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Message from the President:

It is hard to believe another year has passed so quickly. It seems to me that each passing year picks up speed and before you can blink another year is gone. We are now only months away from our Portland Training Conference and the IAMI Board of Directors are kicking into high gear to get ready. The conference is coming together nicely, and we believe we have put together an agenda that will offer a wide variety of topics for you to enjoy. The Red Lion Hotel is situated on the Columbia River which will give our vendors an opportunity to demonstrate their products on the water if they wish to do so. A short walk from the hotel, you will find a grocery store, shopping mall, and several restaurants. If you don't want to leave the hotel you can dine in their restaurant overlooking the Columbia River and Mt. St. Helens. Portland is a beautiful city that offers many different activities and sites to see; we believe you will enjoy the experience.

I attended the European Conference this past October in Rotterdam and had the pleasure of meeting several wonderful people. The training offered hands on inspections of Yamaha outboard motors with a factory representative that was very knowledgeable on outboard identifiers. A visit to the Port of Rotterdam Harbor Security was quite interesting as well as informative, and the people working there were very pleased to show us the capabilities of the facility. Once again, the most important part of the program was the networking. I met new colleagues from around the world and have been in contact with some of them on cases they are working. I have been pleased to find that information provided by IAMI, and contacts they made at the conference, helped them to solve several stolen boat cases. Way to go IAMI!!!

With the current economic situation of the world we can expect to be very busy with fraud and other criminal activities. If you are in need of assistance and haven't used the IAMI roster or the fraud-fighter link, please do so. I am sure you will be pleasantly surprised at the cooperation you will receive from whichever IAMI member you contact.

Sincerely,

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