

- The controversy surrounding the publication of **Her Majesty’s Inspector of Constabulary Report into the SCRO** rolls on. The ‘Sunday Herald’s’ Liam McDougall followed up his article ‘*Scottish print bureau “still cannot be trusted”*’ with an exposé revealing that three of the experts who had made the erroneous ‘Shirley McKie and Marion Ross identifications’ were now involved in ‘**quality control**’ work at SCRO validating the work of other experts. Condemnation from within and without the fingerprint world has been swift. Curiously enough the only support for SCRO has been from Kathleen Ryall of the union ‘**Unison Scotland**’ who claimed in a letter to the Herald that, ‘*no evidence relating to incompetent or malicious identification*’, had been found. Aside from wondering what planet she has been living on we wonder what a union official is doing acting as apologist for SCRO!!

<http://www.sundayherald.com/48633>

http://www.shirleymckie.com/documents/BeyondBelief-comment_000.pdf

http://shirleymckie.com/documents/TheSCROReport_001.pdf

- **Iain** returned from **Liverpool University** after presenting at the **Socio-Legal Studies Association Annual Conference**. He was speaking as part of the miscarriages of justice stream organised by Carole McCartney, University of Leeds, and Michael Naughton, University of Bristol, who are opening up this whole field to academic review, debate and importantly to action by the justice authorities.

<http://www.liv.ac.uk/law/slsa2005/Streams/miscarriages.htm#4>

<http://www.liv.ac.uk/law/slsa2005/Streams/miscarriages.htm#3>

<http://www.liv.ac.uk/law/slsa2005/Streams/miscarriages.htm#6>

- **Freedom of Information** material is starting to arrive. **Strathclyde Police** appear ahead of the field in handling Freedom of Information requests and we have been pleasantly surprised at the helpfulness of their disclosure personnel. At the other end of the scale we have not even received an acknowledgment from the **Scottish Executive** to our requests. There is little doubt however that political decisions are being made in a number of areas before this information is released. This seems to go completely against the principles of Freedom of Information Act.
- We are still working on the programme for the **November conference**, ‘**Justice for All?**’ Details will be produced as soon as possible.
- Thanks as ever for your continued interest and support.