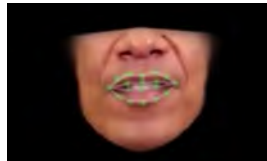




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## President's Message

Dear CII Members,

I feel honoured to be chosen as your 65<sup>th</sup> President. Given the responsibilities of President this year, all I can say is that I humbly thank you all for reposing your faith and trust in my capabilities and that I shall try my utmost to fulfill your expectations.

The challenge of making a positive difference should enthuse each one of us as we shape the Council's Agenda for this year. I call upon each member to actively engage and contribute to make this a year of Growth and Optimism.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO  
SACHIT KUMAR,  
INCOMING PRESIDENT**

You will also hear from me frequently seeking your inputs and feedback on the different themes and initiatives as we go along.

I thank Alice Cappiello and her team for making this AGM in Milan a great success. I also thank our generous Sponsors for their support, without which this event would have not been possible.

I would like to extend my gratitude to the Executive Board for their hard work and dedication over the last year. We have finalized the Standing and Special Committees for 2019-2020.

May we all continue to work together to help each other to be successful, and may we continue to bring a good name and glory to our Organization.

I look forward to an exciting year for the CII.

Yours,  
Sachit Kumar  
President, Council of International Investigators

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## Meeting News

### 2019 AGM Was “Favoloso” (That’s **Italian** for **Fabulous**)

Thanks to the incredible planning and execution by **Alice Cappiello** and Team Milano, the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting in Milan, Italy was one to remember. Over 100 members, associates, and friends of the Council met from October 1-5 to

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network, learn, and socialize with others from over 20 countries.

The meeting started off Tuesday evening with a cocktail reception on the terrace of the TOCQ Hotel in the fashionable, hip Tocqville district of Milan. Over scrumptious hors d'oeuvres and wine, members and friends reacquainted and made new colleagues. We were pleased that friends from the ABL attended.

On Wednesday, the AGM officially got underway with an outstanding opening ceremony that included a welcome from Alice, President **Dave**

**MacLeod**, and Milan Councilman **Filippo Barberis**. The crowd was then given a taste of Milan culture via a mini concert by tenor **Marco Clerici**, who wowed the crowd with five outstanding songs. His performance was received by a several minute standing-ovation. (Check him out on YouTube). Then it was time to get to work for the CII delegates with seminars on Evidentiary Photography by **Ed Kelly**; OISNT in Europe by **Paddy Beiner**; Effective Pretextual Techniques by **Bernhard Maier**; concluding with an outstanding panel discussion on Generational Changes in the Profession, expertly moderated by **Jack Burke**. Panelists were **Tom Davies**, **Vivek Kumar**, **Alice Cappiello**, **Ryan Colley**,

**Jeremy King**, **John Withers**, and **Gautam Kumar**. While the members were learning new techniques and state of the art information, the spouses and partners took an unforgettable trip to picturesque Lake Como and Bellagio. Wednesday concluded with a late-night hospitality suite, where networking went on to the wee hours.

Thursday was also a busy day starting with the business meeting during the morning. The election votes were tallied and **Sachit Kumar** was elected President for his third term. New Board Members elected were

### Dues Notice

On or about November 1<sup>st</sup> you can expect to receive a dues notification. Dues remain the same as the past 6 years, a true bargain at US \$195. Thanks to the excellent practices of the officers, board, and meeting hosts we have not had the need to raise dues since 2014. Several members have already renewed for 2020. If you do not receive a dues notice it probably means that you are one of those diligent members.

**Galen Clements** and **John Withers**. Upon conclusion of the AGM business meeting, our annual awards luncheon was held. **John Withers** and **Howie Griffiths** were honored as co-recipients of the Malcom Thomson Award as regional director of the year. The Board awarded **Steve Kirby** the Meritorious Service Award. The entire group then went on a networking tour of the city of Milan with time spent at the world-renowned Duomo. But Thursday was not done just yet. That evening everyone went out for pizza, wine and beer, during which time, we held our annual charity auction. The beneficiary organization this year was Associazione L'Ontano, a service that provides comfort donkeys to developmentally disabled and mentally troubled adults and children. Thanks to the generosity of our donors and bidders, we raised over €6,000 (\$6,500) for the charity, that is near and dear to the Cappiello family. The night ended with the group in the hospitality suite savoring homemade limoncello made by Alice's mother, courtesy of **Jay Groob**.

Friday it was back to educational matters with several compelling seminars. **Toine Goorts** captivated the audience with a presentation on PTSD. Following Toine, **Eddy Sigrist** gave a well-received dissertation on Ethics. **Howie Griffiths, Melissa Kelley-Hilton, Mike LaCorte, Yosh Wong, and Bernarda Škrabar** discussed all things regarding cross boundary investigations in a panel expertly moderated by **Sachit Kumar**. The final seminar was by **Stefano Candela** and two of his colleagues from our association with the Alliance of Business Lawyers, discussing synergies between investigators and lawyers. In the meantime, the partners and spouses were learning about Leonardo DaVinci in the city of Vigevano.

The Friday night Gala Banquet was one that will not be forgotten for a long time. Alice arranged for our venue to be an estate in the country. Calling it elegant would be an understatement. Hors d'oeuvres included caviar, salmon, steak tartar and more. The four course Northern Italian dinner was simply outstanding in taste and presentation. After dinner, our International Investigator of the Year was announced, who was **Ron Tevel** of Israel. Ron was nominated based upon his investigation that exposed systemic corruption by the mayor and his family of a city in Israel. After our newly elected President and Board were sworn in the group was entertained by renowned comedian **Giovanni Vernia**, who put on a riotous performance

parodying Italian stereotypes and perceived cultures. That concluded the evening for some, but not all. While one bus transported some back to the hotel, about 40 troopers stayed and turned the villa into a disco. Members danced and partied till we could dance no more, as the villa personnel shut us down. Soon to be featured on *Dancing With the Stars* will be **Barbara Burr**, **Melissa Kelley-Hilton**, and **Vivek and Puneet Kumar** whose steps dazzled all. The dancing didn't end there. Thanks to Spotify and a handy microphone, **Ryan Colley** was able to continue as DJ and the dancing continued on the bus home until almost 3 AM. Rumor had it that a few even continued on at the Tocqville clubs in the area. Check with Ryan for details.

Saturday came early, and despite the late night, a large group took the wine tasting tour and visit to the historic town of Bergamo. That concluded an outstanding 4 days, packed with education, networking, CII conviviality and good times. Thanks again to **Alice Cappiello** and **Team Milano**, which included: **Gabriel**; **Germana**; **Lorenzo**; **Serena**; **Elisa**; and **Veronica**. Without their diligence, bold ideas and dedication to detail, the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting would not have been possible, much less memorable.

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## Letter from the Editor

Dear Colleagues:

The AGM in Milan was a roaring success! Congratulations on yet another year of camaraderie and teamwork as you cleverly built a learning and networking experience inside of one great looking party! The pictures in this issue of *The Councilor* tell that story. Special thanks to “**AGM Correspondent**” **Steve Kirby** (*right*) for great detail on the events of the AGM, as well as updates to the growing membership base and crucial



board projects.

In this issues *Trends in Tech* section, I'm excited to share with you some baseline information on *deepfake* technology. If you haven't studied up on the tech (and why it will soon add another confusing layer to evidence production and authentication) be sure to read up. Also, make note of 17 apps known to contain Malware. Essential to information integrity as investigators is our ability to maintain technologies that don't compromise the sensitive information we frequently store. To take this one step further, it's nice to be able advise your clients when their own systems may be compromised.



Best regards,

Lauren Colley Sowers, Editor

## Membership News

So far in 2019 we have accepted 31 new members. We currently have over 400 members on the ground in over 70 countries. With contacts and associates CII is a force in well over 125 countries.

### Our newest members are:

**Russell Lerner**

Verisec, Ltd.  
Bangkok, Thailand

**Patrick Maguire**

Patriot Group  
Conway, NH, USA

**Armando Romero**

Romero Investigations & Consultants  
Covina, CA, USA

**Angelino Schintu**

Intellicore Asia  
Midland, Western Australia

**Sebastien Wiggs**

Sebastien Wiggs  
San Francisco, CA, USA

**Dave Williams** (reinstated)

DCW & Associates  
Huntington Beach, CA, USA

**Steven Polling**  
 Bearstone Global  
 Warsaw, Poland

**Joe Mastromarco**  
 Invictus Investigations  
 Markham, Ontario, Canada

**Patrick Quish**  
 Diligence  
 New York, NY, USA

**Pending applicants are:**

**Siu Keung**  
 Mission Successful Investigation  
 Hong Kong

**Eric Nathan**  
 Nathan's Investigations  
 Orlando Florida, USA

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## News You Can Use

### CII Honors Members for Excellence

Several CII members were honored during the AGM this year at the Annual Awards Luncheon and the Gala Banquet.

**Ron Tevel** was acknowledged as the **International Investigator of the Year (IIOTY)** at the Gala Banquet. Ron, who was nominated by **Jacob Lapid** was cited for his exceptional investigation that exposed high level official corruption and bribery by a mayor of a city in

Israel. Despite being known for his corruption, the official and his family seemed to be able to manipulate the system and was never held accountable for his misdeeds until Ron began his investigation. Ron's attention to detail mapped all the ties and relationships between the mayor, his family, and local suspected businessmen. In a six-month investigation, Ron uncovered business and financial records that painted the full picture. Ron's investigation resulted in media exposure and ultimately the mayor being criminally charged. As Jacob said in his nomination, "This case is an excellent example for professional private investigation contribution for public's justice and ethics." Well done Ron and well deserved.

The **Malcom Thomson** Award was jointly awarded to both **Howie Griffiths** and **John Withers** for the incredible success of the European Regional Meeting in Belfast /earlier in the year. Both John and Howie joined forces, combining the UK/Ireland Region and the Africa Region to put on what was by far the best attended regional meeting in Council history. Congratulations Howie and John.

Executive Director **Steve Kirby** was honored with the **Meritorious Service Award (MSA)** for

exceptional contributions to the good and welfare of the Council. He was nominated by **Sachit Kumar** and endorsed by the Executive Board. Other well deserving members who were nominated for the MSA included **Alice Campbell** for her hard work in watching over our books and records in her annual reviews and **Marc Reed**, for his contributions, both with time and money, in helping promote the Council.

Each of the recipients expressed their gratitude and appreciation for the honors bestowed.

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## Board Activity Updates

Aside from great seminars, interesting networking, and plenty of good times, the AGM is also a time for conducting the business of the Council at two scheduled board meetings and at the annual members' meeting. Some of the items that were discussed and voted on include:

- 1) The Board approved an upgrade and redesign of our website.
  - 2) The Board approved an upgrade to our MemberClicks database platform. This is long overdue and should result in a more user-friendly system to access your profile, locate members etc. This will be a process beginning in January 2020.
  - 3) Section 6.5 of our Rules & Regulations was modified to account for and resolve any voting for president that results in a tie. This was deemed necessary as two of the last three presidential elections were decided by one vote.
  - 4) Melbourne was chosen as the venue for our 2020 Annual General Meeting. Recently retired President Dave MacLeod will be back to work as host.
  - 5) Portugal and San Juan were approved as sites for 2020 regional meetings. Dates and venues to be established.
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## Committee News

### CII Standing Committees 2019 – 2020

President Sachit Kumar announced the standing committees for 2019 – 2020. Nine non-board members volunteered to help this year. Those members were Paddy Beiner, Ajit Singh, Jeremy King, Chris Ballou, Bernarda Skrabar, and Mike Boyle. Non-board member Alice Campbell will continue her valuable work on the Audit Committee and International Investigator of the Year for 2019, Ron Tevel, is automatically placed on the Awards Committee. Kelly Riddle, host of next year's AGM will serve on the Conference Committee. The full list of committees is as follows:



**Legislative**

Toine Goorts -Chair  
Nancy Barber

**Membership**

Galen Clements – Chair  
Paddy Beiner  
Ajit Singh

**Marketing / Public Relations**

Melissa Kelley-Hilton – Chair  
John Withers  
Howie Griffiths  
Jeremy King  
Chris Ballou

**Professional Development**

Toine Goorts – Chair  
Bernarda Skrabar  
Mike Boyle

**Audit & Finance**

Chris Nielsen - Chair  
Alice Campbell

**Awards**

David MacLeod – Chair  
Ron Tevel  
Galen Clements

**Conference**

Howie Griffiths – Chair  
Yosh Wong  
John Withers  
Kelly Riddle

**Advisory**

David MacLeod - Chair  
Brett Mikkelson  
Nancy Barber

## *Election Results*

The candidates were nominated; their acceptances were noted; their candidacies were announced; the votes were cast; the ballots were tabulated; and the results were announced at the AGM. Those results revealed that **Sachit Kumar** from India, in a close election, was chosen President of the Council for a third time. This is the first time in Council history that one individual has been elected by his peers to a third term. Sachit edged out **Toine Goorts** of the Netherlands. **Galen Clements** (USA) and **John Withers** (Northern Ireland) were elected to a three-year term on the Board. Other members nominated were **Sam Zonensein** (Israel); **Ajit Singh** (India); **Polys Kyriacou** (Cyprus); and **Yosh Wong** (Hong Kong). Yosh, who was third in the balloting, was later appointed to the Board to fill an open position.

Per the bylaws, the offices of Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice President were elected by the Board from members of the Executive Board, for a one-year term. The Board elected **Toine Goorts** as Vice President; **Chris Nielsen** to serve a second term as Treasurer; and **Melissa Kelley-Hilton** as our new Secretary.

Those members leaving the Board after years of dedicated service are **Maurice Amres**, **Bob Fenech** and **Dave MacLeod**. Dave, our immediate Past President, will stay on as an unofficial advisor to the Board as head of the Advisory Committee.

Of note were large number of candidates who volunteered to help lead the Council. Equally impressive was that that almost 35% of the membership cast votes, which is remarkable in organizational elections. Both of these facts speak well for the health of the Council. We thank

each candidate for their interest and hope that they will continue to step up and run for office in the future.

Your current officers and board are:

President Sachit Kumar  
Vice President: Toine Goorts

**Treasurer:** Chris Nielsen

**Secretary:** Melissa Kelley-Hilton

**Board:** Nancy Barber  
Howie Griffiths  
John Withers  
Galen Clements  
Yosh Wong

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# TRENDS IN TECH

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## Deepfakes and the Great Evidence Takeover

By Lauren Colley Sowers

With the rise of artificial intelligence, we know of a few inevitabilities. A lot of them are scary. Consider for a moment that it's taken humankind 200,000 years to reach our current level of intelligence. If we develop AI that matches our current level, we can expect it to take six months for the AI's level to surpass our understanding to the tune of 500,000 years. That's insight into the rate at which a computer can integrate and synthesize information. Once the intelligence is there, and it's stored and built upon, there's no stopping it, and there's no managing it. We're thankfully not there... yet.

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### ***Deepfake:***

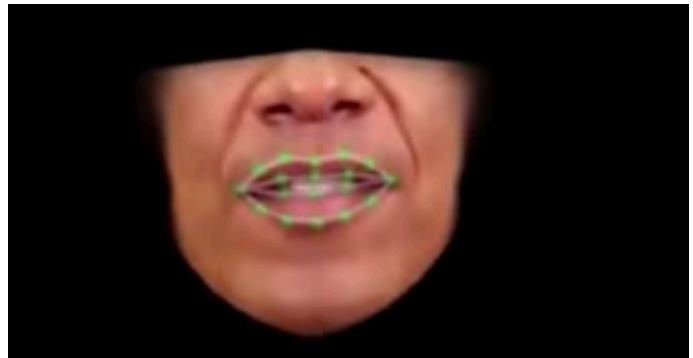
***A portmanteu of "deep-learning" (in this case, machine learning/ AI) and "fake"***

## So What's the Fuss?

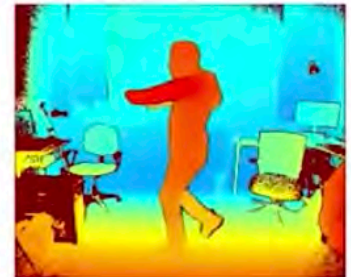
The tiny, incremental ways in which AI will be applied to existing technologies to create confusion and instability in the world are just beginning to come to light. How will this affect our work as investigators?

**Deepfake technology, the application of AI to modify existing video and audio to create convincing but completely false video and audio, is on the rise.**

As with many things born and bred in Silicon Valley, the reasons for the development of deepfake technology are not without merit. Think of someone who loses their voice due to a disease... with deepfake, they can once again speak in a convincing way that is personally meaningful to them and their loved ones. However, the flip side is grim. The abuse of this technology can have disastrous implications.



*Facial Retargeting In Action*



**Picture this:** a murder trial. Star-crossed lovers. What does the defendant do? Presents a never before-seen video in which the victim threatens to kill the defendant. The person on the video is indistinguishable from the real victim's face and voice, fooling even the victim's own mother. Why? Because the victim's face and voice were the source material for the video itself. The defendant had plenty of access to the victim for years and a

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*Congratulations to Alice and her team at Background Italia for putting on a memorable AGM experience in Milan. We wish all CII members continued success and a safe and exciting trip!*

*- Brian & Jeremy King*



storehouse of audio and video material to draw from. Are judges going to have to become tech experts to discern real evidence? Are the standards of evidence going to change entirely? Are we going to have to add new source code to authenticate video and audio? What are an investigator's responsibilities in the face of the ever-changing technological landscape?

***“There’s an app for that.”***

You might be asking yourself if the technology to develop a deepfake is complex, or difficult to access.

***Synthetic Media:***

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And to that, I say no, and NO. As the joke goes, “there’s an app for that.” Turning a face or a voice into a virtual puppet is easier than ever, especially when

***Algorithmically created  
or modified media***

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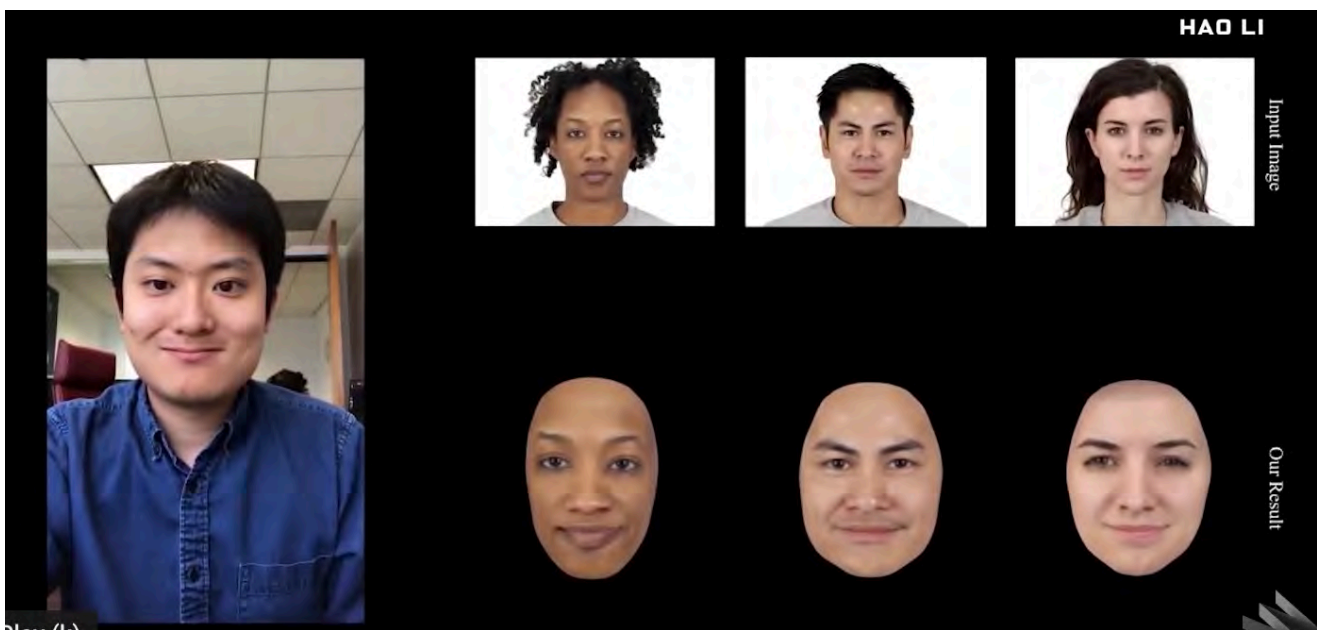
the biggest names of tech are hard at work on making it even more accessible. [Adobe is currently creating a program](#) that will allow you to edit audio within a track to create words never said. By creating a “photoshop for audio,” Silicon Valley, in its eternal optimism, is prioritizing the ease of editing a podcast rather than considering how difficult it will be to determine if a warning message from a government figure is real, or a threat from an individual is authentic. Anyone can make you say anything with Adobe’s new program, which with enough sample material, allows you to type in someone else’s voice. One “podcasting” software, [Descript](#), has already accomplished this.

The video side, known as “facial performance retargeting” isn’t perfect, but it’s only a matter of time before that tech becomes accessible, fast, and nearly perfect. The first deepfake videos widely circulated contained celebrity faces on bodies in pornographic productions. But the technology didn’t yet fit into your pocket. Now Zao, a Chinese app which allows users to swap faces with celebrities, has enabled the masses to take the technology of deepfakes anywhere. When Zao was released in early September, it quickly shot to the #1 spot in the App Store in China. Due to deepfake “mashup” technologies, users were able to “star” in 30 second segments of Leonardo DiCaprio films, for instance. What users didn’t seem

to enjoy was the mashup of their own rights upon installing the app. Zao's user agreement detailed that Zao now owned intellectual property rights, irrevocably, for the use of the user's face. The company later backtracked and revised their user agreement after immense backlash from consumers.

### Current Laws and Regulations

As lawmakers around the world begin to wake up to the very real dangers of deepfakes, here in the U.S., California and Texas have already taken steps to make some deepfakes illegal. But in California, the deepfake law applies only to politicians within 60 days of an election. California's action was, in part, prompted by a video of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi in which technology was used to slow her speech, giving the illusion that she was somehow impaired or intoxicated. This video was widely circulated online before being easily discredited, and [Mark Zuckerberg later admitted](#) that



Facebook systems are not yet equipped to disrupt the spread of deepfakes. What we know so far is that even badly executed synthetic media can cause real harm and disruption in our world.



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## **What does this mean to investigators?**

As people in the world of litigation wake up to the realities of deepfake technology (in a cursory search, I located several law firms that offer services specifically related to deepfakes), we investigators have to take on a new mantle of responsibility toward evidence production and reporting.

I'd suggest the following to tap into your inner deepfake skeptic:

### **1) Study Up**

If you're not familiar with the technologies themselves, then you can't spot them when they're deployed. A great piece on learning to spot a deepfake can be found [here](#).

One easy tell: deepfake video subjects tend not to blink at regular intervals. Also, look for blurring present near the face of the speaker that is not present elsewhere in the frame. Check out the additional articles and videos I've linked to at bottom of this article.

### **2) Implement Defense Technologies Early**

Stay familiar with the technologies used to *defend* against deepfakes, so that you're familiar with them before deepfakes become ubiquitous. Hopefully in the future, we'll have the essence of a "spam filter" for deepfakes.

AIDefender has created a [Google Chrome extension called Reality Defender](#) that will flag suspect media.

### **3) Slow Down**

We must slow down our work in order to spot bad tech. Ultimately, what we produce as "evidence" needs to be *real* evidence. If you find something particularly juicy or controversial, or too good to be true, make sure you do your due diligence before you go reporting on it to a client.

### **4) Prepare for Reporting Risks**

Deepfakes pose real risk to the integrity of our reporting. Language your findings carefully. We love to feel that our results are definitive and



therefore more valuable to the client. But in the ever-evolving landscape of deepfakes, we need to arm ourselves with language that prepares clients for the reality of the situation. If you find a video that you feel is suspect—either developed or altered in a way that sets off an alarm bell, perhaps rather than saying, “A video was located in which the subject said xyz” you might consider, “A video was located in which the subject appeared to...” As always, attempt to corroborate and authenticate your findings by whatever means possible.

### **Further Reading:**

A Great Discussion on Deepfakes from Wired:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u2lX70U7N0c>

More on Zao:

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/09/03/tech/zao-app-deepfake-scli-intl/index.html>

<https://www.nbcnews.com/now/video/the-future-is-zao-how-a-chinese-deepfake-app-went-viral-68197957681>

Laws and Regulations:

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2019/oct/07/california-makes-deepfake-videos-illegal-but-law-may-be-hard-to-enforce>

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## *CII Raises € 6,000 for Charity*

Once again, CII members showed their incredible generosity, raising over €6,000 or \$6,500 for a charity promoted by Alice Cappello’s family. The not for profit, “Donkey House” is a project of the Associazione L’ Ontano. It provides comfort animals for mentally challenged and developmentally disabled children.

Some twenty members donated items for auction and the action was fast, furious, and at times ridiculous. Jokes and jibes flew back and forth as members bid for fine art sculptures, paintings, jewelry, books, clothing, liquor, and other treasures including a “Willie Warmer” (ask Eddy Sigrist). Several bottles of

homemade limoncello from the “Cappiello House of Spirits” also raised several hundred dollars.

Of course no auction would be complete without the famous POD Ball up for bid. As has been the history of that ball, it sold (rented actually since it will be returned for reauction next year) for \$750. After a year in solitude in Northern Ireland, it is returning to the USA with Galen Clements and Steve Kirby, the successful co-bidders. Most members know the history of the POD ball, a football allegedly used in an All-Ireland Football Championship game in 1962 (or was it 1964) in which the venerable Derek Nally purportedly kicked the winning point and lead County Tipperary to victory over the dreaded Dubliners. The ball, signed by many luminaries, has since gone back and forth each year and raised thousands of dollars for various charities worldwide over the past ten years.

Then, to top the evening off, Polys Kyriacou had the brilliant idea to pass the hat for loose change. Of course most of the “loose change” was in paper euros and dollars raising another \$1,000 on top of the bid pledges.

Thanks to all who donated and participated – it was a ton of fun and really worthwhile.

### Donors

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 Laurence Brown  
 Toine Goorts  
 Ponno & Dora Kalastree  
 Eddy & Jene Sigris  
 Dave & Mary MacLeod  
 Chris Nielsen & Kathy Kerr  
 Howie & Christine Griffiths  
 Roman Bazikalov  
 Rick & Ellie Quinn  
 Jeremy King  
 Alejandra Jimenez  
 Steve & Jeanne Kirby  
 Mike Gilliam  
 Jack Burke  
 Ryan Colley  
 Alice Cappiello & family  
 Puneet Kumar

### Bidders

Gabriel Prieto	Jeff Williams
Polys Kyriacou	Brett Mikkelson
Bob Fenech	Jack Burke
Alejandra Jimenez	Ronald Bosman
Norm Groot	Eddy Sigris
Fernando Fernandez	John Withers
Dave MacLeod	Galen Clements
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Alice Cappiello (AGM Host, Milano) with fellow panelists Jeremy King (Canada), John Withers (Northern Ireland), Gautam Kumar (India)



Ed Kelly (USA)



Paddy Beinar (Germany)

Gabriel Prieto (Italy)



Sachit Kumar (India)



Sachit Kumar (India)



Tom Davies (UK), Ryan Colley (USA), Alice Cappiello (Italy)





Niclas Franklin (Sweden), Jack Burke (USA), Ajit Singh (India)



Rod Webb and Eddy Sigrist



Brett Mickelson, Julian Peribañez José Ramón Hernández, Javier Lopez



Goolam Monsoor (France) and Sachit Kumar (India)



Aashni Kumar (India) and John Withers (Northern Ireland)



Puneet Kumar (India) and Melissa Kelley-Hilton (USA)



Polys Kyriacou (Cyprus)

David MacLeod (Australia) catches a well-deserved nap between his duties as 2018-2019 CII President and hosting the 2020 AGM in Melbourne!



# WATCHING THE DETECTIVES



with Steve Kirby

No better place to watch the comings, goings, and antics of CII members than in the unending sunshine of Milan. For example, there you could see our newest potential CII member, one-month old **Bianca** in the arms of her loving mother and AGM host,



**Alice Cappiello** (*Bianca, left, pictured with her mother, grandmother, and Sachit Kumar*) and proud dad **Michele Cogo**...You could also see the unbelievable generosity of our hosts when on a Saturday night Michele sent a friend from over an hour away to rescue **Srdjan Spasenovic** with a new car battery after Srdjan's had died. When Srdjan went to pay the friend declined, saying, "My friend Michele has taken care of it." What an organization... You could see new member **Roman Bazikalov** and his partner **Julia Nedecheva**

(*right*) getting all

cultured at La Scalla...Speaking of culture (I guess) nothing is more amazing than seeing **Eddy Sigrist** (*below left*) in a perfect yoga pose, thanks to the instructions (and some manipulation) by his personal Yogi, **Puneet Kumar**...You could even learn about the

genesis of **Bob "Bobo" Fenech's** new moniker...

Away from Milan, **Jim Kirby**

and **Kevin Read** hosted a gala of their own, celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Edward R. Kirby & Associates, founded in 1969. CII members in attendance included **Jack Burke**, **Joan Beach Reistetter**, and **Wayne Halick**...**Ponno Kalastree's** firm, Mainguard International, was awarded the Go Global Business of the Year- Asian Security & Investigations by the International Trade Council. Congratulations to Ponno, Sheila Ponnosamy, and Sant Kaur Jayaram.





## 17 Apps to Delete... YESTERDAY

Thanks to Wandera.com, a tidy list of 17 apps that are infected with Trojan malware was made public. All of these apps use a backdoor process called “Command & Control” to bypass normal security levels. All 17 apps were traced back to India-based developer AppAspect Technologies Pvt. Ltd. A number of application categories were affected. The complete list follows below:



- [RTO Vehicle Information](#)
- [EMI Calculator & Loan Planner](#)
- [File Manager – Documents](#)
- [Smart GPS Speedometer](#)
- [CrickOne – Live Cricket Scores](#)
- [Daily Fitness – Yoga Poses](#)
- [FM Radio – Internet Radio](#)
- [My Train Info – IRCTC & PNR](#)
- [Around Me Place Finder](#)
- [Easy Contacts Backup Manager](#)
- [Ramadan Times 2019](#)
- [Restaurant Finder – Find Food](#)
- [BMI Calculator – BMR Calc](#)
- [Dual Accounts](#)
- [Video Editor – Mute Video](#)
- [Islamic World – Qibla](#)
- [Smart Video Compressor](#)



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