



**9th Conference of the European Division of the
International Association for Identification
17th – 19th June 2026
Radisson Blue Olumpia, Tallinn, Estonia**



“Forensic Science in Practice: From research to real-world application”

We are delighted to be able to confirm that the 2026 EUIAI conference will be in Tallinn, Estonia from June 17th-19th. Our co-hosts are the Estonia Forensic Institute.

This is a three-day event with interactive workshops provide by some of our sponsors on day one and oral presentations on days two and three.

The workshops are included in your registration fee but you will need to register for them as there will be limited space. (More details to follow)

Our **keynote speaker** is **Professor Turi King**, Director of the Milner Centre for Evolution at the University of Bath.

Turi is a scientist, presenter, speaker and author who is passionate about communicating science to the public.

Turi uses genetics in the fields of forensics, history and archaeology. Alongside this she’s worked in the field of genetic genealogy since 2000. She is perhaps best known

her work “cracking one of the biggest forensic DNA cases in history” (Globe and Mail, February 2013) leading the genetic analysis for the identification of [King Richard III](#).

Turi started her career in archaeology, first in Canada and later reading for a degree in Archaeology and Anthropology at the University of Cambridge. Graduating with a BA(Hons), she then went to study at the world-famous Genetics Department at the University of Leicester on a scholarship, to read for an MSc in Molecular Genetics.

She went on to study for a PhD in Molecular Genetics on genetic genealogy. Her award-winning PhD examined the relationship between the Y chromosome and British surnames combining forensic DNA techniques with history and genealogy, the first large scale study of its kind. Professor [Sir Alec Jeffreys](#), who invented DNA fingerprinting, was one of her PhD advisors. Named as one of the world’s ‘rockstar genealogists’, her work since has covered not only family history but the use of genetic genealogy in forensics and historical cases.

She is working on a number of forensic/ancient cold cases and she has been conducting genetic genealogical research for over 25 years. Professor Turi King featured as the lead genetic genealogist in [BBC 2/Minnow Films DNA Family Secrets](#).

More recently she hosted the podcast series Head Number 7 for Audio Always/Wonder and narrated and was the genetic genealogist for Orphan Smith for BBC Studios/Audible. It was named one of Audible's Best Podcasts of 2025.

Turi is Director of the Milner Centre for Evolution at the University of Bath and carries out a great deal of media and television work, as well as public speaking. She is an Honorary Fellow of the British Science Association, a Fellow of the Society of Biology, a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of London, a Member of the Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences and a Member of the International Society of Forensic Geneticists.

Her presentation is titled

'Genetics, identification and identity'

The world of DNA identification started with the Alec Jeffreys, now Professor Sir Alec, squinting at a fuzzy piece of x-ray film on the morning of September 10, 1984. Since then, the use of genetics for identification has become standard in forensic cases. But from Richard III to Richard from Liverpool, genetic identification is now a part of our everyday lives and as the cases it's used for expand beyond the forensic sphere, it's changing our understanding of history to our understanding of our personal histories. This keynote will discuss some key cases that showcase how genetic identification is used some 40 years since Alec's discovery.

Call for posters and presentations

Use the following link to submit abstracts.

[Abstract for submissions for 2026 EUAI conference in Tallinn, Estonia – Fill in form](#)

30-minute presentations which can be forensic science research or practice based.

15-minute presentations which may be more early-stage introductory research, student projects or more limited case studies.

Accepted digital posters must be submitted as PowerPoint presentations (maximum 5 slides including references), and can include animations, short video clips and narration. All digital posters must be fully automated, and loop continuously.

All proposals must be submitted by May 15th 2026. (NEW DATE)

Prices in Euros	Early Bird until April 15th	After April 15th
Education Conference registration		
EU IAI members:	345	425
Affiliate members (other IAI divisions)	375	480
Non-members	450	550
Students	275	310
Conference dinner for non-conference attendees - €50		

Any academic organisations who are interested in sending a number of students please contact Jo.morrissey@theiaieu.org

You can use this link to register

<https://tedotiafi.wildapricot.org/event-6429710>

or go to our website

[EUAI – European Division of the International Association for Identification](#)

Hotel bookings

If you would like to stay at the conference hotel, please use the following link:

Booking link: [Radisson Blu Hotel Olumpia, EUAI](#)

Promotion code: **EUAI**

The promotion code can be used for booking in between dates 15.06-20.06.2026 and is subject to house availability.