

Improving quality of research publications: temporal imperative

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Scientific activity around the world is driving force for development of various fields of human life. High standards for publication of research results become a guarantee of their quality and scientific content. Given the trend towards globalization of science and in order to develop common European approaches, the editorial board decided to rebrand the publication and further publish articles in accordance with international standards. Publication of № 24 of the *Theory and Practice of Forensic Science and Criminalistics* Collection of Scientific Papers differs significantly from previous editions not only in appearance but in content, format and scope.

Theory and Practice of Forensic Science and Criminalistics Collection of Scientific Papers is indexed in online databases and libraries: *Vernadsky National Library of Ukraine*, *Index Copernicus International*, *Google Scholar*, *Scientific Periodicals of Ukraine*, *Worldcat*, *CrossRef*.

Collection changed its traditional distribution of articles with analysis of current issues of criminalistics, general provisions of forensic science and topical issues of scientific and methodological support of different classes, kinds, species and subspecies of forensic science. Editorial Board considers each article in terms of its research, presentation, evaluation or communicative content.

Based on the requirements adopted by international scientific community, considering European experience and

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striving to meet standards of Scopus and Web of Science, the following are accepted for publication: Research Articles (where author highlights the main results); Scientific and Methodological Articles (where author analyzes the methods, procedures, toolkit by which it is possible to achieve certain scientific result); Scientific and Theoretical Articles (where author presents results of theoretical issue solutions); Scientific and Practical Articles (where author highlights his own practical experience and performed scientific experiments); Review Articles (devoted to evaluation, results, generalization, analysis of previously published information).

Editorial Board is interested in discussion articles presenting scientific ideas or reports on the experiment results, their own experience, etc. Scientific style of material presentation is generally accepted: accuracy, logic, conciseness, clarity, coherence, integrity, completeness and its high scientific level.

The articles having passed double anonymized review are divided into two sections: Research Articles and Case Notes. The section with research articles begins from the *Innovative Optimization Directions of Investigative (Detective) Activity in Modern Conditions* research paper on the theory of criminalistics by Victor Shevchuk (Ukraine). This article identifies and considers the most important innovative areas of forensic science at the present stage aimed at optimizing investigative (detective) activities in crime transformation, information and epidemiological threats to society. It is considered that further research on these issues will help resolve the controversial positions of scientists on this topic.

The *Forensic science methods and their application in veterinary forensics* article by Ivan Yatsenko, Ella Simakova-Yefremian and Larysa Derecha (all — Ukraine)

provides a classification of methods used in forensic veterinary forensics, emphasizes the need to meet certain requirements to their application system.

Editorial Board of the *Theory and Practice of Forensic Science and Criminalistics* Collection of Scientific Papers is constantly expanding geography of articles and interacts with fellow scientists in Ukraine and abroad.

The next article is *Foreign Experience of Interaction of Forensic Science Institutions with Law Enforcement Agencies and Possibility of its Use in Ukraine* by Anton Polianskyi (Ukraine) and Gabrielė Juodkaitė-Granskienė (Lithuania). The authors draw attention to the fact that law enforcement sector of the State is a separate mechanism, each element of which performs a clearly defined functional role that ensures social justice, protection and security of population, territorial integrity of the country. These factors are an incomplete list of specifics explaining importance of State activity in law enforcement or human rights.

The *Specifics of Forensic Psychology Analysis of Psychological Abuse* article by Ruben Aghuzumtsyan and Gayane Shahverdyan (both — Armenia) draws attention to the fact that different types of violent actions affect the human psyche differently and secondary while forensic examination does not always reveal essence and results of psychological abuse that unjustifiably narrows the real violence field in society.

Increase in the number of drug crimes has led to increase in the requirements for specific expertise use that causes an urgent need for a legislative solution to a number of problematic issues. The article by José Manuel Colodrás (Spain) and Kateryna Sylenok (Ukraine) discusses some issues of specific expertise while investigation of crimes related to drug trafficking.

The Case Note section begins with an article by Vlada Husieva (Ukraine); she identifies typical issues arising while person identification by appearance and development of recommendations for their prevention and elimination.

Serhii Naumenko, Svitlana Briukhan (both — Ukraine) and Olga Cataraga (Moldova) dedicate an article to expert practice analysis in order to theoretically substantiate the key aspects of research on small texts, consider their classification and analysis of the reasons for this research complexity. The authors determine the list of factors which different degree of informativeness of objects depends on.

Alexiy Horlachuk (Ukraine) in the article *On Forensic Economist Specific Expertise* considers the main system elements reflecting essence of special economic knowledge, its form, structure, characteristics.

Oleh Mieshkov (Ukraine) devoted his article to a topical and at the same time debatable topic of using forensic expert conclusion based on the results of forensic examination of electric shock accidents.

Edgar Grygorian, Anzhela Stashchak (both — Ukraine) and Nima Rezaei (Iran) in the *Features of postmortem interval evaluation for crime investigation* article provide recommendations on the use of methods for assessing postmortem changes according

to forensic examination according to body condition, environmental characteristics, the scene and other factors that need to be recorded at the location of the corpse. Methodical recommendations contained in this content are made according to requirements of the current legislation defining rules and the order of carrying out forensic medical examinations.

The article by Inessa Ovsianynkova (Ukraine) is devoted to the administrative and legal regulation of forensic activities in the context of European integration. The author draws attention to Ukrainian commitment to build a developed and sustainable democracy and market economy requiring national legal system to focus on such European values as democracy, respect for man and his fundamental rights and freedoms and the rule of law.

In conclusion, the collection contains information about the participation of employees of National Scientific Center «Hon. Prof. M. S. Bokarius Forensic Science Institute» in CEPOL exchange program.

The Editorial Board expresses its sincere gratitude to all the authors who provided content for publication, as well as to the professionals who took part in its edition and invites scholars and practitioners to prepare articles in future issues.