Unit 3. Test 2

Read the media release

08 November 2013 - Media release INTERPOL to expand DNA identification assistance to member countries

LYON, France – INTERPOL is to expand its ability to assist member countries to identify missing persons, victims of disasters and other complex identifications using DNA comparison. INTERPOL Secretary General Ronald K. Noble said, that the world police body is to work with the Netherlands Forensic Institute (NFI) which has created the 'Bonaparte' software designed for quick and reliable human identification. The 'Bonaparte' tool will enable INTERPOL and its member countries to conduct 'kinship' DNA searching procedures for the swift identification of family members. Secretary General Noble pointed to the recent case where INTERPOL had issued a Yellow Notice, or missing persons alert at the request of Greek authorities to identify a young girl found in a Roma settlement, and also asked member countries to provide DNA profiles of individuals claiming to be Maria's relatives. "We will now be able to use our Gateway to identify missing persons based on DNA from biological relatives, which has proved essential in many cases at the national level," added the INTERPOL Chief. "The use of DNA to support the pursuit of justice continues to evolve. There are increased capabilities emerging in many INTERPOL member countries and an expansion into important areas such as missing persons and transnational crime," said Dr Simon Walsh of the Australian Federal Police and Chairman of the INTERPOL DNA Monitoring Expert Group. The use of DNA in non-human cases was also highlighted, with an INTERPOL Investigative Support Team deployed in July to Sri Lanka where samples were taken from more than 350 elephant tusks seized from an illegal consignment. Through the use of DNA and isotope analysis, poaching hotspots could be located in Africa, which will help police better target criminal networks involved in wildlife crime.

1. What innovation is presented in it?

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2. Interpol is going to use the software worked out in the Netherlands.

A) True

B) False

3. The new technology is based on scanning things belonging to missing people.

A) True

B) False

4. DNA analysis is used to combat illegal trafficking

A) True

B) False

5. *Explain what is 'kinship DNA searching procedures'?*

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6. *What is 'pursuit of justice'?*

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7. *What is 'a poaching hotspot'?*

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8. Retell the article using the word combinations:
To assist member countries, DNA comparison, identification, the world police body, DNA profile, increased capabilities, non-human cases, illegal consignment, criminal networks

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