



# AMERICAN ACADEMY OF FORENSIC SCIENCES

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Dear \_\_\_\_\_ :

**We cordially invite you to attend the American Academy of Forensic Sciences 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Conference, taking place February 9-14, 2026 at the New Orleans Ernest N Morial Convention Center in New Orleans, LA.**

The AAFS Annual Scientific Conference is the leading international forensic sciences gathering, each year offering over 900 scientific papers, lunch seminars, workshops, and other special events presented throughout the week. AAFS consists of twelve sections representing a wide range of forensic specialties, and the annual scientific conference gathers these professionals who present the most current information, research, and updates in this expanding field.

It is recommended that you bring this letter as well as confirmation of paid registration or presentation acceptance as a speaker for the conference. The use of this letter without further documentation confirming your intent to participate in our event is not advised.

In order to visit the United States of America, you may need to obtain a visa. We encourage you to contact your local Consulate or the Consular Section of your local US Embassy if you need a visa, and to determine the approximate time for the visa application process to be completed. *The AAFS has no influence or control over the issuance of a visa and is not able to contact any embassy or government agency on your behalf.*

The United States Department of State – Bureau of Consular Services maintains a website which provides information on the visa application process. <https://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en.html>

The National Academies Board on International Scientific Organizations (BISO) operates the International Visitors Office, and they maintain a useful website with information about the visa issuance process. <http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/biso/visas/index.htm>.

During your stay in the U.S., you will not be remunerated by AAFS. You will be responsible for your own travel expenses that include airfare, ground transportation, hotel, meals, and travel insurance. **No expenses will be covered, reduced, or waived by AAFS.** This letter is to serve only as an invitation to register for the conference and an additional document to aid in the visa application process.

We look forward to your participation in the AAFS 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Conference.

Sincerely,

Donna Grogan  
Executive Director