

I was assigned to Arthur Troop Scholarship 2014 to go to a conference to Australia / Gold Coast. When I applied for the scholarship, I had looked up the different conferences and the choice fell on the conference in Australia. The conference focused on crimes against children, and particularly crimes that occur on the Internet, you can read more about the conference on [www.ytvc.com.au](http://www.ytvc.com.au). The reason I wanted to go at this conference was that I worked with crimes against children and has a special interest in criminal investigations concerning crimes over the internet. There was no opportunity to go to this conference from my authority as Arthur Troop Scholarship gave me a great opportunity to go away on



the conference. Before I went to the conference I talked with a police inspector at the Swedish police who work with Internet crime against children. He stated that the conference in Australia was a good conference. He or someone else from Sweden had not had the opportunity to visit the conference, but he had heard much good about it.

The conference lasted for three full days of various lectures and workshops. There were over 300 people present at the conference. Most of those who were at the conference as audience were from Australia and especially in the police and social authorities. Then it was a few from Europe and the US in the audience. It was the third time they organized the conference, and it has grown very large. There is an international conference on crimes against children that occurs in the United States / Texas is the largest of its kind. After the conference in Texas the conference in the Gold Coast is the largest. The conference featured many different lectures from Australia and the US, but also some from Europe. Most of the lectures were conducted in the great hall where all the audience were present. Some lectures were divided into two or three groups that took place at the same time so you could choose what you wanted to participate in.



During my days at the conference I chose to focus on the lectures that was about how various police worked with crimes against children and especially police from Australia and the United States. It was interesting to see was how our legal possibilities in Sweden when it comes to working with crimes against children is very different to Australia and the United States. Australia and the United States have much greater ability to work undercover for the prevention of crimes that occur against children. Something that we not can do in Sweden because of legal differences.

A lecture that was very interesting was when the US Homeland Security Investigations Special Agent Kevin Laws told about their work and related to a case he had previously. Kevin's job is to work as undercover to get in contact with suspected pedophiles. Kevin pretends to be a pedophile to make contact with other pedophiles. Kevin uses his own face in contact with pedophiles, and even talk to people through skype about various crime acts against children. Something which then results in the arrest of suspected pedophiles. This work Kevin did for many years and it has given good results. He told us about a particular case where he made contact with a woman online. Kevin claimed to be a single man with two children. Kevin got in touch with the woman on a forum where she called herself "pervstepmom". Kevin and this woman began a relationship in which the woman became very interested in Kevin and his two children. The woman described in detail what she wanted Kevin to do with the kids and what she wanted to do with the kids. She also described how she wanted her and Kevin would be a couple and raise a child together. The woman also had plans on how it would violate their common children to get the "perfect sex slave". All calls between Kevin and the woman on Skype was documented. The woman came to the town where Kevin works and could be arrested at the airport when she arrived. The woman never found out that Kevin was working undercover until they met in the trial and Kevin testified against the woman.

It was very interesting to take the share of this lecture by gained insight into how Kevin's undercover work is done. But also to take part of Kevin's feelings and opinions about his work. Kevin was a very good speaker and an open person. He told us how tough his job can be and how extremely hard work of the case with the woman was. Where the woman fell in love with Kevin and how she told many terrible things. How Kevin sits in Skype and have to play a game when the woman tells of planned sexual assault. Kevin was very honest when he talked about his personal feelings of the whole. How he must play a game with the woman, though he feels very bad about what she told me. How he feel when he's in the middle of everything and feel a great disgust at the woman so he must take a break for a week without contact with her. But when he takes a break from the woman one week he risks throughout the investigation. How he after his break manages to get back the confidence of the woman and how he finally manage to get a very good report which ensures that the woman is sentenced to a long prison sentence. It was a lecture with seriousness, humor and who brought many ideas and thoughts.

Another lecture was very interesting was with Dr. Joe Sullivan, who spoke from his encounters with sex offenders. He has a long experience of encounters with sex offenders when they are in therapy. Joe showed different film sequences from conversations with sex offenders. It was very interesting that Joe could talk based on their conversations, but also show films from conversations with sex offenders. When you saw sex offenders on film, you got a totally different understanding of how they work. It is one thing to listen to someone who has had a conversation with any sex offenders in therapy to seeing the conversation on video. You could see their facial expressions when they talked about the abuse, and you could see their reactions when they talked about the abuse. For them, it was how naturally anywhere that they have done and they saw nothing strange in it. You can easily believe that a person should react in a certain way when they tell what they have done and they will process it. But then when you get to see how they react to it in a completely different way.

A lecture that surprised me, but also gave me a very positive side of a large international company was the lecture by John Penn from Adobe. John works as Government & Law Enforcement Technology Evangelist at Adobe. John's job is to work on how Adobe can prevent that their product is used in

child porn context. Adobe is trying all the time to work with their program will not be used in the wrong purpose and how they can work against those who use their products in the wrong order. John is also working with traveling around the world and lecturing authorities and especially the police how to use products from Adobe in their work and how their products are used. When John traveling around the world and teaches police officers its Adobe who pay everythin. The police do not have to pay anything for the education. When Adobe allows John to work on this set, I think Adobe shows a greatness as a company that takes its responsibilities to prevent sexual abuse of children. Adobe has also initiated cooperation with the police where they have invited the police officers who work with sexual abuse of children and asked them to explain their work and the basis on which to create a product that facilitates the work of the police regarding crimes against children.

Many lectures that were at the conference are based on entirely different legal decisions than we can get within the framework of Swedish legislation and then it will be difficult to use the knowledge gained from the lectures. But there were many good lectures about how suspicious think and behave, how the children react, what systems are available and others like it. I will take with me many interesting and instructive lectures to Sweden and will share information to those involved in crimes against children. The work regarding crimes against children is an important work that must be prioritized. To get new information and take part of how others work is extremely important in order to maintain and expand their skills, something I feel I got through this scholarship.

There I also will benefit from through my journey is all the contacts I have created my participation at the conference. I met many officers from various organizations around the world that I can have use of the network of contacts with them in my daily work. I also met many people from various companies outside the police that I believe and hope that it will be able to benefit from being met during the conference.



Before the conference, I visited Taskforce Argos in Brisbane who work with crime against children over the Internet and is responsible for the conference. I had the opportunity to share their work and gain insight into their system, which was very interesting and instructive. I told them that I had received a scholarship from the IPA and informed them about the IPA. Those who worked there did not know what the IPA was, but after my visit I hope and believe that they know what the IPA is. During the conference I explained for many people about my scholarship from the IPA which meant that many police officers were interested in IPA. Unfortunately, I met not so many people who knew about IPA. This is something that IPA Australia can increase information about IPA. I also met a man who worked for the Task Force Argos, who became very interested in the IPA. He plans to make a trip to Europe and thinking to be a IPA member and visit some police station on his journey.

Before I was in Brisbane I took a flight up to Cairns and meet one of the kindest and most generous people I've ever been met, Adrian Gover, Chairman of the IPA Cairns. Through the IPA, I got in touch with Adrian that was shown to be a very nice man who invited me to his home and showed me things I never would have seen without Adrian's help. I stayed with Adrian and experienced a very good time there, he really showed up Servo Per Amikeco by opening up his home to me and help me meet other police colleagues who were active in Cairns. IPA and IPA Australia can be proud of a very fine member of Adrian Gover.

I think that this scholarship has given me a lot both as police and as IPA member. I am forever grateful for the scholarship and will continue my work within the IPA in a good way. The scholarship is a very good thing for the members and I hope that many will take the opportunity to search for Arthur Troop Scholarship.

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