



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This month, I'd like to expand a bit on the theme for next year's meeting, *21st Century Crime – 21st Century Forensic Science*. Without trying to "preach" to all of you youngsters out there, a lot has happened in forensic science in the last twenty-five years. It's hard to believe that in 1980, most of us were not using computers. The computers that were available were either University owned and filled an entire room, or had a total memory storage capability that was smaller than the memory cards of today's digital cameras. Programming was a nightmare, and operating systems required not only skill, but luck as well. Laboratory instruments had very basic programmability, if at all, and data handling was generally accomplished with large "integrators" that weren't as versatile as most of the \$8.00 hand held calculators found on the "impulse racks" of today's supermarkets.

As a student, I was taught that the total knowledge of science doubled every fifty years. Today's students learn that it doubles every ten years. Forensic science is no exception. When I joined the profession in 1972, our laboratory, a typical example of most of the LEAA funded laboratories that were springing up in that era, had no computers. Our drug analysts, like most others, relied upon microscopy, thin layer chromatography, and ultraviolet spectroscopy to make identifications, and if we were really lucky and had enough sample, we might be able to use infrared spectroscopy to further confirm its identity. Most labs could determine if a stain was blood, if it was human, and (again, if lucky) an ABO type. "Starch Wars" were just beginning. As a criminalist, these examples are familiar to me and those of my ilk; I'm sure that there are similar examples that would be appropriate to any section of the Academy.

Trying cases involving forensic evidence has changed dramatically, also. The recognition that not all science is necessarily good science, appellate court decisions such as *Daubert* and *Kumho Tire*, and the potential of DNA to essentially identify individuals are but a few examples that have caused trial strategies and techniques to evolve into something quite different than was previously known. In criminal trials, the prosecution can no longer call expert witnesses to the stand and expect them to go unchallenged, and more and more defense attorneys are utilizing experts not only to

review what has already been done, but also to delve into areas not addressed by the state. This is, of course, a positive thing, as the work of the Innocence Project and other groups like it have demonstrated.

Crime itself has also changed – the rise of computers has opened doors to criminal activities unheard of a generation ago, such as information and identity theft, and has taken other crimes, such as credit card and consumer fraud, to a whole new level. Both the scientific and legal communities have had to adjust to these changes in order to keep pace. I'm reminded of a similar circumstance at the beginning of my career, when clever chemists kept formulating psychoactive drugs whose chemical structure was just different enough from those on the Controlled Dangerous Substance lists to make them legal, and the government's continuing effort to get each variation listed.

In addition, the world is faced with an increasingly sophisticated campaign of terrorism by groups who believe that the only way to get their message heard is through violence. Countries once thought to be immune from attack, such as the United States, or countries who have previously been the object of localized, specific attacks, such as Spain and Turkey, are now experiencing mass disasters with global implications. Many of these attacks involve chemical and biological agents that the average laboratory has never seen, requiring additional training for analysts, the validation of new methods of analyses, additional expenditures by laboratories for equipment, and often the addition of new types of specialties and staffing. In addition, these acts often involve large numbers of casualties, creating new challenges for forensic pathologists, odontologists, and others involved in the identification of the deceased and the determination of the manners and causes of death, all of which must be handled in as expeditious a manner as possible. In addition, trying these cases presents new and different challenges to both the prosecution and the defense.

Any of these topics would be perfect to explore as a poster or oral presentation in New Orleans. As you read this, the deadline for abstract submission is less than two months away. Give some thought to putting your experiences down and sharing them with your colleagues.



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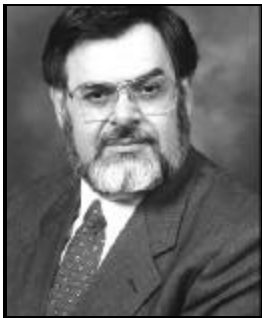
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February 21-26, 2005
 New Orleans, LA

February 20-25, 2006
 Seattle, WA

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LEGISLATIVE CORNER



Barry A.J. Fisher, MS, MBA

On Thursday, March 25, 2004, the CFSO sponsored a Congressional Forensic Science Technology Fair in the Senate Hart Office Building in Washington, DC. The purpose of the fair was to raise the profile of forensic science on Capitol Hill.

Fifteen forensic science vendors attended the fair. Each had a table or display area in which to show off their forensic technology products. Technologies dealing with laboratory analysis, scanning electron microscopy, drug analysis, fingerprint identification, digital evidence, forensic pathology, and DNA testing were on display for viewing by members of Congress and their staffs. We were especially grateful to these vendors. Over all, more than 200 people stopped in during the four-hour fair which included refreshments and light food during the last two hours of the event.

Actor Robert David Hall who plays the part of Dr. Al Robbins, the medical examiner on the top rated television show, *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation*, attended the fair as a guest of CFSO. As expected, his presence at the tech fair was a great draw for the event.

The CFSO honored Senator Jeff Sessions from Alabama with a plaque as a "Friend of Forensic Science." Senator Sessions has been instrumental in our efforts on Capitol Hill and it was through his personal involvement that the Tech Fair became a reality. We also recognized the *CSI* television show for its role in educating the public about of the important place forensic science has in the crime justice system. Robert David Hall accepted a CFSO award on behalf of the *CSI* show.

CFSO representatives present were Dr. Roger Kahn, ASCLD President, Joe Polski, IAI Chief Operations Officer and CFSO Chair, Barry Fisher, AAFS representative, and Dr. Victor Weedn and Dr. Jamie Downs, NAME representatives. Others present included Kari Tontarski, Montgomery Co. Crime Lab; Dr. Tom Andrew, New Hampshire Chief Medical Examiner; Dr. Franc Fallico, Alaska Chief Medical Examiner; Dr. David Fowler, Baltimore, MD, OCME; and Dr. Michael Rieders, National Medical Services, PA.



NIJ Director Sarah Hart and CSI actor Robert David Hall meet at the CFSO Tech Fair



CFSO representatives, Jamie Downs, Joe Polski, Roger Kahn, Victor Weedn, and Barry Fisher present Senator Jeff Sessions with his award with Robert David Hall in attendance

Sarah Hart, Director of the National Institute of Justice and several of her staff members were present as was Dr. Marty Apple, President of the Council of Scientific Society Presidents. Reporters from the *Wall Street Journal* and *USA Today* also attended the event.

By all accounts the event was an unequivocal success. Thanks also to Beth Lavach, the CFSO's Washington lobbyist, for all her work behind the scenes to make the tech fair a reality. We hope the CFSO Congressional tech fair will become an annual event to help us keep forensic science on the Congressional radar screen.

RECENT AAFS BYLAWS CHANGES MAY AFFECT YOUR MEMBERSHIP STATUS!

At the Annual Business Meeting of the Members held on Wednesday, February 18, the voting membership approved many bylaws amendments that affect the status of Provisional Members, Trainee Affiliates, and Student Members.

The class of membership previously known as Provisional Member is now known as Associate Member. The class of membership previously known as Student is now known as Student Affiliate. Trainee and Student Affiliates are now known as "affiliates" of AAFS rather than "members."

All Trainee Affiliates and Student Affiliates must now certify eligibility annually to remain at the current affiliate status.

Please contact Membership Services Coordinator Kimberly Wrasse at kwrasse@aafs.org with any questions you might have regarding your membership status in the Academy.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT



James P. Hurley
AAFS Director of Development

AAFS SOUTH AMERICAN TOUR APRIL 2005

President-Elect **Edmund R. Donoghue, MD**, will lead a delegation of AAFS members and spouses (limited to 30 persons) on a ten-day tour (April 2-11, 2005) of three major South American Capitals: Buenos Aires, Argentina, Santiago, Chile, and Bogotá, Colombia. The goal of the tour is to meet

with forensic scientists in those countries, to observe how the transfer of forensic science information is progressing at major crime laboratories, and, most importantly, to experience the rich heritages and cultures of the three cities to be visited. **Daniel D. Garner, PhD**, and **José A. Lorente, MD, PhD**, will provide both textual and logistical assistance in the development and execution of the event. Further information about the tour (i.e., itinerary, tour cost, application, etc.) will appear in the next *Academy News* and will be posted by summer's end on the AAFS website. Please contact me (jhurley@aafs.org; 719 633-1100) if you would like to know more or if you would be interested in joining the AAFS South American Tour – April 2005.

FSEC NEWS

The first of three Forensic Science Educational Conferences for 2004, the **FSEC/CUH**, will take place on the campus of Chaminade University of Honolulu June 10-12, 2004. Oversight Chair **Lee Goff** and his Steering Committee, **Brother Bernard Ploeger**, CUH Executive Vice-President & Provost, and **John Domesick**, Marketing Manager of Court TV, have all contributed much time and energy in developing an intriguing and educationally sound program of presentations and hands-on workshops for the conference. The finalized schedule of events follows:

Thursday, June 10, 2004 — Morning Schedule

Introductions and Announcements:

M. Lee Goff, PhD, FSEC/CUH Oversight Chair

Welcome:

Mary Cville Wesselkamper, PhD, President,
Chaminade University of Honolulu

Ronald L. Singer, MS, President, AAFS

Linda Finney, Vice-President of Marketing, Court TV

Lecture 1 – Overview of the Crime Laboratory:

Ronald L. Singer, MS, Director of the Crime Lab,
Tarrant County (TX) Medical Examiner's Office

Lecture 2 – Forensic Pathology:

Kanthi Von Guenther, MD, Chief Medical Examiner,
City/County of Honolulu

*Roundtable Discussions: Morning Speakers and Presenters
Lunch - Court TV Presentation: Linda Finney*

Thursday, June 10, 2004 — Afternoon Schedule (Repeated Friday Afternoon)

Hands-On Workshops

Blood Spatter: Ronald L. Singer, MS

Forensic Entomology: M. Lee Goff, PhD

Impression Evidence: Honolulu Police Dept Representative

Questioned Documents: Lloyd J. "Jim" Josey, MSA, Forensic
Science Supervisor, Honolulu Police Dept Crime Lab

Toxicology: Ashraf Mozayani, PhD, PharmD,
Harris County (TX) Medical Examiner Office

Trace Evidence: Claire Chun, BS, Honolulu Police Dept SIS

Friday, June 11, 2004 — Morning Schedule

Discussion of Day 1 and Announcements

Lecture 3 – Legal Aspects of Forensic Science:

Kenneth E. Melson, JD, AAFS Past President,
United States Attorney's Office (Alexandria, VA)

Lecture 4 – Forensic Anthropology: Robert W. Mann, PhD,
Deputy Scientific Director, Central Identification
Laboratory (Hickam AFB, HI)

Lecture 5 – Odontology: Mark R. Gleisner, DDS, MS, Joint
POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC), Central
Identification Laboratory

*Roundtable Discussions: Morning Speakers and Presenters
Lunch - Court TV Presentation: Forensics in the Classroom
Lesson (Cafeteria Caper)*

Saturday, June 12, 2004 — Morning Schedule

Discussion of Day 2 and Announcements

Lecture 6 – Decomposition Studies as a Teaching Tool:

M. Lee Goff, PhD, Forensic Sciences Program,
Chaminade University of Honolulu

*Outdoor Crime Scenes (4 Sections, Scattered Scene &
Decomposition): M. Lee Goff, PhD, Mark R. Gleisner, DDS,
Robert W. Mann, PhD, and Thomas D. Holland, PhD*,
Scientific Director, Central Identification Laboratory

Crime Scene Photography: Wilson T. Sullivan III, MPA

Lunch – Presentation: Basic Crime Scene Investigation

Informal Roundtable Discussion: Morning Speakers

Teacher Presentations

Summation and Final Remarks

The two other conferences slated for this year are the **FSEC/STL II**, which takes place on the campus of Saint Louis University (MO), July 19-23, and, the **FSEC/LSU**, which follows in the fall (November 5-7) at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. Information about all three events may be found on the AAFS website under "What's New."

A WORD FROM YOUR 2005 PROGRAM CO-CHAIR



Tracey S. Corey, MD

Planning for the scientific program of the 2005 Annual Meeting began during the 2004 Annual Meeting in Dallas, as President **Ron Singer** met with the newly appointed 2005 Annual Meeting Program Committee. At that meeting, President Singer announced the theme for the 2005 Annual Meeting, *21st Century Crime – 21st Century Forensic Science*.

Program Chairs **Joe Bono** and **Tracey Corey** invite you to consider exciting and innovative ways to address this timely topic. Encourage your colleagues in computer investigations, including investigation topics such as child pornography and identity theft, to submit abstracts for presentation. Consider collaborative multidisciplinary presentations, just as you collaborate in your actual investigations. Such collaborative efforts are especially well-suited for Workshops and Breakfast Seminars. Workshop Co-Chairs **Tom Bohan** and **Paul Kish**, and Breakfast Seminar Chair **Scott Batterman** are ready and willing to discuss your new ideas.

Please note that there will be substantial changes to the “standard equipment” provided to the sections for the scientific sessions at the 2005 Annual Meeting. One LCD projector to use with laptop presentations will be provided as standard equipment to each section. The 35mm slide projectors will NOT be provided as standard equipment – any section still requiring such will have to pay additional fees. Therefore, NOW IS THE TIME to encourage any “stragglers” still clinging to their slide carousels to break free and move into the wonderful world of computer presentations. There is still plenty of time before the **AUGUST 1ST ABSTRACT DEADLINE** to get those slides scanned and converted to the more versatile computer presentation.

The 2005 Annual Meeting will be held in the magical Crescent City – New Orleans, LA. This great location will provide all attendees with myriad choices of “extracurricular activities” during free time. From browsing the art galleries and antique stores along Royal Street, to the wonderful live music continuously available on Bourbon Street, to strolling by the stately homes in the Garden District, this great city has something for everyone! Local Arrangement Committee Co-Chairs **Robert Barsely** and **Frank Minyard** will have great activities to keep you busy during any leisure time.

So start planning your abstracts and presentations now! The 2005 Annual Meeting – with a cutting edge theme and an enchanting meeting venue – is sure to be an unforgettable experience!

2004-05 PROGRAM COMMITTEE UPDATE

In the March/April issue of Academy News, the 2004-05 Program Committee Chairs were printed on page 11. Please note the following updated information for that list:

Student Academy Chair:

(correction)

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Questioned Documents Program Co-Chair:

(addition)

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AAFS TOPICS OF INTEREST/NEEDS REQUESTED

What topics should be addressed at the Academy's 57th Annual Meeting? AAFS members are asked to send suggestions for topics of interest/needs for the 2005 AAFS Annual 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 New Orleans; send your suggestions today. Should you have any questions, please contact Nancy Jackson (njackson@aafs.org) at the AAFS office.

THANKS FOR COMPLETING THE MEETING SURVEY!

The AAFS Staff would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete the annual meeting survey. The information has been tabulated and will serve as a beneficial resource in planning future AAFS programs.

Congratulations to **Elverine M. Tonn, DDS**, Member of the Odontology Section! Dr. Tonn is the winner of the complimentary registration for the 2005 AAFS Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA.

Source: Peter R. De Forest, DCrim, Section Program Chair

Plans for the 2005 AAFS Annual Meeting in New Orleans are underway. The quality of the program organized by **John De Haan** at the 2004 meeting in Dallas was clearly evident, and will be a tough act to follow, but **John, Sue Ballou**, and other past program chairs from the section have been effusive in their generous offers of help.

There always seems to be some tension between the choice of platform versus poster presentations. Poster presentations are sometimes viewed as having a lower status than their platform counterparts. They should be viewed as complementary co-equals; each has its strengths. Topics that are more conceptual and philosophical lend themselves best to the platform format. Whereas, experimental work that is data-rich, requiring detailed display and time for assimilation, is often better presented in a poster format. The poster format lends itself to a two-way information exchange in a way that the platform mode cannot. This year we are going to experiment with having part of the poster session take place during the Criminalistics Reception. We feel this will offer a relaxed atmosphere that will foster better information exchange.

Please begin thinking now about presentations for the 2005 meeting in New Orleans. The August 1st deadline for submission of abstracts is quickly approaching. It will be upon us before we know it.

ENGINEERING SCIENCES

Source: Peter Alexander, PhD, Section Program Chair

It's time to start planning for next year's AAFS Engineering Sciences program. The August 1 deadline for abstracts comes up awfully fast. Please help plan the number of abstracts and scheduling of Scientific Sessions for the 2005 meeting. If you plan to submit an Engineering Sciences paper, please send **Peter Alexander** an e-mail stating so (mt.man4@comcast.net). Include your contact information and the subject area the paper supports (Biomechanics, Electrical, etc.).

If there are any technical topics that you would find especially interesting or other suggestions regarding the scientific sessions you may have, please let Peter know. At the 2004 meeting the section discussed putting together a 2005 session on *Numerical Models for Accident Reconstruction* and the results of efforts to validate these models. The possibility of putting together a series of talks on microtechnology and nanotechnology, a topic increasingly in the technical news, was also discussed. I'm sure the membership has other topical areas that they would like to hear more about.

Section Chair **Bob Anderson**, as well as the 2005 Program Committee look forward to seeing you at the 2005 meeting.

Source: John E. Gerns, MFS, Section Secretary

Program Committee Chairs **Bob Gaffney** and **Ned Tamburini** are urging all General Section members to consider presenting a paper and to begin organizing their work for the abstract and presentation at the 2005 meeting in New Orleans. Although the Dallas meeting just concluded, the August 1 deadline will be here before you know it. They encourage all members of the General Section to share their expertise and to ensure a solid slate of scientific papers for the program. Associate Members and Members are urged to participate by presenting a paper and working toward promotion. Workshop plans should also be submitted as soon as possible. Please consider proposing a workshop to share your knowledge with others and benefit the General Section.

The Minutes Review Committee approved the minutes of the business meeting in Dallas and the minutes have been submitted to the Academy office. Awards Committee Chair **Vernon McCarty** reminds all members that it is not too early to think of nominees for the General Section awards for 2005. The Achievement Award recipient for 2004 was **Gary S. Deegear, MD**, for his presentation in Dallas entitled, *Power Tool Injury Biomechanics*. As winner of the award, Dr. Deegear will receive a stipend of \$250 along with a paid basic registration fee to include the General Section Business Luncheon for the 2005 AAFS meeting in New Orleans.

For those considering competing for the Achievement Award in New Orleans, the following criteria applies: Limited to Trainee Affiliates, Associate Members, or Members who have been a registered participant within the AAFS no more than four years. Plus, the candidate must proffer a paper at the General Section Scientific Session or poster session.

JURISPRUDENCE

Source: Margaret Leggett Tarver, JD, MS, Section Secretary

Members of the Jurisprudence Section continue to reach beyond the walls of the Academy to share their expertise with the at large community. AAFS Fellow Judge **Roderick Kennedy** of the New Mexico Court of Appeals lectured in April on drugs and driving at a conference entitled *Mastering Scientific Evidence in DWI Cases*. Additionally, Judge Kennedy will be presenting to the New Mexico Judicial Conclave on *Scientific Evidence in DWI Cases* in June.

AAFS Fellow Professor **James Starrs** reports that the manuscript for his book entitled, *A Voice for the Dead* has been completed and is in the hands of the publisher, G. P. Putnam & Sons. The book will be published prior to next year's Academy meeting in New Orleans.

In anticipation of and preparation for the New Orleans program, program chairs **Charles Dold** (cdold@speakeasy.net) and **Joseph Maltese** (jmaltese@courts.state.ny.us) are soliciting suggestions for program topics, speakers, and presentations.

ODONTOLOGY

Source: Harvey A. Silverstein, DDS, Section Program Chair

The program at the 2004 meeting in Dallas was excellent, and the program being planned for the 2005 meeting in New Orleans will be comparable. There are only a couple of months remaining to get your abstracts in to the Academy to be considered for acceptance for the 2005 meeting. Time goes very fast as we all know, so it is not too early to submit your abstract now. Don't forget, the advancement to Full Member and to Fellow in the Academy require papers to be presented. Also, the personal and professional satisfaction of presenting work that you have done with your colleagues is great for yourself and your c.v.. So, get to work and send in your abstracts.

Odontology Section Fellow **Frank Wright** came to New York City March 29, 2004, to present a lecture on forensic photography to the New York Society of Forensic Dentistry. The program was very well received and members of the section are to be commended for their willingness to share their knowledge with others interested in forensic odontology.

In that regard, any experienced section members who are willing to help newer members in their areas of the country gain some experience in the specialty of odontology are encouraged to email **Harvey Silverstein** (hs4nsicdds@aol.com).

PATHOLOGY/BIOLOGY

Source: Karen F. Ross, MD, Section Secretary

Congratulations to **Nick Batalis** (*Accidental Insulin Overdose*) and **Reade Quinton** (*Acute Bacterial Meningitis With Predominance of Immature Granulocytes*) who received Honorable Mention Certificates in the 2004 Best Resident Paper Competition.

Program Chair **Andy Baker** encourages submission of papers for the 2005 New Orleans Meeting. Workshop proposals also must be received by the August 1 deadline. Research Committee Chair **Keith Pinckard** (drkpinckard@yahoo.com) awaits your proposals for available funds; the deadline is September 1.

Nominations for the Milton Helpen Award are solicited and may be communicated to the Awards Committee Chair **Marie Herrmann** (docmah@aol.com).

Plans for revamping the Pathology/Biology Reception are underway and your input is required. Traditionally the reception has been on Thursday evening overlapping the Academy wide event. Consideration is being given to

moving the Pathology/Biology Reception to Friday, the last full day of the meeting since the reception will be held off site and may force people to choose between the section and the Academy on Thursday. Please let Section Program Chair **Karen Ross** know your opinion as soon as possible (forpathfem@cs.com or kross@jpcoroner.com).

Looking forward to a great year for the Pathology/Biology Section and a fantastic meeting in New Orleans.!

PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Source: Paul S. Sledzik, MS, Section Secretary

With the August abstract deadline only two months away, Section Program Chair **Todd Fenton** (fentont@msu.edu) is still looking for ideas and chairs for workshops and symposia. Symposia should be comprised of no more than ten papers. Workshops require a different format for submission which can be found at the Academy website.

Important changes in the Academy membership levels took place this year. Please take a moment to review these on page 3 of this issue of the *Academy News*. The categories of Fellow and Member have been maintained. However, Affiliate Member has replaced Provisional Member, and Student Member is now known as Student Affiliate. The category of Trainee Affiliate remains the same.

The Kerley Foundation recommends that members consider submitting their abstract for the Kerley Award. Since the award is based on the quality of the abstract submitted, please carefully examine your abstract before submitting it. To have your paper considered, use the check box on the abstract submission form.

During the 2004 business meeting in Dallas, an ad hoc committee was suggested for examining changes to the length of the terms served by Section Officers. Anyone interested in serving on this committee should contact **John Williams** (jawilliams@wcu.edu).

SECTION & PROGRAM NEWS

PSYCHIATRY & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

Source: Daniel A. Martell, PhD, Section Secretary

At the section business meeting in Dallas, **Richard Rosner** was re-elected as Section Chair, and **Dan Martell** was elected as Secretary. **Arturo Silva** will continue to serve in his position representing the section on the Academy's Board of Directors.

Jason Hershberger, Director of Psychiatry at the Kirby Forensic Psychiatric Center in New York City, has been chosen to serve as the Section Program Chair for the

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upcoming 2005 meeting in New Orleans. Dr. Hershberger was Assistant Program Chair and **Stephen Billick** was Program Chair this past year (February 2004).

Many thanks to outgoing Secretary **Greg Leong** and outgoing Program Chair **Stephen Billick** for their outstanding service.

In other news, several section members have distinguished themselves through their contributions outside the Academy. **Richard Rosner** received the Herman Staples Distinguished Service Award of the American Society for Adolescent Psychiatry (ASAP) at the recent convention of that organization in March 2004 in Los Angeles, CA. Dr. Rosner is the Immediate Past President of ASAP. **Robert Weinstock** was elected President of ASAP, and **Stephen Billick** was elected President-Elect of ASAP at the March 2004 convention of that organization.

Finally, the section is excited to be embarking on a recruitment drive to bring new members into the fold. All section members are encouraged to approach their students and colleagues and pique their interest in the many benefits of membership. The member responsible for the most new recruits will receive a handsome reward at the 2005 section business meeting in New Orleans! Contact Dr. Martell at the e-mail address below for application forms or further information.

Members are encouraged to e-mail **Dan Martell** at damartell@aol.com with any newsworthy contributions for future editions of the *Academy News* during the year ahead.

QUESTIONED DOCUMENTS

Source: Sandra Ramsey Lines, BA, Section Secretary

The planning and organization for the 2005 AAFS meeting in New Orleans is underway. Program Chairs **William J. Farrell, Jr.** and **Troy Eberhardt** are working hard to put together exciting and informative workshops. A tour of a facility involving printing processes is anticipated. Another workshop may involve a comprehensive examination of the theory and operation of the video spectral comparator. Anyone interested in contributing to a workshop should contact William at (504) 469-0275 or expertdox9@aol.com. Troy can be reached by e-mail at troy.eberhardt@dhs.gov, or call him at (703) 285-2482. Your ideas, suggestions, or comments will be greatly appreciated.

It is now the time to consider presenting a paper or poster. The deadline for abstracts is August 1, 2004. Also, consider bringing a colleague or trainee to the meeting. The AAFS meetings are an excellent venue for education, meeting other forensic specialists, and getting together with old friends. We are looking forward to a very successful meeting.

TOXICOLOGY

Source: Amanda J. Jenkins, PhD, Section Chair

Welcome to Spring and the beginning of the year's activities with newly elected officers and appointed committee chairs and members. Included in this issue is a listing of the current Toxicology Section Officers and committees for your use. You should have already received the minutes of the Section Business Meeting held in February in Dallas. For those present, please review the minutes and keep on hand for voting next year. For those absent at the meeting in Dallas, please review them to apprise yourself of decisions that were made by the section. A word of appreciation must be given to **Timothy Rohrig** and all those who participated in the recent meeting. Organizing a meeting requires much time and effort and relies on the volunteer efforts of many. Therefore, please volunteer your time to **Adam Negrusz** for the meeting in New Orleans next year. Adam has a couple of workshop ideas, but if anyone is interested in doing a special session or additional workshops, contact him or the Workshop Chair **Robert Middleberg** as soon as possible. If putting together a workshop seems too much work, consider submitting an abstract. Presentations do not have to be a major piece of research; many of you have interesting or unusual cases to be shared with our colleagues.

During the recent AAFS Business Meeting, changes in membership categories were approved. See page 3 of this issue of *Academy News* to familiarize yourself with the revisions.

Members will note in the minutes that since we no longer have *News and Views* for Section items, alternate arrangements have been made. Firstly, expect these narratives in *Academy News* to be more informative. Also, the Section Chair may issue a report to the members every six months detailing section activities. In addition, committee chairs are tasked with making announcements to the section using the broadcast capability of AAFS.

Finally, congratulations to the section awardees for the 2003-04 year. Seriously consider your colleagues for awards for 2004-05 and contact the Awards and Scholarship Committee Chair **Jane Speaker** with nominations.

Thank you for the honor and privilege of representing Toxicology Section this year. The Section Officers look forward to a productive year. If any member has suggestions, questions, or issues, please feel free to contact **Amanda Jenkins** or any of the officers or committees who may best handle your inquiry.

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FSF UPDATE

At the annual meeting in Dallas, the FSF Board of Trustees elected new officers and appointed new committee chairs. **Robert Tibault** is Secretary, **James McGivney** is Treasurer, **John McDowell** is Vice Chair, and **Carla Noziglia**, Chair. The FSF Board of Trustees contact information may be found on the AAFS website www.aafs.org.

As in the past, any member of the Academy who is interested in working on a FSF committee is most welcome. **Mike Sheppo** heads the Education Committee which is responsible for the Emerging Forensic Scientist Award. Mike welcomes assistance in the myriad tasks of this committee. **Jim McGivney** wears two hats, that of Treasurer and of Finance Committee Chair, and is responsible for financial recommendations. The Nominating Committee is under the leadership of **Marina Stajic**, responsible for developing a slate of nominees for the FSF Offices. **Robert Thibault** heads the Research Committee which is responsible for reviewing Acorn and Lucas Grant applications and deciding the recipients. Bob welcomes assistance from members of all the sections to competently review the submitted grant applications. The Student Travel Grant Task Force, under the direction of **Michele Kestler**, is finalizing the procedures whereby students can apply for travel funds to the annual meeting. Please see additional information regarding Student Travel Grants below. The goal of \$ 500,000 by 2005 is a goal which is still a long way off. The attacks that forensic science has endured in the media and in court in the recent years only intensifies the need for research in the field. The Lucas Grants awards have been increased so that more research can be done, but it is only a start.

At the meeting in Dallas, many saw the beautiful skull created by Diane France of the Physical Anthropology Section. "France Casting" has donated this museum quality replica of the skull of a gunshot wound victim in a hand-made walnut display case. The split cranium is accurate inside and out so that the tracks of the two bullets, including classic entrance and exit wounds, may be traced. A fund raiser to benefit the Forensic Sciences Foundation, Inc., will take place in conjunction with the 2005 AAFS Annual Meeting in New Orleans, so you will have a chance to have this skull for your very own, to display with pride. More on this special opportunity later.

Many charities and organizations vie for your support. This is your profession; please support the FSF!

FOUNDATION NEWS

FSF ANNOUNCES ANNUAL MEETING TRAVEL GRANT FOR STUDENTS

The Forensic Science Foundation (FSF) is proud to offer a Travel Grant for Students to assist with travel expenses in attending the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) Annual Meeting. The first grant(s) will be awarded for student(s) to attend the 2005 AAFS Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana. This is a wonderful opportunity, and members are encouraged to promote it.

Travel Grant Guidelines:

- 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.
- The applicant must have a letter of recommendation from his/her advisor or professor.
- The applicant must submit a 400-600 word essay explaining how attendance at an AAFS meeting will impact his/her career decision.
- The applicant must include items such as forensic science specialty and other pertinent data related to his/her forensic background.
- The deadline for submission of the completed applications (including essays) will be October 1, 2004. Please forward your letter of application, your letter of recommendation, and your essay to Anne Warren at AAFS, PO Box 669, Colorado Springs, CO 80901-0669.
- Applications will be judged by the FSF Travel Grant Task Force on a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being outstanding) based on the documents submitted.
- The successful grant recipients will be notified by November 15, 2004, and will be acknowledged in the January issue of *Academy News*.

The FSF Board of Trustees are able to approve the expenses, not to exceed \$600 per student, for up to five (5) students per year. It is hoped more student support will become available in the future. Good luck!

6TH ANNUAL FSF EMERGING FORENSIC SCIENTIST AWARD

Forensic scientists who have matured under the 75-year-old *Frye* standard of "general acceptance" have faced intense challenges to their reliability and validity in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in *Daubert v. Merrell-Dow*, 509 U.S. 579 (1993). Forensic scientists presently sit at the epicenter of a fundamental shift of their legal foundations; new forensic scientists enter the field to face unprecedented challenges to their areas of specialized knowledge.

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 **6th 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, 2004**, 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.

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 2006 Academy Business Meeting.

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 2005. 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 the **August 1, 2004**, deadline.

THE AWARD: The award will cover the expense of the recipient's attendance at the 2006 meeting, including registration, airfare, five nights lodging, and \$50/day per diem. A commemorative plaque will also be presented to the award winner at the 2006 AAFS Annual Meeting in Seattle, WA.

FSF EMERGING FORENSIC SCIENTIST AWARD ENTRY FORM

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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 (found on page 15 of this issue of the *Academy News*) also are attached.

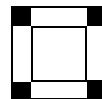
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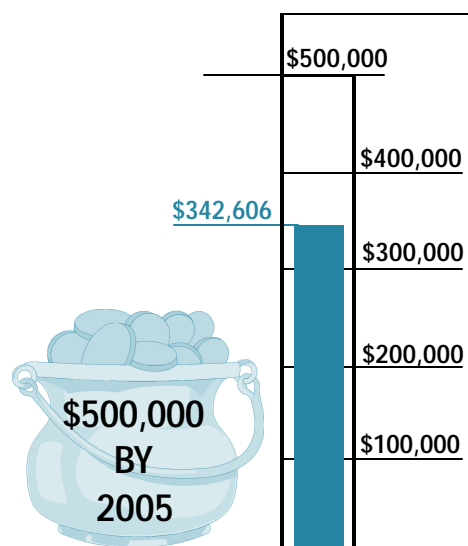
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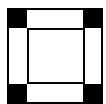
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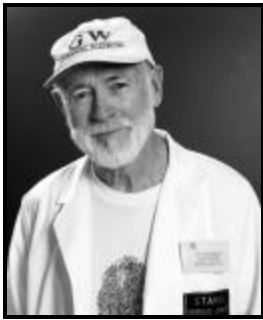
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In criminal law deceptions are rife on the side of the good and the side of the evil, although hopefully not in like measure, putting criminals and crime investigators in a state of equipoise, one seeking to outwit the other.

That crime investigators make regular use of deception during the interrogation of a suspect is widely demonstrated on TV docudramas as well as in the real

world of crime control. Your fingerprint has been found on the murder weapon, lies the police interrogator. The only way for you to cut a deal is to confess now, he/she urges the suspect.

But what's sauce for the crime investigator is also sauce for the criminal classes, each side vying to out-connive the other. Sometimes both combatants in this struggle exhibit duplicity in the same criminal episode.

The Game's Afoot

In "The Tell Tale Pigeon Feathers," a *New Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* mystery Sherlock Holmes, accompanied by his batman, Dr. John Watson, undertakes to investigate a lodger who is involved in sending homing pigeons from his rental lodgings. It is 1899, a worrisome time what with the Boer War threatening the security of the British Empire and the safety of the inhabitants of Great Britain itself. It was, in short, a time not too dissimilar from today's world.

After pretending to be an official gas inspector Holmes gains access to the lodgings in question. He discovers a message ready for mailing via carrier pigeon which missive proves, after Holmes decodes it, that espionage is indeed afoot.

Holmes proceeds to engage in another deception in aid of trapping the mastermind to whom the message was to be carrier pigeoned. After encoding his own message urging a meeting at Dexter's Entertainment Palladium, Holmes sends a pigeon on its way and waits at Dexter's at the appointed time for the trap to close.

In due course the anticipated enemy agent arrives but Holmes is recognized. A fight ensues with the trapped agent. A shot rings out and the unwary enemy agent is now an erstwhile enemy agent with Dr. Watson standing over him with his own smoking gun in his hand. The situation for Dr. Watson looks bleaker than bleak.

To the police, who soon arrive, everything is quite obvious. Watson is literally caught red-handed with a smoking gun as proof of his guilt. Holmes, however, in defense of his side kick, Watson, notes the absence of "powder burns" at the site of entry of the bullet into the

head of the deceased enemy agent. The police, however, relying on an Occam's razor approach, arrest Watson for to them the proof is in the pudding and they cannot be troubled with Holmes' distracting musings.

Holmes, notwithstanding the police's considering the matter to be an open and shut close range shooting by Watson, carries on with his investigations so as to clear Watson of any and all suspicions. He visits the morgue where the deceased is being autopsied by Dr. Hendricks and learns to his disgruntlement from Dr. Hendricks, Scotland Yard's Police Surgeon, that, contrary to Holmes' at the scene observation, the deceased's head wound does in fact show evidence of "powder burns," further implicating Dr. Watson as the killer.

Holmes continues to be suspicious and narrows the field of likely persons who might have planted the powder burns post-mortem to the police surgeon, Dr. Hendricks, the only person with access to the body who could be the fabricator of this new evidence. Holmes surmises that Hendricks fired a blank into the head of the deceased while he was lying on the autopsy gurney.

Hendricks laughs off that possibility until Holmes points to the pigeon feathers on the collar of Hendricks' coat. Upon hearing that accusatory statement Hendricks tries to take it on the lamb but he is stopped in his tracks. So Holmes' deceptive letter flushed out the enemy agent while Dr. Hendricks' deception almost sent Watson to the gallows.

But for the final deception Hendricks' cunning might have paid off. Holmes' seeing pigeon feathers on Hendricks' collar was a lie designed to get Dr. Hendricks to reveal himself as a member of the enemy conspiracy. And that deception worked. Two well-motivated deceptions by Holmes had ousted one base-motivated deception by the enemy in the person of Dr. Hendricks. A law enforcement motivated deception had carried the day over the deception of a criminal mind.

Focusing on the Police

It is not always the case that a law enforcement fraud and a criminal's hanky-panky will converge in the same criminal episode. More frequently the fakery is on one side or the other.

The police are often charged with sly feints in misrepresenting their status in gaining entry to private premises. In the literature of law enforcement this role-reversal tactic is discussed more often for amusement than in criticism. Playing at being a Sherlock Holmes' disguised as a gas inspector or the like, the police have donned the false identity of a myriad number of official-sounding titles to secure entry with the fraudulently acquired consent of the occupant. Such intrusions into a person's home lack the debasement of constitutional rights that can occur from the planting of evidence in a cover up scheme by the police.

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The cover-up is a fraudulent gambit employed by both law enforcement and law breakers. The currently evolving information on the scandalous police behavior in Miami, Florida, has recently resulted in the conviction of a number of police officers involved in planting guns near the bodies of two fleeing robbers shot down by the police during the chase that brought about the death of the fugitives.

Convictions on charges ranging from conspiracy, perjury and obstructing justice have been returned against at least two of the officers involved, one of them being a lieutenant. The planting of the guns had been a failed attempt to cover up police misconduct in the killing of the two persons. It was not the ingenious type of Professor Moriarity's (Sherlock Holmes' underworld nemesis) criminal outing, nor did it require the genius of a Sherlock Holmes to unmask it.

A Cover Up in Tartan-Land

Dr. Paul Agutter's kill-crazed caper in 1994, in Edinburgh, Scotland, exhibited a criminal's attempted cover up of a much more formidable and devious nature than that exhibited by the run-of-the-mine criminal. But Dr. Agutter was no ordinary criminal.

In August 1994 Dr. Agutter was a lecturer in medical biology in Napier University in Edinburgh, Scotland. When his wife Alexandra, also a member of the staff at Napier University, and his 11 year old daughter, Beatrice, were suddenly taken ill and hospitalized he claimed the next 24 hours were filled with such fear and trembling for their welfare that "I would not like to live through (it) again." When it was soon learned that his wife and daughter and a number of others in the Edinburgh area had all consumed tonic water purchased from a local Safeway store, the hunt was on for the toxic substance that might have caused the distressful and potentially fatal bodily reactions

Testing soon revealed that the toxin in the tonic water bottles which had their seals broken into while still on the shelves in the Safeway store was atropine, an alkaloid derivative of the deadly plant nightshade. When taken internally in high doses it causes dizziness, intestinal distress, blurred vision, cardiac fibrillation, hallucinations, hyperventilation and other painful neurological symptoms. The hunt was on for the malefactor who would, in imitation of the Chicago cyanide-laced Tylenol killings, have perpetrated such a foul deed. Meanwhile Safeway recalled the supplies of its own brand of tonic water, whether evidently tampered with or not. And local politicians called for Government action on product safety to insure product recalls if such an event were to recur. The Edinburgh and wider society were in a frenzy of anxiety.

Just weeks after the manhunt for the "Safeway Poisoner" was put into operation Dr. Paul Agutter was arrested and charged with attempting to murder his wife and daughter after serving them gin and tonics in which he had placed atropine. As to his daughter Beatrice he is reported to have said he thought it would be a treat for her.

While awaiting trial Agutter was in custody in a local prison and housed in a cell with one Smith who was charged with public mischief. Shortly someone noticed that the improbable had occurred. Agutter, an alleged poisoner, and Wayne Smith, who had made threats of his wanting to spike soft drinks were being confined in the same cell. This "jailhouse cock-up," only after being publicly revealed, was rectified by separating the two imprisoned men.

The separation however did not profit Agutter by even half for at his trial in the Edinburgh High Court in January 1995 testimony was received from two of his jailers (turnkeys) that he had confessed to them that he had sought to poison his wife and daughter and that he had injected atropine into the Safeway's tonic water bottles in an effort to cover it up by shifting the blame to some unidentified third person. This purported confession had occurred just after Agutter was removed from his transferred communal cell where he had been beaten by his fellow inmates. According to his defense attorney he suffered "a cracked rib, split lip and two black eyes in the attack."

At Agutter's trial, with circumstantial evidence at the heart of the prosecution's case, it was shown that he and his wife were suffering matrimonial disharmony at the time of her poisoning. Further Agutter had a girlfriend, Carole Bonsall, who was pressuring him to divorce his wife and marry her. A witness also testified to having seen Agutter at the Safeway store in question acting, as he said, in a most suspicious way. Finally the quantum of atropine found in the Safeway tonic bottles was less than half that found in the glass that Agutter had served to his wife and daughter, giving credibility that Agutter was only desirous of killing his wife and the Safeway tonic was the cover for doing so, he being an accomplished chess player. A fine piece of Victorian fiction was the response of the defense.

The prosecution countered with evidence that when his wife had been taken ill Agutter did not call for emergency medical care but placed only "a non-urgent message with his local GP." Agutter's fatal slip-up occurred in failing to wash out the glass from which his wife had drunk the atropine infected tonic water.

In February 1995 Agutter was sentenced to twelve years for his crimes with the trial judge stating, "This was an evil and cunningly devised crime." Agutter had carried with him throughout his trial a book titled *The Story of Self Experimentation in Medicine: Who Goes First* which text contains startling tales of researchers who were severely injured in experimenting on themselves in search of cures for many physical maladies.

In July 1995 Paul Agutter's appeal from his conviction to the Court of Criminal Appeal was rejected in spite of an impassioned argument from his attorney that the police forensic lab had either contaminated the glass which was tested for atropine or had permitted a serious break in the chain of evidence to occur.

The Twisted Sequel

In another strange Victorian mystery story twist in the sad saga of Paul Agutter it happened that his former cell mate, Wayne Smith, who had threatened while in jail to spike soft drinks did just that after his release. In January 1996 Smith admitted to having put weed killer in two bottles of fruit juice at another Safeway store and then returned the bottles to the shelves. He confessed to the crime saying he heard "God's voice" telling him to do it. As it happened Smith was profligate with confessions, having admitted at an earlier occasion to having been perpetrated the poisonings for which Agutter was ultimately convicted.

In December 2001 the Safeway stores in Scotland were again in the news over another poisoning incident. This time it occurred in Glasgow where a blackmailer named David Currie was tried for leaving bags of sugar and milk contaminated with wood varnish and mouse poison in a Glasgow Safeway store. In letters he sent signed "Lone Wolf" he sought to use the contaminated items in a blackmail attempt to force Safeway to reduce its prices for fuel. Currie's motive, unlike that of Paul Agutter, was a protest of a political nature which he explained in taunting letters he sent the police while the hunt for him was ongoing.

In September 2002 Agutter was paroled from prison after having served more than half of his twelve year sentence. On hearing of his pending release one police officer commented that Agutter deserved close surveillance since "He is such a gifted man, so clever and cunning, that you can't rule anything out." How true! How very true!

In March 2004 the news media in Great Britain reported yet again that Dr. Agutter was newsworthy. Someone had uncovered the fact that Dr. Agutter had been hired by Manchester University as a part-time lecturer "to teach philosophy and medical ethics," according to one account, and by another "as the tutor on a part-time adult education course" without specifying the subject matter. The University is reported to be investigating the matter.

An Out-Deceiving Deception

The decision to credit a statement as true or false occasionally must be made on the spur of the moment. New York's Richard Bedell counted on this instant judgment call to insure his death in 1988.

Bedell was suicidal. When he took an overdose of aspirin tablets as well as his diabetes medication and then drank scotch in an excessive amount he proved his intent to die. While he awaited death's call he penned a note which he pinned to his tunic. It read: "I have AIDS. Be careful."

When the fire crew arrived to give emergency treatment to Bedell they saw, read and heeded the message on the note little knowing that it was "neither true or trusty." Their reaction to the note was as Bedell desired. They would not touch him, nor make any effort to save him until medical professionals were called to the scene. As a consequence Richard Bedell died as a suicide and the emergency care team was criticized and revamped.

Bedell had duped the unsuspecting emergency response team which is what all of the frauds outlined in this essay involved – duping, deceiving and dissembling. But Bedell's lack of verity was a cut apart from the others discussed here for it was a deceit of a minatory nature. Touch me and you may be infected by a horrible and incurable disease. In the face of such a warning, who would not hesitate to take action? Was the note one of those "things ... often spoke and seldom meant" or was it a legitimate warning?

In fine, where do these recitals of fraudulent actions lead? Are we to concur with Juliet's lamentations upon learning of her Romeo's having killed her cousin Tybalt? Should we translate her bemoanings into action in law enforcement to revolutionize the way such business is conducted? As Shakespeare has Juliet say (Act III: sc. II) while on a furious tear:

"O serpent heart, hid with a flowering face!
Did ever dragon keep so fair a cave?
Beautiful tyrant! fiend angelical!
Dove-feather'd raven! wolvish-ravening lamb!
Despised substance of divinest show!
Just opposite to what thou justly seem'st,
A damned saint, an honourable villain!

Is it, as we hear in *Timon of Athens* (Act I: sc I) "Time to be honest" since "time serves still" and "The most accursed thou, that still omitt'st it?" Simply put in the words of W.H. Auden "Words have no words for words that are not true!"

BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

Several bylaws amendments were considered and voted on at the 2004 AAFS Annual Business Meeting, Wednesday, February 18. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with the recent modifications. The bylaws may be downloaded at the AAFS website (www.aafs.org), and also may be found in the back of your upcoming *2004 Directory of Members and Affiliates*.

The following individuals have submitted applications for Associate Member, Trainee Affiliate, or Student Affiliate. Applications that are received and completed by October 1, 2004, will be considered for approval at the February 2005 Annual Meeting. Due to space constraints, AAFS does not list members who are applying for promotion to Fellow or to Member. Comments regarding an applicant should be submitted in writing to: Kimberly Wrasse, Membership Services Coordinator, AAFS, PO Box 669, Colorado Springs, CO 80901-0669. **Comments must be received by February 15, 2005.** Applications will be approved by the Board of Directors on February 21, 2005.

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INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF PLANT AND ANIMAL FORENSIC SCIENCE CALL FOR MEMBERSHIP

The goals within the International Academy of Plant and Animal Forensic Science (IAPAFS) are to bring animal and plant forensics to the same level of confidence that is obtained in the human forensic field. IAPAFS addresses the individual and specialized needs of the non-human forensic community. Some such needs are standardization of superior panels of markers for forensic use on a multi-species level, organization of forensic proficiencies, accreditation and associated issues, audits, networking, etc. This society is not just about biology, but is geared towards bringing a purity to forensic science as it relates to animals, plants and microbes and therefore, other disciplines will be encouraged including anthropology, toxicology, chemistry and pathology or associated fields of endeavor as related to non-human forensic science.

IAPAFS will offer CE and will offer programs both in the United States as well as overseas so that scientists unable to travel great distances will still be able to obtain CE. Two meetings are already on the agenda with a third to be announced shortly. Locations will be in Italy (to be announced) - September 11, 2004; Tokyo, Japan - running concurrently with the International Society for Animal Genetics meeting, and in 2005 at the AAFS annual meeting in New Orleans (time to be announced at a later date).

If you are involved in any non-human forensics, you are cordially invited to join IAPAFS. Membership applications can be obtained by request from:

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AAFS CHRONICLES – DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN?

Source: Ken Field, *Academy Historian*

In 1954. . .

. . . the Executive Committee established the first Academy deadline for the payment of dues. Guess why? Dr. Camp, the AAFS Secretary/Treasurer at the time, revealed that of the Academy's 274 members, 112 (41%) were delinquent in the payment of their dues - many dating back to 1951.

In 1964. . .

. . . the AAFS began the year with 613 members and added 46 new members at its 1964 annual meeting. Unfortunately deaths and resignations during the year resulted in the total enrollment, as of December 31, to be 615 — a net gain of two for the year! *The Academy has over 5,500 active members today.*

In 1974. . .

. . . the first highly tangible evidence that the forensic sciences were beginning to be recognized as professional career fields occurred. The American Chemical Society featured the forensic sciences in its winter edition of *ACS Student Affiliates: 74*. Under the title "Opportunities in Forensics," the lengthy but well written article described the educational requirements, the work environment, and entry salaries of some of the disciplines. The article resulted in many phone calls and letters from interested students. *Were any of you readers influenced to become forensic scientists because of that article?*

In 1984. . .

. . . the Past Presidents' Select Committee took its duties seriously when they addressed the problem of guidance for the General Section on the admittance of new members. In their formal deliberations they considered 70 questions including one that asked if there should even be a General Section. *Today, the General Section is the third largest section in the Academy.*

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3-7

Spring 2004 CAC Semi-Annual Seminar - "Battin' on Forensics"

—To be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Foster City, CA.
 CONTACT: Mona Ten
 San Mateo County Sheriff's Crime Lab
 50 Tower Road
 San Mateo, CA 94402-4035
 (650) 312-5306 Fax: (650) 356-0351

3-7

Forensic Science for Medicolegal Professionals Course

—To be held at the Harry S. Downs Center for Continuing Education, Clayton College & State University, in Morrow, GA.
 CONTACT: Terri Brennan
 (770) 960-4207
 terribrennan@mail.clayton.edu

3-7

Comprehensive Composite Drawing

—To be held at Scottsdale Artists' School in Scottsdale, AZ.
 CONTACT: (800) 333-5707 or (480) 990-1422
 www.scottsdaleartschool.org

3-7

Basic Facial Reconstruction Sculpture

—To be held at Scottsdale Artists' School in Scottsdale, AZ.
 CONTACT: (800) 333-5707 or (480) 990-1422
 www.scottsdaleartschool.org

9-14

The Robert F. Borkenstein Course on Alcohol, Drugs, and Highway Safety: Testing, Research, and Litigation

—To be held at Indiana University, Center for Studies of Law In Action, in Bloomington, IN.
 CONTACT: Darlena Lindsay
 Indiana University
 Center for Studies of Law In Action
 1033 E 3rd Street
 302 Sycamore Hall
 Bloomington, IN 47405
 (812) 855-1783 Fax: (812) 855-7542
 dlindsay@indiana.edu

10-12

The Reid Technique of Interviewing and Interrogation Seminar

—To be held in Brighton, CO.
 CONTACT: John E. Reid & Associates
 (303) 655-2339
 www.reid.com

10-14

Advanced Two-Dimensional Identification Techniques

—To be held at Scottsdale Artists' School in Scottsdale, AZ.
 CONTACT: (800) 333-5707 or (480) 990-1422
 www.scottsdaleartschool.org

10-14

Forensic Tire Examination Course

—To be held at the University of North Texas Police Academy in Denton, TX.
 CONTACT: Edward E. Hueske
 Forensic Coordinator
 (940) 565-4988 Fax: (940) 369-8663
 ehueske@scs.unt.edu
 www.unt.edu/policeacademy/

11-13

Virginia Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine Part A 3-day Course

—To be held at the Virginia Crossings Conference Resort in Glen Allen (Richmond), VA.
 CONTACT: Michelle Oliver
 Virginia Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine
 700 N. 5th Street
 Richmond, VA 23219
 (804) 786-1383
 www.vifsm.org

17-21

Spring 2004 Bloodstain Institute

—To be held in Corning, NY.
 CONTACT: Herbert L. MacDonnell
 Bloodstain Evidence Institute
 PO Box 1111
 Corning, NY 14830
 (607) 962-6581 Fax: (607) 936-6936
 forensiclab@stny.rr.com

18-20

Shock & Detonation: An Engineering Approach Short Course

—To be held in Baltimore, MD.
 CONTACT: John Zukas
 Computational Mechanics Associates
 PO Box 11314
 Baltimore, MD 21239
 (410) 532-3260
 compmechanics@verizon.net
 www.compmechanics.com

23-25

The Midwest Association for Toxicology and Therapeutic Drug Monitoring (MATT) and the Society of Hair Testing (SoHT) Joint Meeting

—To be held at the Sheraton Northwest Chicago Hotel in Arlington Heights, IL.
 CONTACT: Adam Negruz
 (312) 996-2560
 Christine Moore
 (847) 375-0770, ext 111
 www.midwesttox.org
 www.soht.org

24-28

Advanced Bloodstain Pattern Analysis and Expert Witness Workshop

—To be held at the Metropolitan Police Institute in Miami, FL.
 CONTACT: Toby L. Wolson
 Miami-Dade Police Department
 Crime Laboratory Bureau
 9105 Northwest 25th Street
 Miami, FL 33172
 (305) 471-3041 Fax: (305) 471-3350
 twolson@mdpd.com

24-28

Basic Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Workshop

—To be held at Cedar Crest College in Allentown, PA.
 CONTACT: Lawrence Quarino
 (610) 606-4666, ext. 3567
 laquarin@cedarcrest.edu

24-29

8th Annual Human Skeletal Remains: Search, Recovery, and Identification for Law Enforcement and Death Investigators

—Presented by the Southern Institute of Forensic Science. To be held at Missouri Western University in Saint Joseph, MO.
 CONTACT: Ed Waldrip
 Executive Director
 Southern Institute of Forensic Science
 Box 293
 828 Royal Street
 New Orleans, LA 70116-3199
 (601) 794-6765
 edwaldrip@msn.com

24-June 4

International Training Course - Extraction of DNA From Aged Skeletal Remains and Forensic Mitochondrial DNA Sequence Analysis

—To be held at the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory in Rockville, MD.
 CONTACT: Ted Anderson
 Training & Education Coordinator
 Armed Forces DNA Identification Lab
 1413 Research Boulevard, Building 101
 Rockville, MD 20850-3125 USA
 (301) 319-0211 Fax: (301) 295-5932
 andersont@afip.osd.mil

26-27

Virginia Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine On-site Basic 2-day Course (to follow completion of on-line module)

—To be held at the Virginia Crossings Conference Resort in Glen Allen (Richmond), VA.
 CONTACT: Michelle Oliver
 Virginia Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine
 700 N. 5th Street
 Richmond, VA 23219
 (804) 786-1383
 www.vifsm.org

26-28

Forensic Photography Course

—To be held at the East Texas Police Academy in Kilgore, TX.
 CONTACT: Edward E. Hueske
 (972) 304-8668
 xprrtwit@aol.com

31-June 5

The 13th Annual Death-Scene Archaeology Short Course: Field Methods in the Location, Recovery, and Interpretation of Human Remains from Outdoor Contexts—Presented by the Applied Forensic Sciences Department at Mercyhurst College, Erie, PA.

CONTACT: Dennis Dirkmaat
Mercyhurst College
Applied Forensic Sciences Department
501 38th Street
Erie, PA 16546
(814) 824-2105
ddirkmaat@mercyhurst.edu
http://mai.mercyhurst.edu/ForenAnth/Short_courses.htm

31-July 10

1st Annual Forensic Anthropology Field School—

Presented by the Applied Forensic Sciences Department at Mercyhurst College, Erie, PA.

CONTACT: Dennis Dirkmaat
Mercyhurst College
Applied Forensic Sciences Department
501 38th Street
Erie, PA 16546
(814) 824-2105
ddirkmaat@mercyhurst.edu
http://mai.mercyhurst.edu/ForenAnth/Short_courses.htm

JUNE 2004

2-3

17th Annual Death Scene Investigation - A Forensic Entomology Field Training Workshop—To be held in Rensselaer, IN.

CONTACT: Neal Haskell
(219) 866-7824
blowfly@technologist.com

4-6

Basic Facial Reconstruction Sculpture—To be held at UTHSCSA Dental School in San Antonio, TX.

CONTACT: (210) 567-3177
<http://smile.uthscsa.edu/>

7-9

Crime Scene Impression Evidence Workshop—To be held at Cedar Crest College in Allentown, PA.

CONTACT: Lawrence Quarino
(610) 606-4666, ext. 3567
laquarin@cedarcrest.edu

7-11

Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Course—To be held in Escondido, CA.

CONTACT: Jean Kellum
Palomar Pomerado Health
jean.kellum@pph.org

7-11

16th Southwest Symposium on Forensic Dentistry—To be held at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, TX.

CONTACT: David R. Senn
Center for Education and
Research in Forensics
University of Texas
Health Science Center at San Antonio
7703 Floyd Curl Drive
San Antonio, TX 78229
(210) 567-3379
senn@uthscsa.edu
http://cde.uthscsa.edu/summer/Senn_Stimson-Forensic_abt.html

7-11

Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Course—Sponsored by the Palomar Pomerado SART and California Hospital Medical Center SART University Community Medical Center. To be held in Escondido, CA.

CONTACT: Diana Faugno
(760) 739-3444 Fax: (760) 739-2611
Fran Clair
(760) 739-2150
www.pph.org

7-11

17th Annual Forensic Anthropology Course—To be held at the National Transportation Safety Board Academy in Ashburn, VA.

CONTACT: Mark Hovland
Department of Medical Education
Armed Forces Institute of Pathology
Washington, DC 20306-6000
(202) 782-2637 Fax: (202) 782-5020
sutton@afip.osd.mil
www.afip.org/departments/edu/coursehtm/04anthrofs.htm

7-12

The 4th Annual Forensic Anthropology Short Course in Human Identification: Laboratory Methods in the Identification of Human Skeletal Remains—Presented by the Applied Forensic Sciences Department at Mercyhurst College, Erie, PA.

CONTACT: Dennis Dirkmaat
Mercyhurst College
Applied Forensic Sciences Department
501 38th Street
Erie, PA 16546
(814) 824-2105
ddirkmaat@mercyhurst.edu
http://mai.mercyhurst.edu/ForenAnth/Short_courses.htm

7-12

Basic Forensic Pathology for Law Enforcement and Death Investigators—

Presented by the Southern Institute of Forensic Science. To be held at Christian Brothers University in Memphis, TN.

CONTACT: Ed Waldrip
Executive Director
Southern Institute of Forensic Science
Box 15764
Hattisburg, MS 39404
(601) 794-6765
edwaldrip@msn.com
www.southernforensics.com

MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

National & international meetings of interest to forensic scientists are included as space permits.

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Forensic Anthropology Workshop—To be held at Cedar Crest College in Allentown, PA.

CONTACT: Lawrence Quarino
(610) 606-4666, ext. 3567
laquarin@cedarcrest.edu

11-12

Virginia Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine On-site Basic 2-day Course (to follow completion of on-line module)—To be held at the Virginia Crossings Conference Resort in Glen Allen (Richmond), VA.

CONTACT: Michelle Oliver
Virginia Institute of Forensic Science
and Medicine
700 N. 5th Street
Richmond, VA 23219
(804) 786-1383
www.vifsm.org

11-12

Mediterranean Academy of Forensic Sciences Workshop—To be held at the Conference Center of the Touristic Village IGV Club "Le Castella" - Isola Capo Rizzuto in Calabria (Southern Italy).

CONTACT: MAFS Secretariat
SIMEF
Reggio Calabria
Italy
+ 39-0965891184/5
fax + 39-0965891125
www.simef.com

14-16

43rd Professional Polygraph Seminar
To be held at The National Training Center of Polygraph Science in New York, NY.

CONTACT: Richard Arther
The National Training Center
of Polygraph Science
Suite 1400, 200 West 57th Street
New York, NY 10019-3211
(800) 643-6597 Fax: (973) 838-8661

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JUNE 2004 cont.

14-18

Advanced Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Workshop—To be held at Cedar Crest College in Allentown, PA.

CONTACT: Lawrence Quarino
(610) 606-4666, ext. 3567
laquarin@cedarcrest.edu

14-July 2

The 4th Annual Death Scene Archaeology Short Course II: Advanced Outdoor Crime Scene Recovery Methods—Presented by the Applied Forensic Sciences Department at Mercyhurst College, Erie, PA.

CONTACT: Dennis Dirkmaat
Mercyhurst College
Applied Forensic Sciences Department
501 38th Street
Erie, PA 16546
(814) 824-2105
ddirkmaat@mercyhurst.edu
http://mai.mercyhurst.edu/ForenAnth/Short_courses.htm

22-25

Printing Process Identification and Image Analysis for Forensic Document Examiners Seminar—To be held at the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, NY.

CONTACT: Ken Posman
Manager, Industry Education Programs
Printing Industry Center
Rochester Institute of Technology
55 Lomb Memorial Drive
Rochester, NY 14623-5603
(585) 475-7429
krtpd@rit.edu
<http://www.seminars.cias.rit.edu/index.php?page=semlist&id=63>

23-25

Introduction to Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Course—To be held at the East Texas Police Academy in Kilgore, TX.

CONTACT: Edward E. Hueske
(972) 304-8668
xpirtwit@aol.com

24-25

Thirteenth Annual National Expert Witness Conference—To be held at the Sheraton Hyannis Resort in Cape Cod, MA.

CONTACT: SEAK, Inc.
PO Box 729
Falmouth, MA 02541
(508) 457-1111
www.seak.com

28-July 2

Detection and Recovery of Human Remains Workshop—To be held at Chaminade University in Honolulu, HI.

CONTACT: M. Lee Goff
Chaminade University of Honolulu
Honolulu, HI
(808) 440-4209
lgoff@chaminade.edu

28-July 9

Forensic Science Education Conference/Anchorage, AK

CONTACT: George M. Taft
(907) 562-5684
gtaft@msn.com
www.alaskasummerjusticeinstitute.org

29-July 1

CCPS International Conference and Expo—To be held at the Caribe Royale Resort in Orlando, FL.

CONTACT: Denise DeLuca Mallon
Account Executive
American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE)
3 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10016
M-W-F: 646-279-2149
T-TH: 212-591-7170
Fax: 212-591-7028
denid@aiche.org
<http://www.aiche.org>

29-July 2

Arson/Bomb Scene Examination & Laboratory Analysis Course—To be held at the University of North Texas Police Academy in Denton, TX.

CONTACT: Edward E. Hueske
Forensic Coordinator
(940) 565-4988 Fax: (940) 369-8663
ehueske@scs.unt.edu
www.unt.edu/policeacademy/

JULY 2004

6-10

The 1st Annual Post-Bomb Blast Recovery Short Course: Documentation and Recovery of Human and Physical Evidence at the Terrorism Crime Scene—Presented by the Applied Forensic Sciences Department at Mercyhurst College, Erie, PA.

CONTACT: Dennis Dirkmaat
Mercyhurst College
Applied Forensic Sciences Department
501 38th Street
Erie, PA 16546
(814) 824-2105
ddirkmaat@mercyhurst.edu
http://mai.mercyhurst.edu/ForenAnth/Short_courses.htm

12-17

Basic Human Osteology Course—Presented by the Southern Institute of Forensic Science. To be held at the Dominican Center in New Orleans, LA.

CONTACT: Ed Waldrip
Executive Director
Southern Institute of Forensic Science
Box 293
828 Royal Street
New Orleans, LA 70116-3199
(601) 794-6765
edwaldrip@msn.com

14-15

Virginia Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine On-site Basic 2-day Course (to follow completion of on-line module)—To be held at the Virginia Crossings Conference Resort in Glen Allen (Richmond), VA.

CONTACT: Michelle Oliver
Virginia Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine
700 N. 5th Street
Richmond, VA 23219
(804) 786-1383
www.vifsm.org

19-21

Annual Conference on Criminal Justice Research and Evaluation: Challenges of Evaluation Research—To be held at the JW Marriott Hotel in Washington, DC.

CONTACT: National Institute of Justice
Professional Conference Series Contractor
Institute for Law and Justice
(703) 684-5300
Fax: (703) 739-5533
nijpcs@ijj.gov
www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/

19-23

Virginia Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine Basic 5-day Course for Science Teachers—To be held at the Virginia Crossings Conference Resort in Glen Allen (Richmond), VA.

CONTACT: Michelle Oliver
Virginia Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine
700 N. 5th Street
Richmond, VA 23219
(804) 786-1383
www.vifsm.org

19-24

Paleopathology Course—Presented by the Southern Institute of Forensic Science. To be held at the Dominican Center in New Orleans, LA.

CONTACT: Ed Waldrip
Executive Director
Southern Institute of Forensic Science
Box 293, 828 Royal Street
New Orleans, LA 70116-3199
(601) 794-6765
edwaldrip@msn.com

21-23

Reconstruction/Preservation of Footwear/Tire Tread Impression Course—To be held at the East Texas Police Academy in Kilgore, TX.

CONTACT: Edward E. Hueske
(972) 304-8668
xpirtwit@aol.com

27-29

Second Latin American Congress on Forensic Anthropology—To be held in Guatemala City.

CONTACT: U.S. Delegate
Mimi Doretta
mimidoretta@yahoo.com
ALAF email: alaf_03@yahoo.com

29-30

Virginia Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine On-site Basic 2-day Course (to follow completion of on-line module)—To be held at the Virginia Crossings Conference Resort in Glen Allen (Richmond), VA.

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Virginia Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine
700 N. 5th Street
Richmond, VA 23219
(804) 786-1383
www.vifsm.org

AUGUST 2004

1-5

15th World Congress on Medical Law—

To be held in Sydney, Australia.

CONTACT: WCML 2004 Congress Managers
Tour Hosts Pty Limited
GPO Box 128
Sydney, NSW 2001
Australia
Phone: +61 2 9248 0800
Fax: +61 2 9248 0894
wcml@tourhosts.com.au
www.tourhosts.com.au/wcml/

3-5

Virginia Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine Basic Part B Course—To be held at the Virginia Crossings Conference Resort in Glen Allen (Richmond), VA.

CONTACT: Michelle Oliver
Virginia Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine
700 N. 5th Street
Richmond, VA 23219
(804) 786-1383
www.vifsm.org

8-12

31st Annual New England Seminar in Forensic Sciences—To be held at Colby

College in Waterville, ME.

CONTACT: Special Programs
4730 Mayflower Hill
Waterville, ME 04901-8847
(207) 872-3386 Fax: (207) 872-3383
summer@colby.edu
www.colby.edu/spec.prog/cme/forensics/index.shtml

18-19

Virginia Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine On-site Basic 2-day Course (to follow completion of on-line module)—To be held at the Virginia Crossings Conference Resort in Glen Allen (Richmond), VA.

CONTACT: Michelle Oliver
Virginia Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine
700 N. 5th Street
Richmond, VA 23219
(804) 786-1383
www.vifsm.org

28-Sept 3

2004 FBI Laboratory Forensic Toxicology Symposium & Joint Meeting of the Society of Forensic Toxicologists (SOFT) and The International Society of Forensic Toxicologists (TIAFT)—To be held at the JW Marriott Hotel in Washington, DC.

CONTACT: Marc A. LeBeau
Federal Bureau of Investigation
FBI Laboratory
(703) 632-7408 Fax: (703) 632-7411
mlebeau@fbi.gov
www.soft-tox.org
www.tiaft.org

20-24

Virginia Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine Basic 5-day Course—To be held at the Virginia Crossings Conference Resort in Glen Allen (Richmond), VA.

CONTACT: Michelle Oliver
Virginia Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine
700 N. 5th Street
Richmond, VA 23219
(804) 786-1383
www.vifsm.org

MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

SEPTEMBER 2004

8-15

National Association of Medical Examiners

Annual Meeting—To be held at the Loews Vanderbilt Hotel in Nashville, TN.

CONTACT: Mary Fran Ernst
Saint Louis University
School of Medicine
1402 South Grand Blvd, R512
St. Louis, MO 63104
(314) 522-3262, ext. 65009
Fax: (314) 522-0955
ernstmf@slu.edu

19-24

Joint Meeting of the Southern Association of Forensic Scientists (SAFS), the Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists (MAFS), the Mid-Atlantic Association of Forensic Scientists (MAAFS), and the Canadian Society of Forensic Science (CSFS)—To be held at the Grosvenor Resort in the Walt Disney World Resort, Lake Buena Vista, FL.

CONTACT: David Baer
Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Orlando Regional Crime Lab
500 West Robinson Street
Orlando, FL 32801
(407) 650-5152
davidb7818@aol.com
www.southernforensic.org

19-24

8th Indio Pacific Congress on Legal Medicine and Forensic Sciences—Co-sponsored by the Forensic Science Society of the Philippines and the Philippine Association of Forensic Medicine. To be held at the Manila Hotel in Manila, Philippines.

CONTACT: Teresita R. Sanchez
Congress Secretariat
Room 705, MAB Bldg
Manila Doctors Hospital
N Avenue
Ermita, Manila
+632-524-3011, ext 5127
Fax: +632-524-2718
fcd@nbi.gov.ph

20-24

Fall 2004 Bloodstain Institute—To be held in Corning, NY.

CONTACT: Herbert L. MacDonnell
Bloodstain Evidence Institute
PO Box 1111
Corning, NY 14830
(607) 962-6581 Fax: (607) 936-6936
forensiclab@stny.rr.com

28-29

Virginia Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine On-site Basic 2-day Course (to follow completion of on-line module)—To be held at the Virginia Crossings Conference Resort in Glen Allen (Richmond), VA.

CONTACT: Michelle Oliver
Virginia Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine
700 N. 5th Street
Richmond, VA 23219
(804) 786-1383
www.vifsm.org

29-Oct 2

The 30th Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists—To be held at The Mystic Hilton in Mystic, CT.

CONTACT: Tammi Jacobs Shulman
Westchester County Forensic Lab
10 Dana Road
Valhalla, NY 10595
(914) 231-1630 Fax: (914) 231-1798
tlj1@westchestergov.com

OCTOBER 2004

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Medicolegal Death Investigator Training Course—Sponsored by the Saint Louis University School of Medicine, Division of Forensic Pathology. To be held in St. Louis, MO.

CONTACT: Mary Fran Ernst or Julie Howe
Saint Louis University
School of Medicine
1402 South Grand Blvd., R512
St. Louis, MO 63104
(314) 268-5970 Fax: (314) 268-5695
mldi@slu.edu
http://medschool.slu.edu/masters

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OCTOBER 2004 cont.

7-8

14th International Activated Carbon

Conference—To be held in Pittsburgh, PA.
CONTACT: PACS, Inc.

409 Meade Drive
Coraopolis, PA 15108
(800) 367-2587 Fax: (724) 457-1214
hnpacs@aol.com
www.pacslabs.com

11-15

Southwestern Association of Forensic Scientists 2004 Training Conference and Meeting

—To be held at the Westin in Oklahoma City, OK.

CONTACT: Brandy Reese
Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation
2132 NE 36th Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73111
(405) 425-3857 Fax: (405) 427-5614
www.swafs.us

14-15

Virginia Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine On-site Basic 2-day Course (to follow completion of on-line module)

—To be held at the Virginia Crossings Conference Resort in Glen Allen (Richmond), VA.

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Virginia Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine
700 N. 5th Street
Richmond, VA 23219
(804) 786-1383
www.vifsm.org

15-17

3rd Annual Legal Fiction Writing For Lawyers Workshop

—To be held at the SeaCrest Oceanfront Resort in Falmouth, Cape Cod, MA.

CONTACT: Steve Babitsky
SEAK, Inc.
PO Box 729
Falmouth, MA 02540
(508) 548-9443
sbabitsky@aol.com

19-22

52nd Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society of Forensic Science

—To be held at the Fairmont Palliser Hotel in Calgary, Alberta.

CONTACT: Malcolm Gutfriend
RCMP Forensic Laboratory Services
Edmonton, Alberta
Canada AB T5V 1B7
(780) 451-7401 Fax: (780) 495-6961

21-23

Tackling Terrorism in the 21st Century: A National Symposium on the Science and Law of Combating Political Violence

—Presented by the Cyril H. Wecht Institute of Forensic Science and Law. To be held at Duquesne University School of Law in Pittsburgh, PA.

CONTACT: Ben Wecht, Manager of Program Development and Communication
The Cyril H. Wecht Institute of Forensic Science and Law
Duquesne University School of Law
600 Forbes Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15282
(412) 396-1049 Fax: (412) 396-1331
wechtben@duq.edu

25-29

California Association of Criminalists (CAC) Fall Seminar 2004

—Hosted by the Ventura County Sheriff's Department Crime Lab. To be held at the Ventura Beach Marriott in Ventura, CA.

CONTACT: Michael Parigian
Ventura County Sheriff's Department
800 S. Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009
(805) 654-2370 Fax: (805) 662-6717
michael.parigian@mail.co.ventura.ca.us

26-28

Examination Techniques for Non-Handwriting Cases Workshop

—To be held at the Orleans Hotel/Casino in Las Vegas, NV.

CONTACT: Kirsten Jackson
U.S. Postal Inspection Service
Crime Laboratory
22433 Randolph Drive
Dulles, VA 20104-1000
(703) 406-7103
ksjackson@uspis.gov

29-30

Comparative Science in the Daubert World Seminar

—To be held at the Orleans Hotel/Casino in Las Vegas, NV.

CONTACT: Kirsten Jackson
U.S. Postal Inspection Service
Crime Laboratory
22433 Randolph Drive
Dulles, VA 20104-1000
(703) 406-7103
ksjackson@uspis.gov

NOVEMBER 2004

1-5

Basic Facial Reconstruction Sculpture

—To be held at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, OK.

CONTACT: Betty Pat. Gatliff
(405) 321-8706
www.occe.ou.edu/facial/

1-5

Detection, Recovery and Examination of Footwear Impression Evidence

—To be held at the Ramada Inn in Jacksonville, FL.

CONTACT: Bill Bodziak
Bodziak Forensics
1281 Cunningham Creek Drive
Jacksonville, FL 32259
(904) 287-8860 Fax: (904) 287-8861
wbodziak@bellsouth.net

8-11

Virginia Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine 5 Year Anniversary and Convocation

—To be held in Las Vegas, NV.

CONTACT: Michelle Oliver
Virginia Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine
700 N. 5th Street
Richmond, VA 23219
(804) 786-1383
www.vifsm.org

8-12

Shooting Reconstruction Training Course

—To be held at the Gunsite Academy in Paulden, AZ.

CONTACT: Lucien Haag
PO Box 5347
Carefree, AZ 85377
(480) 488-4445
www.forensicfirearms.com

8-12

Advanced Facial Reconstruction Sculpture

—To be held at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, OK.

CONTACT: Betty Pat. Gatliff
(405) 321-8706
www.occe.ou.edu/facial/

15-19

Basic Forensic Pathology Course

—Presented by the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. To be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Rockville, MD.

CONTACT: Ricky Giles
Department of Medical Education
Armed Forces Institute of Pathology
6900 Georgia Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20306-6000
(202) 782-2637, or (800) 577-3749
Fax: (202) 782-5020, or (800) 441-0094
sutton@afip.osd.mil
www.afip.org/departments/edu/upcoming.htm

29-Dec 3

Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Workshop

—To be held at the Metropolitan Police Institute in Miami, FL.

CONTACT: Toby L. Wolson
Miami-Dade Police Department
Crime Laboratory Bureau
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ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast, College of Science & Technology and the Department of Criminal Justice invites applications and nominations for a tenure-track, nine-month position at the Assistant Professor level, beginning August 2004. Strong potential for summer employment. Normal course load is 3/3. Minimum qualifications: Ph.D. in Criminal Justice or Public Administration and the ability to teach a wide variety of undergraduate and graduate courses in both theoretical and practical research applications within the field of Criminal Justice. Experience in forensic science is highly desirable. Consideration of completed applications will begin April 1, 2004, and will continue until the position is filled. Send letter of application, research summary, transcripts, curriculum vitae, statement of teaching philosophy and professional goals. AA/EOE/ADA.

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ASSISTANT DNA LABORATORY DIRECTOR

Genetics DNA Laboratories, Inc. is seeking applicants for the position of Assistant DNA Laboratory Director. Qualifications include a PhD degree in molecular biology or biological sciences with strong experience in molecular biology and genetics. Candidate will preferably have experience in DNA identity and family relationship testing and in providing expert witness testimonies for DNA tests. Responsibilities include DNA identity and family relationship case sign outs; implementation of quality control and quality assurance procedures required for laboratory accreditations; management of laboratory employees; and, expert witness testimony on DNA tests. Genetics DNA Laboratories, Inc. offers a competitive base salary and a full benefits package, including medical and 401k.

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FORENSIC DIRECTOR

Fairfax Identity Laboratories is seeking applicants for the position of Forensic Director. A PhD is preferred, but not mandatory; must meet educational and experience qualifications per DAB guidelines. Responsible for the management of contract and private forensic casework. Some involvement necessary in lab's paternity establishment work.

CONTACT: Charles M. Kelly
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FORENSIC TOXICOLOGIST

The Charlotte County Medical Examiner's Office is seeking applicants for the position of Forensic Toxicologist. Qualifications include a BS or MS degree in forensic toxicology and a minimum of two years experience in operation and troubleshooting of GC, GC-MS, HPLC, UV-VIS, Spectrophotometer and ETS-Plus (immunoassay). Court testimony experience desirable.

CONTACT: Paula Alexander
Director of Operations
Charlotte County ME Office
18130 Paulson Drive
Port Charlotte, FL 33954
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

CORPORATE SECURITY FORENSIC SCIENTIST

Aramco Services is seeking applicants for the position of Corporate Security Forensic Scientist. This job is located in Saudi Arabia. Qualifications include a bachelor's degree in forensic science, criminology, law, or related field, plus professional certifications. Must have five years experience using appropriate techniques in interviewing of subjects, suspects, and witnesses involved in high technology investigations and a thorough understanding of evidence management. Experience or professional training in technical investigative equipment, interview and interrogation techniques, as well as obtaining statements, is highly desirable. Professional training and credentials should include association with AAFS, FDE, MCSE, EnCE, CFE, CPP or PCI. Responsibilities include assisting other forensic scientists with comprehensive scientific analyses and examinations to support investigations, to prove fraud, threats, misappropriation, conspiracy, industrial espionage, or other malfeasance; and, coordinating the scientific and technical aspects of forensic science applications with Computer Security Administration, Security Technical Services and other company organizations. Reference code 06J-AAFS.

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FORENSIC CHEMIST

The Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office is seeking applicants for the position of Forensic Chemist. Qualifications include a minimum of a bachelor's degree in chemistry or a biological science, and two years of full time paid professional experience (or part time equivalent) in a forensic toxicology laboratory within the last two years. Responsibilities include analyzing biological materials for drugs; operating and maintaining all equipment; interpreting data; reviewing analytical data; maintaining adequate COC on all specimens; testifying to procedures used the the lab; and preparing and using reagents, QCs, and stds as required. Salary: \$41,813 - \$63,721/annual. Recruitment materials and resume submittal forms are available at: www.waynecounty.com.

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County of Wayne Personnel
Human Resources
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Detroit, MI 48226
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LATENT PRINT EXAMINER I, II, OR III

The Onondaga County Center of Forensic Sciences is seeking applicants for the position of Latent Print Examiner Examiner I, II, or III. Minimum qualifications include:

Latent Print Examiner I: Graduation from a regionally accredited college or university or one accredited by the New York State Board of Regents to grant

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degrees with a Bachelor's Degree or higher in a natural science or closely related field; or, three years of full time paid work experience, or its part-time equivalent, performing work equivalent to a Latent Print Examiner.

Latent Print Examiner II: Graduation from a regionally accredited college or university or one accredited by the New York State Board of Regents to grant degrees with a Bachelor's Degree or higher in a natural science or a closely related field and two years of full time paid work experience, or its part-time equivalent, performing work equivalent to a Latent Print Examiner; or, five years of full time paid work experience, or its part-time equivalent, performing work equivalent to a Latent Print Examiner.

Latent Print Examiner III: Graduation from a regionally accredited college or university or one accredited by the New York State Board of Regents to grant degrees with a Bachelor's Degree or higher in a natural science or a closely related field and five years of full time paid work experience, or its part-time equivalent, performing work equivalent to a Latent Print Examiner; or, eight years of full time paid work experience, or its part-time equivalent, performing work equivalent to a Latent Print Examiner.

The Latent Print Examiner I, II, and III is responsible for the scientific analysis of physical evidence for the presence of latent prints. This involves the development of latent prints utilizing various physical and chemical techniques, and using such instrumentation as cyanoacrylate fuming chambers, heat/humidity chambers, alternate light sources, and ultraviolet lights. The position is responsible for preserving any visual or developed latent prints using the methods of lifting with tape, conventional photography, and digital photography to include digital imaging enhancement. The Latent Print Examiner I, II, and III also has the responsibility of analyzing, comparing, and evaluating developed latent prints for the purposes of identification by comparing the latent prints with known recorded impressions of an individual. These duties also include working with the Statewide Automated Fingerprint Identification System (SAFIS), as well as the FBI IAFIS. Responsibilities also include, but are not

limited to: taking notes and generating reports, testifying to findings in court, assisting with quality assurance duties of the section. Latent Print Examiners II and III assist in the training and guidance of less experienced Latent Print Examiners. Salary: LPE I \$41,184; LPE II \$43,902; LPE III \$48,703.

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FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST

The East Baton Rouge Parish Coroner's Office is seeking applicants for the position of Forensic Pathologist. Qualifications include Board Certification in AP, CP; BC/BE in forensic pathology; and eligibility for a Louisiana license. Responsibilities include performing autopsies, consulting with investigators, and testifying in court. Job includes automobile and benefit package. Salary: \$100,000+/annual. New facility opening March 2004.

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FORENSIC REGIONAL ACCOUNT MANAGER

Promega Corporation is seeking applicants for the position of Forensic Regional Account Manager. Minimum qualifications include a bachelor's degree in molecular biology, forensic science, or related area; 2-3 years experience performing DNA typing protocols; being capable of working with minimum supervision and organizing, prioritizing, and completing complex goals and objectives in multiple projects, including as applied to sales; experience in using Applied Biosystems sequencing instruments; experience presenting marketing and technical information to small or large groups; proven ability to effectively communicate (in writing and orally) with key contacts at all levels in an organization; and the ability to travel 50% of the time. Preferred qualifications include three years combined sales

and marketing experience including the ability to close high dollar volume purchase orders which require consultative and strategic selling techniques; a comprehensive understanding of the forensic market and customers; working knowledge of government agency purchasing processes and requirements; an understanding of quality control and other regulatory requirements impacting the operations of a forensic laboratory; and, a commitment to customer relationships from introduction of reagents systems to validation and maintenance. An advanced degree is desired. Responsibilities include engaging in direct sales efforts for selected Genetic Identity products; assisting Field Application Specialists (FAS) to maintain base business; assisting FAS in closing business of selected Genetic Identity products; establishing and maintaining lines of communication; identifying, penetrating, and performing a specific customer needs analysis for each potential customer; identifying key decision makers at each level within the customer organization and developing relationships; entering and keeping up to date in the corporate contact management system (SalesLogix); understanding and elevating customers' technical issues; working with Genetic Identity Marketing team and LSS Regional Managers to develop, implement, and monitor sales plan; providing reports as required; organizing and conducting field marketing activities such as workshop programs, focus groups, and alpha test or validation activities; serving as primary contact to key industry leaders from diverse organizations; maintaining relationships that further business goals through information sharing or collaborations; monitoring and reporting competitor activities, technical development, and trends; attending key industry meetings as meeting manager and/or providing coverage for the booth; and, understanding and complying with all elements of the Promega Quality System outlined for the position. Refer to Job JC00318.

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CRIME LAB MANAGER

The City of Grand Junction, Colorado, is seeking applicants for the position of Crime Lab Manager. Qualifications include four years of experience in crime lab or forensic analyses with two years of administrative and supervisory responsibility and a Bachelors degree from an accredited college with major course work in chemistry or a related field. Possession of, or ability to obtain and maintain an appropriate, valid driver's license. Knowledge of: operations, services and activities of a forensic laboratory; methods and techniques of crime scene processing, evidence collection and photography; operational characteristics of forensic instruments, equipment and tools and advanced laboratory techniques; advanced chemistry, biology, biochemistry and physics principles; principles and procedures of fingerprint reading; rules and procedures of providing expert testimony in court; principles of supervision, training and performance evaluation; principles and procedures of record keeping; pertinent Federal, State and local laws, codes and regulations; principles and practices of budget preparation and administration. Ability to: organize and review the work of staff; select, supervise, train and evaluate staff; perform a variety of

property and evidence collection, processing and analysis; operate a variety of laboratory equipment; conduct a variety of forensic examinations; investigate and process crime scenes; identify drugs and controlled substances; provide expert testimony in court; interpret and explain City policies and procedures; communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing; establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work. Successful candidates must pass a background investigation, polygraph and drug screen. The person in this position will direct, manage, supervise and coordinate the activities and operations of the Grand Junction Lab and Property Section. Responsibilities include: plan, prioritize, assign work assignments; supervise, evaluate and train lab staff; oversee and participate in the development and administration of the budget; establish schedules and methods for providing crime lab services; research and adopt laboratory policies and procedures; monitor work activities to ensure compliance with policies and procedures; make recommendations for changes and

improvements. In addition, this person may perform or supervise the following: conduct crime scene investigations; provide testimony in court; identify, collect and preserve physical evidence; perform physical, chemical, biological, microscopic and/or instrumental examinations of evidence; analyze and identify narcotic and toxic substances; analyze trace particles recovered from physical evidence including paint, tool marks, fracture matches and shoe prints; perform fingerprint comparisons and classifications using various powders and chemical techniques; coordinate the care of the evidence and property room; review and approve lab reports prepared by staff; construct evidence for court; prepare grant proposals; provide responsible staff assistance to assigned Police Captain and other duties as assigned. Salary: \$64,536 - \$74,220/annual. Application deadline: May 14, 2004. CONTACT: City of Grand Junction
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Grand Junction, CO 81501
(970) 244-1512
www.gjcity.org

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FORENSIC SCIENTIST

Seeking position as Forensic Scientist. Qualifications include a bachelor's degree from Texas A & M University in biochemistry with a minor in history (2002). Will receive master's degree from Sam Houston State University in biology in August 2004. Extensive training and experience in forensic entomology, genetics, and biochemistry. Dedicated scientist with exceptional organizational, team working, and problem-solving skills. Computer-proficient in Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint, Adobe Photoshop, WordPerfect, Web browsers, and some Matlab and AutoCAD. Current member of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences and the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. Have served as a Laboratory Assistant, Teaching Assistant, and Research Assistant at Texas A & M University. Interned with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (Houston, Texas) from May-August 2002.

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