



Luncheon Seminar — 2019

L1 Forensic Sciences Without Borders: Forensic Sciences Services in Brazil

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Learning Overview: After attending this presentation, attendees will better understand how forensic and investigative science services are delivered in Brazil as well as the challenges faced by forensic scientists working in a developing country. Attendees will also gain an understanding of the differences between judicial perspectives on forensic science between Brazil and the United States and will better appreciate opportunities for collaborative scientific exchange.

Impact on the Forensic Science Community: This presentation will impact the forensic science community by providing insight into the cultural and particular needs of Brazil's forensic and investigative science institutions, the challenges they face, and the opportunities for stronger working relationships, which would allow for growth of the field in both countries.

The 2019 American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) International Educational Outreach Program (IEOP) will visit Brazil to solidify the relationships that have been established with the mutual recognition between the Brazilian Academy of Forensic Sciences (BAFS) and the AAFS. Brazil is a country whose economy is ranked in the top ten largest in the world; however, its forensic and investigative services are still developing. Contemporary practice has made major strides toward advancement; however, Brazil still faces a number of challenges, including funding, awareness/education, and training that must be overcome to continue to improve best practices.

This session, designed to provide attendees with an orientation to the structure and delivery of forensic and investigative sciences in Brazil, is part of an ongoing initiative of the BAFS and the AAFS to recognize forensic science as a field without borders, providing a platform for international collaboration. The BAFS is the first association academy recognized by the AAFS. It was founded in 2012 with the goal of contributing to the development of forensic sciences in the country, guaranteeing justice and human rights.

In addition to examining the current state and organization of forensic science services in Brazil, Brazilian judicial perspectives on forensic science will be discussed. Ongoing and future opportunities for collaborations, such as scientist exchanges, Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) sharing, training prospects, and joint research collaborations, will be highlighted. Speaker presentations will conclude with an open question-and-answer session where attendees will be able to interact with the speakers to gain additional information.

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