



## *Report from the Polygraph Examiners Forum, Lviv (Ukraine) 2018*

An international conference and seminar devoted to the practice of polygraph examinations under the name Polygraph Examiners Forum Lviv 2018 were held in Lviv on 30 November and 1 December 2018. The events focused on the diagnostic analysis of human psychology, including detection of deception, as part of successful business. The event gathered experts in the sector, especially certified polygraphers but also psychologists, company managers, and the security community.

The official opening was followed by short presentations by polygraph experts who arrived in Lviv: Professor Jan Widacki as well as Anna Szuba-Boroń and Łukasz Lep from the Andrzej Frycz Modrzewski Kraków University, Vladimir Knyazev from Belarus, Milan Kormoš from Slovakia, and Vitas Saldžiūnas representing Lithuanian polygraphers. Participating in the conference were representatives of the academia and polygraph examiners from Poland, Ukraine, Belarus, and Slovakia.

Oleg Yasinskiy, head of Polygraph Systems project, presented the advantages and opportunities stemming from the application of block chain technology in polygraph examinations. With plenty of potential uses in various industries, the technology is also considered for polygraph examinations. President of the Eurasian Polygraph Association, Sergei Alexovsky from Kazakhstan, presented the results of his studies in lie detection based on graphology. During a seminar on the subject, he discussed among others the use of the results of handwriting analysis during pre-test interviews, methods of signature analysis, and potential for diagnosing traits of human psychology offered by specialist computer software: SLHA and MasterGraph.

The second day of the conference opened with a paper by the Vitas Saldžiūnas (Lithuania) on “A Handful of Practical Comments from an Expert Polygrapher”, followed by an analysis of methodological aspects of constructing questions in polygraph examinations by Vladimir Knyazev from Belarus, Vice President of the International Polygrapher Society. The presentation by Vladimir Marusyak from Ukraine was devoted to the position of a lawyer towards polygraphers’ expert opinions. The last of the papers concerned “Idiosyncrasies in Using Polygraph in Civil and Commercial Cases” and was delivered by Oleg Yasinskiy.

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