


Certification *Profile*



Philip P. Boskett, CPP, PSP, set lofty career goals then harnessed the power of professional certification to meet and exceed those goals.

A former police officer in the United Kingdom, and a member of the Royal

Ulster Constabulary, Boskett entered the private security industry in 1998 when he was appointed deputy chief of security for the United Nations Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, based in The Hague, Netherlands. The reason for the move was quite simple, according to Boskett. “I saw the opportunity to move into a profession that offered the potential to further develop government service-based security and investigations experience,” says Boskett.

Shortly thereafter, in 1999, Boskett pursued and was awarded his Certified Protection Professional® (CPP) credential from ASIS International. He became a certified Physical Security Professional® (PSP) in 2005 and also holds the Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) credential awarded by the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, and several university degrees, professional certificates, and other honors marking service to the industry.

Boskett believes his certifications serve him well in his present position as chief of security and safety for the International Criminal Court, also based in The Hague.

“Professional certification indicates to all the security staff that the Section takes professional training and accreditation seriously,” says Boskett, adding that his cre-

dentials hardly set him apart from his colleagues at the International Criminal Court. “Qualifications in the Section are legion, as all the security officers are mature, ex-police or military personnel, all of the unit heads and many of the supervisors are university graduates, and many of the officers hold specialist qualifications, such as firearms instructors, information protection advisors, and occupational/fire safety specialists.”

Boskett—who joined ASIS in 1998 and is a member of the organization’s United Kingdom and Benelux Chapters—has served as an instructor in the ASIS Protection of Assets Course and recently contributed as a presenter at the ASIS European Conference in Berlin.

This spring, Boskett and Thomas McKean, PSP, one of his colleagues at International Criminal Court launched an in-house training program to assist interested and committed security staff in achieving the PSP credential. The program offers other ICC staff, as well as security staff from other large organizations based in The Hague, a monthly evening study group from April until the PSP exam in November.

“We hope to see a substantially increased number of PSP qualified personnel following the November 2007 examination,” states Boskett, clarifying his interest in helping others achieve certification as he has. “Objective assessment and accreditation is fundamental to promoting and protecting the interests of any self-respecting profession.” ■

—By Chris Flynn, ASIS public relations manager