Our international theme this year has brought multifaceted attention to a myriad of global issues relating to the forensic sciences. Among these is the central, very general human right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and its applications. This basic right was articulated in Article 15 of the United Nations’ International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, adopted and opened for signature, ratification and accession by General Assembly resolution 2200A (SSI) on December 16, 1966, with entry into force January 3, 1976. To date, 160 countries have signed on to this treaty.

To clarify and explore what this stated human right means in practice for the forensic sciences, AAFS partnered with the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) in an October 5, 2011, focus group discussion at AAAS Headquarters in Washington DC. Our organization was well represented with participants from 8 of our 11 sections. This diverse group included Ray Wickenheiser, Rhesa Gilliland, Thomas Bohan, Alan Boehm, Paul Sledzik, Kirsten Singer, and Warren Tewes; I had the privilege to serve as facilitator. Discourse focused on defining the basic benefits relating to the forensic sciences, as well as the roles of government in making these benefits generally available. Although the format stimulated thinking and discussion beyond the usual forensic human rights topics, the thoughts expressed resonated well with those recently communicated in conversations relating to forensic science reform. Our collective thoughts will be considered along with those of other science organizations in a general AAAS response to the United Nations.

At this meeting, we were reminded of the rich, productive history of AAFS’ partnership with AAAS on human rights initiatives. This collaboration has led to pioneer work in the exhumation of mass graves and identification of victims, as well as in other efforts that have revealed key evidence of global human rights abuse. Many of our AAFS colleagues also participate in the AAAS “On-Call Scientists” Program (see: http://oncallscientists.aaas.org/default.aspx), making themselves available to assist human rights investigations worldwide. Furthermore, the AAFS is a member of the AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition (see: http://srhrl.aaas.org/coalition/index.shtml). We can be proud of this involvement. Many AAFS members have responded to the call to get involved.

The world is a better place because of their humanitarian service.

These developments and related international issues will be explored during our 2012 Annual Meeting in Atlanta, especially in the Plenary Session and the Interdisciplinary Symposium. It has been a great honor and pleasure to serve you as president this year. I look forward to welcoming many of you to our Atlanta meeting.
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February 18-23, 2013
Marriott Wardman Park
Washington, DC

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

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

February 15-20, 2016
Rio Las Vegas Hotel
Las Vegas, NV

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Case No. 2009-02: Ann Marie Gordon, MA
On August 24, 2011, the Board of Directors met and ratified the finding of the Ethics Committee that the Respondent, Ann Marie Gordon, MA, a member of the Toxicology Section of the Academy, had violated Article II, Section 1(a) of the Academy’s Code of Ethics and Conduct by signing reports certifying the analysis of breath alcohol stimulator solutions that were actually conducted by another analyst. The Respondent cooperated with the investigation of the Ethics Committee, which concluded that her actions were neither malicious nor motivated by criminal intent. The Board of Directors determined that Respondent should be, and hereby is, censured due to the ethical violations.

Case No. 2010-06: Bruce P. Levy, MD
On August 24, 2011, the Board of Directors met and ratified the finding of the Ethics Committee that the Respondent, Bruce P. Levy, MD, a member of the Pathology/Biology Section of the Academy, had violated Article II, Section 1(a) of the Academy’s Code of Ethics and Conduct by feloniously possessing a controlled substance and by taking without authorization a controlled substance from the evidence room of the Tennessee Medical Examiner’s Office. The Board of Directors determined that Respondent should be, and hereby is, expelled from the Academy due to the ethical violations.

Case No. 2010-09: Jason H. Byrd, PhD
On August 24, 2011, and September 6, 2011, the Board of Directors met and ratified the finding of the Ethics Committee that the Respondent, Jason H. Byrd, PhD, a Fellow in the Pathology/Biology Section of the Academy, had violated Article II, Section 1(a) of the Academy’s Code of Ethics and Conduct by failing, as editor, to appropriately acknowledge the contributions of a fellow contributor to a forensic science publication. The Board of Directors determined that Respondent should be, and hereby is, censured due to the ethical violation.

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James E. Starrs to Receive Gradwohl Medallion

The American Academy of Forensic Sciences Board of Directors is very pleased to announce that James E. Starrs, LLM, Retired Fellow in the Jurisprudence Section, has been named R.B.H. Gradwohl Laureate—the Academy’s highest honor. Professor Starrs will receive the Gradwohl Medallion during the Annual Business Meeting in Atlanta, GA, on Wednesday, February 22.

The Gradwohl Medallion is conferred upon only those persons who have attained exceptional distinction in the advancement of the forensic sciences, who have given outstanding service to the AAFS over a long period of time, and who have achieved outstanding recognition in a public position through service to the forensic science profession. Gradwohl Laureates are not named regularly, but rather only when recognizing an individual of exceptional distinction. Since the award was established in 1974, only 11 other professionals have been given the honor.

2012 Distinguished Fellow Awards to be Presented

The AAFS Board of Directors has named two 2012 Distinguished Fellows who will be recognized for their contributions to the Academy and to the profession during the 64th Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA. James W. Osterburg, MPA, Retired Fellow in the Criminalistics Section, and Haskell M. Pitluck, JD, Fellow in the Jurisprudence Section, will be conferred with the honor of “Distinguished Fellow” during the Annual Business Meeting in Atlanta on Wednesday, February 22.

James W. Osterburg, circa 1950, with the “drunk-o-meter.”

Haskell M. Pitluck
President-Elect’s Message

I hope each of you has registered for the meeting in Atlanta. Early registration guarantees that you won’t miss out on the popular breakfast and luncheon seminars as well as the more than 20 workshops offered on Monday and Tuesday. The Scientific Sessions will contain hundreds of individual presentations covering the latest and greatest in the 11 disciplines of the AAFS – more than that when you consider that the General Section is home for numerous and varied topics. Also the Plenary Session, the Tuesday and Friday Evening Sessions, Bring Your Own Slides (BYOS) and the Young Forensic Scientists BYOS, Last Word Society, section and annual business meetings, along with meetings of various specialty and special topics groups, make for a very busy week. I was laying out my tentative schedule and it looks like I may have to clone myself to attend everything I want to (or need to). This will be my 28th consecutive AAFS Annual Meeting and I am as excited about it as I was for my first at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas.

Speaking of meetings in the past, I hope you were able to take advantage of the fantastic offer from the AAFS that President Ubelaker emailed you in early November (11/7/11) concerning the AAFS Reference Series. An opportunity to either download (at no cost) the collected abstracts from each section for the past 10 years combined with an offer to purchase a section-specific hard-bound edition for a very nominal price. Many people worked on this ambitious project, but your Board of Directors member Laura Liptai spearheaded and shepherded the project to fruition. The AAFS is committed to making each succeeding year’s proceedings/abstracts available in electronic format. The Board is also investigating making the earlier years’ entire abstracts that were not included in the original offering available in the future. In the first week of the offer, more than 1,000 downloads were processed.

And now to meetings of the future - as many of you realize the logistics behind the meetings are substantial and begin many years out. In February, the Board of Directors will select a site for our 2017 meeting (2018 is already set). We are not an easy group to accommodate – needing dozens of meeting rooms of varying capacity in close proximity to each other for almost one week. Add to that the fact that many of our members would prefer that the meeting occur in the headquarters hotel as opposed to a convention center – no matter how conveniently situated. One of the possible venues – near and dear to my heart – is New Orleans. Last month, the Hyatt reopened six years post-Katrina and has been completely renovated. The hotel has added multiple meeting rooms and exhibit hall space. I have my fingers crossed that it will be enough. I know I have fielded many inquiries from friends in the AAFS about returning to New Orleans. Hopefully, you will have an answer mid-week during the meeting in Atlanta.

In closing I wish to remind you about the upcoming International Educational Outreach Program (IEOP) for the summer of 2012. You can find the details elsewhere in this newsletter. The AAFS will be hosting a ten-day tour of eastern Turkey preceding the IALM meeting in Istanbul. We will gather in Istanbul on June 25th and return to Istanbul on July 4th as the IALM kicks off on July 5th. The IALM will also host a special session for AAFS presentations during its July 5th through July 9th term. Details about the travel program will be provided during a meeting on Thursday afternoon February 23rd in Atlanta hosted by Nancy Jackson. The IEOPs that I have attended have been both fun and educational – for the AAFS participants and for the international participants as well.
As part of our series of international updates, this report highlights Australasia (Australia and New Zealand).

This region has a very cohesive and active forensic community. It has a number of individuals and organizations promoting the forensic sciences and professional activities on both a regional and global scale. Although an inclusive list of these activities is not possible in this report, examples are given to provide an overview. Many thanks to Alastair Ross (NIFS), Claude Roux (ANZFSS) and Keith Bedford (ESR) for providing information included in this report.

**NIFS**
Located in Melbourne, Victoria, the National Institute of Forensic Science (NIFS)\(^1\) is a Directorate of the Australia/New Zealand Policing Advisory Agency (ANZFAA). NIFS promotes relationships with the international forensic community to achieve international best practice. It is currently supporting the development of core forensic standards in the following areas:
- Recognition, recording, recovery, transport, and storage of forensic evidence;
- Analysis and examination of forensic evidence;
- Interpretation of results; and
- Reporting results and conclusions.
NIFS has also convened an international committee to develop a standard to provide specifications for the manufacture of products used in forensic analysis in order to minimize human DNA contamination of the products produced.

**SMANZFL**
The Senior Managers of Australia and New Zealand (SMANZFL)\(^2\) provides a framework for laboratory managers and law enforcement to interact and address common issues. It is supported by Specialist Advisory Groups (SAG) in eight technical areas to include: biology, chemical criminalistics, document examination, field and identification sciences, toxicology, illicit drugs, electronic evidence, and medical sciences.

**ANZFSS**
The Australia New Zealand Forensic Science Society (ANZFSS)\(^3\) has a membership of approximately 1,000 individuals and hosts an annual forensic symposium. The current President of ANFSS, Professor Claude Roux, is leading the ANZFSS current focus on professionalism in forensics.

**VIFM**
Dr. Stephen Cordner from the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine (VIFM)\(^4\), is working to promote forensic pathology and recently organized a session at the September 2011 International Association of Forensic Sciences (IAFS) meeting in Madeira, Portugal, to discuss potential collaborations to expand forensic pathology training capacity on a global scale.

**ESR**
The Institute of Environmental Science and Research Limited (ESR)\(^5\) is a government owned Crown Research Institute and is the sole forensic science provider to the New Zealand Police. Its research projects are aimed at developing analytical tools that link to identity; making information and intelligence gathering rapidly available; and planning for future technology. Their current research topics include the development of mRNA analyses for body fluid identification.

1. www.NIFS.com.au
3. www.anzfss.org.au
4. www.vifm.org
5. www.esr.cri.nz
Internationalism perhaps can be defined within two paradigms – a functional one and a conceptual one. Odontology has always worked in the former and is embracing the second.

The most significant contribution that odontology makes to forensic science and to society as a whole is the identification of found human remains. On an individual basis, this is essential for family members to grieve, for remains to be buried, for civil or criminal investigations to take place, and for insurance and other payments to be made. Dental identifications take place every day, all over the world. They are relatively simple to undertake and require little in the way of advanced technology. This is not to say that developments in, for example, portable radiography and digital imaging have not simplified the process but one can undertake a dental identification in the most poorly equipped mortuary in the absence of much of our modern technology. As such identifications are frequently deployed in developing nations and in areas (such as war zones) where facilities are limited. Even in developed nations the ability to identify grossly decomposed, traumatized, or otherwise damaged remains within a matter of hours provides a service highly valued by coroners and others when compared to the costly and time consuming alternatives — most usually DNA.

Indeed the identification of disaster victims is an excellent example of the functional internationalism exhibited by odontologists from around the world. The Thailand tsunami dental identifications were undertaken by teams both from Thailand and around the world, many of them AAFS members. Groups from Europe, North America, Asia, and Oceania worked together to ensure that this complex multi-national event was undertaken in a systematic and effective way. From such events much learning is taken and following each Disaster Victim Identification (DVI) deployment dental teams develop and enhance their methodologies. A quick review of Odontology Section abstracts over the past five years demonstrates the rapid integration of new systems and approaches following experiences in international settings. These presentations demonstrate the global footprint within which odontologists work and collaborate.

2011 also saw the creation of the 18th Scientific Working Group on Disaster Victim Identification (SWGDVI) for disaster victim identification. The working group has predominately U.S. based scientists, although their reach and need to collaborate internationally is core to their work. Groups such as this will continue to develop systems ensuring a synergy of approach internationally and thus working to simplify DVI processes.

While the work surrounding the important task of human identification has been applauded and continues to develop along international lines, the analysis of bitemark injuries has not enjoyed a similar focus. Bitemark analysis has fallen under the gaze of forensic regulators (where they exist) and judicial review organizations worldwide — but none more so than in the United States. Groups such as the Innocence Project have spearheaded efforts to examine cases in which bitemark analysis played a pivotal role — and where such convictions have been over turned by DNA. A number of high profile cases have resulted in exonerations — a personal tragedy not only for those falsely accused but also for the family members of the victims who are forced to replay and revisit events that often occurred decades before.

It is within the sphere of bitemark analysis that conceptual internationalism is taking place. While the National Academy of Sciences document was clearly a U.S. led and focused publication, the lens with which they viewed bitemarks and their analysis can be placed on any country’s forensic practitioners. The NAS Report and the increasing number of exonerations were matched by an invigoration of the research effort. The Odontology Section responded — and did so in an international way — reflecting that bitemark analysis worldwide needs to heed the events in the United States.

Again, a review of the odontology publications in the Journal of Forensic Sciences and elsewhere shows significant contributions from groups in Europe, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, and the United States. Each takes a different aspect of the underlying evidence base; and as such, a symbiotic development of answers to the questions posed by the NAS Report is being developed. There are also proposals to develop formal systematic review protocols that involve international collaborators working within defined and recognized international systems and processes (such as Cochrane and The Campbell Collaboration). Rather than simply accepting that bitemarks have no value, the science is beginning to define where such injuries may be of investigative use and how errors can be identified, measured, and brought into the play within the levels of conclusion offered by odontologists.

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Global Research: The Forensic Science Edge

Global Research in Pathology/Biology

Sources: J. Keith Pinckard, MD, PhD; Kim Collins, MD; Tom Noguchi, MD; Greg G. Davis, MD; and Jeffery K. Tomberlin, PhD

President Ubelaker stated in his 2011 Annual Business Meeting address, “Our theme for 2011-12 will be ‘Global Research: The Forensic Science Edge.’ This theme recognizes the key role that research plays in our path forward. It also acknowledges that research and quality forensic science are international in scope, not limited by national borders or policies within individual countries. Although we carry the label ‘American Academy of Forensic Sciences,’ we truly are an international organization with members from 60 countries in addition to Canada, Mexico, and the United States. Such world-wide membership of course reflects the prestige and standing of our organization but also the reality of the global nature of forensic science. International perspective is embedded within our meeting presentations, in the pages of our Journal and in the way modern forensic science moves forward.”

For those who have attended meetings for several decades, the 2011 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences gave ample evidence of the way in which the forensic community has become a global network. The Pathology/Biology Section alone hosted presentations of work completed in Australia, Canada, China, Croatia, Denmark, France, Germany, India, Italy, Martinique, Mexico, Portugal, Serbia, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom, and Uzbekistan. Several of the presentations were of research conducted in international collaborations between scientists in the China and the United States, Mexico and the United States, and Portugal and Canada, but the international collaboration is greater even than these formal collaborations indicate. The ease of travel and the relaxation of restrictions on travel in many countries are increasing the diversity of the melting pot, as a glance at the different names on projects conducted within one office reveals. Expect this same diversity and international collaboration to be manifest at the 2012 meeting and in the years to come. The Pathology/Biology Section has had extensive global pursuits during the 2011-2012 cycle, some of which are highlighted below.

North American Forensic Entomology Conference: Entomologists in our section played a key role in hosting the North American Forensic Entomology Association conference in College Station, TX this past July. A total of 70 plus researchers and practitioners were in attendance at the three-day conference that resulted in 42 platform and 12 poster presentations. Additionally, a workshop on forensic acarology was provided to 20 attendees. Individuals in attendance represented nations including, but not limited to, France, Germany, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mexico, Canada, England, and the United States.

College of American Pathologists: Path/Bio members of the College of American Pathologists (CAP) have helped develop international position statements on the following forensic topics: Organ and Tissue Procurement, Childhood Obesity, Sickle Cell Trait and the Athlete, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, and Elder Maltreatment. Other CAP policies dealing with forensics include: Optimizing Death Investigation and Forensic Science Practices, Death Certification, Criteria for Autopsies, Technological Adjuncts to the Autopsy, and Autopsy Organ and Tissue Retention.

SUID Case Registry: To provide more comprehensive data to characterize Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) cases and to determine which factors in the sleep environment contribute to SUID cases, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), along with many public and private partners developed the SUID Case Registry pilot program. The SUID Case Registry Pilot Program Reverse Site Visit and Partner Meeting was held August 29-30, 2011, at the CDC in Atlanta, GA. Pathology/Biology Section members were in attendance and participated. The program examined how deaths are investigated including components of the autopsy, data collection, standardization of definition and categories of deaths, and improvement of surveillance systems. An international SUID conference will be held in April of 2013 in Minneapolis.

International Forensic Science Meetings: AAFS Path/Bio Section members have participated regularly in international forensic science meetings. Duarte Nuno Vieira of Coimbra, Portugal has been a long-standing Fellow of the Pathology/Biology Section and is Past President of the International Association of Forensic Sciences (IAFS) and the World Association of Police Medical Officers (WPMO). IAFS, in collaboration with Mediterranean Association of Forensic Sciences (MAFS), held the largest attended congress in Madeira, Portugal in September 2011. A total of 1,800 people representing 108 countries attended. The AAFS membership booth promoting membership and the annual meeting was often busy. There was an all-day special session with presentations and discussions by AAFS Members. The Special Session V was a two-hour program entitled Ethics, Law and Forensic Science: Global Challenges and Dilemmas, chaired by Thomas Noguchi, Marcella Fierro, Roy Crawford, and Peter Ausili were discussants. Victor Weedn also participated in the discussions.

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A Word From Your 2012 Program Co-Chair

Happy New Year! The holidays have passed and a new year is upon us. For many, that will mean getting your travel arrangements made and registering for the Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA. Congratulations to all of you who have had your abstracts approved. The membership looks forward to hearing from you during the week of February 20-25th. Now is the time to finalize your presentation slides and posters, and to create knowledgeable and eye-catching hand-outs. The meeting has something to offer to everyone with over 800 professional presentations, workshops, symposia, and exhibits. Many associated professional organizations hold their annual meetings in conjunction with this meeting; this is your chance to provide your input to their growth and development. Pre-registration for the AAFS Annual Scientific Meeting has a firm deadline of January 25 – don’t miss it!

The Plenary Session and the Interdisciplinary Session will kick off this annual event with invited speakers that support the international theme of the meeting set by President Douglas Ubelaker. There will be day-long learning opportunities including Breakfast and Luncheons Seminars, Workshops, and Scientific Sessions. The nights will be filled with Special Sessions and Receptions. On Tuesday, there is a separate Student Academy geared towards developing interest and life-long commitment to the forensic sciences in the next generation. Each of the eleven sections has strong offerings in both podium and poster sessions. We encourage the membership to go online to www.aafs.org and review updates made to the Advance Program or to download the AAFS 2012 Meeting Guidebook App (available from either the iTunes Store or the Android Market) to map out your days and nights during the meeting (see page 11).

The annual meeting of the AAFS is a unique opportunity to mingle with colleagues from across the United States and to reach out to international associates. Eleven disciplines are represented and the Marriott Marquis in Atlanta offers an easy, relaxed atmosphere for individuals in each to discuss, argue, share ideas, and bolster friendships. Collegial relationships are created and cemented under the aegis of this organization and especially during the annual meeting. John Gerns, the Program Chair, and I encourage you to finalize your plans to travel to Atlanta, secure a hotel room (the special rate at the two preferred hotels fill quickly) and register before January 25th. Join us in Atlanta for what promises to be an exciting, engaging program filled with cutting edge Global Research.

2012 Annual Scientific Meeting Dates To Remember:

- Hotel Registration Deadline: January 13
  Atlanta Marriott Marquis
  Hilton Atlanta
- Meeting Pre-Registration Deadline: January 25
The R.B.H. Gradwohl Laureate Medallion and the Distinguished Fellow Awards will be presented on Wednesday, February 22, during the AAFS Annual Business Meeting. Join us in acknowledging your most distinguished colleagues as they are presented with these prestigious awards.

R.B.H. Gradwohl Laureate Medallion Honoree

James E. Starrs, LLM

Distinguished Fellow Honorees

James W. Osterburg, MPA
Haskell M. Pitluck, JD

Section Awards will be presented during Section Business Meetings, on Wednesday, February 22, at 2:00 p.m. The Section Award recipients will be acknowledged again before the entire membership during the AAFS Annual Business Meeting along with the presentation of the Gradwohl Medallion and the Distinguished Fellow Awards.

2012 Section Award Honorees

Criminalistics Section’s
Paul L. Kirk Award
Mary E. Cowan Outstanding Service Award
Harold A. Deadman, Jr., PhD
Susan M. Ballou, MS

Digital & Multimedia Sciences Section’s
Outstanding Research Award
Outstanding Case Study Award
Michael J. Salvariis, PhD
Douglas S. Lacey, BS

Engineering Sciences Section’s
Founders Award
Roy R. Crawford, BSME

General Section’s
Paul W. Kehres Meritorious Service Award
Robert C. Gaffney, MFS

Jurisprudence Section’s
Harold A. Feder Award
Danielle D. Ruttman, JD

Odontology Section’s
Lester Luntz Award
Reidar F. Sognnaes Award of Excellence in Forensic Odontology
Lowell J. Levine, DDS
David Sweet, DMD, PhD

Pathology/Biology Section’s
2011 Best Resident Paper Award
2011 Best Resident Paper Award Honorable Mention
Milton Helpern Award
Forensic Biology Lifetime Achievement Award
Erin G. Brooks, MD
Emily F. Gorman, MD
Patricia J. McFecley, MD
Robert D. Hall, PhD, JD

Physical Anthropology Section’s
T. Dale Stewart Award
J. Lawrence Angel Award
Hugh E. Berryman, PhD
Julie M. Fleischman, MS

Psychiatry & Behavioral Science Section’s
Maier I. Tuchler Award
John L. Young, MD

Questioned Documents Section’s
Ordway Hilton Award
John L. Sang, MS
The following awards will also be presented on Wednesday, February 22, during the AAFS Annual Business Meeting. You will want to be present to congratulate the recipients!

2012 AAFS Regional Award Winner

Southeastern Association of Forensic Document Examiners  
Kesha T. White, BS

2011-12 FSF Emerging Forensic Scientist Award Honoree

Rolf Bremmer, MSc

2011-12 FSF Jan S. Bashinski Criminalistics Graduate Thesis Grant

Helena G. Wong, BS

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In addition, AAFS offers a generic CE certificate which may be used for purposes not outlined above.

To register for continuing education credit, please complete Box 4 on the Meeting Registration Form. An individual must be a registrant to obtain continuing education credits. Fees charged for continuing education credits are based on projected costs of supplies and other materials needed to comply with requirements of the various continuing education accreditation councils. The AAFS has adopted a user-pay approach so that those individuals who benefit from the specific continuing education program are responsible for the costs incurred.

In order to be in compliance with the various accrediting organizations, introductions, breaks, and lunches have been deducted from the total hours. Please note that continuing education credit is not available for all sessions. All continuing education credit recipients will receive documentation regarding the number of continuing education hours awarded. Attendance reports are supplied to the appropriate state or national agency, as required.

**Chemistry:** Application has been made to the American Association for Clinical Chemistry, Inc., for ACCENT® credit. Credit will be awarded on an hour-for-hour basis.

**Dental:** The American Academy of Forensic Sciences is designated as an approved PACE Program Provider by the Academy of General Dentistry. The formal continuing dental education programs of this program provider are accepted by AGD for Fellowship/Mastership and membership maintenance credit. Approval does not imply acceptance by a state or provincial board of dentistry or AGD endorsement. The current term of approval extends from 1/1/09 to 12/31/12.

**Legal:** The American Academy of Forensic Sciences has applied to the Georgia Commission on Continuing Lawyer Competency for Accreditation of a Continuing Legal Education Activity. Continuing legal education credit will be awarded on an hour-for-hour basis.

*Please contact Continuing Education Coordinator Kimberly Wrasse, kwrasse@aafs.org, no later than January 21 if you require CLE provider accreditation from another state. AAFS will apply for accreditation if you are licensed in a state that will not accept AAFS issued CLE credit to be submitted by the attorney.*

**Medical:** The American Academy of Forensic Sciences designates this live activity for a maximum of 60 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

### CE Helpful Hints

A few reminders about Continuing Education (CE) procedures which may be helpful to meeting attendees:

- If you would like to receive CE credits for medical, dental, legal, chemistry, or general attendance, you must check Box 4 on your AAFS 64th Annual Meeting Registration Form. Only registrants may request continuing education credits.

- The Continuing Education Credit Request Forms will be available at the Registration Desk.

- The forms must be completed and returned to AAFS by March 12, 2012.

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### Digital Photography Workshop 11 Moved to Tuesday

Workshop 11, Digital Photography for Forensic Document Examiners, originally scheduled for Monday, February 20, has been moved to Tuesday, February 21. Members who now wish to attend both workshops sponsored by the Questioned Documents Section should register as soon as possible for both, as the number of attendees permitted to register is limited for both workshops.
64th Annual Scientific Meeting Program Committee Disclosure

As a sponsor of continuing education, the American Academy of Forensic Sciences must insure balance, independence, objectivity, and scientific rigor in all its educational activities. All faculty participating in a sponsoring activity are expected to disclose to the activity audience any significant financial interest or other relationship: (1) with the manufacturer(s) of any commercial product(s) and/or provider(s) of commercial services discussed in an educational presentation, and (2) with any commercial supporters of the activity. Significant financial interest or other relationship can include such things as grants or research support, employee, consultant, major stockholder, member of speaker’s bureaus, etc.) The intent of this disclosure is not to prevent a speaker with a significant financial or other relationship from making a presentation, but rather to provide listeners with information on which they can make their own judgments. It remains for the audience to determine whether the speaker’s interest or relationships may influence the presentation with regard to the exposition or conclusion. The executed Financial Disclosure Forms are on file in the AAFS Office.

To serve on the 2011-12 Program Committees, it is required that relevant AAFS staff members, program committee members, and/or reviewers to complete a Financial Disclosure form before they were provided access to review submissions for the program. For continuing education accreditation purposes, the disclosed relationships are published below so that learners are aware of the nature of any relationships that may impact the selection of presentations for the program. If a committee member failed to provide complete disclosure of a relevant financial interest or relationship, the committee member or reviewer was not allowed to serve.

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Don’t Miss The 2012 FSF Silent Auction

You will not want to miss the Forensic Sciences Foundation Silent Auction at the 64th Annual Scientific Meeting in Atlanta, GA. Auction items will be on display near the AAFS Sales Booth. Bidding will end at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 23. There will be something for everyone! You’ll have great fun while supporting research in the forensic sciences! Here are some of the wonderful items to be auctioned in Atlanta:

- Package – Registration for the 2013 AAFS Scientific Meeting and Marriott Wardman Park Hotel Accommodations
- BAC Tracker Software
- Nintendo Wii Family Fun Bundle
- Books
- T-Shirts
- Flip Video
- Polo Shirts
- Sarong
- LL. Bean Gift Card
- Travel Mugs
- Apple Gift Card
- Restaurant Gift Certificates
- Package - Cooler, Wine, Polo Shirt
- GSR Display
- Tote Bags

Want to Win a Complimentary Meeting Registration? Attend the AAFS Annual Business Meeting

The Annual Business Meeting of the Fellows and Members of AAFS will be held on Wednesday, February 22, at 4:15 p.m., at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis in Atlanta, GA. It is essential for all Fellows and Members to attend this very important meeting in order to reach a quorum for the voting process. Agenda items include the election of the 2012-13 Officers, recognition of all Members being promoted to Fellow status, and proposed amendments to the AAFS Bylaws. You will also be briefed on AAFS activities during the past year and plans for the future.

As an incentive to attend, all Fellows and Members present will automatically be entered in a drawing to receive a complimentary meeting registration to attend the 2013 AAFS Annual Meeting in Washington, DC.
January 13 Hotel Reservations Deadline Approaching Quickly

AAFS 64th Annual Scientific Meeting
February 20-25, 2012
Atlanta Marriott Marquis
Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A.

For hotel availability during the American Academy of Forensic Sciences 64th Annual Scientific Meeting, go to the AAFS website, click on the “Make Your Atlanta 2012 Hotel Reservation” link under the News & Current Events heading. Choose the hotel for your stay during the meeting. Click on hotel logos, photo, or the link provided in the hotel information paragraph. By using one of these links, you will receive the group rate for your stay during the AAFS Annual Scientific Meeting.

Atlanta Marriott Marquis
(Headquarter Hotel)
265 Peachtree Center Avenue
Atlanta, GA 30303 U.S.A.

Single/Double: $192

In order to receive the meeting rate, you must make your reservations through the online system or by calling 1-800-266-9432. The group rate is available Friday, February 17, through Saturday, February 25, 2012.

Reservations must be made by January 13, 2012, or prior to the room block being exhausted. Reservations received after January 13, 2012, will be based on availability at the hotel’s prevailing rate.

Hilton Atlanta
(Overflow Hotel)
255 Courtland Street, NE
Atlanta, GA 30303 U.S.A.

Single/Double: $189

Telephone reservations can be made from the Atlanta area by calling (404) 221-6300 or toll-free by calling 1-877-667-7210. In order to receive the group meeting rate, you should use the Group Code: AFS. The group rate is available Monday, February 20, through Friday, February 24, 2012 (with check-out on Saturday, February 25, 2012).

Telephone:
Within the Atlanta area call: 404-221-6300
Outside the Atlanta Area call toll-free: 1-877-667-7210
Use the Group Code: AFS

To receive the convention rate, reservations must be made by January 13, 2012, or prior to the room block being exhausted. Reservations received after January 13, 2012, will be based on availability at the hotel’s prevailing rate.
AAFS Guidelines For Presentations Using A LCD Projector

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

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

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

Do You Need to Share a Room in Atlanta, GA?
If you would like to have more spending money to take in some of the “must see” sights while in Atlanta during the AAFS Annual Scientific Meeting, then share a room! The AAFS office is maintaining a list of meeting attendees who would like to share a room with a colleague. For more information, please contact the AAFS office at (719) 636-1100.

Special Accommodations
If you have a disability that may impact your participation at the AAFS 64th Annual Scientific Meeting, please check the appropriate box on the AAFS Pre-Registration Form (page 19), and include a statement regarding your special needs. A staff person from the AAFS headquarters will contact you prior to the meeting to discuss accommodations. Availability of appropriate accommodations cannot be ensured without prior notification of need.
AAFS Guidelines for Poster Presentations

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

2012 AAFS POSTER PRESENTATION FORMAT ARE AS FOLLOWS:
- Presenting authors are asked to have their posters ready for display at 9:00 a.m. for attendee viewing.
- Presenting authors will be required to be present from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to answer questions.
- Posters should be removed no later than 1:15 p.m.
- AAFS or its representatives will verify poster presentations during the hours of 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Authors who display a poster but do not present materials during required hours will not get credit for the poster presentations.
- Presenters should make arrangements with a co-author to cover lunch or breaks or presenting author should lunch or break before or after the 11:30 - 1:00 time period.
- Authors are also encouraged to bring reprints for distribution during the session and may wish to bring sign-up sheets for attendees who desire additional information.

CONTENT
The poster presentation should cover all key aspects of the work and contain the following items:
- Abstract
- Introduction
- Materials
- Methods
- Results
- Discussion
- Conclusions
- References

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

The American Academy of Forensic Sciences has selected Delta Airlines as the official airline carrier for the American Academy of Forensic Sciences 64th Annual Scientific Meeting. The meeting will be held February 20-25, 2012, in Atlanta, GA, USA. Make your reservations using the meeting file number (NM7QX) and receive up to 10% off your round-trip fare.

To Make Your Reservations:
• Call: 1-800-328-1111
• Provide the meeting file number: NM7QX

Restrictions:
• Travel dates for discounted fares: February 12-29, 2012
• Discounts applicable to U.S./Canada originating passengers
• The discount does not apply to fares that are less than $125 (USD/CAD) base one-way or $250 (USD/CAD) base round-trip.

Need a Car in Atlanta? Rent From Hertz

The Academy has selected Hertz® (www.hertz.com) as the official car rental agency for the 64th Annual Scientific Meeting to be held February 20-25, 2012, in Atlanta. To reserve a vehicle at our special meeting rates, go to the AAFS website at www.aafs.org:

1. Click on the “Meetings” tab.
2. Click on “AAFS Annual Meeting.”
3. Click on the “Ground Transportation” button.
4. Click on the Hertz® logo to go to the Hertz® website.
5. Make sure the “I have a discount (CDP, PC, Coupon or other code)” box is checked and the code 04E70003 is entered in the “Convention Number - CV” box.

You may also provide the CV# (04E70003) to your corporate travel department or travel agent when making reservations. You can also make reservations online at Hertz.com or call Hertz directly:
• In the U.S. and Canada: 1-800-654-2240
• Other: 1-405-749-4434

Three Ways to “Go Green” With AAFS

Looking for ways to save the earth’s resources? Become part of the Academy’s “Go Green” Campaign!

In an effort to be responsible stewards of the earth and of the Academy’s resources, the “Go Green” options below are available to all who have a PeopleWeb account set up with the Academy. Depending on your access level (e.g., member, author, applicant, non-member, etc.), the options available to you will display on the screen. Each option is independent of the other and can easily be changed by returning to the PeopleWeb account and deselecting the item.

Please be aware that by selecting any of the checkboxes on the Go Green Tab, you are “opting out” of receiving the paper version of the checked item. For each option selected, an email will be sent to the email address on record once the item becomes available for viewing on the Academy’s website.

There are three ways for Members to opt out of receiving the paper versions of your AAFS: 1) Dues Notice; 2) Academy News newsletter; and 3) Advance Program.

Log on to your AAFS PeopleWeb account, click on the “Go Green” tab and select the item that you wish to view in an electronic format.
1. REGISTRATION INFORMATION
(please print or type all information)

First/Given Name: ________________________ Last/Family Name: ________________________

Badge Name Preference (one degree only) ________________________

Agency ________________________

Address ________________________ City ________________________ State ___________ Zip ___________

Phone (_____) ________ Fax (_____) ________

Email ________________________

AAFS Member No. ________________________

Spouse attending? □ Yes □ No

Spouse Name ________________________

First/Given Name: ________________________ Last/Family Name: ________________________

Vocational Status: □ Professional □ Student □ Academic □ Decision Maker □ Purchasing Agent □ Other

Would you like to receive pre-meeting mailings? □ Yes □ No

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE $________

EXP. DATE _________

CARD NO. ______________________________________________

5. PAYMENT PROCESSING

☐ Check Enclosed ☐ Purchase Order

☐ American Express ☐ MasterCard/Visa/Discover

NAME (as it appears on your card) ________________________

CARD NO. ________________________

EXP. DATE _________

SIGNATURE ________________________

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE $________ (totals from Nos. 2, 3, & 4)

Three Ways to Register:

Register Online: www.aafs.org.

Scan & Email: Scan the completed form and email to Tracie McCray at tmccray@aafs.org.

Mail completed form, with payment or purchase order, to:

American Academy of Forensic Sciences
410 North 21st Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80904

(719) 636-1100

Faxed registrations are not accepted.

☐ Special accommodations needed

(attach written description of needs)

AAFS Federal ID Number: 87-0287045

A CONFIRMATION LETTER WILL BE SENT (VIA EMAIL, IF PROVIDED) WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF RECEIPT.

2. REGISTRATION FEES - SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS

To be pre-registered, your registration change, or replacement must be received at AAFS by January 25, 2012. After this date, all registrations will be processed as on-site registrations.

* The deadline is firm. *

All requests for cancellation must be made to the AAFS headquarters in writing via mail or email. Phone and faxed cancellations are not accepted. Canceled registration fees will be refunded as follows: Prior to Dec. 1 - full refund less $25 admin. fee; Dec. 1-31 / 75%; Jan. 1-31 / 60%; Feb. 1-6 / 50%.

No refunds after February 6, 2012.

Start Time                      Code  Price  QTY.  Total

3. REGISTRATION FEES - SPECIAL FUNCTIONS

Registration form must be received by January 25, 2012, in order to attend Special Functions. There will be no on-site registration for the following Special Functions.

EVENT                        CODE PRICE  QTY. TOTAL

Breakfast Seminars

☐ M Great East Japan Earthquake B-1 $ 44 ____ $ _____

☐ TU The Cleveland Cyanide Murder Case B-2 $ 44 ____ $ _____

☐ TU Forensic Science and Cultural Heritage B-3 $ 44 ____ $ _____

☐ W Theater of the Absurd B-4 $ 44 ____ $ _____

☐ TH The Battle of Gettysburg B-5 $ 44 ____ $ _____

☐ TH Tables Turned: An Unsuccessful Case B-6 $ 44 ____ $ _____

☐ FR The Tale of the Black Cow B-7 $ 44 ____ $ _____

☐ FR Thomas Krauss Bitemark Breakfast B-8 $ 44 ____ $ _____

Luncheons

☐ TH An Analysis of a Mine Incident L-1 $ 55 ____ $ _____


Section Business Luncheons

☐ W Digital & Multimedia Sciences Section Bus. Luncheon L-3 $ 55 ____ $ _____

☐ W General Section Business Luncheon L-4 $ 55 ____ $ _____

☐ W Jurisprudence Section Business Luncheon L-5 $ 55 ____ $ _____

☐ W Pathology/Biology Section Business Luncheon L-6 $ 55 ____ $ _____

Special Sessions

☐ TU Interdisciplinary Symposium S-1 $ 50 ___ $ _____

☐ TU Young Forensic Scientists Forum S-2 $ 100 ___ $ _____

Workshops

With Meeting Registration Workshop Only QTY. Total

☐ M High-Profile Cases: The Los Angeles Experience W-1 $ 100 $ 125 ___ $ _____

☐ M Postmortem Monocular Oblique Ophthalmoscopy W-2 $ 175 $ 200 ___ $ _____

☐ M Advanced DNA Mixture Interpretation W-3 $ 325 $ 375 ___ $ _____

☐ M Sex-Related Homicide and Death Investigation W-4 $ 200 $ 250 ___ $ _____

☐ M Paper Fundamentals for Forensic Document Examiners W-5 $ 200 $ 250 ___ $ _____

☐ M Practical Ethics in Forensic Science W-6 $ 200 $ 250 ___ $ _____

☐ M Preparation and Strategic Planning for Accreditation W-7 $ 200 $ 250 ___ $ _____

☐ M/T Examination and Analysis of Explosives W-8 $ 325 $ 375 ___ $ _____

☐ M/T What Did You Just Step In?! W-9 $ 325 $ 375 ___ $ _____

☐ M Forensic Mobile Device Workshop W-10 $ 200 $ 250 ___ $ _____

☐ TU Digital Photography for Forensic Document Examiners W-11 $ 200 $ 250 ___ $ _____

☐ M Humanitarian Forensic Science W-12 $ 200 $ 250 ___ $ _____

☐ M Estimating Uncertainty in Weights: Hands-On Workshop W-13 $ 100 $ 125 ___ $ _____

☐ M Using Pharmacokinetics to Analyze Forensic Toxicology W-14 $ 100 $ 125 ___ $ _____

☐ TU Hell on Earth Just Another Day at Work W-15 $ 100 $ 125 ___ $ _____

☐ TU Applications of 2D and 3D Geometric Morphometrics W-16 $ 100 $ 125 ___ $ _____

☐ TU Advances In Asphyxia By Strangulation For Pathologists W-17 $ 100 $ 125 ___ $ _____

☐ TU Deadly by Design: Forensic Toxicology W-18 $ 200 $ 250 ___ $ _____

☐ TU The Anatomy of Error: Dissecting Adverse Events W-19 $ 200 $ 250 ___ $ _____

☐ TU Flawed Forensics W-20 $ 200 $ 250 ___ $ _____

☐ TU Innovation in Forensic Image and Video Analysis W-21 $ 100 $ 125 ___ $ _____

4. CONTINUING EDUCATION

CE Registrants must provide a CE Credit Request Form from the registration desk and return by the stated deadline.

☐ $50.00 Administrative Fee

☐ Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME)

☐ Academy of General Dentistry (AGD)

☐ Dental Board of California (DBC)

☐ American Association of Clinical Chemistry (AACC)

☐ Continuing Legal Education

☐ General Continuing Education

Subtotal $________

5. PAYMENT PROCESSING

☐ Check Enclosed ☐ Purchase Order

☐ American Express ☐ MasterCard/Visa/Discover

NAME (as it appears on your card) ________________________

CARD NO. ________________________

EXP. DATE _________

SIGNATURE ________________________

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE $________ (Totals from Nos. 2, 3, & 4)
BRING YOUR OWN SLIDES in PowerPoint (BYOS.ppt)

Wednesday Evening: 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

In order to keep BYOS.ppt informal, fun, and informative for the large and diverse audience, here are a few things to keep in mind for the BYOS.ppt program at the 2012 AAFS Annual Scientific Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia:

- To present at BYOS.ppt, presentations must be in PowerPoint format. 35mm slides are not accepted.
- Proposals must be submitted on this form, accompanied by a “6-slides per page” printout of the presentation, and an electronic copy on CD or flash drive.
- BYOS is not intended as a forum to present scientific papers. It is designed as a means to present interesting information and/or unusual case(s) that may be educational and blended with humor.
- Speakers should plan on ten minutes in which to present their material.
- Material being presented in other parts of the AAFS scientific program will not be accepted at BYOS.ppt.
- Tables, charts, and graphs should be avoided - making every effort to use slides of scenes, bodily findings, and evidence.

This complete form, a “6-slides per page” printout, and the electronic presentation copy should be delivered to the on-site AAFS Staff Office on or before 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 22, 2012. Presentations will be selected and scheduled based on perceived interest to the audience and in the order in which the completed submissions are received. This form and required printout are needed to organize the BYOS.ppt program and to allow appropriate allocation of continuing education credit. A BYOS.ppt Program Form also will be placed in each registrant’s meeting packet.

BYOS PROGRAM FORM

Name (include academic degree/s) __________________________________________

Job title _________________________________________________________________

Place of employment ______________________________________________________

AAFS Section Affiliation (if none, write “none”) ______________________________

The presentation is being offered primarily to:
- Solicit input/advice on a challenging case
- Present interesting information or case(s) for educational purposes
- Entertainment

Presentation is:
- A single case
- A series of cases with a common topic
- Multiple cases with unrelated topics
- Other (please specify):

Briefly describe the material to be presented: __________________________________

What are the major points to be emphasized? _________________________________

How will the attendees benefit from this presentation? _________________________

Is there financial interest in the material being discussed? No Yes (If yes, please describe)

How much presentation time is required? _______ minutes

How many PowerPoint slides will be shown? _______

Presenter’s local hotel _______________________________ Room # _______ Phone # _______

The BYOS agenda, scheduled presentation times, and continuing education credit hours will be posted near the BYOS meeting room. If you have any questions, contact Sondra Doolittle at (719) 636-1100, or at the on-site AAFS Staff Office.

AAFS STAFF USE ONLY: Date Received: _______________ Time: _______________
AAFS Forensic Science Employment Fair

A forum designed to put employers and job seekers in contact.

To be held during the AAFS 64th Annual Scientific Meeting
February 20 - 25, 2012
Atlanta Marriott Marquis
Atlanta, GA

Tuesday, February 21, 2012
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Adjacent to the AAFS Welcome Reception at the
Atlanta Marriott Marquis

In 2011, the Academy sponsored a very successful employment exchange/forum with over twenty prospective employers and postgraduate programs, and approximately three hundred visitors participating. Job seekers included the graduating classes of several major forensic science degree programs.

The AAFS Forensic Science Employment Fair is:
• A free event open to all registered meeting attendees.
• An opportunity to meet employers, and for them to meet you.
  • Make personal contacts and distribute resumes
  • Assess the job market in your discipline

Employers or educators: there is no fee to participate. For information, or to register and ensure available table/booth space for your program/agency, complete the form and return it to Sondra Doolittle at sdoolittle@aafs.org or fax to (719) 636-1993.
The AAFS Forensic Science Employment Fair
Tuesday, February 21, 2012
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Request for booth/table space.

Contact Name: 

Email Address: 

Affiliation/Company: 

Address: 

City: State: Zip: 

Country: 

Names of Staff Members Attending Employment Fair: 

Brief Employment Description: 

Each participating employer will be assigned space and provided with a 4' X 8' poster board, table, and two (2) chairs. Representatives of the participating employers must be present during the forum. Return form to Sondra Doolittle at sdoolittle@aafs.org. For requests made prior to January 15th, confirmations will be sent via email by January 23.
Preparations are underway for the 2012 International Education Outreach Program (IEOP) and an exciting program it will be! The destination is Turkey and participants can expect nine days immersed in the country’s history and culture while, at the same time, connecting with Turkish colleagues. The program is being planned in connection with the 22nd Congress of the International Academy of Legal Medicine (IALM), July 5 – 8 in Istanbul.

President-Elect Robert Barsley and IALM’s 2012 President, Mete Gulman, have been are busy working out the details of the program.

The current itinerary calls for travelers to arrive in Istanbul on Monday, June 25. Participants will have the remainder of the day to rest before attending the welcoming dinner that evening. The following morning, we head to Canakkale. The 215 mile drive will take us through the European Turkey towards Gallipoli located on the shores of the Strait of Dardenelles where we will spend a night in Canakkale.

Wednesday, June 27, we will travel to Kusadasi. This day will take us to Troy, one of the oldest human settlements found in Asia Minor; the Acropolis, a 7th century BC fortified citadel; and Aesclepium, known for one of the most famous therapeutic centers and shrines in the classical world, before we find our way to the hotel in Kusadasi.

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Thursday, June 28, plan to spend the day in the Ephesus area where we will visit the House of Virgin Mary and the third settlement of Ephesus which dates back to the Hellenistic and Roman times. Take in the beauty of the well preserved and magnificent buildings such as Celsus Library and the Great Theatre, and the Basilica of St. John. Later in the day, we will tour the Ephesus Museum which houses the many artifacts from Ephesus and other ancient cities. Our last stop before returning to Kusadasi will be the Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.

Friday, June 29, we drive to Pamukkale via Aphrodisias, the city of Aphrodite, Goddess of Love. Aphrodisias is located in the famous Meander Valley, one of the most fertile areas in Turkey. Here, we will have time to visit the ancient settlement which houses one of the best preserved Roman stadiums in existence. We’ll arrive in Pamukkale in the late afternoon and have time to tour Hierapolis and the travertine of Pamukkal/Aphro before checking in to our hotel.

Saturday, June 30, we’ll have an early morning start for Cappadocia reaching Konya mid-day. In Konya we’ll visit the Museum of Mevlana, a mausoleum of Mevlana Celaleddin-i Rumi, a 13th century Muslim saint and Anatolian mystic. From here, we’ll travel on towards Aksaray and visit the Sultanhan Caravanserai. Caravanserai, or “caravan palaces,” provided a rest stop for passing merchants. Our next rest stop will be Cappadocia and we’ll arrive in the early evening.

Sunday, July 1, we’ll spend the day in Cappadocia and visit the sites of this fascinating historical region. We’ll visit Goreme Open Air Museum which contains the remains of many churches carved into the famous Cappadocia stone. We’ll also visit the Kaymakli Underground City, one of several underground cities where early Christians hid themselves from enemies.

The morning of July 2, we’ll drive to Ankara through the Central Anatolian plateau and arrive in time for lunch at a local restaurant in the Citadel of Ankara which contains fine examples of traditional architecture. Following lunch we’ll visit the Anatolian Civilizations Museum one of the richest museums in the world with artifacts dating back to 8000 BC. We’ll return to the hotel in time for a short rest before dinner.

Tuesday, July 3, we’ll travel on towards Bursa with a stop in Gordion. Gordion was once the royal capitol of the Iron Age known as Phrygia, greatly populated and dominated by monumental buildings. It is also said that in Gordion, Alexander the Great cut the Gordion Knot. However, one of the most famous sites will be the Tomb of King Midas, the King cursed with the golden touch. After lunch, we’ll visit the Green Mosque and Mausoleum, the Grand Mosque, and the Medieval Silk Market before reaching our hotel. Here, we’ll have our official farewell dinner for those not attending the IALM conference.

Wednesday, July 4 (and a happy 4th of July!), we’ll make our way back to Istanbul arriving in time for lunch. The IALM is offering IEOP travelers a special registration and hotel rate which will be announced shortly. Should you elect not to attend the IALM conference or plan to stay over, it is recommended you arrange your departure flight in the late afternoon or early evening. For those staying and attending the IALM conference, we’ll visit the Forensic Medicine Council in the afternoon and then head to the 4th of July Celebration Bosphorus Cruise arranged by our Turkish host, Mete Gulman.

Complete details of the Turkey IEOP will be posted on the AAFS website www.aafs.org or you may contact Nancy Jackson, AAFS Director of Development & Accreditation (njackson@aafs.org) for additional information.
President-Elect Robert Barsley and Mrs. Gwen Barsley invite you to join them in the IEOP of Turkey. The itinerary will include stays in Canakkale, Kusadasi, Pamukkale, Cappadocia, Ankara, Bursa, and Istanbul. Following the design of previous tours, AAFS members will have opportunities to meet with forensic science colleagues in Turkey, and, at the same time, take advantage of the cultural and historical riches of the wonderful cities to be visited.

APPLICATION
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In February, FEPAC will welcome five new commissioners (almost half of the entire Commission):

- **Suzanne Bell**, PhD, West Virginia University
- **Tracey Dawson-Cruz**, PhD, Virginia Commonwealth University
- **Timothy Kupferschmidt**, MFS, Sorenson Forensics
- **Noelle Umback**, PhD, New York City Office of Chief Medical Examiner, Department of Forensic Biology
- **Matthew Wood**, MS, Ocean County (NJ) Sheriff’s Department Crime Laboratory

As I and four others exit the stage, I wish to challenge the new commissioners on a task that I believe is of utmost importance to the future of forensic science education: **making clear distinctions between graduate and undergraduate forensic science curricula.**

The perception of many that undergraduate and graduate education in forensic science is redundant and that no one should study forensic science on the graduate level if they have done so as an undergraduate is troubling. This is not the case in other sciences, such as biology and chemistry, because it is assumed that graduate curricula in these disciplines offer advanced study and deeper understanding than what is offered at the undergraduate level.

My challenge for FEPAC in the future is to ensure that FEPAC standards for graduate programs emphasize advanced study and reflect that graduate programs are fundamentally different from undergraduate ones. FEPAC has made a strong first step toward defining this distinction by mandating research as an essential component of graduate education (no such mandate exists for undergraduate programs although the Commission supports undergraduate research to help meet curricular requirements). However, other curricular issues need to be addressed. For instance, given the recommendation of the National Academy of the Sciences on the need for statistical analysis in some of our disciplines, topics such as chemometrics and statistics should be incorporated into graduate forensic science curriculums, particularly ones providing instruction in forensic chemistry and pattern analysis. Currently, statistics is not required for accreditation of graduate programs.

Furthermore, advanced study appropriate for a graduate program in areas as diverse as drug chemistry, forensic biology, and microscopy needs to be defined. Graduate courses in any of these areas must offer content beyond what is expected at the undergraduate level. Some may make a poor case that a course in forensic biology that only offers the basics of STRs, PCR, and capillary electrophoresis would be sufficient for the graduate level. Wouldn’t this course be more appropriate for the undergraduate level?

There is urgency to solving this problem because of the proliferation of online and other methods of non-traditional instruction in higher education. Given the strong advocacy for these methods in many academic institutions (particularly at the graduate level), it may be a matter of time when FEPAC is asked to evaluate a program that delivers a sizeable amount of their program’s course content in a non-traditional form. Without a clear distinction between undergraduate and graduate curricula in forensic science, making the necessary determination that a graduate course or program in an alternative format is equivalent to the same course or program given in a traditional fashion will be problematic to say the least.

**FEPAC notes.** The Commission wishes to thank Mike Fonz, Peter Marone, Mark Pollitt, and Marie Samples for their service.
The Forensic Sciences Foundation (FSF) is proud to announce the winners of the “FSF Student Travel Grant Award for Students” essay contest: Josiah Dykstra, Renee Kosalka, Amber Neitzel, Christina Rainey, and Jennifer Schindell. This Travel Grant will assist with travel expenses in attending the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) Annual Scientific Meeting in Chicago.

The FSF Board of Trustees was able to approve the expenses, not to exceed $1,000 per student, for five students this year. A complimentary meeting registration is included with the $1,000 grant for travel expenses.

The 2011-12 FSF Student Travel Grant Committee was comprised of Susan Ballou, Chair (Criminalistics), Bradley J. Adams (Physical Anthropology), Gregory G. Davis (Pathology/Biology), and Daniel Martell (Psychiatry & Behavioral Science).

This year’s winners are:

Josiah Dykstra, MS
Renee Kosalka, MA
Amber Neitzel, BS
Christina Rainey, BS
Jennifer Schindell, BSN
The Forensic Sciences Foundation (FSF) is proud to announce that Helena G. Wong, BS (non-member), was awarded the 2011-12 FSF Jan S. Bashinski Criminalistics Graduate Thesis Assistance Grant for her paper, “The Automation of the Differential Digestion Process of Sexual Assault Evidence in a High Efficiency Format.” This year’s award consists of $500, a plaque presented at the Criminalistics Section Business Meeting, and registration at a future AAFS meeting where her thesis has been accepted for presentation. Helena received her Bachelor’s of Science degree in Chemistry with a minor in Psychology from the University of California, San Diego. She completed her Master’s of Science degree in Forensic Science at the University of California, Davis. After interning for two summers at the Oakland Police Department Criminalistics Laboratory, Helena is currently employed as a forensic technician in the Biology Unit. Her primary responsibilities include processing casework samples for PCR analyses and capillary electrophoresis, retrieving quantitation and DNA typing data for analysts, as well as overseeing the quality control of reagents, instruments, and DNA typing kits. Helena’s present research involves the development of an automated differential digestion process for sexual assault evidence examination in a 96 well plate format.

The purpose of the FSF Jan Grant Fund is to provide Graduate Students with financial assistance to complete their thesis or independent research project as required for a graduate degree in Criminalistics/Forensic Sciences. The applicant must be a full- or part-time student completing his or her graduate degree requirements by conducting a research project at an educational institution accredited in the U.S. by a recognized academic body. This project must, in the opinion of the FSF Awards Committee, make a significant scientific contribution to the field of Criminalistics/Forensic Sciences.

The Jan Grant Award ranges from $500 to $2,500. Additionally, funds may be available in the Jan Grant Fund to be used for travel and per diem expenses for the grant recipient’s attendance at an American Academy of Forensic Sciences Annual Meeting. The purpose of this travel shall be in the presentation of a platform paper pertaining to the completed research for which the grant recipient received his or her grant. Congratulations, Helena!

In Memoriam

Sanford A. Angelos, MEd  Fellow of the Criminalistics Section, December 2011
Frank P. Cleveland, MD  Retired Fellow of the Pathology/Biology Section, December 2011
Roger D. Corcoran, BS  Member of the Criminalistics Section, August 2011
Henry E. Dombrowski, BS  Retired Fellow of the Criminalistics Section, May 2011

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Global Perspectives in Odontology cont.

By simply commenting on identification and bitemarks we have done the discipline an injustice. Forensic odontologists work on cases involving the age estimation of living and deceased individuals with active research being undertaken by AAFS contributors in both Europe and the U.S., they work on the assessment of abuse – child, elder, and spousal and many influential guidelines have been developed in combination with Odontology Section members worldwide. Such work is a lasting legacy to the contribution that the Academy and its members make in the new global research space.

It is hoped that the Odontology Section will continue to develop its international reach by developing both the operational and intellectual aspects of our work. The Atlanta program looks to reflect well on this aim and that of the Academy as a whole.
FSF “I Gave An Hour” Contributors

Former FSF Trustee Gil Brogdon came up with a great idea for Academy members with advanced degrees. The idea was for everyone to consider contributing to the FSF the equivalent of one hour of their annual salary or the equivalent of the fee charged for one hour of consultation. The forensic sciences have been good to all of us. If you make a lot, consider contributing a lot! For salaried persons, one hour represents about 1/2000th of annual income. For those who receive consulting fees, please consider contributing an amount consistent with one hour (or more) of what you charge for consultation. The fund’s balance through 11/30/2011 was $45,145.82. For those of you who would like to contribute, please complete the IGAH form and return to the AAFS office.

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Academy News
Section News

CRIMINALISTICS

Source: Jennifer S. Mihalovich, MPH  
Section Program Chair

Exactly what is the value of education? Does education benefit the lone person, a group of people, or society? Can one ever really know too much? These are very philosophical questions and only you can answer them for yourself. Considering alternatives of where an education can originate may result in different answers to these questions. The easiest answer to this question is the formal education process: K-12, college, graduate school, post-doc, and of course “continuing education.” While very valuable, a formal education should be just the beginning of your learning career. Where else may you continue upon your education pathway? Knowing this is an article for the AAFS newsletter prior to 2012 Annual Meeting in Atlanta, you should be expecting a discussion on the value of the meeting.

This meeting has a very high education value; Larry Quarino and Jennifer Mihalovich selected presentations and workshops of very high quality. The authors of the presentations hail from as far away as Europe and as near as our own backyard. They are academicians, practicing scientists, laboratory directors, lawyers, students, and interns. The many abstracts received were rigorously evaluated for content, applicability, and completeness of the project offered for presentation. The presenters are very knowledgeable on their topic at hand and are eager to share their knowledge with you, the AAFS attendee.

The quality and variety within the program will leave you pondering which presentation to attend, evaluate, and dissect. The ultimate goal is a sharing of knowledge at the meeting, and after the meeting, over coffee and back at your agency. The education you will receive can be very beneficial to you, your laboratory, and society. Just as important is the information others will receive from you. One potentially overlooked source of education is the interaction between you as a seasoned scientist and interns. When you are at the meeting, ask your friends, colleagues, and new acquaintances, if they were ever an intern in their chosen profession. You may be quite surprised to find out the majority have held internships. Internships are very valuable to the intern and even more valuable to the laboratory or agency hosting the intern.

Many of the presentations at this meeting will be based on research conducted by interns. When listening to the presentations and reading the information on the posters, please take time to discuss the research with the authors. Laboratories have found it beneficial to receive a fresh outlook from interns. If properly encouraged, the continual barrage of questions asked by new interns can shed an alternative prospective on your laboratory processes. Listening to and answering these questions, some of which can be quite challenging, will lead to your continual education. The most difficult part of this type of education is assimilating the information into our processes; gone are the days of succumbing to “we have always done it this way.” This is how we move forward.

Education and continuing education, whether by formal or informal processes, is an important indicator of a true professional. By taking advantage of the many opportunities afforded by attending and absorbing the wealth of information provided at every AAFS meeting, you improve yourself and the overall service delivered to the criminal justice system.

We are very saddened to report that long-standing AAFS member, Sanford A. Angelos, passed away on Friday, December 9, after a brief illness. Sandy, elected into membership in 1978 and promoted to Fellow in 1982, served the Academy long and well. He will always be remembered for his quick wit, his friendly smile behind the AAFS registration desk, and for his many years of service on several committees. Sandy will be sorely missed by his colleagues and many friends.

ENGINEERING SCIENCES

Source: Anastasia Micheals, MS, Section Chair

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in Atlanta! We have two full days of presentations on Thursday and Friday, February 23rd and 24th, comprised of 42 presentations, 4 poster presentations, and 1 multidisciplinary session with the Jurisprudence Section.

We will have talks on experts and litigation, statistics, engineering chemistry, failure analysis, vehicle technology, fingerprints, and environmental and health hazards from the World Trade Center disaster.

The multidisciplinary session, co-chaired by Peter Alexander of Engineering Sciences and Stephanie Domitrovich of Jurisprudence, will discuss the latest
action surrounding the NAS Report. A list of distinguished speakers includes: President of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences; Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology; Co-Chairs of The White House Subcommittee on Forensic Science; Senior Counsel to the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee; Director of the National Academies Committee on Science, Technology, and Law; Director of the National Institute of Forensic Sciences, Australia; former member of the United Kingdom Forensic Science Service; Co-Director and Co-founder of The Innocence Project; member of the AAFS Board of Directors; and an AAFS Past President and current representative to the FSAB.

Be on the look-out for an email, and a card in your registration materials, with information about our off-site lunch, which will be Wednesday February 22, prior to the section business meeting.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at anastasia@forensicmaterials.com.

GENERAL

Source: Alan F. Boehm, MFS, Section Secretary

The Academy staff, particularly Cheryl Hunter, has worked tirelessly on membership applications using the online review process. The General Section received about 240 applications, including those for promotion - a record number! Section Chair Julie Howe and I have been reviewing the applications.

Thanks again to all who have submitted abstracts for presentation. Your submissions make the section’s scientific program a success. We look forward to seeing them in Atlanta.

The General Section luncheon will take place Wednesday, February 22, from 12:00 p.m.–1:45 p.m. The General Section Business Meeting will immediately follow the luncheon at 2:00 p.m.–3:45 p.m. You do not have to attend the luncheon to take part in the section business meeting. However, you do have to pre-register for the luncheon in order to have a seat. The pre-registration deadline is January 25. Remember that attendance at the section business meeting is a requirement for promotion. The section reception will be held on Wednesday night as well. Meet your colleagues and participate in all of these events if possible.

Julie will be sending an agenda for the business meeting in January via the General Section’s list serve. We hope that you will review the agenda prior to the meeting. Feel free to contact Julie beforehand if you have questions or comments.

Jim Adcock, General Section Nomination Chair, announced that Julie Howe has been nominated as the Chair of the General Section, and Alan Boehm has been nominated as the Secretary. Nominations may also be made from the floor during the section business meeting.

David Benjamin (Fellow, Toxicology Section), has asked if you are interested in developing an independent group or discussing problems related to defense-oriented work to contact him at medlaw@doctorbenjamin.com.

AAFS Past President Robert Joling (rjjoling@cox.net), whose illustrious career as a lawyer and advocate for reliable forensic sciences, was highlighted by me in the November 2011 issue of the Academy News, suffered a heart attack the day before Thanksgiving, after traveling with his wife Carolyn from Tucson, AZ, to Indiana, and then to Wisconsin, to spend time with family and friends. Bob wound up in St. Luke’s hospital in Milwaukee, where he spent Thanksgiving Day and the next day, which happened to be his 58th wedding anniversary. The good news is that he is okay, albeit tired, and that he and his lovely wife are now back home in Tucson. On behalf of the entire Academy membership, we wish Bob a speedy and complete recovery, and hope that he will be able to share his mid-western charm and humor with us in Atlanta.

I look forward to seeing all of you in February. continued on page 34
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ODONTOLOGY

Source: Iain A. Pretty, DDS, PhD, Section Program Chair

The Odontology Section program for Atlanta has been finalized and looks to be another great collection of posters and oral presentations that truly reflect the breadth and depth of the discipline. All of the oral presentations this year have been restricted to 15 minutes - this has enabled us to have more speakers and should also keep the pace of the sessions moving.

The Odontology Section Nominating Committee, led by Gary Berman, has been busy. The following individuals are on the slate for this year’s Odontology Section Business Meeting: Section Chair - Paula Brumit; Section Secretary - Iain Pretty; and Section Program Chairs - Kenneth Cohn and Raymond Miller.

Don't forget to attend the annual section business meeting and note that nominations for any of these positions can also be taken from the floor. Robert Barsley would also like to announce that, during the Atlanta meeting at noon on Wednesday, there will be a meeting room set aside for active and retired military forensic odontologists to gather and meet that they may discuss common interests. Further announcements will be forthcoming in Atlanta.

The ASFO program is also now available and looks excellent - please consider attending this meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, during the Atlanta meeting. Details are available at www.asfo.org.

The Odontology Section officers wish you all safe travels to Atlanta and we look forward to seeing you there.

PATHOLOGY/BIOLOGY

Source: J. Keith Pinckard, MD, PhD, Section Secretary

The 2012 Annual Meeting in Atlanta is quickly approaching; be sure to reserve your hotel room by January 13 to take advantage of the discounted rate. See the AAFS website (www.aafs.org) for details.

The scientific program for the upcoming Annual Meeting in Atlanta has been set. Section Program Chair Jason Byrd has scheduled 84 platform presentations and 50 poster presentations. There is also a joint session between the Pathology/Biology and Toxicology Sections. The National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME) will be offering Self Assessment Module (SAM) credits for portions of the Pathology/Biology program. Look for details about which workshops qualify for the SAMs credits and registration instructions in the Advance Program.

As a reminder to all members of the Pathology/Biology Section, PhD students can be members in our section. Please encourage individuals who meet the criteria of the AAFS and our section to apply for membership as it is essential that we continue to grow and represent the various disciplines that fall under the section’s umbrella. Please contact Jeff Tomberlin (jktomberlin@tamu.edu) or Keith Pinckard (kpineckard@dallascounty.org) if you would like to get involved with recruitment or have any questions.

Finally, for those interested, the Annual North American Forensic Entomology Association Conference will be held in Las Vegas from July 17-19 at the newly renovated Flamingo Hotel, Casino & Conference Center! There are some fantastic room rates ($99.00 per night, double occupancy), some great door prizes, and a beautiful setting for family and friends to enjoy numerous attractions in addition to the meeting, as well as excellent meeting facilities. Both national and international students, faculty, and others interested in forensic entomology are encouraged to attend. More information and registration information will be available in early winter. Make your plans now and save these dates! If you have any questions regarding the conference, please contact the local arrangements committee, Rich Merritt (merrittt@nmsu.edu), Ryan Kimbirauskas (kimbira1@nmsu.edu), or Mollie McIntosh (mcintoshm2@xavier.edu).

See you in Atlanta!

PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Source: William R. Belcher, PhD, Section Secretary

P. Willey submitted the following on behalf of Professor Clemencia Rodriguez of the University of Oklahoma’s Department of Communications announcing an initiative to honor the forensic anthropologist Clyde Snow. She writes:

Dr. Snow pioneered the forensic techniques that brought (or continue to seek to bring) mass murderers to justice in places such as Peru, Colombia, El Salvador, Argentina, Guatemala, Honduras, Brazil, Chile, and 27 other countries. His legacy is perhaps most noticeable in the training of young forensic anthropologists in each of these countries to carry on this important work of bringing killers to justice. The University of Oklahoma Center for Social Justice created the Clyde Snow Social Justice Award to honor individuals and organizations whose work contributes to the re-humanization of victims of human rights abuses. Visit http://peace.ou.edu for more information.

Susan Black submitted the following: In June, the Royal Anthropological Institute will host a World Conference on Anthropology (www.therai.org.uk/conferences/anthropology-in-the-world). Panel 09 will consider the global impact of forensic anthropology on our society. In addition, the Steering committee of the British Association for Forensic Anthropology (BAFA), under the auspices of the British Association for Human Identification (www.bahid.org), invites you to submit a paper for presentation at this conference. The Royal Anthropological Institute is likely to become the professional body for forensic anthropology in the U.K., and this is an ideal opportunity for our discipline to showcase the impact that we have upon wider society. Proposals for papers must be made via the online system which can be found at www.nomadit.co.uk/rai/events/rai2012/panels.php5?PanelID=988.

The following is submitted by Erin Kimmerleee: COFFA is the International Consortium of Forensic Anthropology Programming consisting of more than 17 member universities. We are encouraging new membership and will meet during the AAFS Annual Meeting on Friday, February 24, at 6:00 p.m. Anyone interested in educational programming within this field is encouraged to attend. Currently, members are working on recommendations for tenure & promotion guidelines, shared educational resources, and COFFA certification for trainings/professional development offered about forensic...
anthropology to the wider medico-legal community. This is the first professional networking group in forensic anthropology and we hope to see new members at the meeting. For more information about our members, their services, and educational programs, please visit www.coffa.usf.edu.

Please submit announcements and news to William Belcher, wbelcher@msn.com.

**PSYCHIATRY & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE**

Source: Manuel Lopez-Leon, MD, Section Secretary

The 42nd AAPL Annual Meeting was held in Boston, MA, this past October. A highlight of the meeting was the annual Forensic Sampler, a panel in which members from different sections of AAFS are invited to provide forensic psychiatrists insights into their respective forensic disciplines. Our section expresses its gratitude to Forensic Clinical Nurse Specialist, Constance Hoyt (Fellow, General Section) for graciously accepting the invitation to discuss the examination of rape victims and suspected offenders as well as the proper collection of forensic evidence. Dean DeCrisce also participated by summarizing the diagnostic and pathological dimensions of sex offenders. The panel was headed by Alan Felthous and moderated by Robert Weinstock. The Forensic Sampler was made possible thanks to the AAPL committee that liaisons with AAFS. The traditional annual samplers have been enriching and eye-opening for members of our section, and hopefully for the participating guests from the other sections.

John Young, Section Chair, has been chosen as the 2012 recipient of the Psychiatry & Behavioral Science Section’s prestigious Maier I. Tuchler Award. Congratulations!

Richard Rosner was honored at the New York University School of Medicine’s Faculty Service Achievement Ceremony and Reception on December 5, 2011. Congratulations!

There is still time to make it to the 37th Annual Conference of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law (AAPL) Tristate Chapter in cooperation with New York State’s Office of Mental Health and The Forensic Psychiatry Clinic for the Criminal and Supreme Courts of the State of New York, on Saturday, January 21, in New York City. It is entitled “Mastering the Art of Forensic Psychiatry: Selected Topics.” The lineup of speakers is quite impressive: Carol A. Bernstein, MD (immediate past president of the American Psychiatric Association) will explain the good, the bad, and the ugly issues behind the requirements for maintenance of board certification; Kevin Hayes, MD, MBA, will discuss the psychiatric independent medical examination; the Honorable Juanita Bing Newton (Dean, New York State Judicial Institute and Acting Justice of the NY State Supreme Court) will discuss the role of New York judges in courtroom forensic science issues; and Bruce Brady will provide an update on forensic malpractice. For more information, please contact Susan Gray at (212) 562-8609 or email susan.gray@nyumc.org.

For our members interested in adolescent addictions, a population prone to having forensic issues, mark your calendars for the Annual Meeting of the American Society for Adolescent Psychiatry which will be held in New York City, Bellevue Hospital Center, March 31-April 1. The program committee is putting together an amazing program in which several of our AAFS section members will be participating, as well as other leading experts in the field. Please contact Manuel Lopez-Leon, for more details at the email address below.

As a reminder, the 64th AAFS Annual Meeting is just around the corner. We hope to see you all at our business meeting!

News for this column from members is always welcome at dhlopezleon@mac.com.

**QUESTIONED DOCUMENTS**

Source: Pamela Zilly, BS, Section Secretary

February is practically upon us. If you have not done so already, it is time to make your arrangements to attend the 64th Annual Scientific meeting in Atlanta.

The program includes a Paper Fundamentals for Forensic Document Examiners workshop (W-3) on Monday and a Digital Photography for Forensic Document Examiners Workshop (W-11) on Tuesday. The initial program scheduling had the two Questioned Documents Section workshops being presented on Monday. That has now been adjusted so you will be able to take advantage of both of these learning opportunities. Members are urged to register as soon as possible, as seating is restricted in both workshops to AAFS members before January 15. Please register for the meeting early to ensure your place!

Many of you may not be aware that there is a QD related Breakfast Seminar (B-3) on Tuesday, February 21 (7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.), Forensic Science and Cultural Heritage – Examination of the Gettysburg Address. This presentation by Henry Swofford, BS, and Fenella France, PhD, involves application of a new latent print processing technique to a historically important document. Forensic document examiners should be aware of this technique to avoid handling documents of similar interests inappropriately to adversely affect this process. We must all strive to be holistic in the examinations/processing of questioned documents, enabling the maximum information possible to be derived by the various disciplines within forensic science. Your attendance at this presentation will be worthwhile.

In addition to the workshops and breakfast session, a number of relevant and interesting paper and poster presentations are planned for Thursday and Friday. Just as important is the weekend opportunity you will have to network with your fellow FDEs. Also remember, the annual ASTM standards meeting will take place the weekend prior to the Monday start. For more information on that meeting, please contact Rigo Vargas at 228-396-7787 or Carl McClary at 404-417-2706. Hope to see you in Atlanta.

**TOXICOLOGY**

Source: Loralie J. Langman, PhD, Section Program Chair

The Toxicology Section Scientific Program for 2012 Annual Meeting has been finalized. The Toxicology Section has three workshops (see below). There is also a toxicology related Breakfast Seminar being offered on Tuesday. All offer excellent and timely topics to the Academy membership, and the program committee thanks these chairs and speakers for their efforts.

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Two full day workshops:
Monday: Preparation and Strategic Planning for Accreditation of Forensic Laboratories Based on the ISO/IEC 17025 International Standard
Tuesday: Deadly by Design: Forensic Toxicology, Adverse Effects of Synthetic Cannabinoids, and Novel Designer Drugs (“Bath Salts”)

One half-day workshop:
Monday: Using Pharmacokinetics to Analyze Forensic Toxicology Cases

One breakfast seminar:
Tuesday: The Cleveland Cyanide Murder Case: A Multidisciplinary Approach to Crime Investigation Including Chemical Identification, Cause of Death, Capture, and Court Proceedings
On Wednesday evening, immediately prior to the poster session, there is a reception to honor our Toxicology Section Awardee: congratulations to Teresa Gray, who will receive the Irving Sunshine Award.

Thursday and Friday will bring two full-days of excellent science. Thursday morning is dedicated to drugs and driving, and the afternoon has some great case studies and new analytical methods. Rounding out the day is the Toxicology Open Forum hosted by Chip Walls and Bob Zettl.

Friday begins with the Multidisciplinary Session with presentations from Pathology/Biology and Toxicology Sections. Right after lunch is the Annual Lectureship in Toxicology. This year’s speaker will be Dr. John Barr and his presentation, “Combating Ancient Diseases With Modern Technology: Forensic Chemistry in a Public Health Laboratory.” Following this is a Pediatric Toxicology Session moderated by Bob Middleberg and Nikolas Lemos.

Lastly, please don’t forget that the Toxicology Section Annual Business Meeting is Wednesday, February 22nd, from 2:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. Please make every effort to attend!

You can register and download a copy of the Advance Program at the Academy website: www.aafs.org/aafs-2012-annual-meeting. I am looking forward to seeing you all there.

Global Research in Pathology/Biology cont.

Dr. Noguchi, Pathology/Biology Section Fellow, and a member of the AAFS International Affairs Committee, participates in international relations. The Academy organized a one-week International Educational Outreach Program following the IAFS conference and participated in the National Institute of Forensic Medicine Meeting in Coimbra as well as in Lisbon and Oporto. The AAFS organized the international educational meetings with the Portuguese colleagues, and visited their National Institute of Forensic Sciences, as well as the National Institute of Legal Medicine headed by Prof. Vieira. Following the meetings in Portugal, Dr. Noguchi went directly to Germany to attend another international legal medicine meeting, The International Symposium in Advances on Legal Medicine (ISALM) in Frankfurt. Among the international attendees, were a large number of Japanese legal medicine experts.

In 2012, there will be three international meetings of interest to us: in July, the Congress of the International Academy of Legal Medicine (IALM) in Istanbul, Turkey; in August, the Congress of the World Association for Medicine and Law in Maceio, Brazil; and the European Academy of Forensic Sciences will be held in The Hague, August 20-24.

It is important to note that collaboration is not restricted to research, although it is unfortunate that this is true. Disasters half a world away, such as the earthquake and tsunami that struck Japan in March 2011, traveled around the world by telecommunication faster than the tsunami itself could cross the Pacific. Every year seems to bring some new disaster that calls for forensic scientists from around the world to convene and provide the forensic services necessary to meet the disaster’s challenges. These collaborations also work to knit the forensic community together more tightly.

Table 1. Nations represented in Pathology/Biology Section of American Academy of Forensic Sciences (889 members, December 2012).

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A Letter from the YFSF President

Excitement is in the air as the 64th AAFS Annual Scientific Meeting in Atlanta approaches. The YFSF Program Committee has been hard at work planning a fabulous session. Registration is now open which means you can register for the YFSF Special Session. If you have not heard of the Young Forensic Scientists Forum (YFSF), the YFSF is specifically geared towards students and NEW professionals with 5 years or less of work experience, and is the only place where you will find a special session, poster session, bring your own slides session, and breakfast session - all focused on you!

The YFSF Special Session registration includes the following:

- **Tuesday Morning & Afternoon (02/21):** Day-long event which includes lunch
- **Tuesday Evening (02/21):** the YFSF Bring Your Own Posters Session
- **Wednesday Evening (02/22):** YFSF Bring Your Own Slides Session
- **Thursday Morning (02/23):** YFSF Breakfast Session

In the past, we have filled every seat, so do not wait to reserve yours. The registration deadline is January 25th! At the end of the meeting, we are always looking for new volunteers to help plan the next year’s events and we would love to find a way to get you even more involved in the YFSF! Looking forward to seeing you all in Atlanta!

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A Letter from the YFSF Secretary

One of the best ways for you to become more involved in the Academy and to learn about the various forensic disciplines and career opportunities is for you to join us at the YFSF Special Session at the 2012 Annual Meeting in Atlanta. By including speakers from all disciplines of the Academy, the YFSF Special Session allows attendees to broaden their forensic knowledge regardless of their level of expertise in their specific discipline. The ability to network with other forensic scientists outside of your study area is one key to enhancing your marketability as you either search for or begin your forensic career.

If you are interested in enhancing your forensic knowledge and networking skills, please visit www.aafs.org/aafs-2012-annual-meeting to register for the 2012 YFSF Special Session.

Also, please do not hesitate to contact Lauren Pharr at lpharr1@tigers.lsu.edu with any questions you may have about the YFSF and the benefits the YFSF has to offer.

Lauren R. Pharr, MA, YFSF Secretary

Financial Liaison for the YFSF

The YFSF relies on the support and contributions of the forensic community to make our special session a success each year. Events held at each meeting include a day-long scientific session, a working breakfast session, a Bring Your Own Slides presentation, and a poster session. These sessions are critical in the professional development of young scientists trying to establish a solid foundation in the field of forensic science.

In the past we have received both monetary and educational support from AAFS Sections, universities with FEPAC accredited programs, and various forensic science vendors. We would like to thank our current financial contributors who have pledged their support for the 2012 YFSF Special Session:

- AAFS Criminalistics Section
- AAFS General Section
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If you or your group is interested in providing support for YFSF, whether through a financial contribution or donation of materials, please contact Jackie Jenkins at j.jenkins71@gmail.com.

Jacquelyn M. Jenkins, PhD, YFSF Financial Liaison

YFSF Breakfast Session

The year is coming to a close and registration for the annual meeting has opened. With only a few weeks left until the Academy meeting in Atlanta, excitement and anticipation are growing. Please join us for the fun and informative 2012 YFSF Breakfast Session.

The guest speakers have many years of experience working in crime labs and reviewing resumes. Our first speaker will be Jenna Oakes-Smith, who is an administrator with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department. She will discuss “lab life” and what it means to have a job in a forensics lab. Some people may have a misguided view of what a crime lab actually does due to forensic shows on television.

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Mrs. Oakes-Smith will also discuss the differences between public and private labs. This will be very informative for those attendees who are not sure which direction they want to go.

Our second speaker will be M. Lee Goff, Director of the Forensics Science Program, Chaminade University of Honolulu. Throughout his academic career, Dr. Goff has reviewed numerous resumes from perspective employees, graduate students, and witnesses. He also has had the opportunity to assist his own students in producing their own resumes. According to Dr. Goff, he has seen what should be done, should not be done, and on occasion seen a “What the heck is that there for?” This talk will be quite enlightening.

As always, we will have a resume panel following the speakers. This year the YFSF Breakfast Session will have a representative from every section participating on this panel, and the YFSF officers are expecting a large turnout for the 2012 YFSF Breakfast Session. If you have any questions, feel free to email them to Melissa DeBerry at mdeberry@mcl.state.ms.us. I look forward to seeing everyone in Atlanta!

Melissa DeBerry, BA, YFSF Breakfast Session Chair

YFSF Special Session

The YFSF Special Session Chair, Martin Overly, and Co-Chair, Lindsey Crass, are looking forward to the upcoming Special Session on Tuesday, February 22, at the annual meeting in Atlanta, GA.

This year’s event, “Contemporary Topics in the Forensic Science Community,” will focus on current developments and practices in the various forensic disciplines. Each speaker will highlight his or her role in the forensic community and discuss the rising trends common to his or her discipline. The special session is an all-day event (8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.), and each attendee will be given a booklet that includes the presenter’s bio, abstract, and PowerPoint slides. Lunch will be provided to those who register for the session. This is an excellent time to network with veteran scientists as well as other scientists with five or less years of experience.

The session will begin with current AAFS President Douglas Ubelaker, who will discuss global challenges and opportunities that are associated with modern forensic science. AAFS Membership Coordinator, Cheryl Hunter, will provide an overview of the benefits and the steps to take to become an AAFS member. Mary Fran Ernst, from the St. Louis County Medical Examiner’s Office, will discuss the role of the medicolegal death investigators, the issues they face, and current trends in their profession.

The morning will continue with forensic entomologist Jason Byrd, who will discuss research in veterinary medicine and how this research can help enhance the field of veterinary forensics. Golden Richard, from the University of New Orleans will discuss the ever-changing and broad world of digital forensics. We are also pleased to hear from the 2011 FSF Emerging Forensic Scientist Award winner, Rolf Bremmer. Rolf will present his PhD research on recognizing and determining the age of bloodstains using reflectance spectroscopy.

The afternoon portion will begin with Robin Jones, a forensic policy and strategy consultant, who will discuss her participation in the White House’s Forensic Science Subcommittee and Inter-Agency Working Groups, which was created to enhance forensic sciences through improvements in areas such as professional standards, education, outreach, and ethics. The Laboratory Inspector for the National Laboratory Certification Program, H. Chip Walls, will discuss toxicology in the 21st Century. Robin Bowen, Interim Director of the Forensic Science Initiative, will present on professionalism and how it impacts the forensic scientist. The session will then close with William Folson, Mr. Folson is the chief forensic examiner at Folson Digital Forensics. He will provide an overview of video and audio analysis and how it helps in solving crimes.

Please email Martin Overly at martin.overly@mail.wvu.edu or Lindsey Crass at lindsey.crass@mail.wvu.edu with any questions that you may have.

Martin K. Overly, MSFS, YFSF Special Session Chair
Lindsey E. Crass, BS, YFSF Special Session Co-Chair

YFSF Bring Your Own Slides

Looking for the edge of forensic science research at this year’s annual meeting? Look no further than the Young Forensic Scientists Forum - Bring Your Own Slides Session, which is being held Wednesday, February 22!

This year we have an exciting Bring Your Own Slides program planned. Thank you to all applicants—it is because of your commitment to research that we can have a wide range of presentations. If you are not presenting, then be sure to attend this session, which is open to all AAFS meeting attendees. It will be informative and it will be fun!

If you have any questions about this year’s YFSF BYOS session feel free to contact us; Ali Mostrom (alison.p.mostrom@usdoj.gov) or Amber Neitzel (aneitzel@email.arizona.edu).

We look forward to seeing you at the 2012 AAFS Meeting in Atlanta!

Alison P. Mostrom, MSFS, BYOS Chair
Amber R. Neitzel, BS, BYOS Co-Chair

YFSF Poster Session

All AAFS meeting attendees are welcome to attend the 2012 YFSF Poster Session. Last year’s YFSF Poster Session had a lot to offer, and this year’s session will be no different. The poster session will include a wide variety of forensic disciplines from students and young forensic science professionals. The Poster Session will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Be sure to attend!

Thank you to everyone who submitted abstracts for the YFSF Poster Session this year! We all look forward to seeing your poster presentations in Atlanta.

As always, please email any questions to: yfsf.postersession@gmail.com.

Taryn M. Mead, BS, YFSF Poster Session Chair
Jennifer L. Malone, PhD, YFSF Poster Session Co-Chair
Meetings & Conferences

JANUARY 2012

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Animal or Human? Forensic Determination of Animal and Human Bone—To be held at the School of Forensic & Investigative Sciences at the University of Central Lancashire, UK.
CONTACT: Peter Cross
pacross1@uclan.ac.uk

9-13
Medicolegal Death Investigator Training Course—To be held at Saint Louis University in St. Louis, MO.
CONTACT: Julie Howe
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medschool.slu.edu/mldi

12-17
Certified Evidence Photographer Training—To be held in New Orleans, LA.
CONTACT: Professional Photographic Certification Commission
(888) 772-2780
Fax: (404) 614-6404
www.evidencephotographers.com

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Melendez-Diaz, Bullcoming, and Williams: Scientific Evidence and the Right to Confrontation—To be held at Arcadia University King of Prussia Campus in King of Prussia, PA.
CONTACT: http://forensicscienceeducation.org/

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Animal or Human? Forensic Determination of Animal and Human Bone—To be held at the School of Forensic and Investigative Sciences at the University of Central Lancashire, UK.
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23-27
Math and Physics of Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Workshop—Presented by the Miami-Dade Public Safety Training Institute in Doral, FL.
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twolson@mdpd.com

30-Feb. 3
Outdoor Recovery Courses—To be held at the Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State (FACTS) in San Marcos, TX.
CONTACT: www.txstate.edu/anthropology/facts

FEBRUARY 2012

3-5
3rd International Conference on Current Trends in Forensic Sciences, Forensic Medicine & Toxicology—Organized by Indian Association of Medico-Legal Experts (Regd) —To be held at the Ramada Hotel Jaipur in Jaipur, Rajasthan, INDIA.
CONTACT: www.iamleconf.in

MARCH 2012

5-9
Basic Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Workshop—Presented by the Specialized Training Unit at the Miami-Dade Public Safety Training Institute in Doral, FL.
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Detection, Recovery and Examination of Footwear Impression Evidence—To be held at the Ramada Inn in Jacksonville, FL.
CONTACT: whodzik@earthlink.net
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12-14
The 1st Saudi International Conference of Forensic Medical Sciences—To be held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
CONTACT: www.scfms.org

12-16
Medicolegal Death Investigator Training Course—To be held at Saint Louis University in St. Louis, MO.
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