documents are often replaced by electronic documents. However, this does not diminish the importance of document examination, but extends the research towards other scientific fields. The presented volume includes articles written by an international group of professional document experts. This formula allows presenting current research and discussing the results using reliable knowledge. The volume includes studies devoted to traditional examination of handwriting and signatures as well as research on electronic documents. There were also articles concerning the research on the relationship between handwriting and the sphere of human psychology. A separate group includes examining the age of documents and studies prepared with non-standard writing inks, as well as errors and mistakes made by document experts. It should be emphasized that the specificity of contemporary document research requires a multidisciplinary approach and fully justifies the need to internationalize such research. In this context, an exchange of views, including critical comments on the basis of document research, is highly desirable. Articles in the volume can be an important source of knowledge on forensic document examination.

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