I am extremely excited seeing and being part of the "birth" of our own magazine which we have decided to call THE VERITAS. This has been a dream come true for me, something I wanted to start a few years ago already.

With this magazine, we hope to bring members up to date with the latest news, available products to detect and prevent fraud, give some insight into the success stories of our members, and highlight training events. In this first edition, we proudly release the newly established Professional Standards for Forensic Health Care Practitioners which was compiled by the health-care profession and endorsed by the ACFE SA.

We will also be using this magazine to brag about our success stories such as the privilege of recently signing of a MoU with IRBA and EPA. We will also be providing some highlights of our Fraud Awareness Week events which more than 1300 people attended in total.

We hope that this quarterly magazine will inspire those that still contemplate writing their CFE exam to do so, and motivate the CFE's to continue with the excellent work they have done thus far.

I want to end by motivating you to get involved in the activities of the ACFE SA. We cater to everyone's needs, beginners to expert, employee to strategic sessions for senior management (Imbizo). Make the most of the opportunities provided by the ACFE SA and get involved.

I hope you have a blessed Festive Season and get some well-deserved rest. I look forward seeing you next year at one of our events.

Jaco De Jager
ACFE SA CEO
The Hopes of the President

To our fellow fraud fighters

We might sit here on the bottom tip of Africa, but the ACFE South Africa Chapter, has shown it punches above its weight-class in many aspects over the years.

There have been many achievements as already denoted by the previous ACFE SA President Servaas du Plessis and the ACFE SA CEO Jaco de Jager at the Annual General Meeting, but on a personal level, the real measurement is seen in our interaction with members and non-members, fellow fraud fighters and those who uphold integrity as a core value.

I was fortunate to attend the Lesotho, Pretoria and Bloemfontein International Fraud Awareness Week sessions and see the passion of those in various spheres of public and private practice, speak about the importance of governance – and more specifically – fraud risk governance.

Our primary purpose as an organisation is to equip people to fight fraud through education and training that keeps us sharp and relevant.

Just like my manifesto stated, I wanted to ensure that we keep people ‘fit for fraud’, so that when fraud happens, we are able to be responsive in dealing with it.

They say we all need to begin with the end in mind and as an ACFE SA Board, we did just that recently. We kicked off the first board meeting of the new year on 29 November 2017, where we had CEO Terry Booysen of CGF provide some insights on corporate governance, our board responsibilities and other aspects that we need to be cognizant of while representing you, our members, on the board.

In 2018, we celebrate the 20th year of the ACFE SA.

In this year, we are hoping to break some new records with new CFE's around Africa and also at breaching the 1000 members in attendance at our flagship 11th Annual Africa Conference to be held over 17-19 October 2018.

We are also continually speaking to ACFE Global to ensure we are in alignment with country and chapter practices and will continue to see how we can derive benefit from your membership fees that extend far beyond just the training and certification you receive.

Diversity at both a board and regional committee level remain an area of focus and several initiatives will be launched and communicated in the New Year on how we are striving to achieve this.

Only with your support, drive and assistance can we make 2018 memorable.

You all can play a more active role in our various sub-committees, training forums, subject matter / industry forums, regional committees and the board.

Do not hesitate to reach out to me or our fellow board members, to assist you and your company in increasing the number of CFE's as well as attending the regional training events and our upcoming courses.

Yours in fraud prevention.

Jonathan
I enjoy thinking of new and interesting ways to spruce up the communication between the ACFE SA team and our members. After I completely revamped the newsletter, I realised I could take this further - and so *The Veritas* magazine came to life.

Naming the magazine was something I took rather seriously. I wanted the name to be catchy, but also full of meaning. I had to choose between five names:

- The Hoodwinkler
- The Bamboozeler
- The Veritas
- The Examiner
- The Investigator

Veritas aequitas is Latin for truth and justice and is a motto that stands for personal honour and truth in actions and justice, regardless of the circumstances. The ACFE SA strives to continuously uphold this in everything we do, so we all agreed that *The Veritas* would be the perfect name for the magazine.

This magazine will run quarterly and when it is released it will be in the place of the monthly newsletter. Don't worry though, all the information you'd normally get in the newsletter will feature throughout the magazine.

My plan is to have articles from current CFEs or prominent people in the fraud business who have done studies concerning fraud and corruption and have an article[s] they wish to share with our members. It's a very efficient way to share knowledge and information and I hope you all will take an active approach to this. All articles will be vetted before used for the magazine.

Another feature the magazine will have is an advertisement opportunity for companies or individuals who wish to advertise their services. Head over to pages 8 and 9 for more information.

This is a new endeavour we are embarking on and I hope that it will bring about more exposure for the ACFE SA.

**Happy Holidays!**

Kelly McGeer

Communications
When I step back and look at the many things I have taken for granted recently, among them is the regularity and level of substance underlying the various forms of communication that I receive from the ACFE in South Africa.

The well thought-out newsletters, training programmes, professional forums and MOU's are a norm today. The superlative Conference programmes and level of interaction and the status of conversations leave me wondering how this happened and when?

As the Chapter races into its 20th year, the second decade has seen some heavy lifting of the game and the establishment of an organisation that is recognised at the highest levels with professional status.

My introduction to the Chapter and the ACFE as a whole happened one year after its establishment and when I enrolled to become an Associate member in the early 2000's it was essentially only a networking forum that was hosted by a handful of industry players who invested their resources - human, infrastructure and cash - to see to it that a sound platform was laid.

The Chapter operated with a volunteer Board that was supported by a secretariat comprising one resource who operated from her home. The impact on the ground was left to the members in the Regions to organise themselves as the constitution enabled and this was the modus operandi to start a movement.

The acknowledgement of the need to manage the expectations of the Captains of Industry who would influence the direction of the ACFE in South Africa led to the hosting of the inaugural Heads of Forensics Imbizo which yielded 7 clear-cut objectives to be accomplished and reported on within a 12-month period. Amongst the specifics, it was clear that a golden thread was holding this all together, being the need or a professional body of that ascribed to a code of conduct and thus managed the behaviour and technical standards of what was put out as forensic investigations or audits.

This event played the catalyst that saw the transformation of the ACFE South Africa Chapter to what it is today.

Challenges in enabling the bridging of local requirements for a professional body and the constitution of the ACFE internationally of which the South Africa was a Chapter led to many months of interactions, but ones that got the ‘mother body' to start looking a lot more seriously outside the traditional geography.

Not only was ACFE South Africa on its way to professionalisation, but a focus on Africa was started.

The year 2008 can be considered a real turning point with the resolutions of the Imbizo being focused on by the Board to ensure that accountability was achieved at the follow-up to what has become an annual event. Together with celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Chapter, the 2008 Conference ushered in a new approach to how the ACFE South Africa would operate. The announcement of the appointment of a CEO and the ‘corporatisation' of the ACFE was on its way. And as they say, the rest is history.

The achievements of the organisation over the years include amongst others, the SAQA grading of the CFE qualification; recognition as a professional body; and worldwide recognition by the ACFE community being winners of the coveted ‘Chapter of the Year' title.

Locally, the CFE designation and membership with the Chapter is being embraced by most white collar crime and anti-corruption fighters. Perhaps the most significant being noticing CFE being quoted as a standard in Public Sector tenders and preferred in private sector procurement of forensic services.

The ACFE in South Africa has become the home for a much needed multi-disciplinary, multi-skilled body of professionals who have the task of impacting white collar crime and fighting corruption on a daily basis. It s no longer a lonely journey!

The members of the Chapter and the many dedicated volunteers on the Board of Management, Regional and Focus forums and the staff of the ACFE are responsible for an Organisation I am proud to be associated with. May we continue to make a dent on the scourge of fraud and corruption! Here's to 20 years and beyond!

Raj Dhanlall
“Work hard in silence, let your success be the noise”

I obtained my CFE qualification the on 4th of August 2017.

What a roller coaster ride - one that I am so glad I took a chance on! It's hard work, but my future career goals depend on this.

I decided to do my CFE qualification since working at the ACFE SA made me realise that the Forensic industry is rather interesting and intriguing. It was a shock to realise that I was excited to learn more and further my studies in this industry. I have a Bcom Law degree at the North West University and I honestly never enjoyed it, but working in the fraud industry gave me a new love for something I thought I had.

I started preparing for the CFE exam beginning of May 2017 and wrote my first exam on the 12th of June 2017.

It was, honestly, a lot of work and really difficult juggling my studies with my work responsibilities, but somehow I managed to push through it. Working hard to achieve this credential is something that I will never regret. I can finally see a future where I will be doing work that I find interesting and I know will constantly challenge me.

My message to our members who are considering writing the CFE exam: do it now! Don't make excuses for yourself, grab the bull by the horns and take control of your life and the goals you want to achieve.

I can't wait to see what the future holds for me as a new CFE.

Janine Habig
Company Secretariat
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*Please note that the other three committees (WC Committee, Central Committee and EC Committee) will feature in the next magazine*
We are giving companies and individuals the opportunity to advertise in our new quarterly magazine!

The ACFE SA had the idea that we would like to bring more marketing opportunities for the companies and individuals affiliated with us.

This magazine will be sent out to all our members on our database so the exposure will be enormous.

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15 Feb: Lesotho Regional Event
15-16 Feb: Forensic Questioned Document
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23 Feb: Zimbabwe Regional Event
26-27 Feb: Fraud Risk Management
28 Feb: Social Media as an Investigation Tool

March 2018

1 March: Central & Swaziland Regional Event
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8 March: JHB & Limpopo Regional Event
9 March: Malawi Regional Event
12 March: ACFE SA Imbizo
15 March: Namibia Regional Event
15-16 March: Building Your Own Fraud Practice
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16-17 April: Tracing of Hidden Assets
19 April: PTA & KZN Regional Event