Dear Colleagues: This promises to be a busy year with some significant landmarks in forensic science. The deadline for applications to the NIJ/NIST National Commission on Forensic Science passed on March 25. The AAFS Executive Committee approved the applications of 101 Fellows and Retired Fellows of the AAFS for letters in support of their applications, which were provided to them individually along with a letter to the NIJ on behalf of the AAFS encouraging the selection committee to consider engagement in the AAFS as part of the selection process. I am pleased to report that there were applicants from every section of the AAFS in rough proportion to the size of each section. If selected, those individuals, while not official AAFS representatives, will represent the values and professionalism of the AAFS in that assignment. My further hope is that they will be able to serve as ambassadors of the Commission to the AAFS to promote the implementation of the Commission’s recommendations. Details of the announcement and the description of the Commission from the Federal Register are posted on our website with a link on the “Legislative Corner” webpage.

The focus of the Commission’s activities is described as promoting strategies for enhancing quality assurance in forensic science; recommending priorities for standards development; selecting and working with subject matter experts; developing specific policies around training, accreditation, and certification; and, working to identify needs and promoting resources for future development and growth of the profession. These are all high-level goals which the AAFS supports. Prior to our mid-year meeting, I will be working with the AAFS Board to produce a platform document that outlines the AAFS support for these initiatives and tries to find common ground across the criminal justice system to accomplish meaningful reform and obtain the necessary resources to implement them.

Further details of congressional activity resulting from our participation with the Consortium of Forensic

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee has announced its list of nominees for the 2014-15 officers:

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The Nominating Committee is composed of the three immediate Past Presidents—Robert Barsley (Chair), Douglas Ubelaker, and Joseph Bono—and the immediate past section chairs: Ken Williams (Criminalistics), David Baker (Digital & Multimedia Sciences), Kurt Weiss (Engineering Sciences), Julie Howe (General), Paul Messner (Jurisprudence), Richard Weems (Odontology), Keith Pinckard (Pathology/Biology), William Belcher (Physical Anthropology), John Young (Psychiatry & Behavioral Science), Carl McClary (Questioned Documents), and Ruth Winecker (Toxicology).

In accordance with AAFS Bylaws, nomination for any elected office of the Academy may be made by petition delivered to the Nominating Committee in care of the AAFS headquarters no later than September 1. Nomination petitions should state the name of the nominee, the office sought, a certificate stating that the candidate is a Fellow in good standing, and the signatures and printed names of 50 Fellows and full Members. Nominations for any elective office may be made from the floor during the Academy's Annual Business Meeting, February 19, 2014, in Seattle, WA.
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Future AAFS Annual Meeting Dates

February 17-22, 2014
Washington State Convention Center
Seattle, WA

February 22-27, 2016
Rio Las Vegas Hotel
Las Vegas, NV

February 16-21, 2015
The Peabody Orlando
Orlando, FL

February 13-18, 2017
Hyatt Regency New Orleans
New Orleans, LA

February 19-24, 2018
Washington State Convention Center
Seattle, WA

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Washington Corner

Sources: Victor W. Weedn, MD, JD, and Barry K. Logan, PhD, 2013-14 CFSO Liaisons

With the release of the National Academy of Sciences Report in February in 2009, many processes were set in motion that may finally be bearing fruit. A lot of work has been done by many people over the last four years. Legislation was drafted by Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT) and spent time in review before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee. Judiciary Committee staff consulted with the Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations (CFSO), and with individual members of the AAFS and other professional groups. This has resulted in several iterations of proposed legislation which would impose obligations on laboratories designed to promote quality, professionalism, and competence in the forensic science community. The latest official draft of the Leahy legislation can be viewed online: http://clpex.com/phpBB/viewtopic.php?f=2&t=1854. This bill is still in review, but there are indications that it might start to move again, especially following the announcement by NIJ/NIST on the formation of a National Commission on Forensic Science, which contemplates some of the same activities. As noted in President Barry Logan’s column, the Academy has endorsed approximately 100 Fellows and Retired Fellows in their applications to the Commission. We are hopeful of a significant AAFS representation. The revised Leahy bill contains greater potential to regulate state and local entities (as opposed to the focus on federal agencies in earlier drafts), and has a forensic science board of only 17 members (compared to 30 in the DOJ Commission); however, only 11 have voting privileges. The bill may include at least six members with a forensic science practitioner background and at least six individuals with significant scientific research backgrounds.

The priorities for the Commission and for the legislation include promoting strategies for enhancing quality assurance in forensic science; recommending priorities for standards development; selecting and working with subject matter experts; developing specific policies around training, accreditation, and certification; and, working to identify needs and promoting resources for future development and growth of the profession. These are values that are hard to argue against and are well aligned with the values and mission of the AAFS. The AAFS Executive Committee is working on a position statement that underscores the Academy’s commitment to strengthening the science in forensic science.

The CFSO, to which the AAFS belongs, has been instrumental in securing funding for the Paul Coverdell Act, which was funded for 2013 at $12M for discretionary grants and $125M for DNA grants. We remain concerned that resources for other forensic science disciplines in the AAFS (e.g., anthropology, psychiatry, questioned documents, digital evidence, toxicology, odontology, and pathology) are not a focus of federal funding initiatives even though the need for research, development, technology transfer, and validation are clearly there.

We look forward to updating you in the next Academy News on some of the above activities. Look for more information to be posted on the AAFS website and for email updates as things start to move through the legislative and executive processes. Please contact either of us if you have questions or concerns about the congressional or federal activities.
AAFS 2012 Membership Survey
Summary

Sources: Daniel A. Martell, PhD; Elizabeth A. Murray, PhD; and Ronald L. Singer, MS
Long Term Planning Committee Members

In 2012, the Long Term Planning Committee (LTPC) prepared and executed a survey to attempt to capture suggestions and opinions from all levels of Academy membership. Three main areas of content were the annual meeting, a “green” digital initiative, and the membership Directory. There were 2,641 respondents, representing approximately 40% of the current membership (the previous survey from 2005 captured only about 20% of the membership). The breakdown of 2012 respondents was generally representative of the Academy by age, gender, membership level, and section. In this article, we present some summary statistics with comments; the full survey data can be accessed by logging into your member account on the AAFS website (www.aafs.org) and selecting “I want to” View Documents on the right side of your dashboard.

With regard to questions posed about the annual meeting, 75% of those responding indicated they have attended at least one meeting in the past five years, and 13% have attended all meetings in the past five years. The top three barriers to attendance selected by respondents were: financial constraints (56%), distance (30%), and staffing demands at their offices (25%). When asked to choose reasons why members attend the meetings, the five most frequently selected options were: meeting content (70%), professional development (62%), continuing education (50%), networking (50%), and workshops (52%). The least popular meeting activities were reported as the Annual Business Meeting (48% of respondents typically do not attend) and the Plenary Session (32% typically do not attend). However, nearly a quarter (23%) of those responding indicated they attend all meeting functions. (In all of the above survey questions, members could select multiple options, as well as write in their own comments.)

In an effort to conserve the environment and our Academy coffers, the LTPC asked members about their preferences with regard to digital or print media. A significant majority of those responding want all Academy publications (with the sole exception of the JFS) to be delivered electronically. Only about 25% still want paper copies of AAFS documents; however, a significant minority would like both formats available as options.

Also regarding digital content, the LTPC has discussed the possibility of having the Academy host continuing education webinars to the membership and the forensic community at large. This has the potential to raise funds for the Academy, while also assisting those who require or desire continuing education but are not able to attend the annual meetings. It would also help raise awareness of the AAFS in the greater community of forensic scientists if such opportunities were marketed outside the Academy. Seventy-two percent of the membership survey respondents indicated they would be willing to pay for AAFS webinars that would carry continuing education credit.

Lastly, with regard to increasing visibility of our membership and providing access to our expertise by external communities (legal, educational, forensic, etc.), the LTPC entertained the idea of having the membership Directory be publicly accessible on the Academy website. When this issue was posed within the survey, 60% of respondents were in favor of public access, while 40% were opposed. When asked what data the members favored disclosing to the public, member names, email addresses, and section affiliations were the most popular choices.

Subsequent to the survey and the dissemination of its results to the Academy Board of Directors, the Board has already put several items into action. For example, in 2013 the meeting Proceedings was available in digital format in addition to the printed copy. There is now an “opt-in” for the public to be able to access a member’s directory listing on the Academy’s website. The Long Term Planning Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members who participated in the 2012 survey. Any questions should be directed to Dan Martell, Chair of the LTPC.
Forensic Science Education and Mentorship: Our Path Forward

Digital & Multimedia Sciences

Source: Marcus K. Rogers, PhD, Digital & Multimedia Sciences Section Fellow

In the past few years, the overall field of forensic science has been scrutinized by both the government and the general population. The congressional report by the National Academy of Sciences, *Strengthening Forensic Science in The United States: A Path Forward*, clearly identified the importance of education and mentorship as methods for improving the entire spectrum of the forensic sciences.

We in the Digital & Multimedia Sciences (DMS) Section have struggled somewhat with the relative “newness” of both our section and discipline. One of the artifacts of this maturation process we are undergoing is the development of sound and formalized (if not standardized) training and education programs. Due to the fact that our discipline is so heavily tied to technology, the constant rate of change adds further complexity to our efforts.

Traditionally, admittance into our field or discipline has come about by some form of tutelage or apprenticeship. Much like guilds of old, mentorship has been one of the keys to professional success and to the development of new paradigms and methods. However, the educational component has increased in importance as the rate of change in technology has accelerated. Mentorship, while a necessary component, is not sufficient. We need to buttress mentorship with forensic science education.

Within the last ten years, we have seen educational institutions develop degree and diploma programs that combine traditional forensic science curricula with computer science, engineering, and information technology specific courses and offerings. Just within the last five years, there has been an increase in educational institutions offering specialized degrees in the digital and multimedia sciences. National centers have also been created at some of the top universities, and the student demand for these programs shows no sign of slowing.

This increased demand for education has resulted in some unexpected consequences. Chief among these is—how do we ensure the quality and consistency of the education being provided? Fortunately, these are not unique to the digital and multimedia sciences and we can look to solutions and remedies put in place by other forensic disciplines.

In 2010, the AAFS Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission (FEPAC) has included digital forensics in its domain of academic accreditations. In 2012, Marshall University became the first accredited program in our discipline for its Masters of Forensic Science, Emphasis in Digital Evidence. Currently, only bachelor and graduate programs are eligible to apply for accreditation in the digital forensics category. Other international and national organizations are also developing standards for academic programs in computer forensics as well as standards for Centers of Academic Excellence (CAEs) in computer forensics.

Obviously, there is much work ahead in the education, training, and mentoring of the current and future forensic scientists across all disciplines. The importance of education and mentoring can not be overstated, as so eloquently put by Sir Isaac Newton: “If I have seen further it is by standing on the shoulders of giants.”

AAFS Continuing Education Needs Identified

Attendees at the 65th Anniversary Meeting in Washington, DC, identified the following comprehensive list of recommended abstract topics needed for the upcoming annual meeting in Seattle:

- ANA contract letter approval
- Child custody
- Critical incident debriefing
- Ethics
- Injury biomechanics
- Intro to DNA topics
- More advanced didactical presentations
- More DNA day-long programs
- More on combat vet / violent crime
- New requirement for education in prescription drug abuse and physician responsibility
- Newer ideas
- SAM credits for pathologists
- Set up pain management drug screening
- Specialty subjects for license renewal
- Strategies for the handling of shrinking or deficient office budgets

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Forensic Science Education and Mentorship: Our Path Forward

Pathology/Biology: The Mentor/Mentee Relationship

Source: JC Upshaw Downs, MD, Pathology/Biology Section Secretary

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The theme for the 2014 meeting, Forensic Science Education and Mentorship: Our Path Forward, fits perfectly with the Academy’s objectives “…to promote professionalism, integrity, competency, education, foster research, improve practice, and encourage collaboration in the forensic sciences.” Not coincidentally, the meeting theme is reminiscent of the 2009 National Academy of Sciences Report Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States: A Path Forward. The AAFS, as the preeminent forensics practitioner organization, is clearly providing a roadmap for improvement. Advancing knowledge and professionalism is the surest avenue toward lasting improvement. Educational opportunities are abundant and obvious—for example, the AAFS Annual Meeting. Mentoring, on the other hand, is a more complex entity.

Mentor is both a noun (“a trusted counselor or guide”) and an action (“to serve as a mentor for”). “Mentoring is to support and encourage people to manage their own learning in order that they may maximize their potential, develop their skills, improve their performance, and become the person they want to be.” Mentors “…become models for the development of proper problem-solving and decision-making techniques, the demonstration of technical skills, developing interpersonal abilities, and providing personal guidance.” In its simplest form, mentoring helps those less experienced learn and grow to fullness of professional and personal life. More difficult to fully understand is not just how to effectively accomplish the same but the impact of mentoring. Disagreements may arise over the necessity of formal structure, the extent of assistance required, the terminus, etc. As with all good scientific endeavors, often a return to the basics assists in understanding the complex.

The term “mentor” derives from the experiences of Telemachus, the son of Homer’s Odysseus, as he approaches manhood in the face of his father’s absence for some twenty years following the Trojan War. Telemachus’ attempts to sway his community leaders are met with mixed responses and he becomes endangered by suitors seeking to wed his mother, Queen Penelope, and seize control. The goddess Athena, a long-standing advocate for Telemachus, takes an active role in protecting and preparing the young man. Disguised as Mentor, she advises him to seek counsel from Odysseus’ compatriots and accompanies Telemachus on his coming-of-age journey. Aware of the potential danger posed by the shunned suitors, Athena preempts their planned ambush, advising Telemachus to return home by an alternate course. Father and son are eventually reunited and vanquish these foes, only to face retaliation by the suitors’ surviving kin. Ultimately, Odysseus is reunited with his own father, Laertes, and three generations face a final battle against the survivors. Mentes counsels Laertes during the battle and eventually Athena compels a ceasefire. In the end, Telemachus achieves wisdom and earns respect.

The best possible means for individual professional and personal development is to learn to grow into oneself, utilizing to the utmost those natural gifts with which one has been endowed. Mentorship provides a means to this end. But what does it mean to model oneself on another? What is required of the mentor? Of the mentee? Methods of mentorship vary as do desired results. Some qualities shared by exceptional mentors include estimableness, knowledge, commitment, patience, tolerance, integrity, flexibility, and nurturing. Ideally, a mentee should have dedication, inquisitiveness, openness, insight, and maturity. Various means by which a mentoring relationship may influence a mentee’s development include: human capital path (Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities (KSA) and job performance), movement capital path (opportunities), social capital path (exposure via association), path-goal clarity (motivation), and values clarity path (personal satisfaction). In short, there is no “one size fits all” answer. The innate individual differences of both the modeler and the modeled demand that the best relationships focus on leveraging individual strengths. Certain fundamental interactions are required: motivation, inspiration, and challenge.

One hardly need be limited to a single relationship. There is truly so much to learn that none can possess all knowledge. A lifetime’s learning barely scratches the surface. One may become an authoritative scholar in one area and remain ignorant in other areas. Consider those who possess exceptional academic skills but lack common sense. There is no harm in taking the best a model has to offer and discarding the chaff. Modeling only on the revered has an intrinsic bias. The student, in attempting to model after a trusted senior, would naturally be inclined to consider the source as, if not infallible, then certainly above reproach. Occasionally, human beings can and do make mistakes. Learning from those opportunities provides a direct pathway to improvement. Hand-in-hand with the latter is the concept of mentorship by the negative. Human nature is to hopefully learn from error. As Otto von Bismarck put it, “Only a fool learns from his own mistakes. The wise man learns from the mistakes of others.”

To some extent, a mentoring relationship has much in common with courtship and marriage. Dating provides first impressions but the depth of the relationship and the commitment become realized over the course of time as a couple grows together in a synergistic relationship. The lessons carried away by the mentee should be revelatory and lasting. Often forgotten is that the mentor has equal
opportunity for growth and change. Perhaps new methodologies, new understanding, new foundational research, and the like may be stimulated by the teacher’s considering the practice anew, with the vision and queries of youth. A truly successful relationship takes the form of confidants in partnership with mutual respect and trust. A mentor provides the mentee recognition, advice, and friendship while serving as an exemplar. A mentee provides the pathway to a bright future. “The stumbling block in many mentoring relationships is in defining exactly what mentorship means to the individuals involved. The interpretation of mentorship is largely subjective, so the process and contents of this activity need to be defined at its inception for it to be effective for both parties.” Reciprocity is perhaps the singularly most profound component of mentorship.

Embracing the opportunity to teach mandates the desire to be taught. Providing and receiving counsel can be active or passive, conscious or unwitting. Simplistic and unrealistic strategies miss the point. One model termed “managing up” has the mentee determine the desired outcome of the process before entering into the mentoring relationship. An inherent danger is that a mentee in need of more experienced guidance by definition lacks foundational information relevant in achieving the best desired outcome. In situations where the first consideration is about self and personal gain, sacrifices made by others may go unrecognized. Relationships forged primarily on the taking from one, carry the danger of bleeding the provider from whom the mentee hopes to learn. This is not to say that seeking to be mentored is at all bad. Quite the contrary, the desire for improvement is a tacit recognition of personal need for betterment and the ability of others to teach. The mentor must recognize the benefit of serving as a model. A practitioner “must see benefit in contributing to another person’s development and must be at a [career] stage ... where collegial development is a high priority.” Mentoring advances the profession by encouraging growth and self-reliance.

Although more readily apparent at the outset of one’s career, opportunities for growth are lifelong. “The need for further education and training, therefore, continues for some time following graduation; it is significantly influenced by the willingness of experienced... practitioners to teach and coach, and by the confidence and willingness of the new graduate to listen and take direction.” One common thread, regardless of the players involved in a successful mentoring relationship, is nurturing. Parenting mandates a commitment to the child, often involving personal sacrifice. The eventual reward for parental devotion perhaps at first seems counter-productive, in that the progeny go off on their own, leaving an empty nest. But eventually, as with Telemachus, those who maintain faithfulness and who are willing to learn, are personally rewarded in achieving that all-too-precious commodity of wisdom. The master, having succeeded in passing on the indescribable gift of freedom and independence, recognizes the value of helping to mold the next generation. This is not to equate mentoring with mimicry.

Imitation is termed the sincerest form of flattery, yet impersonation runs counter to mentorship. The reward lies not in the receiving of the compliment of being modeled but in recognizing the potential of the mentee. Likewise, one learns little of lasting value in the mere repetition of another’s behavior. The potential of the future is only fully realized with advancement from the status quo. The old adage “Those who fail to learn the mistakes of history are destined to repeat them” has a vital corollary: “Those who live in the past are destined to stay there.” Or, as Albert Einstein put it, “Insanity: doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.” Change is as necessary as it is inevitable. Growth comes in the attempt to understand actions, both those of self and others. Arguably, the most profound teaching moments come as one attempts to reconcile instances where the mentor’s response is counter to the mentee’s, for in coming to understand the “why” in such instances, one challenges the entire base of personal knowledge and must determine where thoughts and actions diverge. Considering alternate outcomes provides a powerful basis for learning. Returning to the lessons of The Odyssey, although a godless and able to exert full control, Athena chooses instead to advise her protégé in order to reach the desired result. Clearly, omnipotent beneficence is not the point. Rather, the themes of Mentes’ guidance, benevolence, and concern leave a lasting mark on Telemachus. As any teacher is keenly aware, a certain satisfaction comes from having the pupil realize an objective independently. As Odysseus comes to see his son in battle and recognizes Telemachus’ cunning and devotion, implicit is that the next generation is well-equipped to assume the responsibilities of the monarchy.

The destination may not be nearly as significant as the journey. In The Odyssey, rather than reveal with godly omnipotence, Homer has the characters engage in order to maximize the lessons learned. The disguised Athena serves as a trusted advisor to the young prince, who has grown to the verge of manhood with no father figure. She suggests that Telemaechus seek out Odysseus’ compatriots who provide the young man with insights into his father’s nature and then accompany him on the voyage. When external threats prove a significant possibility, Athena prevents disaster by convincing her protégé to avoid a dangerous course. Later, during the battle, Athena provides Telemaechus advice helping to protect Penelope and win the skirmish. Valuable lessons are inherent in the seeking and the quest. Focusing on a preordained objective is self-limiting and all too often misses the wonder of the journey. That road less travelled may be the very path needed at a particular moment in time. The opportunity to learn can be encountered every single day of one’s life. One need only heed the call and take advantage as the occasion arises.

The recent passing of Joseph H. Davis, AAFS Past President, was a tragic loss to all involved in the forensic sciences. Dr. Davis was fondly admired across all disciplines. His memory continues to serve as a reminder to all. “...[H]e pioneered advances in forensic medicine and public safety legislation. He trained many in the field of forensics and worked tirelessly and closely with detectives, doctors, nurses, lawyers, judges, engineers, legislators, and the families of the bereaved.” Dr. Davis was everything that a mentor can and should be. His legacy is immutable.

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Mistakes in life are inevitable. Some of us just happen to make them a little more often than others. On occasion, the rare mistake is made that turns into a stroke of good fortune. Many are familiar with the accidental discovery of penicillin in the 1920s by Sir Alexander Fleming. Fleming returned from a vacation to discover that a mold had developed on an accidentally contaminated staphylococcus culture plate and the “mistake” led to one of the biggest medical discoveries in history. A lesser known mistake, but one near and dear to my heart (or more appropriately, my waistline), may be that of Ruth Wakefield. In the 1930s, Ruth Wakefield routinely prepared cookies for her guests at the Toll House Inn near Whitman, MA. She was without the key ingredient needed to prepare her chocolate-flavored butter cookies, so she used broken pieces of a Nestle® chocolate bar instead, thinking the chocolate would melt. Much to her dismay, the chocolate pieces did not melt and chocolate chip cookies were introduced to the world. This little “mistake” has led to the unfortunate demise of many diets. In fact, I just had one of those wonderfully tasty mistakes, but I digress.

I’m fairly certain the 21st Century will yield many remarkable and unremarkable mistakes as well. You may find yourself personally responsible for at least one or two of them. However, there is one mistake you should be careful not to make: missing an AAFS deadline. There are many firm deadlines set by the Academy and each has a way of sneaking up on unsuspecting, busy individuals. Below are just a few **FIRM DEADLINES** you should keep in mind for the upcoming year:

- **June 15 – FSF Lucas and Acorn Research Grant Applications**
  Both grants are open to members and affiliates (at any level) and are intended to foster original problem-oriented research.

- **July 31 – Jan S. Bashinski Criminalistics Graduate Thesis Assistance Grant Applications**
  This grant provides financial assistance for a student to complete his/her thesis or independent research project in a criminalistics/forensic science graduate program.

- **August 1 – FSF Student Affiliate Scholarship Applications**
  This scholarship funds a limited number of Student Affiliate registrations for the 2014 Annual Scientific Meeting.

- **August 1 – Abstract Submissions**
  This includes oral and poster presentations, breakfast and luncheon seminars, special sessions, and workshops. The online submissions system will be available in mid- to late-May and can be found on the AAFS website (www.aafs.org) under the “Meetings” tab.

- **August 1 – FSF Emerging Forensic Scientist Award Competition**
  This award will be presented to the author of the best paper on any topic focusing on the reliability and validity of techniques, processes, or methods in a forensic area of the author’s choice. The official forms must be completed and submitted to the AAFS office during the abstract submission process.

- **October 1 – Membership and Promotion Applications**
  Applications for membership and promotion to the Academy must be completed by the October 1
Each poster session presenter will be provided with a 4 ft. (height) x 8 ft. (width) poster board and an ample supply of push-pins. The board will be labeled with the presentation title and pre-assigned AAFS presentation number. Presenters are responsible for posting their material at least one hour prior to the opening of the session and removing the material before leaving the presentation area or within one-half hour after the session closes if still presenting. Volunteers will be available to assist the presenters. AAFS is not responsible for material posted early or left after the session is over. Materials left will be disposed of after presentation hours.

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AAFS 2014 Poster Presentation Format Is As Follows:

- Presenting authors are asked to have their posters ready for display at 9:00 a.m. for attendee viewing.
- Presenting authors will be required to be present from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to answer questions.
- Posters should be removed no later than 1:15 p.m.
- AAFS or its representatives will verify poster presentations during the hours of 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Authors who display a poster but do not present materials during required hours will not get credit for the poster presentations.
- Presenters should make arrangements with a co-author to cover lunch or breaks, or the presenting author should lunch or break before or after the 11:30 – 1:00 time period.
- Authors are also encouraged to bring reprints for distribution during the session and may wish to bring sign-up sheets for attendees who desire additional information.

Content:
The poster presentation should cover all key aspects of the work and contain the following items:

- Abstract
- Introduction
- Materials
- Methods
- Results
- Discussion
- Conclusions
- References

Presentation Format:

- Extensive narratives are not necessary. Short, “bulleted” statements are preferred.
- Results presented in the form of figures, diagrams, graphs, etc., are preferred, but may be presented in clear, concise tabular format.
- Statistical data should be titled and summarized in a clear, concise format.
- Material should be displayed in a logical sequence from top left to bottom right. Number all poster panels or use arrows so that the sequence of presentation is clear.
- All type should be a minimum of 14 pt and readable from a distance of 3-4 feet. Use standard type styles (e.g., Arial, Helvetica, Times New Roman).
- All poster panels should be printed with a laser or other high quality printer.
- The display does not need to be “artsy,” but the overall effectiveness of a poster presentation can be enhanced by using techniques such as mounting poster panels on colored paper or crescent board. Colors may be used to highlight important points.

More details regarding the deadlines above may be found in the subsequent pages of this newsletter or by visiting the Academy website. You may also contact the Academy staff should you require additional assistance.
AAFS Guidelines For Presentations Using An LCD Projector

IMPORTANT MESSAGE:
Computers may not automatically be provided by the AAFS. However, the section you are assigned to present before may coordinate this effort and have a computer available for your use at the meeting. Otherwise, it will be your responsibility to provide a laptop computer for your presentation. All inquiries should be addressed to your presenting section’s program chair.

PREPARING YOUR PRESENTATION:
- Microsoft PowerPoint® 2003 or later is highly recommended. Other versions of PowerPoint and programs may be difficult to support at the conference. If the current version of Microsoft products is used to create the presentation, save the file as a PowerPoint 2003 version. If using MS Word, do not save the document as a “.docx” file (extension). Save the file as a “.doc” file (extension).
- Dark background and light text provide acceptable contrast and display well in the darkened meeting room. Avoid distracting or otherwise hard to read color combinations such as red and blue, and yellow and green.
- Arial, Times New Roman, or Helvetica are the recommended font styles. Avoid using fonts that project poorly. Unusual or custom fonts may not be available on the host computer.
- Use as large a font as possible and fill the screen. Anything less than 24 is too small. Suggested font sizes are Titles: 48-54, Main text titles: 32, Smallest text lines: 24.
- Keep your presentation simple. Do not crowd the frame. Limit the number of text lines per frame to a maximum of seven lines, with no more than 30 characters per line.
- Use simple graphs and illustrations with a minimum of captions. Avoid using thin lines, dots, dashes, or other specialty lines.
- Verify your computer resolution by going to your computer’s control panel, selecting “Display” then “Settings.” The recommended resolution is 1024 x 768.
- Avoid the use of commercial messages (e.g., logo), and video and audio clips unless requested previously in the abstract submission.
- Save your presentation on a CD-ROM or jump/flash drive. Always test your presentation on another computer to verify file compatibility, layout, and style.

IF YOU PLAN TO USE YOUR OWN COMPUTER WITH THE LCD PROJECTOR AT THE MEETING (ONLY IF ALLOWED BY SECTION):
- Test your presentation with the LCD projection unit provided in the speaker ready room.
- You must report to your assigned room at least 30 minutes before the session is scheduled to begin (not your scheduled presentation time). Introduce yourself to the session moderators. Bring your presentation on a USB Drive or CD-ROM that is clearly labeled with your name. Please contact your presenting section’s Program Chair for these details.
- If allowed, each section will provide specific instructions by email prior to the meeting.
- You will be given instructions on when to connect to the LCD projection unit.

AAFS Policy On Abstracts and Presentations
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Under the pre-condition that, in the submission process, authors must still disclose any specific references to products with commercial names, presentations and abstracts are allowed to mention a product by name only in the context of describing a scientific methodology or the source of sample. For example, specimens often have unique physical or chemical properties that are the key to their identification or analysis (e.g., Dacron fibers, Glock rifling, 3M tapes, explosive formulations, coating materials, etc.). It is appropriate for those materials to be specifically identified since they are relevant to the scientific results or references to specific reagents or instrumentation validated for use in the analytical procedure being presented where the use of a different product may affect the outcome of the analysis (e.g., Identifiler™ Amplification Kit, Agilent 5860 GC, HP-1 column, Olympus BHP microscope, etc.).

AAFS reserves the right to remove commercial references not disclosed by the author.
FSF Acorn and Lucas Research Grants: June 15 Deadline

The FSF Acorn Grants (up to and including $500) and Lucas Grants ($501 - $3,000) are intended to help the investigator/researcher initiate original in-depth problem-oriented research. These grants are open to members and affiliates (at any level) of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences. The following criteria will be considered in evaluating proposals for grants, both Acorn and Lucas.

- The quality of the research proposal.
- Research must be creative and unique. Research conducted as a follow-up to a previous study is discouraged.
- Each research proposal must be submitted with a well-developed title; an abstract that includes the research question and a brief literature review of not more than 10 references pertinent to the subject of the research; a detailed budget; timetable and a specific plan for dissemination of results; and CVs from all involved. The abstract for Acorn Grants should not exceed three pages. The abstracts for the Lucas Grants should not exceed five pages.
- One investigator, preferably the Principal Investigator, must be an affiliate or member of the AAFS.
- If requests for travel, equipment, bibliographic preparation, routine agency operations, including salary of investigators/researchers or assistants are included for funding, the grant submission will be disqualified.
- The dissemination plan and timetable must be compatible with the annual schedule of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences and its meeting date in February. The grants are awarded in the late fall; presentation will be at the meeting in two years. Example: If the grant request is submitted in 2013, and awarded in late 2013-14, the presentation cannot be made until the 2015 meeting or (if two years in length) at the 2016 meeting.
- All research proposals must be submitted by the individual conducting the research. If a proposal is submitted for funding of a master’s thesis, the proposal must be submitted by the student NOT by the academic advisor or other academic supporter.
- Applicants must disclose current or previous FSF research grants awarded to any of the investigators.
- Applicants must disclose if funding for this project is being sought from other/additional sources. FSF Lucas and Acorn Grant proposals on the same subject, differing only in scope and budget, may not be submitted by the same investigators in the same year. Failure to comply will result in the applicant being disqualified for the year.
- Issues related to the use of live humans or animals as research subjects must be dealt with explicitly in the proposal. Similarly, your plan for accommodating any issue related to privacy, appropriate permissions, and the harvesting, transport, or disposal of human tissues or body fluids must be included.
- All applications that do not meet the listed requirements will be disqualified.
- Deadlines will be firmly enforced. If an applicant does not meet the submission deadline, the research proposal will be disqualified.

All submissions must be received and completed by June 15. The deadline is firm with no extension. Please submit the aforementioned Acorn Grant or Lucas Grant Requirements electronically to Kimberly Wrasse at kwrasse@aafs.org, or by mail to: Kimberly Wrasse, FSF, 410 North 21st Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80904.

Acorn Grant and Lucas Grant recipients will be required to submit a progress report to the Forensic Sciences Foundation by December 15 of the following year.

AAFS Topics of Interest and CE Needs Requested

What topics should be addressed at the Academy’s 66th Annual Scientific Meeting? AAFS members are asked to send suggestions for topics of interest and continuing education needs for the 2014 AAFS Annual Scientific Meeting to the Academy headquarters. All responses received will be communicated to the program committee members when they commence their review of abstract submissions. Take this opportunity to have a voice on the program content in Seattle, WA; send your suggestions today. Please contact Sondra Doolittle (sdooolittle@aafs.org) at the AAFS office.
Jan S. Bashinski Criminalistics Graduate Thesis Assistance Grant: July 31 Deadline

**Purpose:** The Jan Grant Award is to provide Graduate Students with financial assistance to complete their thesis or independent research project as required for a graduate degree in Criminalistics/Forensic Sciences. *The thesis or research project must be in the field of Criminalistics/Forensic Sciences.*

Jan S. Bashinski Criminalistics Graduate Thesis Assistance Grant Eligibility Requirements:

- The applicant must be a full- or part-time student completing his or her graduate degree requirements by conducting a research project at an educational institution accredited in the U.S. by a recognized academic body.
- This project must, in the opinion of the FSF Awards Committee, make a significant scientific contribution to the field of Criminalistics/Forensic Sciences.

**Grant Amount:** The Jan Grant Award is $500. In addition, up to $1,200 is available for travel expenses to attend a future AAFS Annual Meeting where the awardee has an approved platform presentation of the completed research. The funding must be used to complete the research project.

**Application:** Please complete the application (on page 13) and submit with the required attachments outlined in Part II on the application form.

All submissions must be received and completed by **July 31.** Please submit the aforementioned Jan S. Bashinski Criminalistics Graduate Thesis Assistance Grant Eligibility Requirements electronically to Kimberly Wrasse at kwrasse@aafs.org, or by mail to: Kimberly Wrasse, FSF, 410 North 21st Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80904.

FSF Student Affiliate Scholarships: August 1 Deadline

The Forensic Sciences Foundation (FSF) will fund a limited number of AAFS Student Affiliate registrations for the 2014 American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) Annual Meeting through a “Scholarship Program.”

To qualify for the scholarship, AAFS Student Affiliates must submit an abstract for the AAFS 2014 program through the online submission system or Call For Papers form. In the awards section (5b), check the box indicating “FSF Student Affiliate Scholarship.” The abstract will then be reviewed by the FSF Student Affiliate Scholarship Committee.

The scholarship abstracts need not be selected for presentation at the meeting, though this could be deemed advantageous by the selection committee. The scholarships will be awarded through the committee’s evaluation of the quality and relevance of the abstracts to the advancement of forensic science by AAFS Student Affiliates. The deadline for submission is **August 1.**

FSF Travel Grants: October 15 Deadline

The Forensic Sciences Foundation (FSF) is pleased to offer Travel Grants for students to assist with travel expenses in attending the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) Annual Meeting in Seattle, WA. The FSF Board of Trustees has allocated $7,500, not to exceed $1,500 per student, including complimentary meeting registration. This is a wonderful opportunity, and members are encouraged to promote it.

**Travel Grant Eligibility Requirements:**

1. The applicant must either be an AAFS member/affiliate or an AAFS applicant for membership.
2. The applicant must have submitted an abstract either as a presenter or co-author for the annual meeting he/she will be attending.
3. The applicant must be a fourth-year undergraduate or a graduate student at an accredited four-year college, university, or professional school whose accreditation is acceptable to the FSF Board of Trustees.
4. The applicant must have a letter of recommendation from his/her advisor or professor.
5. The applicant must submit a 400-600 word essay explaining how attendance at an AAFS meeting will impact his/her career decision.
6. The applicant must submit a curriculum vitae to include specifics regarding their involvement in forensic science.

All submissions must be completed and received by **October 15.** The deadline is firm with no extension. Incomplete submissions will not be reviewed. Please submit the aforementioned Travel Grant Requirements electronically to Kimberly Wrasse at kwrasse@aafs.org, or by mail to: Kimberly Wrasse, FSF, 410 North 21st Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80904.
PART I - Background Information*

Last Name_____________________________  First Name_________________________  M.I._____   Social Security No.____________________
Mailing Address_______________________________  City___________________  State_______ Zip__________  Country___________________
Home Phone___________________  Daytime Phone___________________  Cell Phone___________________  Email______________________
Marital Status (optional)___________   # of Dependents (optional)_______    Date of Birth___________________   Citizen of _________________

Employment - May include permanent or part-time employment, internships, military experience, or volunteer work.
Current (or last) Employer ________________________________________________  Position Held_____________________________________
Employer’s Address ___________________________   City___________________  State_______ Zip__________  Country___________________
Supervisor’s Name_____________________________   Work Phone___________________________  Email______________________________

Education - List your education accurately and completely.
Name of Undergraduate School ___________________________________  Full/Part Time _______ Hours Earned Sem ________ Qtr ________
Major ____________________________________  Dates Attended From (mo/yr) _____________________  To (mo/yr) ____________________
Level of Degree Earned_______________________   Graduation Date (mo/yr) _______________________
Name of Graduate School ________________________________________  Full/Part Time _______ Hours Earned Sem ________ Qtr ________
Major ____________________________________  Dates Attended From (mo/yr) _____________________   To (mo/yr) ____________________
Level of Degree Earned_______________________   Graduation Date (mo/yr) _______________________
Name of Graduate Advisor ________________________________   Address ________________________________________________________
Advisor’s Phone _____________________________________    Advisor’s Email _____________________________________________________

*The applicant must be a full- or part-time student completing his/her graduate degree by conducting a research project at an educational institution accredited in the USA by a recognized academic body.

PART II – Thesis/Research Information

(Attachment I) Provide a concise three (3) to six (6) page double-spaced thesis/research proposal which addresses the following:
  * Title
  * Introduction, background, and significance of the proposed research
  * Experimental procedure
  * Expected results and contributions to the criminalistics (forensic science) knowledge base
  * Budget for the total project
  * Description of how support from the grant would contribute to the completion of the project

(Attachment II) Provide a concise one (1) to two (2) page double-spaced statement of qualifications explaining why you believe you will be successful in completing your research. Include reasons why you require financial assistance to complete your research.

(Attachment III) Curriculum Vitae. Provide your curriculum vitae of no more than three (3) pages.

(Attachment IV) Letter of Recommendation. Provide a letter of recommendation from your research advisor.

(Attachment V) Most recent cumulative college/university transcripts for your undergraduate and graduate degree(s).

PART III – Certification/Acknowledgement

Statement of Applicant

I, the undersigned, certify that all information provided by me in this application is true and factual. I further agree that should I receive a “Jan S. Bashinski Criminalistics Graduate Thesis Grant,” I shall acknowledge the grant in any publication resulting from the research supported by the grant.

Signature of Applicant ___________________________________________________                            Date ______________________________

Academy News
15th Annual FSF Emerging Forensic Scientist Award (EFSA) Competition

PURPOSE: To nurture a productive dialogue between emerging judicial and forensic standards of reliability and validity, the Forensic Sciences Foundation is pleased to offer the 15th Annual Emerging Forensic Scientist Award. The award will be presented to the author of the best paper on any topic focusing on the reliability and validity of techniques, processes, or methods in a forensic area of the author’s choice.

HOW TO ENTER: Entrants should submit an abstract of the proposed paper to the AAFS Program Committee by August 1, in compliance with AAFS abstract criteria, and indicate that the abstract is submitted for the Emerging Forensic Scientist Award. Initial review and acceptance/rejection of the abstract will be done by the AAFS Program Committee which will focus specifically on the abstract’s treatment of reliability and validity issues. Multiple abstracts may be submitted for the Program Committee’s review; however, once the Program Committee approves abstracts for presentation, one abstract must be designated by the presenter as an EFSA entry. If multiple abstracts are submitted for review and one abstract is not designated by the presenter as an EFSA entry, none of the abstracts will be considered by the EFSA Review Committee.

SELECTION PROCESS: Abstracts accepted by the AAFS Program Committee and the EFSA Program Committee will be scheduled for presentation during the scientific session of the section which accepted the abstract, and evaluated by representatives of the Multidisciplinary Awards Committee appointed by the Forensic Sciences Foundation Board of Trustees. Announcement of the winning entry will be made in the Academy News following determination of the winner by the Awards Committee. The Award will be presented during the 2015 AAFS Annual Business Meeting in Orlando, FL.

CRITERIA TO ENTER: An eligible entrant need not be an AAFS member. However, entrants who are AAFS members must be a Student Affiliate or Trainee Affiliate. All entrants must be within three years of completion of formal training (must submit proof from laboratory director or university professor) at the time the paper is presented in 2014. Only the presenter is eligible for the award; no substitutions will be accepted after the application is submitted. The decision of the Awards Committee is final and the amount of the award is firm. The form below must be completed and sent with the abstract submission to the AAFS office by August 1.

THE AWARD: The award will cover the expense of the recipient’s attendance at the 2015 Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL, including registration, up to $1,000 for airfare, lodging while in attendance at the annual meeting not to exceed five nights, and up to $75/day per diem. A commemorative plaque will also be presented to the award winner at the 2015 AAFS Annual Business Meeting in Orlando.

FSF EMERGING FORENSIC SCIENTIST AWARD ENTRY FORM

I am submitting an abstract to the FSF Review Panel to be considered for the Emerging Forensic Scientist Paper Award. The AAFS Section in which I wish to present is: ____________________________________________ .

I entered the field of forensic science in _______ .

Name _________________________________________________________________________________________

Employer ______________________________________________________________________________________

Street Address __________________________________________________________________________________

City/State/Province ______________________________________________________________________________

Postal/Zip Code ___________________________ Country ____________________________________________

Telephone  _____________________________________   Fax  __________________________________________

Email _________________________________________________________________________________________

Send this form by August 1 to: AAFS 2014 Program Committee
410 North 21st Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80904

I hereby acknowledge that I have read and comply with the requirements noted above and that the information provided is true and correct. Attached is a letter from my affiliated laboratory/university. My resume and completed “Call For Papers” form also are attached.

_________________________________________________ ______________________
Signature Date
2014 Annual Meeting

The 66th Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) will be held February 17-22, 2014, in Seattle, Washington.

The Program Committee solicits the submission of abstracts on topics of interest to the forensic science community. **August 1, 2013** is the deadline for the submission of abstracts. Scientific papers selected for presentation will be divided into two groups:

- Platform Presentation (standard scientific session)
- Poster Session

The Program Committee will select appropriate abstracts from those **submitted by the August 1, 2013 deadline**.

Abstracts of papers must be submitted on the official abstract form which accompanies this announcement. Specific format and content requirements for the abstracts are noted on the form. A current copy of the presenting author’s curriculum vitae must be attached to the original abstract form.

To submit your abstract online, go to the AAFS website at: www.aafs.org.

Notification of Acceptance

Notification of Acceptance will be mailed to all presenting authors by **November 15, 2013**. Meeting registration materials will be sent to presenting authors.

Oral Presentations

Time

The final determination as to the length of time that will be allocated to a specific paper rests with the Section Program Chair. However, 15 minute presentations are standard.

Poster Presentations

Preparation

Authors have complete freedom to choose ways of displaying their information in figures, tables, text, photographs, etc. However, they should avoid crowding too much information into a limited space. The poster may be augmented by the use of manuscripts and sketch pads with marking pens.

General Information

Abstract Length

A single spaced, one page length document containing a minimum of 400 words to a maximum of 700 words is required. Please attach additional sheet(s) if needed.

Key Words

Each author is to provide three key words or terms in the space provided on the abstract form.

Oral Presentation

Each scientific session meeting room will be equipped with a lighted pointer, podium, microphone, LCD projector, and screen. Requests for additional audio-visual equipment will be reviewed by the Program Committee and are subject to approval by the Section Chair. Speakers will be notified of the disposition of their requests.

Poster Presentation

Each author selected for poster presentation will be provided with a 4’ x 8’ tack board on which to display material related to his/her presentation. Thumb tacks will be provided. If material is better suited as a table top display, please indicate on the abstract form.

Illustrations

All tables and graphs should be converted to grayscale.

Meeting Registration

All speakers and presenters (oral or poster) are required to register for the annual meeting. If your abstract is accepted for presentation, you will be required to pay the basic registration fee for the annual meeting.

Journal of Forensic Sciences

The *Journal of Forensic Sciences* encourages authors to submit all previously unpublished reports and papers presented at the Academy’s annual meeting. Please submit your manuscripts electronically to http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/jofs.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR ABSTRACT SUBMISSION & LCD PROJECTION

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General Instructions

Content of Abstract
Your abstract should be informative, containing:
1. A short specific title.
2. The Learning Objectives.
3. A sentence statement of the paper’s hypothesis or proposition.
4. A brief synopsis of the content, or statement of the methods, whichever is pertinent.
5. A summary of the results obtained, if pertinent.
6. A general statement of conclusion, if possible.
7. A minimum of one-half page single spaced (aproximately 400 words) to a maximum of one full page (approximately 700 words) in length. Abstracts exceeding the full page maximum will not be printed in the AAFS Proceedings.
8. Three key words.
9. A brief statement of what impact the presentation or research findings will have on the forensic sciences and/or humanity.

Abstracts should NOT be written in the first person.

Format of Abstract
Your abstract must be typed and submitted in a legible format following the instructions provided below:
1. The title, names of authors with respective degree(s), and addresses must be stated exactly as you wish them to appear in the program. Indicate with an asterisk (*) who will be presenting.
2. Type abstract single spaced, 10 point type size, and return it along with a copy on disk.
3. Type all copy, including title, in upper and lower case; capitalize and punctuate exactly as you wish the abstract to appear.
4. Exercise care in preparing the abstract. If unsuitable for publication as received, the abstract will be returned to the author for correction, revision, or completion.

Word Processor Preparation
An electronic copy of your abstract submission is required. Please follow the format guidelines provided below:
1. Required: 400 word minimum to 700 word maximum.
2. Software: Microsoft® Word for Windows is required.
3. Type size: 10 pt (10 characters per inch).
5. Margins: top: 1”, left side: 1”, right side: 1”.
6. References/Footnotes: do not put in the header or footer of the document.
7. Do not embed objects, pictures, tables, or charts within document.
8. No boxes, frames, or lines.
9. Remove editing comments, notes, etc., and accept tracked changes in the document prior to saving and submitting.

Specific Instructions
1. Complete attached form.
2. Follow instructions provided in typing abstract.
3. Proofread all information provided.
4. Attach one current electronic copy of presenting author’s curriculum vitae to original abstract form. Return the original abstract, with attached c.v., and a copy on disk, by August 1,
   to:
   Mailing Address: 
   AAFS
   410 North 21st Street
   Colorado Springs, CO 80904

Sample Abstract

Injury Pattern Analysis in Fatal Traffic Crash Investigation

Michael D. Freeman, PhD, DC, MPH*, Oregon Health and Science University School of Medicine, 3071 Dogwood Drive South, Salem, OR 97302; and Clifford Nelson, MD, Medical Examiner Division, Oregon State Police, 301 Northeast Knott Street, Portland, OR 97212-3092

After attending this presentation, attendees will understand some principles of crash investigation, the necessary elements for the application of Injury Pattern Analysis, characteristic injury patterns of certain types of crashes, and an example of a practical application of Injury Pattern Analysis

This presentation will impact the forensic community and/or humanity by serving as a key aspect of fatal crash investigation as it can augment traditional means of investigation in a systematized format via interdisciplinary communication and collaboration.

Reconstruction of a fatal crash can be augmented, in certain circumstances, by information gleaned from the postmortem evaluation. Further improvement of the scope and accuracy of an investigation can result from evaluation of the injuries of crash survivors, taking into account the conformity of individual vehicle interiors as well as the movement of the occupants during the crash.

The term “Injury Pattern Analysis (IPA)” is proposed as a description of a fatal crash investigation technique that utilizes accident investigation, and reconstruction techniques, occupant kinematics, postmortem records, hospital and healthcare provider acute injury records, and other evidence as an adjunct to the investigation of homicides resulting from fatal crashes.

The authors will present a case study in IPA as an example of the practical application of the technique. It is recommended that medicolegal death investigators become familiar with the principles of IPA.

Crash, Fatal, Investigation
Complete all of the Following Information

**NOTE:** In order for your paper to be considered for presentation you are required to complete **ALL** areas of this form. Incomplete information will be returned to the author for completion. To submit his/her abstract online, go to the AAFS website at: www.aafs.org.

1. **Presentation Choice:**
   - [ ] Oral
   - [ ] Poster
   - [ ] Breakfast Seminar
   - [ ] Luncheon

2. **Section Selection:** Please **circle** the section in which you desire to present a paper:
   - Criminalistics, Digital & Multimedia Sciences,
   - Engineering Sciences, General, Jurisprudence, Odontology, Pathology/Biology,
   - Physical Anthropology, Psychiatry & Behavioral Science,
   - Questioned Documents, Toxicology, Last Word Society.

3. **Amount of Time Required:**

4. **Presenting Author, Name & Mailing Address:**

   | Telephone # (___) ____________________ | Fax # (___) ____________________ | Email ____________________ |

5. **Is the presenting author an AAFS member/affiliate or applicant?**
   - [ ] Yes
   - [ ] No
   - If yes, AAFS ID # ____________________
   - If AAFS member/affiliate/applicant, please list section affiliation: ____________________

6. **Co-Author(s) Name(s), Address(es) and Business Affiliation:**
   (attach additional sheet if required)

7. **Has this paper been presented or published before?**
   - [ ] Yes
   - [ ] No
   - If yes, where and when?

8. **Audio/Visual Requirements:** Each room will be equipped with a screen, electronic pointer, lectern microphone, and an LCD projector. All additional equipment must be requested and is subject to approval by the Section Chair.
   - [ ] Other Equipment Requested: ____________________

9. **AAFS Policy on Full Disclosure of Faculty Financial Interests or Relationships**
   It is the policy of the Continuing Education Program of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences to ensure balance, independence, objectivity, and scientific rigor in all its educational activities. All faculty participating in these programs are expected to disclose to the program audiences:
   1. any real or apparent conflict(s) of interest related to the content of their presentations,
   2. discussion of unapproved (unlabeled) uses of pharmaceuticals/medical devices, and
   3. ongoing research (preliminary) data. The intent of this disclosure is not to prevent a speaker with a financial or other relationship from making a presentation, but rather to provide listeners with information on which they can make their own judgments about the presentation. It is also the policy of the AAFS that all speakers must disclose whether non-FDA approved uses of pharmaceutical products or medical devices are included in the presentation. In keeping with this procedure, the faculty or presenter is required to complete and sign the following disclosure statements:

   I. Will your presentation include any discussion of commercial products or services? **[ ] Yes**  **[ ] No**
   - If yes, please list all manufacturer(s) or provider(s) and describe the nature of the relationship(s) (attach additional pages as needed):

   II. Is this activity/presentation financially supported? **[ ] Yes**  **[ ] No**
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   - If yes, please describe (attach additional pages as needed):

   Disclosed information will be made available to participants in the Final Program provided to all registrants.

10. **Complete the following:**
    a. I hereby acknowledge that my abstract will be published in the AAFS Proceedings if accepted for presentation. **[ ] Yes**  **[ ] No**
    b. Representatives of the media are allowed to record my presentation. **[ ] Yes**  **[ ] No**
    c. I will comply with the AAFS guidelines for legible LCD projection, and that structured abstracts are required. **[ ] Yes**  **[ ] No**
    d. I acknowledge that all authors contributing on this paper have been properly cited. I understand that only the authors listed on this form and in the online system will appear in the printed materials (e.g., Programs, Proceedings). **[ ] Yes**  **[ ] No**
    e. I acknowledge that images to be presented have not been falsified or misrepresent the outcome of treatment. **[ ] Yes**  **[ ] No**
    f. I hereby acknowledge that if the paper described by the abstract is accepted for presentation, AAFS will acquire a non-exclusive copyright of the abstract. (Please initial) ____________________

I hereby acknowledge that I have read and comply with the requirements noted herein and that the information provided is true and correct.

**Signature** ____________________  **Date** ____________________

(abstract Form on Next Page)
ABSTRACT OF PAPER FOR 2014 ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

AUGUST 1, 2013

Please state what the attendee can expect to learn, retain, or implement into his or her practice.

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Arrive in Beijing. Upon arrival, you will proceed to the hotel. The remainder of the day is free for leisure and exploration.

**October 8 – Beijing**
Our first day will be a full-day tour. We’ll visit Tiananmen Square. Tiananmen Square (Gate of Heavenly Peace) is located in the center of Beijing and served as the main entrance to the Forbidden City. It’s the world’s biggest square—three times the size of Moscow’s Red Square. The present Tiananmen Square has an area of 440,000 square meters, allowing ample room to fly kites, walk, or just relax. Tiananmen Square is also a political focal point where many historical events in China’s modern history are celebrated. The Forbidden City is located just to the north of Tiananmen Square. Called Gu Gong in Chinese, it was the Imperial Palace during the Ming and Qing Dynasties. Now known as The Palace Museum, it is the world’s largest palace complex covering 74 hectares (more than 182 square acres). Rectangular in shape and surrounded by a six-meter deep moat and ten-meter high wall, it encloses 9,999 buildings. After lunch, we will visit the Temple of Heaven, a complex of Taoist buildings in the southeastern part of central Beijing. The complex was visited by the Emperors of the Ming and Qing dynasties for annual ceremonies of prayer to heaven for a good harvest. The Temple of Heaven was inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1998 and was described as “a masterpiece of architecture and landscape design which simply and graphically illustrates a cosmogony of great importance for the evolution of one of the world’s great civilizations...” The symbolic layout and design of the Temple of Heaven had a profound influence on architecture and planning in the Far East over many centuries. After a full day, we’ll gather for a welcome dinner.

**October 9 – Beijing**
This is a full day of forensic science exchange. Colleagues will meet with fellow forensic scientists for a comprehensive forensic symposium, branching into several academic groups based on the different forensic specialties and investigations.

**October 10 – Beijing-Xian**
In the morning you’ll enjoy a Hutong tour by rickshaw. With its narrow, deep, and gray-tiled lanes, Hutong provides a window into the history and culture of Old Beijing. You can witness a day in the lives of ordinary families as they go about the daily routine of speaking with neighbors, playing chess in the park, and creating the historic atmosphere of the Hutongs. After lunch, we’ll head to the Great Wall at Mutianyu. UNESCO enlisted the Great Wall, one of the greatest wonders of the world, in the World Heritage in 1987. The Great Wall of China extends 4,000 miles (6,400 km) westward from the seaside town of Shanhaiguan to Gansu Province. It is not just a wall, but a symbol of the bravery and wisdom of the Chinese people. After the tour, we’ll embark on a flight to Xian, where we will be met by our guide and transported to the hotel.

**October 11 – Xian**
In the morning, we’ll visit forensic colleagues who teach at Xian Jiaotong University. We’ll also meet with the specialists who perform forensic investigations. After lunch, we’ll visit City Wall, which is one of the most complete military defense systems in the world. Here the military defense facilities include the city wall, city moat, drawbridges, watchtowers, corner towers, parapet walls, and gate towers that once made up a complete city defense system. Afterward, you may enjoy a leisurely stroll around Xian Muslim Quarters, home to a myriad of interesting handicraft shops, Muslim restaurants, and vendors. In the evening, we’ll enjoy the Tang Dynasty Musical Show with a dumpling banquet. The Dumpling Dinner refers to the cuisine of Xian. The Chinese dumpling has a long history and is an essential part of celebratory meals such as those prepared for the Chinese Spring Festival. The Xian Dumpling Banquet has evolved through time, presenting a variety of color, fragrance, taste, and style while maintaining its place as part of the ancient culture. Thus, the dumpling is no longer one kind of simple flour food. Now the traditional use of pork, beef, mutton, and vegetable as its filling also includes chicken, duck, fish, egg, and delicacies from land and sea. Its presentation may include lovely designs such as flowers, birds, grasses, fish, etc. People who experience the Xian Dumpling Banquet have left with deep, happy memories.

**October 12 – Xian-Chengdu**
The Terracotta Warriors are one of the greatest and most famous archaeological discoveries of all time. Six thousand life-size figures of warriors and horses were interred in the Mausoleum of the First Emperor of China—each is individually carved, and they are thought to represent real members of the emperor’s army. The figures vary in height (183 – 195cm or 6ft – 6ft 5in), according to their role, the tallest being the...
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**October 13 – Chengdu**

Day six of the IEOPI is a full-day tour to the **Dujiangyan Irrigation System**. It is an irrigation infra-structure built in 256 BC during the Warring States Period of China by the Kingdom of Qin. It is still in use today and still irrigates over 5,300 square kilometers of land in the region. Moving on, we’ll visit the **Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding** to view pandas, a Chinese national treasure. We’ll take a stroll along **Jinli Street**. This ancient street has been fully restored in the traditional Sichuan style. Picturesque, bustling, and cheerful, you can sample local arts and crafts, as well as traditional Chinese food. Enjoy Chinese tea in a local teahouse.

**October 14 – Chengdu-Shanghai**

On this morning we will visit forensic educators at Sichuan University and the Sichuan police facility. The forensic fellows of Sichuan University play an important role in China’s forensic science research and teaching. Chengdu and Sichuan demonstrate a different culture and the sceneries here are splendid. In the afternoon, we’ll head to our next stop, Shanghai.

**October 15 – Shanghai**

We will spend the morning in a forensic science exchange. In the afternoon, we will visit **Yu Garden**, one of China’s finest examples of Ming Dynasty gardens and architecture. In the center of Yu Garden is the **old town** of Shanghai where it is easy to lose yourself in the narrow winding alleys as you stroll through the local bazaars and shop for traditional handicrafts. The **Bund** is one of the symbols of Shanghai. The Bund shows off Shanghai’s outstanding foreign buildings, most of which were erected before 1937. **Nanjing Road** is the number one street in China for shopping.

**October 16 – Shanghai-Beijing**

In the morning, we’ll visit **Oriental Pearl TV Tower**, the world’s third-tallest TV and radio tower. In the tower’s pedestal, we’ll also tour the **Shanghai Municipal History Museum** where you’ll find a wonderful introduction to the interesting history of the city. In the afternoon, we’ll head to the railway station for the high-speed train back to Beijing. In the evening, our last night together, we’ll say goodbye over a farewell dinner.

**October 17 – Beijing**

Thoroughly exhausted, those of us heading for home will head to the airport with happy memories and new friends.

**Land Tour Price:**

The program price of $2,675USD.

The tour price includes:

- Hotel accommodations
- Daily breakfast at hotel
- Welcoming Dinner on October 8
- Admission fees to all of the sightseeing locations previously mentioned
- Dumpling Banquet Dinner on October 11
- Private air-conditioned vehicles
- English-speaking local city guides
- Domestic flights with taxes: Beijing-Xian, Xian-Chengdu, Chengdu-Shanghai
- High-speed train (2nd-class seat): Shanghai-Beijing
- Farewell Dinner on October 16
- Basic tips for drivers and guides

For planning purposes, lunches and dinners (not included above) will be approximately $8 per person at our hotels. Going out to a good local restaurant will average $22 for lunch and $39 for dinner.
AAFS 2013 International Educational Outreach Program (IEOP) - China

October 7 - October 17

President Barry Logan invites you to join him in the IEOP of China. The itinerary will include stays in Beijing, Xian, Chengdu, and Shanghai. Following the design of previous tours, AAFS members will have opportunities to meet with forensic science colleagues in China and take advantage of the cultural and historical riches of the wonderful cities to be visited.

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The cost of the AAFS 2013 International Educational Outreach Program (IEOP) to China is $2,675 per person, based upon single/double occupancy at all hotels.

The $2,675 per person tour package includes the following:

Hotel Accommodations (10 Nights):
- Beijing: October 7, 8, 9, 16 (four nights)
- Xian: October 10, 11 (two nights)
- Chengdu: October 12, 13 (two nights)
- Shanghai: October 14, 15 (two nights)

Meals:
- Breakfast: Breakfast each morning is included.
- Dinner: Three dinners – Welcoming, Dumpling, and Farewell.

Other (as Specified in the Itinerary):
- Admission fees to all the sightseeing activities as indicated.
- Private air-conditioned vehicles.
- English-speaking local city guides.
- Domestic flights with taxes: Beijing-Xian, Xian-Chengdu, Chengdu-Shanghai.
- High-speed train (2nd-class seat): Shanghai-Beijing.
- Basic tips for drivers and guides.

Items not included:
- Round-trip airfare to China
- Entrance fees when on your own
- Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Personal expenses (laundry, fax, phone, internet, etc.)
- Personal & travel insurance
- Optional excursions
- Room service

Payments of $2,675 per person single/double rate, may be made by check to the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS). MasterCard, American Express, and VISA credit cards are also accepted. A cancellation policy applies. Please see the next page for cancellation policy details.

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CRIMINALISTICS

Source: Karolyn L. Tontarski, MS, Section Program Co-Chair

In recognition of the recently released 2nd edition of the American Heritage Dictionary of Idioms, you are encouraged to not let the grass grow under your feet! It is never too soon to begin thinking about what paper or workshop you want to present during the 2014 Annual Scientific Meeting in Seattle. The August 1 abstracts submission deadline will be here before we know it! The theme for our next meeting is Forensic Science Education and Mentorship: Our Path Forward—perhaps you have a scientific paper, workshop, breakfast seminar, or luncheon idea that will dovetail nicely with the meeting theme. Contact Section Program Chair John Lentini (scientific.fire@yahoo.com) or Section Program Co-Chair Kary Tontarski (Intevidence@gmail.com) with any questions you encounter as you plan your submissions for the meeting—and consider reaching out to other sections when an interdisciplinary approach will enhance the message of your presentation.

Start plotting and planning now for ways to get to Seattle next February. In keeping with the concept above, perhaps your lab will be more likely to fund your attendance if you’re giving a presentation and playing a more active role at the meeting. Let that notion motivate you to submit an abstract for consideration. Are you a student who is an AAFS member or applicant looking to join us in Seattle but a little short on cash? See if you meet all of the requirements to apply for a FSF Student Travel Grant (see: http://fsf.aafs.org/fsf-travel-grant). Are you an Affiliate needing to attend a meeting to advance to Associate Member status? Let your lab director know—perhaps that will give you an edge in getting to Seattle. Check with your regional forensic association to see if they have a continuing education funding opportunity that will help pay your way. Really desperate? Ask for the gift of a 2014 Annual Meeting registration (fee) for your birthday and/or holiday present from your parents or significant other!

In the spirit of really planning ahead, be on the lookout for funding opportunities that will enable you to complete a research project prior to the call for abstracts for the 2015 (or the 2016) Annual Meeting. The FSF Lucas and Acorn Grants are a couple of options open to you. Are you new to the field, submitting a paper for the 2014 Annual Meeting, and in need of financial assistance to attend the 2015 Annual Meeting in Orlando? If so, consider submitting your paper for the FSF Emerging Forensic Scientist Award. Need some financial assistance to complete your graduate thesis or research project so you can present your work at a future AAFS meeting? If you are earning your graduate degree in Criminalistics or Forensic Science, you may qualify for the Jan S. Bashinski Criminalistics Graduate Thesis Assistance Grant. Check http://fsf.aafs.org/grants_scholarships/grants-scholarships to see if you meet the application requirements for any of these forward-thinking options.

With all of these options in mind, get on the bandwagon to ensure the 2014 Annual Meeting in Seattle succeeds. Remember, it takes a village (or cohort of criminalists) to ensure the program is successful!

DIGITAL & MULTIMEDIA SCIENCES

Sources: Rhesa G. Gilliland, MS, Section Secretary

The Scientific Working Group of Digital Evidence (SWGDE) has an electronic newsletter which you can sign up for on their website https://www.swgde.org/newsletter/newsletterSignUp. Gary Kessler would like to announce the 2013 ADFSL Conference on Digital Forensics, Security, and Law to be held in Richmond, VA (June 10-12). Information on the conference can be found at www.digitalforensics-conference.org/.

During the section business meeting in Washington, DC, there was much talk about the NIST- and DOJ-sponsored “National Commission on Forensic
Science.” There was and continues to be a high level of concern that the fields of digital and multimedia sciences might be “left out” of the commission and the “guidance groups.” The following is an excerpt from the NIST webpage announcing the commission:

“The new initiative provides a framework for coordination across forensic disciplines under federal leadership, with state and local participation. The Department of Justice, through its involvement in the commission, will take an active role in developing policy recommendations and coordinating implementation. The NIST-administered guidance groups will develop and propose discipline-specific practice guidance that will become publicly available and be considered for endorsement by the commission and the Attorney General. This coordinated effort will help to standardize national guidance for forensic science practitioners.”

Let us hope that the commission will follow through on this statement and be inclusive of all forensic disciplines. I will endeavor to keep our section informed as new information becomes available. Our members have worked very long and hard to have computer forensics and other areas of digital evidence recognized as forensic sciences.

**ENGINEERING SCIENCES**

Sources: Carol A. Erikson, MSPH, Section Secretary and James R. Millette, PhD, Section Chair

With a total current membership of 1,59, the Engineering Sciences Section (ESS) is a small but enthusiastic group of professionals within AAFS. ESS members work in a variety of fields, including vehicular accident reconstruction, safety investigations, forensic architecture, failure mechanics, forensic environmental engineering and geology, instrumental analysis, and environmental forensic chemistry. If any of these areas is your cup of tea, we would love to add your name to our membership list! Or, if your name is already there, we encourage you to promote to the next membership level.

At the 2013 Anniversary Meeting in Washington, DC, ESS welcomed four new Associate Members, three newly promoted full Members, and three newly promoted Fellows. We still need you!

Membership eligibility requirements are set by both the Academy and the individual sections. Full-time students and new college graduates may apply for Student Affiliate and Trainee Affiliate membership status, respectively. Associate Member, the level at which most applicants apply, is available to persons with a baccalaureate or higher academic degree from a U.S. college or university accredited by one of the regional accrediting bodies recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation or the United States Department of Education, or from a non-U.S. college or university bearing equivalent accreditation who are actively engaged in the field of forensic sciences and who satisfy the membership requirements of the selected section.

Becoming an Associate Member of the ESS requires a four-year baccalaureate degree in engineering or an engineering-related science plus four years of relevant forensic experience (a graduate degree may be substituted for up to two years of that experience).

In addition, two letters of reference are needed; at least one of these must come from a current AAFS Member or Fellow.

Current Associate Members (there are 73 of you out there) may apply for promotion to Full Member after attending at least two annual meetings within five consecutive years and participating at least twice in activities of the Academy and/or section. Participation includes presenting (or co-authoring) a paper at the Annual Meeting, publishing an article in a peer-reviewed scientific journal, and serving as an active member or chair on ESS committees; at least one of your participation activities must be a meeting presentation or a published article.

Our 31 current Members are eligible for promotion to Fellow when they have met the same requirements listed above for promotion from Associate Member to Member—after their promotion to Full Member.

Detailed instructions for membership application and promotion, either online or by downloading forms for submission, may be found at www.aafs.org/membership. All applications must be received by the Academy on or before October 1 to be considered for approval at the 2014 Annual Scientific Meeting.

The success of any professional organization is directly proportional to the enthusiasm and participation of its members. If you have any questions about the membership process, please do not hesitate to contact your ESS officers (www.aafs.org/engineering-sciences). We look forward to getting to know you better!

**GENERAL**

Source: Claire Shepard, MS, Section Secretary

At the General Section Business Meeting in February, AAFS Membership Coordinator Cheryl Hunter, on behalf of the Academy staff, recognized Robert Gaffney for his tireless efforts interviewing applicants and writing recommendations for applicants who otherwise would not have been able to secure a recommendation. In 2012 alone, Bob made over a hundred calls and wrote over 50 recommendations, more than any member has ever done. Julie Howe accepted the award on Bob’s behalf and many of our members who attended the section business meeting expressed their thanks to Bob. Not only do our new members who otherwise would be unable to join AAFS thank Bob, the General Section does as well. Congratulations, Bob!

As mentioned at the General Section Annual Business meeting in Washington, DC, the Disciplines Committee began work last year on a task to obtain specific discipline information for each member of the General Section. This year the Chair of the Disciplines Committee, Jim Bailey, along with other committee members will be continuing that endeavor. You have more than likely already received an email asking you to visit the AAFS website and log onto your AAFS member account and select your discipline from the menu. At press time, less than half of our members had accomplished this task. Please take a few minutes to log on and complete this task if you have not done so. Since we are a diverse

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group with 18 disciplines in our section, it is important to know the discipline of each member. In addition to the initial email you received requesting you complete this task, Jim and other members of his committee including Steve Downs, Erin Koester, Tanisha Henson, Julie Lecca, Gina Londino, Joyce Williams, and Cliff Akiyama will also be personally contacting members who have not yet selected a discipline in an attempt to complete this task. As you can see, a lot of effort is being put into this endeavor. Please assist us by doing your part as soon as possible, but no later than June 1.

The Regional Representative Committee led by Chair Robert Gaffney and Co-Chair Julie Howe is being revamped this year. Several committee members representing specific geographical areas were added to the committee to accomplish the tasks outlined by Bob. The primary task of committee members will be contacting and interviewing applicants in their area who are in need of a recommendation for promotion. In addition, they will be responsible for recruitment efforts in their area and, when possible, attend regional meetings to promote the General Section and the AAFS. They will also be instrumental in contacting inactive General Section members and be involved in outreach efforts in their local high schools, colleges, and communities. With this new charge, the Regional Representative Committee will be revitalized and be an instrumental part in recruitment and retention of General Section members.

Bill Andrews and JoAnna Collins, trustees of the Forensic Sciences Foundation, report that it is time to submit proposals for the Forensic Sciences Foundation’s Acorn Grants (up to $500) and Lucas Grants ($501 – $3,000). The deadline is June 15. Please consider submitting a proposal. More information is available on the FSF website (http://fs.aafs.org or follow the link from AAFS home page).

Many of you signed get-well cards at the General Section Business Meeting or otherwise contacted Bob offering well wishes and support with regards to his recent illness. Bob would like to thank the General Section members for their thoughts, prayers, cards, and kind words. It all helps to keep him motivated.

Finally, if you have news, please send any information we can include in the newsletter to claire_e_shepard@yahoo.com.

JURISPRUDENCE

Source: Andrew Sulner, MSFS, JD, Section Chair

The theme for the 66th Annual Scientific Meeting is Forensic Science Education and Mentorship: Our Path Forward. Our section provides a great platform for forensic scientists from various disciplines to educate lawyers and judges about current trends in forensic science education and mentorship programs and for lawyers and judges to provide their views on what is needed to improve the quality of evidence presented in reports and testimony from experts in forensic disciplines. While the current climate seems to place greater emphasis on improving education, training, and mentorship programs for forensic practitioners, it is the humble opinion of this writer that equal emphasis should be placed on improving the education and “forensic science training” of trial lawyers and judges handling civil or criminal cases.

On a personal note, as a former state prosecutor and third-generation forensic document examiner, I cannot overstate the compelling need for trial lawyers and judges to receive meaningful continuing education so they can better understand the real probative value and actual limitations associated with evidence introduced by forensic scientists from various non-DNA disciplines. Such forensic disciplines are often undervalued or unfairly criticized as a result of publicity exposing improper conduct or faulty casework on the part of shoddy or unethical practitioners. This year, as your section chair, I hope to spearhead presentations at the annual meeting that demonstrate the highly probative value of evidence derived from unbiased best practices in various non-DNA forensic disciplines and to illustrate how such evidence can truly serve the interests of civil and criminal justice.

Planning for next year’s meeting in Seattle has already begun. We hope to receive abstracts in all areas of forensic science that apply to both criminal and civil litigation, and since the meeting’s focus is on education and mentorship, submissions from students are encouraged as well. If you have an idea or suggestion for a presentation but need some guidance before submitting it to the Academy, please contact our section’s Program Co-Chairs, Pam King (pam.king@mnpd.us) and Donald Shelton (sheltoncl@ewashcenw.org), who will be happy to assist you in this regard. Naturally, you are also always welcome to contact me at andysulner@aol.com.

Please note that abstracts for presentation at the 2014 Annual Meeting in Seattle must be submitted to the Academy no later than August 1; submissions can be made online through the AAFS website (www.aafs.org). Please remember that the firm August 1 deadline applies to abstract submissions for scientific sessions, workshops, poster sessions, breakfast or luncheon seminars, and presentations before the Last Word Society. Also, please remember that until abstracts have been formally accepted or rejected in writing by the Academy, they are not subject to public discourse, reference, or publication; this Academy requirement is to protect the intellectual property rights of all parties and the Academy’s peer review process.

I encourage all new and existing members to read the AAFS and Jurisprudence Section-specific promotion requirements found by clicking the “Membership” link on the aafs.org website. Key promotion requirements are attendance at the annual meetings and program participation by presentation of papers or acting as a moderator of a program. Participation in any of the annual meeting sessions, including Workshops, Evening Sessions, Breakfast/ Luncheon Seminars, or Scientific Sessions, qualifies for credit toward promotion/advancement, so please take advantage of this opportunity by finding ways to participate in our meeting programs. We are also looking for volunteers to act as moderators. If you would like to moderate a session, please contact the section program co-chairs.
As reported in last month’s newsletter, our section has many new members due to our highly successful recruitment efforts during the past three years. Please maintain the momentum by encouraging at least one of your colleagues to apply for membership in the Jurisprudence Section. Membership applications are available online at www.aafs.org. The membership application process is online. The submission deadline is October 1.

Please make every effort to email Section Chair Andrew Sulner (andsulner@aol.com) and Section Secretary Christine Funk (christine.funk@dc.gov) any news pertaining to you or to an event that may be published in the Academy News as an item of interest to our members.

The 4th Annual Prescription for Criminal Justice Forensics Conference, presented by the ABA Criminal Justice Section and co-sponsored by the AAFS, is slated for Friday, June 7 at Fordham Law School in New York City. This will be another riveting program on the absolute latest in criminal justice forensics. Topics presented by experts from across the country will include: Developments in Admissibility of Forensic Science Evidence, Cutting Edge Forensics Research, Post-Conviction Review of Hair Analysis Evidence, Lab Ethics & Quality Control, DNA Mixture Interpretations & Statistics, What the Government’s War on Computer Crime Means for Privacy Interest, and more. You can view the program brochure and register for the conference online at www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/events/criminal_justice/forensics_2013.authcheckdam.

ODONTOLOGY

Source: Iain A. Pretty, DDS, PhD, Section Secretary

I am writing this having just returned from a conference in Seattle, WA, and it reminded me of what a beautiful city this is! Given that the AAFS annual meeting alone is reason enough to travel, this is an added bonus! The time to start thinking about your research project data, case report, or case series presentation is now. Ray Miller is already putting the plans together for the program and while the deadline for abstract submission is August 1, it’s always a good feeling to be ahead of the deadlines. It also really helps the program chairs with their duties. Please submit early and often! You should also be aware that the maximum number of words for the abstract has now been reduced to 400—but be sure to include sufficient detail so that anyone unable to attend the annual meeting will be able to understand the issues and learn from your presentation.

For those of you considering promotion within the Academy, gaining Member or Fellow status, or simply wishing to improve your skills, please note that the American Board of Forensic Odontology (ABFO) is presenting two workshops around the Seattle Academy meeting—an Identification Workshop on February 16 and an Expert Witness Workshop, February 21–22. Full details, costs, and registration information can be found online at www.abfo.org.

As always, your section officers are available to answer any questions you may have about promotion, courses, and abstract submission. Please get in touch if you need any help.

PATHOLOGY/BIOLOGY

Source: JC Upshaw Downs, MD, Section Secretary

Once again, the Pathology/Biology Section (Path/Bio) is encouraging members to consider presentations for the 2014 Annual Meeting in Seattle. Preparation and planning efforts are already underway for the overall meeting. Path/Bio in particular has an exemplary record of participation. The Program Chair strongly encourages one and all to complete that ongoing project and to get the abstract process started. Both poster and oral presentations are sought. Spring is already here and the firm August 1 deadline for abstract submission arrives much more quickly than anticipated. Included in this request is encouraging trainees to submit for the section’s Best Resident Paper Award.

The annual meeting also provides the opportunity to encourage qualified colleagues, recent graduates, students, etc., to submit for applications for membership and/or promotion within the section. Applications are available on the AAFS website (www.aafs.org/membership, www.aafs.org/upgrade-trainee-affiliate-or-associate-member, and www.aafs.org/promote-member-or-fellow). The process is relatively easy and tremendously rewarding professionally. The deadline for receipt of a completed application is October 1.

The Academy is strong only through the active participation of the membership. Toward that end, and in keeping with the meeting theme for 2014: Forensic Science Education and Mentorship: Our Path Forward, the Path/Bio Section encourages everyone to take an active interest and go the extra mile by devoting some precious time to act as a mentor. The wealth of experience represented by those in all walks of forensic life is incredible. The future demands that wisdom be shared with those who follow.

Slightly less urgent, but no less significant, is the possibility of a research grant award. The Research Committee of the Pathology/Biology Section is keenly interested in supporting research to advance the science. In order to make such awards, potential recipients must apply and ask for the funding. Perhaps that idea that has been kicked around for a few years is worthy of financial support and could benefit from some financial underwriting by the section. The application deadline for the next opportunity is December 1.

Unfortunately, it is necessary to conclude on a sad note. The passing of AAFS Past President and Gradwohl Laureate Joseph H. Davis is a tragic loss for all and especially for our section. He was an inspiration to so very many in all sections of the Academy as well as around the world. Deepest sympathies are extended especially to his family and to all who knew and admired Dr. Davis and mourn this loss. May he rest in peace.
Greetings Fellows, Members, and Affiliates of the section hopefully-soon-to-be-formerly-known-as-Physical Anthropology. We section officers past and present are in the process of petitioning the AAFS Board of Directors for the name change to Anthropology. Thank you to past Chair Bill Belcher for his work in that area, and further thanks to Director Laura Fulginiti for her assistance! Assuming the change is approved, our section will enter into the phase of Bylaws review.

It’s not too soon to review our current membership requirements, especially as the Academy has asked that we review them as a matter of maintenance. Any changes will have to be proposed and approved by the section at our next section business meeting, giving us time to deliberate on the changes we would like to make.

Please send news or announcements you care to share across the section. The Academy is seeking good news to share through the Media Committee. On that note, Peer Moore-Jansen sends the following:

It is a pleasure to formally announce Elizabeth DeVisser as the winner of the 2013 Physical Anthropology Section’s J. Lawrence Angel Award based on her paper presentation “A Test of Formulae Used to Estimate Stature in Modern Chicanos.” The official award presentation will take place at the Physical Anthropology Section’s Business Meeting as well as the Annual Business Meeting in Seattle, WA.

The J. Lawrence Angel Award is a long-standing and honorable mark of distinction and professional recognition within the Physical Anthropology Section of the Academy. The annual competition is open to student members of the section and all students meeting the requirements outlined in the guidelines below:

Guidelines for the Physical Anthropology Section’s J. Lawrence Angel (JLA) Award

Eligibility:
1. Person(s) eligible for the competition include students who are matriculated in an anthropology program at the time of the paper submission. In case of multiple authors, both authors must satisfy this requirement.
2. Student must hold membership in the Physical Anthropology Section of the AAFS at the time the scientific presentation is given. Students who do not hold membership at the time of abstract submission must submit an application for membership concurrently with their abstract submission.
3. The author(s) of the presentation must be a student(s) as defined above (1.). Papers co-authored by faculty or other non-students are not eligible under any circumstance.

Requirements:
1. Abstracts are to be submitted online or on the official American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) Call for Papers form by the August 1 AAFS abstract submission deadline. Abstracts will be accepted or rejected for presentation by the Physical Anthropology Section Program Chair before being forwarded to the JLA Committee.
2. The student(s) must notify the section program chair at the time the abstract is submitted that the presentation will be entered in the JLA Award Competition. The program chair will notify the competition chair who in turn will determine eligibility.
3. For both podium and poster presentations, students must submit an electronic copy of a complete manuscript and PowerPoint slide presentation to the JLA competition Chair by the specified deadline (above). A complete manuscript consists of text, illustrations, and bibliography and must conform to the length of a meeting presentation (i.e., 12–15 pages). To be considered on an equal basis, poster submissions must also be presented in manuscript form to satisfy this requirement. An electronic copy of a corresponding PowerPoint or slide presentation or in the case of posters, an electronic copy of the poster to be displayed, must accompany the manuscript.
4. The author, or in case of multiple authors, at least one of the authors, must present the paper or poster in person at the AAFS meeting.

Judging Criteria:
1. The quality and content of the manuscript and the presentation.
2. The general organization and format including a clear statement of hypothesis.
3. Clarity of presentation (use of visuals, ease of information extraction, diction, etc.).
4. The application/relevance of the research to forensic anthropological practice.
5. The ability of the presenting author to answer questions about the research (both podium and poster presenters are expected to remain available to the committee members to answer any questions).
6. Special consideration will be awarded for original and creative research that furthers the goals of forensic anthropology.

The results of the competition will be announced in the Physical Anthropology Section News of the Academy News newsletter following the annual meeting. Each participant will receive notification of the results from the committee chair. For more information contact:

Peer H. Moore-Jansen, AAFS Fellow
JLA Committee Chair
pmojan@wichita.edu
Our section, under the leadership of Program Chair Eugene Lee and Program Co-Chair Lauren Reba-Harreelson, is already planning for and looking forward to developing a great program around the theme of the 2014 Annual Meeting, Forensic Science Education and Mentorship: Our Path Forward. Our program chairs will likely begin to solicit presentations from section members soon. Please keep the August 1 submission deadline in mind.

Members of our section have continued to actively recruit new members with good success, particularly focusing on their respective academic institutions’ training programs or colleagues from other professional organizations (e.g., AAPL, APLS). Please remember to promote within the section as appropriate so more members of our section are able to hold leadership positions in the Academy at large and so that our section’s representation within the Academy continues to grow. Take a moment to review your membership status and eligibility for promotion on the AAFS website. If you have any questions, please contact me or any of our section’s officers to assist you.

Richard Rosner, AAFS Past President and former Section Chair, continues to develop a new edition of his authoritative Principles and Practice of Forensic Psychiatry. He has enlisted section Fellows and Members to serve as section editors or chapter authors. Additionally, Richard’s Textbook of Adolescent Addictions has recently been published. It is available in print and electronic versions.

As a reminder, the 44th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law (AAPL) will be held in sunny San Diego, CA, in late October. This annual meeting, like the Academy’s, is typically varied and intellectually stimulating. In addition to this intellectual edification (and CME credits), attendance at this meeting offers our section members a chance to see each other again prior to the February AAFS annual meeting and also potentially to recruit new section members. Also, Robert Weinstock, a section Fellow, will begin his term as AAPL President during this meeting.

Finally, remember that the AAFS 66th Annual Scientific Meeting will be held at the Seattle Convention Center in Seattle, WA, from February 17–22, 2014. We look forward to an intellectually stimulating and entertaining program.

We welcome the submission of news items for this column. Please submit your news to section Secretary Christopher Thompson at chthompson@mednet.ucla.edu.
First and foremost, thank you for the opportunity to prepare an exciting program for the 2014 meeting in Seattle, WA. We look forward to a brilliant meeting in the Pacific Northwest with Barry Logan as President. What a spectacular meeting this will be!

Thanks to Ashraf Mozayan and Dwain Fuller for a terrific toxicology program in Washington, DC. They did a wonderful job coordinating the Toxicology Section’s program of events. The four workshops attracted more than 400 registered attendees. We are very grateful to the workshop chairs and presenters who worked so hard to make this a success. One of the major highlights this year was undoubtedly the Toxicology Section Luncheon. The first of its kind, this luncheon featured heartfelt stories from Tim Rohrig, Bill Anderson, Chip Walls, and Michael Rieders on toxicology legends Dick Prouty, Jane Speaker, Irving Sunshine, and Frederick Rieders. If the story of Bill interviewing at Dick’s ranch the night of his daughter’s wedding didn’t bring tears of laughter, nothing would. So often when we formally recognize our peers, many of the personal and often hilarious stories are not included. We will certainly continue this tradition. It was a rare opportunity to understand not only the professional accomplishments but also the personal (and often colorful) characteristics of our notable colleagues.

This was also an important year for the section in terms of recognition of its members. Congratulations once again to Phil Kemp (Alexander O. Gettler Award), Rob Middleberg (Rolla N. Harger Award), Pat Harding (Ray Abernethy Award), Sherri Kacinko (Irving Sunshine Award), and Dayong Lee (June K. Jones Scholarship Award). Finally, what an honor it was to have Marina Stajić receive the Distinguished Fellow Award at the Annual Business Meeting. Congratulations, everyone! The 2013 meeting was an incredible success thanks to the hard work and contributions of the section officers, chairs, moderators, abstract reviewers, sponsors, Academy staff, and volunteers. Thank you.

We are looking forward to an exciting array of workshops, scientific sessions, special forums, and luncheons next year. It is not too early to be thinking about 2014 Annual Meeting deadlines; if you have ideas and suggestions, please let us know (sarah.kerrigan@shsu.edu or rphipps@phipps.ws). The theme for the meeting is Forensic Science Education and Mentorship: Our Path Forward. Finally, please remember that a great deal of logistical support for the meeting comes from volunteers. Please encourage your colleagues and students to participate. Volunteering at the meeting is a super way for newcomers to get engaged and meet people.

Mark your calendars now for the AAFS 66th Annual Scientific Meeting, February 17–22, 2014. Can’t wait to see you in Seattle!
Science Organizations (CFSO) are discussed in Victor Weedn’s “Washington Corner” on page 3 of this issue of the Academy News. You should also be receiving the CFSO newsletters via email. I encourage your ongoing feedback about the CFSO’s activity, focus, and accomplishments.

Two months into the Academy’s program year, and we are already thinking about the 2014 Annual Meeting in Seattle! Make sure you have your calendar marked for February 17-22 at the Washington State Convention Center. The meeting theme for 2014 is Forensic Science Education and Mentorship: Our Path Forward, and it reflects my long-term interest in the development of the people who follow in our footsteps.* The meeting will feature the usual array of learning opportunities in workshops, breakfasts, special sessions, the Plenary, platform and poster sessions, as well as networking opportunities, receptions, and social events that make the AAFS Annual Meeting the place where the business of forensic science gets done. This year, some of these sessions will focus on the investment our profession is making in the next generation of forensic scientists and forensic science managers. I am working with Program Chair Jeri Ropero-Miller and Co-Chair Ken Williams to bring some attention to the needs of that next generation, identifying those gaps that exist, and what those of us in leadership positions can do to bridge that gap. I have assigned five members of the YFSF as liaisons to the program committee to make this integration meaningful and to contribute to the continued growth in the scientific quality of our programs.

Here are five things we can all do to make this an initiative that will have a lasting impact on the AAFS and will better prepare our up-and-coming members and prospective members to become our successors:

- Look around your agency or organization for more junior people who are not yet fully engaged and encourage them to join their regional associations and the AAFS. Be a sponsor or help them find one in their discipline through your contacts. If they can’t find a sponsor, please have them contact me (barry.logan@nmslabs.com).
- Encourage them to apply to the Forensic Sciences Foundation for grants or scholarships to attend and present at the annual meeting.
- Encourage them to present either in the regular program or in the YFSF which has later deadlines—and may be less intimidating for new presenters.
- Help them find a project or data from their casework and work that into an abstract for the August 1 deadline. They still have three months to put together an abstract and now is the time to start.
- Encourage whoever is responsible for training and development in your agency to support people at the appropriate stage of their careers to become engaged in the AAFS.

If you are a younger scientist, visit the YFSF website (http://yfsf.aafs.org) and contact the officers for more information about the group’s activities. Contact me if you have further suggestions for this focus of the 2014 program.

Finally, I’d like to encourage everyone to take advantage of this year’s International Educational Outreach Program (IEOP) to China (October 7-17). The program is described in detail beginning on page 20. This is an extraordinary opportunity to experience the culture, to meet China’s leading forensic scientists, to make connections and network in China, and to develop collaborations in every discipline with Chinese forensic scientists and academics. As China modernizes and strengthens its role as an economic power, there is virtually no formal collaboration between the U.S. and China in this area today. You have the opportunity to help make that happen. The trip is packed with many cultural opportunities and will cover a significant range of the breathtaking landscape of this still mysterious country and culture. My wife, Linda, and I are delighted to be your hosts for the visit and look forward to having a large group participate. Please contact me, or Nancy Jackson at the AAFS office, for more information.

*Dr. Logan is featured in a recent article in Lab Manager Magazine® regarding scientific mentorship: www.labmanager.com/?articles.view/articleNo/34047/title/Mentoring-Matters.

In Memoriam

Robert B. Brannon, DDS, MSD, Associate Member of the Odontology Section, December 2012
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The following individuals have submitted applications for Associate Member, Trainee Affiliate, or Student Affiliate. Applications that are received and completed by October 1 will be considered for approval at the February 2013 Board of Directors Meeting. Due to space constraints, AAFS does not list members who are applying for promotion to Fellow or to Member; however, a list of these individuals is found on the AAFS website under “News & Current Events.” Comments or concerns regarding an applicant should be submitted in writing to: Cheryl Hunter, Membership Coordinator, AAFS, 410 North 21st Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80904; chunter@aafs.org. Comments must be received by February 3, 2014.

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A Letter from the YFSF President
The time has come for the Young Forensic Scientists Forum (YFSF) to begin planning the events for the AAFS 66th Annual Scientific Meeting in Seattle, WA, in February 2014! Over the next few months, keep an eye out for requests from the YFSF committee members looking for poster and slide presenters for the YFSF Bring Your Own Poster and Bring Your Own Slides Sessions. In addition, there is still space on the YFSF Committee for this year. These three options are a great way to network and to get more involved in AAFS! If you are interested in joining the YFSF Committee, please send in your CV or resume. I am very excited to be serving as YFSF President for a second year and look forward to working with the committee over the next year to put on a wonderful 2014 YFSF Special Session! If you have any questions about YFSF or the committee positions open, please send inquiries to lec385@gmail.com.

Lindsey E. Saunders, BS, YFSF President

A Note from the YFSF Secretary
For those of you who were not able to attend this year’s YFSF Special Session at the AAFS 65th Anniversary Meeting in Washington, DC, YFSF would like to encourage you to attend the events that will be offered at the AAFS 2014 Annual Meeting in Seattle, WA. The YFSF Special Session exposes young forensic scientists to a variety of forensic disciplines in a warm and welcoming environment, allowing an easy transition into the AAFS community. If you would like to become more active in AAFS, please feel free to contact any of the YFSF officers.

This year, the committee is excited to have several new members on the YFSF committee. Throughout this newsletter, you will be introduced to all the members, new and old, of the YFSF committee. The committee members hope they can provide the young forensic scientists with a great forum in 2014.

This year Sarah Ellis and Alicja Lanfear will fill the positions of Secretary and Secretary Co-Chair, respectively. Sarah has an MS in Forensic Science from Towson University and is working at West Virginia University Forensic Science Initiative. She is a Trainee Affiliate in the General Section. Alicja recently earned a PhD in Anthropology from The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. She holds a postdoc position at the Forensic Institute for Research and Education at Middle Tennessee State University and is a Student Affiliate in the Physical Anthropology Section. She will be applying for Associate Member status this year. Both Sarah and Alicja are looking forward to working with all the members of the YFSF this year.

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Financial Liaison
Another AAFS meeting has come and gone, and what a success it was! As the YSFS Financial Liaison, Katie Knurek would like to thank the following sections for their generous contributions to the Young Forensic Scientist Forum for the continued on page 44
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upcoming year:

- Criminalistics Section: $1,500
- General Section: $1,000
- Odontology Section: $500
- Pathology/Biology Section: $2,000
- Physical Anthropology Section: $500

Without the support from the sections, our annual special session would not be possible. Thank you! If you would like to become more involved in the YFSF as a financial contributor, please contact Katie (kknurek6490@gmail.com). This is Katie’s second year with the YFSF having served as Financial Liaison Co-Chair last year. She has recently completed an undergraduate degree in forensic biology at Ohio Northern University and is currently employed at a county lab in Ohio as a Criminalist. Within the Academy, Katie is a Trainee Affiliate in the Criminalistics Section. She is excited and honored to be a part of this special organization and is looking forward to the upcoming year!

Katie Knurek, BS, YFSF Financial Liaison

YFSF Breakfast Session

Planning has begun for next year’s YFSF Breakfast Session—a morning focused on professional development for young forensic scientists. This year, Ali Kidder-Moston will be organizing the session. Ali is a Forensic Chemist for a Federal Law Enforcement Agency and an Associate Member of the Criminalistics Section. She has served on the YFSF Committee for three years, planning the Bring Your Own Slides (BYOS) Session. This being her last year as a “young” forensic scientist, she is excited to take on the new challenge of planning the YSFS Breakfast Session for the 2014 Annual Scientific Meeting in Seattle, WA.

The breakfast session chairs are always looking for qualified presenters and résumé reviewers; please contact yfsbreakfast@gmail.com if you or someone you know can help with professional development for the next generation of forensic scientists.

Ali Kidder-Moston, MSFS, YFSF Breakfast Session Chair

YFSF Special Session

The YFSF is pleased to announce the theme for the 2014 YFSF Special Session: The World of Forensic Science: the Future of Education and Research. The speakers at the 2014 YFSF Special Session will highlight new research, up-and-coming techniques, unique casework, and will help guide students and new professionals through the varied world of forensic science. Those who are interested in speaking at the YFSF Special Session and sharing their experiences should contact the program chairs at yfsbs@gmail.com. Lara Newell and Christina Hayes will be planning this year’s YFSF Special Session. Lara has an MA in Anthropology from East Carolina University with a focus in forensic anthropology. She has worked for two years at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Richmond, VA, as Medicolegal Death Investigator and is ABMDI registered. She is a Trainee Affiliate of the General Section and served as the YFSF Financial Liaison last year. She is looking forward to this new role and planning the special session with Christina.

Christina, special session co-chair for the YFSF, has a BS in Chemistry from the University of Illinois at Springfield and is working on completing a Master’s of Natural Science in Forensic Chemistry from Southeast Missouri State University. She works as a drug chemist for the Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Department, a position she has held for two years. She is a Trainee Affiliate in the Criminalistics Section, but hopes to move up to Associate Member status during the 2014 Annual Meeting. She has attended four AAFS annual meetings and is looking forward to being the YFSF Special Session Co-Chair this year.

Lara Newell, MA, YFSF Special Session Chair

Christina Hayes, BS, YFSF Special Session Co-Chair

YFSF Bring Your Own Slides Session

Hello everybody! The YFSF is very excited to find young forensic scientists who would like to seize the opportunity to present their research at the AAFS 2014 Annual Scientific Meeting during the YFSF Bring Your Own Slides Session in Seattle. This year’s Bring Your Own Slides Chair, Lindsay Saylors, is a Student Affiliate of the General Section of AAFS, and begins her second year working with the Young Forensic Scientists Forum. She is currently a junior at Loyola University Chicago, working on her BS in Forensic Science with minors in Chemistry and Psychology of Crime and Justice. She is honored to be the chair of the YFSF BYOS and is looking forward to another exciting year.

Lindsay Saylors, YFSF Bring Your Own Slides Chair

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YFSF Poster Session

Aloha! The YFSF Bring Your Own Poster Session is a wonderful opportunity for students and young forensic scientists to share their research. Participating in the YSFS Bring Your Own Poster Session is an excellent way to become more involved with the AAFS Annual Scientific Meeting. Jennifer Curnow, the YSFS BYOP Session Chair, is eager to read everyone’s abstracts. If you have any questions, please feel free to email her at yfsf.postersession@gmail.com. This is Jennifer’s first year serving on the YSFS Committee. She received her master’s degree in forensic science from Chaminade University of Honolulu. She has worked for the Forensic Toxicology Drug Testing Laboratory at Tripler Army Medical Center as a certified Forensic Toxicology Technician and interned with the Honolulu Police Department’s Crime Scene Unit. Jennifer is eager to start work as a Latent Fingerprint Technician for Oak Ridge Associated Universities. She is grateful to have this opportunity to become more involved with AAFS through the YFSF.

Jennifer Curnow, MS, YFSF Poster Session Chair
Meetings & Conferences

MAY 2013

13-14
2013 2nd Congress of the International Society of Forensic Radiology and Imaging (ISFRI)—To be held in Zurich, Switzerland.
CONTACT: ISFRI
contact@isfri.org
www.isfri.org

13-18
Forensic Entomology—Sponsored By Missouri Western State University and the Southern Institute of Forensic Science—To be held in Saint Joseph, MO.
CONTACT: Barbara Harris
(816) 271-4293
Fax: (816) 271-4138
oaharris@missouriwestern.edu

13-15
Crime Scene Photography – Phase 2—This course will be held at Sirchie’s facility in Youngsville, NC.
CONTACT: (800)336-7311
www.sirchie.com

15-16
Advances in Forensic Medicine & Pathology—Presented by the Department of Pathology at the University of Michigan—To be held at The Inn at St. John’s in Plymouth, MI.
CONTACT: Angela Suliman
(734) 615-6371
asuliman@med.umich.edu
www.pathology.med.umich.edu/
Forensics/index.php

15-17
6th Annual Forensic Investigation Conference: Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Child and Elder Abuse...From Scene to Courtroom—To be held at the Kansas City Convention Center in Kansas City, MO.
CONTACT: saintlukesconcierge@saint-lukes.org
(816)-932-5100

15-17
Techniques for Optimizing Evidence Collection—To be held at The Center for Forensic Science Research and Education in Willow Grove, PA.
CONTACT: http://forensicscienceeducation.org/courses-and-seminars/

24-25
Second International Workshop in Clinical Forensic Medicine—To be held at the Medical School of Montpellier in Montpellier, France.
CONTACT: e-baccino@chu-montpellier.fr

JUNE 2013

3-7
26th Annual NMHM Forensic Anthropology Course (Formerly AFIP Course)—To be held at the Maryland Office of Chief Medical Examiner in Baltimore, MD.
CONTACT: Robyn Hulvey, CMP, CGMP
(240) 694-2239
Cell: (301) 917-4789
Fax: (240) 694-3121
rhulvey@hjf.org
http://hjf.cvent.com/
2013ForensicAnthropology

3-7
Outdoor Human Remains Recovery—To be held at the Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State University in San Marcos, TX.
CONTACT: Sophia Mavroudas
(512) 245-1900
FACTS@txstate.edu
www.txstate.edu/anthropology/facts/workshops.html

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3-7
Death Scene Archaeology Field Methods in the Location, Recovery, and Interpretation of the Human Remains from Outdoor Context—To be held at Mercyhurst University in Erie, PA.
CONTACT: Kathi Staaf
kstaaf@mercyhurst.edu

3-7
Human Remains Recover—To be held at Forensic Investigation Research Station at Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction, CO.
CONTACT: Melissa Connor
(970) 248-1219
mconnor@coloradomesa.edu
www.coloradomesa.edu/firs/recovery_class.html

4-5
Measurement Science and Standards in Forensic Handwriting Analysis Conference and Webcast—To be held in Gaithersburg, MD.
CONTACT: www.nist.gov/oles/handwriting.cfm

5-6
Death Scene - A Forensic Entomology Field Training Workshop—To be held at Haskell Farm near Rensselaer, IN.
CONTACT: Neal H. Haskell, PhD
(219) 866-7824
blowflytechnologist@gmail.com

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Fourth Annual Prescription for Criminal Justice Forensics—To be held at the Lewis Stein Center for Law and Ethics, Fordham University School of Law in New York, NY.
CONTACT: www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/events/criminal_justice/forensics_2013.authcheckdam.pdf

10-14
Laboratory Methods in the Identification of Human Skeletal Remains—To be held at Mercyhurst University in Erie, PA.
CONTACT: Kathi Staaf
kstaaf@mercyhurst.edu

10-14
Outdoor Recovery—To be held at the University of Tennessee - Knoxville.
CONTACT: Dr. Dawnie Steadman
oste@utk.edu
http://fac.utk.edu/courses.html

17-21
Analysis of Bone Trauma and Pseudo-Trauma in Suspected Violent Deaths—To be held at Mercyhurst University in Erie, PA.
CONTACT: Kathi Staaf
kstaaf@mercyhurst.edu

17-21
Cold Case Homicide Training—To be held at Methodist University in Fayetteville, NC.
CONTACT: www.methodist.edu/ceja/events.htm

17-21
Forensic Anthropology Methods—To be held at the Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State University in San Marcos, TX.
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www.txstate.edu/anthropology/facts/workshops.html

17-21
Human Identification—To be held at the University of Tennessee - Knoxville.
CONTACT: Dr. Dawnie Steadman
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http://fac.utk.edu/courses.html

17-21
Postmortem Toxicology—To be held at The Chemical Heritage Foundation in Philadelphia, PA.
CONTACT: http://forensicscienceeducation.org/courses-and-seminars/

24-28
Eighth ISABS Conference on Forensic, Anthropologic, and Medical Genetics—To be held at the Le Meridien Lav, in Split, Croatia.
CONTACT: info@isabs.hr
www.isabs.hr

24-28
Forensic Taphonomy—To be held at the University of Tennessee - Knoxville.
CONTACT: Dr. Dawnie Steadman
oste@utk.edu
http://fac.utk.edu/courses.html

24-28
Recovery and Interpretation of the Fatal Fire Scene—To be held at Mercyhurst University in Erie, PA.
CONTACT: Kathi Staaf
kstaaf@mercyhurst.edu

JULY 2013

8-12
Latent Print Processing + Footwear & Tire Track Impressions—Sponsored by Forensic Comparative Science Specialists, LLC—To be held at the NH Technical Institute in Concord, NH.
CONTACT: www.focossforensics.com

12-16
Bloodstain Pattern Documentation and Analysis—Sponsored by Forensic Comparative Science Specialists, LLC—To be held at the NH Technical Institute in Concord, NH.
CONTACT: www.focossforensics.com

15-19
Inter/Micro Microscopy Conference—To be held at McCrone Research Institute in Chicago, IL.
CONTACT: Julie Antia
(312) 842-7100
intermicro@mcri.org
www.mcri.org/home/section/101-543/about-inter-micro
The Decomposition of Human Remains—To be held at the Forensic Investigation Research Station at Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction, CO.
CONTACT: Melissa Connor (970) 248-1219
mconnor@coloradomesa.edu
www.coloradomesa.edu/firs/decomposition_class.html

Masters 15 Conference for Advanced Death Investigation—To be held at Saint Louis University in St. Louis, MO.
CONTACT: Marcia R. Weis (314) 577-8476
mveis4@slu.edu
http://medschool.slu.edu/masters

AUGUST 2013

15th Meeting of the International Association of Craniofacial Identification - Facing an African Experience—To be held at the Kruger National Park, South Africa.
CONTACT: claire.venter@up.ac.za
http://faces2013.co.za/

12-16
Crime Scene Processing—Sponsored by Forensic Comparative Science Specialists, LLC—To be held at the NH Technical Institute in Concord, NH
CONTACT: www.focossforensics.com

SEPTEMBER 2013

2-6
25th World Congress of the International Society for Forensic Genetics—To be held in Melbourne, Australia.
CONTACT: http://isfg2013.org

DECEMBER 2013

17-19
13th Annual Conference - Passing the Torch: A National Symposium on the 50th Anniversary of the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy—To be held at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, PA.
CONTACT: wechtinstitute@duq.edu
www.duq.edu/forensics

9-13
Basic Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Workshop—Presented by the Specialized Training Unit at the Miami-Dade Public Safety Training Institute in Doral, FL.
CONTACT: Toby L. Wolson, MS, F-ABC (305) 471-3041
Fax: (305) 471-2052
twolson@mdpd.com

APRIL 2014

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FAA Colloquium: Postmortem Forensic Toxicology in Aviation—To be held at the FAA’s Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center in Oklahoma City, OK.
CONTACT: www.faa.gov/go/toxmeeting
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