President’s Message

The AAFS 68th Annual Scientific Meeting, to be held in Las Vegas from February 22-27, is now right around the corner!! It is being held at the Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino, which is located a little way off the strip and is not too near other hotels. Also, be aware that McCarran Airport (LAS) is a busy airport. Despite the resort location, registrations have been brisk. I will remind you that my theme for the meeting is Transformation: Embracing Change. As usual, we will have a fabulous line-up with workshops on Monday and Tuesday; the Plenary Session, the Annual Business Meeting and awards, and section business meetings on Wednesday; and Scientific Sessions on Thursday through Saturday noon for a few sections. The Organization of Scientific Area Committees (OSAC) meetings are open to the public and will be held on Monday and Tuesday. The AAFS Welcoming Reception will be Tuesday evening and many Section Receptions will be Wednesday evening. For those of you who do not already know, the Bring Your Own Slides (BYOS) and the Last Word Society are particularly popular evening events (Wednesday and Thursday, respectively). The Tuesday morning Interdisciplinary Symposium will be a fascinating look into emerging technologies that will transform forensic science, and in the Plenary Session on Wednesday morning, we will hear from United States and global leaders on the forensic science initiatives that are transforming our landscape. Of course, there is so much more going on that I cannot begin to discuss all the sessions scheduled throughout the week. On Sunday, February 21, prior to the meeting we will hold a Community Outreach at the Las Vegas Natural History Museum with various workstations from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and presentations in the Annex across the street thereafter—this would be a great family outing!

I am proud to announce that Bradford J. Wing has accepted the position of Secretariat for our newly created AAFS Standards Board. He comes...continued on page 39

Attention All Voting Members and Fellows

Pursuant to AAFS policies, specific documents such as proposed bylaws amendments and the financial audit report must be provided to the Voting Members of the Academy 30 days prior to the Annual Business Meeting. Documents which have historically been mailed in January (e.g., Applicants List, Proposed Bylaws Amendments, Audit Report, and Annual Business Meeting Minutes) are available online through the secure member log-in system on the AAFS website (www.aafs.org).

To access the 2016 Applicants List, 2016 Proposed Bylaws Amendments, 2015 Audit, and 2015 Annual Business Meeting Minutes:

1. Log on to your AAFS member account (Account Login). If you have trouble logging on to your account, please contact the AAFS office at (719) 636-1100.
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If you prefer to receive a hard copy of one or all of the documents, please contact the AAFS Membership Department at membership@aafs.org or (719) 636-1100. Action on the proposed bylaws amendments and adoption of the 2015 Audit Report will take place on Wednesday, February 24, during the Annual Business Meeting.
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Future AAFS Annual Meeting Dates

February 22-27, 2016
Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino
Las Vegas, NV

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

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

February 18-23, 2019
The Baltimore Convention Center
Baltimore, MD

February 17-22, 2020
Anaheim Convention Center
Anaheim, CA

February 15-20, 2021
George R. Brown Convention Center
Houston, TX

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AAFS Ethics Committee Action

Pursuant to Section 6.1.4.3. of the Policy and Procedure Manual of the AAFS, the decision of the Board of Directors in Ethics Case No. 2014-5 (Herbert MacDonell) is hereby published.

On September 17, 2015, the AAFS Board of Directors unanimously ratified the decision of the Ethics Committee that found Herbert MacDonell violated Article II, Section 1(a) of the Academy’s Code of Ethics and Conduct based on the conduct admitted in his guilty pleas to two counts of aggravated harassment, second degree, in the State of New York relating to two juveniles with whom he had contact through teaching a forensic science course.

The Board of Directors unanimously voted to expel Herbert MacDonell from the membership of the Academy. Herbert MacDonell has not appealed the action of the Board of Directors and the decision of the Board is final.

68th Annual Scientific Meeting Dates To Remember:

- Hotel Reservation Deadline: Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino - January 18
- Meeting Pre-Registration Deadline: January 27
Legislation:

Source: Victor Weedn, MD, JD, AAFS 2015-16 President

It seems that frustration has been growing within Washington circles about the lack of forensic science reform. Simultaneously, in the wake of more police shootings, there has been increasing consensus for a need for criminal justice reform that may subsume forensic science reform. Regardless, this year the Democrats and Republicans and Senators and House Representatives are talking. Senators Leahy and Cornyn are still very active and new players include Senators Peters, Blumenthal, Hatch, and Cruz; Senator Rockefeller is out; several House representatives and committee staffers are also involved. We expect a bill from Judiciary on forensic science reform that will create an Office of Forensic Science within the Department Of Justice (DOJ). We expect that accreditation and certification of forensic science service providers will be mandated. We have lobbied to keep the Organization of Scientific Area Committees (OSACs) at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and this seems likely. Another bill from the Committee on Science, Commerce & Transportation will likely cover research. This is an area that the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy’s (OSTP’s) President’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) is involving themselves in at the moment. We have worked with Senator Hatch’s office on the Rapid DNA legislation which seems likely to pass. It also appears that the Coverdell Act will likely be reauthorized and appropriated.

NCFS Committee Report:

Source: Dean M. Gialamas, MS, AAFS NCFS Committee Chair

The National Commission on Forensic Science (NCFS) held its eighth meeting on December 7-8, in Washington, DC, and is scheduled to meet for its ninth meeting on March 21-22, 2016. The Commission is still moving forward with accomplishments, having 42 documents in some state of work with 15 documents approved by the Commission. The work products have focused on foundation, operational, and application-related issues.

Some highlights from the last meeting include:

CO-CHAIR COMMENTS: Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Yates announced the completed review of six work products. Some work products were approved and others were not and were being sent back with comments. There was some disappointment by Commissioners on the DAG not sharing the comments with Commissioners prior to the meeting. There was also disappointment with the...
Change is inevitable; you can adapt and overcome or you can resist and risk becoming unnecessary and obsolete. President Weedn’s theme for the 2016 Annual Meeting of Transformation: Embracing Change could not be more fitting as the mantra for the General Section and the overall field of forensic science. The General Section has a history of embracing change and the challenges that come with transforming and thriving in an ever-evolving environment. From our beginnings in the American Academy of Forensic Sciences to present day, the General Section has been described as the “risk takers who dare to enlarge the horizons of the Academy.” The General Section represents a wide array of disciplines within the field of forensic science and holds the titles of “Mother of the Academy” and “Birthplace of New Sections.” These designations have been earned and are coveted by the section membership. The General Section has learned to adapt and embrace the ever-changing world of forensic science.

When the Academy was formed in 1948, seven sections were established. If applicants did not fit within these sections, they were listed as “General” or “At Large” members, and thus the birth of the General Section. In 1956, the Academy’s Executive Committee approved the creation of the General Section; however, there was no activity or structure until 1968. John R. Hunt, the first appointed section chair, grew tired of the lack of structure and vision for the section. Through his guidance, he and several other members took the initiative and held the section’s first organizational meeting. This allowed the “general” members a forum to present papers related to their disciplines and allowed them an opportunity for promotion within the Academy, which was practically impossible otherwise.

The General Section continued to be where applicants were assigned if they did not fall within the scope of other established sections. Membership throughout the years grew from just 52 members in 1968 to more than 750 members in 2015, the third-largest section in the Academy. As science and technology advanced, the General Section fostered the growth and development of four additional sections within the Academy: Physical Anthropology in 1973, Odontology in 1974, Engineering Sciences in 1981, and Digital & Multimedia Sciences in 2008. Each section has grown in membership and advanced their respective fields, thus transforming forensic sciences. The section continues to evaluate and welcome emerging disciplines while fostering the advancement and transformation of forensic sciences, both nationally and internationally, falling in line with the strategic direction being taken in the community today.

Since the release of the 2009 National Academy of Sciences (NAS) Report, Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States: A Path Forward, the forensic science community has been poised for inevitable changes. Regardless of individual opinions, this report catapulted the forensic science community into discussions about the way ahead, but it did not result in immediate action. In 2014, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) established the Forensic Science Standards Board (FSSB) and the Organization of Scientific Area Committees (OSAC) charged with developing standards for forensic science practice. Each of the five Scientific Area Committees are comprised of discipline-specific subcommittees responsible for developing standards and guidelines for their respective disciplines. This strategic guidance and direction is paramount in securing the reliability and relevance of forensic sciences in future years. Without this transformation, we risk being left behind. By embracing change and adapting to the world around us, we solidify our resolve to continue advancing the field of forensic science.

Reference:

1 History of the General Section 1956-1992
AAS President Weedn’s theme for this coming year is Transformation: Embracing Change. This is particularly relevant for psychiatry and behavioral science and presents a challenge that is, perhaps, unique to the behavioral sciences when compared to some of the other “hard sciences” involved in the AAFS. To borrow from the terminology of Dr. Henry Nasrallah, a neurobiology and schizophrenia researcher, psychiatry has moved over the years from “Bedlam to biomarkers.” What was once considered demonic possession or bad “bile” is now understood to be the result of neurocircuitry and molecular neurobiology.

However, the complex nature of human emotions, decision-making, and behaviors is still far from easy categorization. Much of our modern understanding is just now coming to light. Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition (DSM-5) has recently been published. Even this standard in mental health diagnosis has been subject to controversy. The National Institute for Mental Health expressed a standpoint that they would move away from the “consensus-based” and symptom-based diagnostic criteria of the DSM to an etiological- and genetic-based framework in their Research Domain Criterias. The approach has its detractors as well as its supporters. The move to evidence-based medicine in the last decade has challenged psychiatry, as with other fields of medicine.

If the foundations of our understanding of behavioral science have been shaken, how much more so the application of this understanding to forensic mental health endeavors. Numerous articles have been published in an attempt to establish standardization of protocols in forensic mental health assessment using empirically demonstrated assessment instruments, ethical guidelines, and evolving judicial demands. Various organizations, including the Academy, have led this path of change in publishing standard guidelines with recommendations for evidence-based practice. “Reliability” and “best scientific evidence” are the catchwords for the future of the forensic sciences, including forensic behavioral science. An abundance of research, particularly with regard to suicide and violence risk, challenges the still-existent, idiosyncratic inconsistencies in clinical practice.

Forensic psychology, psychiatry, and other behavioral science continues to expand its empirical evidence base. Publications that review relevant evidence are proliferating, as are texts which compile these findings, such as Dr. Richard Rosner’s (AAFS Past President and forensic psychiatry pioneer), Principles and Practice of Forensic Psychiatry. The members of our section are contributing to this change as well by presenting new data in our 2016 Annual Scientific Meeting Scientific Sessions. Topics such as proposed models for assessing sadistic offending, evolving ethics of capital punishment, new genetic links to behavior, DSM-5 challenges for forensic science, new perspectives on the role of forensic science and sexual disorders, and assessing treatment efficacy for probation and prison treatment programs will be explored. As individual clinicians, ultimately, we are tasked with incorporating this growing evidence into our practices for the benefit of our patients, society, and our field.
With the holiday season just past and the new year upon us, the time has come to make those New Year’s resolutions! You know, those promises that are made to yourself with great intentions but are rarely actually accomplished. Does this sound familiar? My goal for 2016 is to accomplish the changes I wanted to make in 2015, which I should have done in 2014, because I promised them in 2013, and planned them in 2012. President Victor Weedn’s theme for the year and the 2016 Annual Scientific Meeting in Las Vegas is *Transformation: Embracing Change.* As Mandy Hale once said, “Change can be scary, but you know what’s scarier? Allowing fear to stop you from growing, evolving, and progressing.”

Forensic science as a whole must constantly change, shift, and adjust in order to keep pace with society and technology: for example, dealing with new street drugs and new pharmaceutical preparations (the ones we see on television commercials when trying to watch our favorite show). How about adapting new ways to calculate DNA probabilities or the ability to conduct 3D printing and how it affects the way evidence is created and evaluated?

There are transitions all around us. Just last month at a meeting of the National Commission on Forensic Sciences, Deputy Attorney General Sally Q. Yates announced a new policy that states the Justice Department will only use evidence from laboratories around the country. Whether private or governmental, forensic laboratories have been hearing about accreditation standards for years. It just may be that this is the year decisions are made to embrace the process and to make the necessary changes toward having your laboratory become accredited.

The National Commission of Forensic Sciences (NCFS) recommendations to create and have the National Institute of Standards and Technology’s (NIST) implement the Organization of Scientific Area Committees (OSAC) came to fruition in 2015. Although the OSACs are active in the creation of new standards and guidelines, there has been difficulty about being able to vet those standards. Thus, the Academy explored the possibility of and made some very decisive moves to become a Standards Development Organization (SDO) and subject its process to an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Accredited Standards Developer (ASD).

A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new, according to Albert Einstein. Change is tough and usually comes with several obstacles. As we approach the fork in the road, do you take the low road and maintain status quo or do you embrace the high road, the more difficult path of change, knowing there is a lot more work ahead? The one thing you can say with certainty about the high road: there seems to be a lot less traffic on it these days!

Happy New Year 2016 and Viva Las Vegas!
It’s a cold day in early December as I write this—and by the time you read this, we will be into the New Year—but I’m already excited about the AAFS 2016 Annual Scientific Meeting. The flights are booked, my registration is submitted, and the hotel room is reserved. Even though this will be my 19th AAFS meeting, I still remain dazzled (perhaps even a bit overwhelmed) by the options. That’s the real beauty of the AAFS Annual Meeting—you can branch out, liaise with colleagues from disciplines peripheral to your own, take in a Workshop or a Scientific Session on a topic wholly new to you, or brainstorm with peers in another section on a future project or presentation.

The AAFS 2016 Annual Scientific Meeting is now just around the corner. Are you registered and ready? It’s not too late, but the pre-registration deadline of January 27 is rapidly approaching. That is the last date you can sign up for Workshops, Breakfasts, Luncheons, and other Special Sessions that require pre-registration. And while you can wait to register for the meeting itself at the door, you will save considerable money (and time!) by registering in advance. How do you register? You can easily go online and take care of the whole process at www.aafs.org. Or you can scan and email your registration form to tmccray@aafs.org. If you’re old school, you can still mail your registration form (with payment) to the AAFS. While you’re online, download the meeting Program and Proceedings (around the first of February) from the AAFS website. An especially handy tool you can download to your mobile device is the “Guidebook” app.

As you plan your registration and meeting week, keep this in mind: there are 24 workshops, multiple interdisciplinary symposia, and special sessions to choose from. All should plan to attend the special Evening Session (Tuesday) to learn about the AAFS becoming a Standards Development Organization (SDO). And make sure you are at Wednesday’s Academy-wide Plenary Session, designed with President Weedn’s vision and the meeting’s theme in mind, Transformation: Embracing Change. But here’s the thing—all that is just in the first three days. Then we dive into the Scientific Sessions, where your fellow members will showcase new developments and findings in more than 880 platform and poster presentations scattered among 11 sections. Some will be in multidisciplinary scientific sessions, including collaborations between Toxicology & Pathology/Biology and Jurisprudence & Engineering Sciences. Outside of the social networking and chance to see old friends, the overwhelming variety of scientific presentation at the AAFS is what has kept me coming back to the meetings for so many years. I encourage you to branch out, attend sessions in a variety of disciplines, and come away inspired for some collaborative and cross-discipline research of your own.

While you move through the week at the meeting, please make it a priority to attend your section’s business meeting and the subsequent AAFS Annual Business Meeting on Wednesday afternoon. These meetings are essential for keeping your section and the AAFS running and will allow your voice to be heard on matters ranging from section finances to choosing the future leadership of the organization.

Many of you are aware of the National Institute of Standards of Technology (NIST) development of the Organization of Scientific Area Committees (OSAC) for the forensic sciences. A large number of
The Distinguished Fellow Award will be presented on Wednesday, February 24, during the AAFS Annual Business Meeting. Join us in acknowledging your most distinguished colleague, Douglas Ubelaker, as he is presented with this prestigious award.

Distinguished Fellow Honoree

Douglas H. Ubelaker, PhD

AAFS Outstanding Early Career Achievement in Forensic Science Award

The AAFS Outstanding Early Career Achievement in Forensic Science Award will be presented on Wednesday, February 24, during the AAFS Annual Business Meeting. You’ll want to be present to congratulate recipient:

Cliff Akiyama, MPH, MA

Section Awards will be presented during Section Business Meetings, also on Wednesday, February 24. The Section Award recipients will be acknowledged again before the entire membership during the AAFS Annual Business Meeting along with the presentation of the Distinguished Fellow and the AAFS Outstanding Early Career Achievement in Forensic Science Awards.

2016 Section Award Honorees

Anthropology Section’s
T. Dale Stewart Award
J. Lawrence Angel Award
Ellis R. Kerley Foundation Best Paper Award
Service Award

Bruce E. Anderson, PhD
Valda Black, MA
Derek Congram, PhD
William M. Bass III, PhD
William R. Belcher, PhD
Ann H. Ross, PhD

Criminalistics Section’s
Paul L. Kirk Award
Mary E. Cowan Outstanding Service Award
Meritorious Service Award

Christopher R. Bommarito, MS
Marie Samples, MS
Thomas A. Brettell, PhD

Digital & Multimedia Sciences Section’s
Outstanding Research Award
Outstanding Case Study Award
Carrie Morgan Whitcomb Service Award

Kathryn C. Seigfried-Spellar, PhD
Thomas L. Murray, MS
Joseph Levi White, MS
Zeno J. Geradts, PhD

Engineering Sciences Section’s
Founders Award
Andrew H. Payne, Jr., Special Achievement Award

Peter Alexander, PhD
Kurt D. Weiss, MS
Mark C. Pozzi, MS

General Section’s
Robert Gaffney Achievement Award
John R. Hunt Award
Paul W. Kehres Meritorious Service Award

Catherine G. Rushton, MSFS
Virginia A. Lynch, MSN
Richard D. Walter, MA

Odontology Section’s
Reidar F. Sognnaes Award of Excellence in Forensic Odontology

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Pathology/Biology Section’s
2015 Best Resident Paper Award Honorable Mention
Milton Helpern Award

Melissa M. Blessing, DO
Gregory G. Davis, MD
Thomas T. Noguchi, MD

Psychiatry & Behavioral Science Section’s
Maier I. Tuchler Award

Christopher R. Thompson, MD

Toxicology Section’s
Alexander O. Gettler Award
Rolla N. Harger Award
Ray Abernethy Award
Irvig Sunshine Award

Mahmoud A. ElSohly, PhD
J. Rod McCutcheon, BS
Robert Kronstrand, PhD
Erin A. Spargo, PhD

2016 AAFS Regional Award Winners

Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists
Southwestern Association of Toxicologists

Mark Goff, BA
Heidi Christensen, BS

2015-16 FSF Emerging Forensic Scientist Award Honorees

The FSF Emerging Forensic Scientist Award will be presented on Wednesday, February 24, during the AAFS Annual Business Meeting. You’ll want to be present to congratulate recipients:

Whitney A. Simpson, BS and Federica Collini, MD

2015-16 FSF Henry C. Lee Scholarship Recipient

The FSF Henry C. Lee Scholarship will be presented on Wednesday, February 24, during the AAFS Annual Business Meeting. You’ll want to be present to congratulate recipient:

Mithun Rajshekar, MFSc

2015-16 FSF Jan S. Bashinski Criminalistics Graduate Thesis Assistance Grant

The FSF Jan S. Bashinski Criminalistics Graduate Thesis Assistance Grant will be presented on Wednesday, February 24, during the Criminalistics Section Business Meeting. You’ll want to be present to congratulate recipient:

Sarah Riman, PhD
Interdisciplinary Symposium to Speak to Adopting Innovative Science and Technology

Sources: Jeri D. Ropero Miller, PhD, 2016 IS Chair, and Marla E. Carroll, BS, 2016 IS Co-Chair

Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas! So say the signs entering the self-proclaimed “Entertainment Capital of the World.” In keeping with that spirit, one of the feature acts for the AAFS 68th Annual Scientific Meeting will be the Interdisciplinary Symposium. A slate of marquee names have been confirmed for a very informative morning of activities. The session’s topic is “Innovative Science: How Advances in Technology Transform Forensic Science.” The variety show planned for the morning of February 23, covers a wide forensic spectrum. In addition to speakers who are at the forefront of their respective fields, two panel discussions will take place.

The Keynote Address will feature Dr. Nancy Rodriguez who will discuss the role of the federal government’s National Institute of Justice, the lead agency for forensic science research and development, as well as the administration of programs to facilitate technical assistance. She will stress the importance of evidence-based research to serve the forensic science community.

Dr. Kenneth G. Furton will review the transformation of academic forensic science from knowledge creators and disseminators to catalysts of innovation, entrepreneurship, and economic development. As the Provost, Executive Vice President, and a researcher of Florida International University, Dr. Furton will focus on detection science in which trace detection of evidence and odors left from removed evidence is having a major impact on forensic science.

Jed S. Rakoff’s topic is titled “Why Judges Fear Technology” and will explore the difficulties judges face in dealing with technological advances in the forensic sciences. Judge Rakoff will discuss some possible solutions to translating these advances into useable legal form. The first half of the program will wrap with a panel discussion.

After a brief recess, the program will resume with John M. Collins, Jr., from The Forensic Foundations Group. He will introduce attendees to the concept of administrative technologies and how technology can be leveraged in forensic science, not just for the testing of evidence, but in the management of people, customers, and organizational cultures.

Richard A. Guerrieri will speak about the emergence of Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) and how it introduces opportunities for enhanced discrimination within mixtures and human remains as well as identity, physical appearance, and ancestry relationships. Mr. Guerrieri will also discuss implementation strategies for consideration by the forensic DNA community.

Dr. Kurt B. Nolte will outline how advanced radiologic imaging modalities such as Computed Tomography (CT) scanners are transforming the practice of forensic pathology. Dr. Nolte’s presentation will emphasize that CT and autopsy can be complementary in achieving the fullest diagnostic data set.

Christina Hayes and Amanda Hale will bring the Young Forensic Scientists’ perspective to the program. Ms. Hayes will discuss the new technology available in drug testing and will compare it to the standard instrumentation used with specific groups of drugs. Ms. Hale will take the approach that digital imaging innovation is integral to advancing methods in forensic anthropology.

Dr. Zeno Geradts will relate how the development of Digital & Multimedia Sciences is rapid, due to the growth of data and the wide range of devices in which digital evidence can be found; smartphones and most electronic devices now have digital storage that communicate with networks. Also, technological advancements in facial and image recognition will cause more possibilities for predictive methods. Professor Geradts will argue that due to these rapid developments of big data, new techniques can be used but that validation is crucial.

The morning session will conclude after the second panel discussion. As scientists, even at the Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino, we do not gamble or let the chips fall where they may. The advertisements say that “What Happens in Vegas, Stays in Vegas,” but we want you to take back the knowledge and concepts presented in this year’s Interdisciplinary Symposium. Our world-class speakers will show how advances in forensics continue to help us get to the truth. Check out the complete abstract and presentation schedule in the AAFS Advance Program. Spend Tuesday morning with us and it’s a “sure bet” you will raise your technology adoption IQ. See you there!
68th Annual Scientific Meeting Program Committee Disclosure

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The AAFS has selected United Airlines as the official airline carrier for the 68th Annual Scientific Meeting. The meeting will be held February 22-27, 2016, in Las Vegas, NV, USA.

Domestic Flights
Book online at www.united.com and enter your Offer Code ZVN4700144 in the Offer Code box when searching for your flights. Make your reservations using the codes and receive your discounted rate on your round-trip fare.

To Make Your Reservations:
● Go to: www.united.com.
● Enter the code ZVN4700144 in the Offer Code box when searching for flights.

International Flights
Outside of the United States, please call your local United Airlines Reservation Office.
If booking through a travel professional or United Meetings at 800-426-1122, please provide the following information:

● Agreement Code: 700144
● Z Code: ZVN4

Please advise your travel agent of the following important information:
● For information on auto pricing and fare filing please have travel agencies contact United Meetings Administration at 800-426-1122.
● To avoid debit memos and ensure tracking for United Meetings Rewards, the Z-code must appear in both the Ticket Designator and Tour Code box.

Restrictions:
● Travel dates for discounted fares: February 14-March 1, 2016.
● Discounts are not applicable from points-of-origin located in Japan.
● Discounts may not apply to ten (10) or more people traveling together on the same United Flight (e.g., group travel).

A Word From Your 2016 Program Chair cont.

AAFS members are active at all levels of the OSAC. On either Monday or Tuesday during the AAFS 2016 Annual Meeting, each of the five Scientific Area Committees (SACs) within the OSAC will be holding a public meeting. The meeting times are listed in the calendar of events. You can read more about the OSAC by following the links at http://www.nist.gov/forensics. The extensive involvement of the AAFS in the OSAC enterprise, and the valuable input from AAFS members, remains vital to the success of standards development in the forensic sciences. Seriously consider attending the SAC meeting(s) relevant to your discipline if you can.

At the meeting, please take the time to show a smile, extend a handshake, or give a pat on the back to the intrepid AAFS staff. Though they make running a meeting of this magnitude appear easy, and they are always quick to provide answers and solutions, the meeting is the culmination of 12 months of hard work on their part. After a couple of days to catch their breath at the end of the Las Vegas meeting, rest assured they will be hard at work putting together the 2017 meeting.

Finally, plan to have fun in Las Vegas. While it may be true that what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas, what happens at the AAFS meeting might be forever memorialized in the next AAFS newsletter! The spirit of camaraderie the meeting engenders is a big part of the glue that holds the AAFS together and is certainly a major reason I am a proud and happy AAFS member. Your Program Co-Chair, Julie Howe, and I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.
The American Academy of Forensic Sciences has selected the Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino as the site of the 68th Annual Scientific Meeting in Las Vegas, NV. The Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino offers great amenities to help you through your stay.

For hotel availability during the American Academy of Forensic Sciences’ 68th Annual Scientific Meeting, please go to the AAFS Annual Meeting “Accommodations” webpage to make your hotel reservation under the AAFS room block. By using this link on the AAFS Accommodations page, you will be taken to the hotel’s AAFS specific meetings page where you may secure your reservation at the group-contracted rate of $170 for either single or double rooms.

While early reservations are recommended to take advantage of discounted rates, please be sure to cancel your reservations prior to the Monday, January 18, deadline if you are unable to attend or you cannot use the reservations. This will make the rooms available for other attendees and will help AAFS avoid the financial penalties associated with cancellations made after the room block closes.

**Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino**
3700 West Flamingo Road
Las Vegas, NV 89103
Telephone: (866) 746-7671
Reservations: (888) 746-6955
Single/Double: $170
Reservation Deadline: January 18

If there’s one place that captures the rhythm of Las Vegas, it’s the Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino. Like its namesake, the Rio draws its style and passion from Carnival, the biggest celebration on earth. With vibrant colors and a pulsing samba beat, the Rio is exotic, festive and fun. Rio is about enjoying every moment, and that spirit is just as evident in the meetings and events that happen here. The Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino features more than 2,500 spacious guest suites that offer the utmost in comfort and style. Whether it’s a Standard or newly renovated Samba Suite, Rio guests will find plenty of room to work, entertain or just sit back and enjoy a view of the Las Vegas Strip.

**Standard Amenities:**
- High-speed Internet access *(When Booked Through AAFS Room Block)*
- Phone with voicemail
- On-Demand movies, music and games
- Alarm clock radio
- In-room safe
- Refreshment center
- Iron and ironing board
- Hair dryer
- 24-hour room service
- Available dry cleaning and laundry service
- In-room check out
- In-Room Coffeemaker *(Coffee Available Through Mini-Bar Purchase)*

To book within the AAFS room block, use the online reservation link or call (888) 746-6955 and request “the American Academy of Forensic Sciences group rate” or use the code “SRAFS6.” Attendees booking within the room block will not be charged the $25 daily Resort Fee and will receive complimentary in-room internet for one device. Use of the fitness center and local/1-800 number phone calls in the guest room will be billed to each guest individually based on usage. Any attendees not booked inside the AAFS room block will be charged the mandatory $25 daily resort fee per room. Attendees not booked within the AAFS block will not be able to request rate or resort fee remediation.

Booking a room in the AAFS room block is an important way to support our organization and to keep overall meeting costs as low as possible. AAFS commits to a block of rooms at the headquarter hotel on behalf of meeting attendees and has a financial obligation to fill those blocks. Please help us to avoid penalties and to control costs for future events by staying at the official hotel. Staying within the block is also more convenient and helps you stay connected with the informal activities and networking opportunities that occur at the hotels during the meeting. If you are required to reserve a room through your company’s travel department, please forward the booking link to them so that you can reserve a room in the AAFS room block.
Attend the AAFS Annual Business Meeting and Win!!

The Annual Business Meeting of the Fellows and Members of AAFS will be held on Wednesday, February 24, 2016, at 4:15 p.m., at the Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, NV. 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 2016-17 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 2017 AAFS Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA.

Do You Need to Share a Room in Las Vegas?

If you would like to have more spending money to take in some of the “must see” sights while in Las Vegas, NV, during the AAFS 68th 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.

Policy On Abstracts and Presentations

Presentations at AAFS Annual Scientific Meetings and corresponding abstracts must be formulated to promote education and to elevate accuracy, precision, and specificity in the forensic sciences. Presentations or abstracts which promote a commercial product, company, entity, or service are not allowed at AAFS Annual Scientific Meetings. Presentations by commercial entities shall be limited to the science and not to an advertisement or promotion of their products over that of a competitor. Any abstract or presentation that is perceived by a section program chair or the Academy Program Chair as a product endorsement will not be approved for presentation at the meeting. A presentation given at a meeting that, in the opinion of the section program chair or the Academy Program Chair, is a product endorsement may result in the presenter and corresponding company being barred from making presentations at future AAFS meetings.

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

AAFS reserves the right to remove commercial references not disclosed by the author.

In Memoriam

Alberto L. Geraci, Associate Member of the Engineering Sciences Section, October 2015
Adrianna Vorderbruggen, MFS, Associate Member of the General Section, December 2015
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 preassigned 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. Material left behind will be disposed of after presentation hours.

AAFS POSTER PRESENTATION FORMAT IS AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

PRESENTATION FORMAT:

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

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

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

IF YOU PLAN TO USE YOUR OWN COMPUTER WITH THE LCD PROJECTOR AT THE MEETING (ONLY IF ALLOWED BY SECTION):
- Test your presentation with the LCD projection unit provided in the speaker ready room.
- You must report to your assigned room at least 30 minutes before the session is scheduled to begin (not your scheduled presentation time). Introduce yourself to the session moderators. Bring your presentation on a USB Drive or CD-ROM that is clearly labeled with your name. Please contact your presenting section’s Program Chair for these details.
- If allowed, each section will provide specific instructions by email prior to the meeting.
- You will be given instructions on when to connect to the LCD projection unit.
American Academy of Forensic Sciences • Pre-Registration Form
68th Annual Scientific Meeting • February 22–27, 2016 • Las Vegas, NV
Pre-Registration Deadline – January 27, 2016

Three Ways to Register:
Register on-line at www.aafs.org
Scan & email your registration form (both pages) to tmccray@aafs.org
Mail your form with check, money order, or purchase order to:
AAFS
410 North 21st Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80904

Faxed registration forms are not accepted.

REGISTRANT INFORMATION
Salutation (Dr/Mr/Ms): ___________________________ First Name: ___________________________ Last Name: ___________________________ Highest Degree: ___________________________
Mailing Address: ____________________________________________________________
City: ______________________ State/Province: ____________ ZIP/Postal Code: _________ Country: ___________________________

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
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Hotel: _________________________________________________________ First AAFS Meeting? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Vocational Status: ☐ Professional ☐ Student ☐ Academic ☐ Decision Maker ☐ Purchasing Agent ☐ Other
Attendee Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female
Would you like to receive pre-meeting exhibitor mailings? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Emergency Contact Name: ___________________________ Emergency Contact Phone: ___________________________

ADA ACCOMMODATIONS
Please list any special dietary needs:
Please list ADA accommodation requests:

Please note: This ADA Accommodations request refers to meeting/session accommodations (e.g., wheelchair access, assisted listening devices, etc.). ADA accommodations related to hotel room reservations should be directed to the hotel when making reservations. ADA Accommodations are required by the Pre-Registration deadline (January 27, 2016). Requests received after this date may not be processed or fulfilled in time.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT
☐ $100 Administrative Fee

Registrants must pick up a CE Credit Request Form at the registration counter and submit by the deadline for credit/certificate. AAFS is an accredited provider by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), Academy of General Dentistry (AGD), and American Association of Clinical Chemistry (AACC). In addition, credits for continuing legal education and general continuing education are offered.

REGISTRATION FEES
Includes admittance into AAFS sessions starting with the Tuesday evening Welcoming Reception through the Saturday morning Scientific Sessions (excludes all Special Functions). A complimentary beverage ticket is included with all registrations except Student, Daily, and Workshop Only.

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*Must provide/submission additional documentation by the January 27, 2016, Pre-Registration deadline (see below):
☐ Applicants – Completed AAFS membership application on file with Academy Office.
☐ Non-Member Full-Time Students – Proof of full-time status.
☐ Non-Member Trainees – Letter from employer verifying trainee status.
☐ IAI & AFTE Members – Proof of current membership.

Refund Policy: All requests for refunds must be submitted via mail or email (tmccray@aafs.org). Phone and faxed requests are not accepted. Cancellation registration fees will be refunded accordingly: Dec 1-31 at 75%; Jan 1-31 at 60%; Feb 1-5 at 50%; no refunds after February 5.
The following sessions are priced separately and are not included in the Registration Fees. Special Functions fill quickly due to limited seating. Registration for all Special Functions officially closes as of the January 27, 2016, Pre-Registration deadline. AAFS has a firm policy that non-registered attendance or auditing is not permitted in these sessions. (AAFS Policy and Procedure Manual 3.1.3.3.)

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Additional Payment Information:

- All payments to AAFS must be in US Funds drawn on a US bank.
- Attendee will automatically receive a registration confirmation via email.

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Forensic Science Employment Fair

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

To be held during the AAFS 68th Annual Scientific Meeting
February 22-27, 2016
Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino
Las Vegas, NV, USA

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. – Tuesday, February 23

Near the AAFS Welcoming Reception at the Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino

In 2015, the Academy sponsored a very successful employment exchange/forum with over thirteen prospective employers and approximately three hundred visitors participating. Job seekers included the graduating classes of several major forensic science degree programs.

The 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.
- An opportunity to make personal contacts and distribute resumes.
- A means to assess the job market in your discipline.

Employers: 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 Heather Jefferson at hjefferson@aafs.org or fax to (719) 636-1993.
Forensic Science Employment Fair  
Tuesday, February 23  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  

Request for booth/table space.

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Names of Staff Members Attending Employment Fair:

Brief Description of Position to be Advertised for Employment:

Each participating employer will be assigned space and provided with a 4’ X 8’ poster board and table. Representatives of the participating employers must be present during the forum. Return form to Heather Jefferson at hjefferson@aafs.org. For requests made prior to January 15th, confirmations will be sent via email by January 22.
American Academy of Forensic Sciences
FEPAC College & University Fair

A forum designed to put FEPAC-accredited colleges, universities, and potential students in contact.

To be held during the AAFS 68th Annual Scientific Meeting
February 22-27
Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino
Las Vegas, NV, USA

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. – Thursday, February 25

Adjacent to the AAFS Wine & Cheese Reception at the
Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino

2016 will be the fifth year that AAFS is offering FEPAC-accredited colleges and universities
the opportunity to promote their educational programs to potential students. In 2015,
sixteen major forensic science degree programs participated in the AAFS FEPAC College & University Fair.
Programs will have their own session in conjunction with the AAFS Wine & Cheese Reception to showcase
their program and campuses.

For programs wishing to fill permanent faculty positions, AAFS requires participation in the AAFS Employment Fair
being held on Tuesday, February 23. Contact Heather Jefferson for the Employment Fair request form.

The AAFS FEPAC College & University Fair is:
• A free event open to all registered meeting attendees.
• An opportunity to meet students and for them to meet you.
• An opportunity to make personal contacts.

There is no fee to participate. Space is limited to FEPAC-accredited Programs and assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis.
For information or to register and ensure available table/booth space for your program
complete the form and return it to:
Heather Jefferson at hjefferson@aafs.org or
fax to (719) 636-1993.
The AAFS FEPAC College & University Fair
Thursday, February 25, 2016
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Request for booth/table space.

Contact Name: __________________________________________________________

Email Address: __________________________________________________________

FEPAC–Accredited College/University: ______________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________

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City: ___________________________ State: ___________ Zip: __________

Country: ________________________________________________________________

Names of Staff Members Attending FEPAC College & University Fair:

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Brief Program Description:

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Each participating FEPAC–accredited university or college will be assigned space and provided with a 4’ X 8’ poster board and table. Representatives of the participating program must be present during the fair. Return form to Heather Jefferson at hjefferson@aafs.org. For requests made prior to January 15, confirmations will be sent via email by January 22.
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE 2016 AAFS ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

The AAFS 2016 Annual Scientific Meeting will take place February 22-27 in Las Vegas, NV. We need volunteers to accomplish an array of administrative and gate-keeping tasks throughout the week of the meeting. Volunteers who are not members of the Academy may receive complimentary registration to attend all non-ticketed sessions of the meeting with a minimum of eight (8) hours of completed volunteer service at the meeting. This does not include sessions requiring pre-registration or fees other than the basic meeting registration fee. If you plan to attend any of the Special Functions (e.g., workshops, breakfasts, luncheons, special sessions, etc.), please contact the Volunteer Coordinator for the AAFS Pre-Registration Form. Inactive members of the Academy are eligible to receive complimentary registration.

Although AAFS members do not receive complimentary registration for volunteering, the Academy needs its members to volunteer. Your service to the Academy is instrumental in making the event a success. Persons accompanying registered attendees are also welcome to volunteer if they wish. Volunteer applications must be received no later than January 29, and are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Incomplete forms are not accepted.

AAFS 68th Annual Scientific Meeting Volunteer Information Form*

Name: __________________________________ Salutation: ______ Degree: ______ Organization: _______________________

Mailing Address: __________________________________ City: ____________________________
State/Province: __________________________________ Zip/Postal Code: __________________ Country: __________________________

Home Phone: _______________________ Cell Phone: _______________________ Work Phone: ____________________________
Fax: ______________________________ Email: __________________________________ Gender: M [ ] F [ ]

Emergency Contact Name: ____________________________________ Emergency Contact Phone: ______________________

The best way to contact me during the meeting is: [ ] Phone [ ] Email [ ] Other: ____________________________

AAFS Member? Yes [ ] No [ ] Member#: __________________ Are you able to lift 50 lbs? Yes [ ] No [ ]
Are you bilingual? Yes [ ] No [ ] If needed are you willing to translate? Y [ ] N [ ] Language(s): __________________
First Meeting? Yes [ ] No [ ]

I plan to arrive in Las Vegas, NV on ______________________________ and depart on ______________________________

Please check all dates you are available to volunteer. Mark the time(s) of day you are available (a.m. and/or p.m.) as well as the maximum number of days for which you are willing to volunteer. Please Note: We make every attempt to fulfill your requests; however, there is no guarantee your requests will match our needs.

Dates Available  √  Time of Day Available  I prefer to work: [ ] Full Days [ ] Half Days
Additional Comments/Needs:

Friday, February 19  a.m.  p.m.  
Saturday, February 20  a.m.  p.m.  
Sunday, February 21  a.m.  p.m.  
Monday, February 22  a.m.  p.m.  
Tuesday, February 23  a.m.  p.m.  
Wednesday, February 24  a.m.  p.m.  
Thursday, February 25  a.m.  p.m.  
Friday, February 26  a.m.  p.m.  
Saturday, February 27  a.m.  p.m.  

Maximum number of days willing to work: __________________________________

[ ] I am requesting “Complimentary” registration as a non-member with a minimum of eight (8) hours of volunteer service. I understand that should I fail to meet my confirmed assignment and/or minimum hour requirements I may be charged for a full meeting registration and/or disqualified from volunteering at future AAFS meetings.

*Return completed form by January 29 to:

volunteer@aafs.org
410 North 21st Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80904
Phone: (719) 636-1100  Fax: (719) 636-1993

*You must fill out the form completely. Incomplete forms are not accepted.
2016 Elsevier Subscription Information

Elsevier offers discounted rates to members and affiliates of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences for two electronic-access journal packages. Whether you were a previous subscriber or a new subscriber of an Elsevier electronic-access package, you may use the 2016 Subscription Form (http://news.aafs.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/2016-Subscription-Form.pdf) to subscribe for the 2016 calendar year.

Workshop 13 Cancellation

We regret to inform you that Workshop 13 National Commission on Forensic Science (NCFS) — Status Report on Work Products and Issues Under Consideration, scheduled to be held during the 2016 AAFS 68th Annual Scientific Meeting, has been cancelled. Current registrants for Workshop 13 will be given the opportunity to make alternative selections or to receive a refund on any paid registration fees for the cancelled session.

Staff Anniversaries

Congratulations to:

**November**
Salena Grant, 7 years
Heather Jefferson, 4 Years
Jeff Lubbers, 2 Years
FSF Jan S. Bashinski Criminalistics Graduate Thesis Assistance Grant Winner

The Forensic Sciences Foundation (FSF) is proud to announce that Sarah Riman, PhD, was awarded the 2015-16 FSF Jan S. Bashinski Criminalistics Graduate Thesis Assistance Grant for her paper, “Streamlining Semen and Sperm Cell Detection Via Proximity Ligation Real-Time PCR with Forensic DNA Analysis.” This year’s award consists of: $1,700; a plaque presented at the Criminalistics Section Business Meeting; complimentary meeting registration at a future AAFS meeting where her thesis has been accepted for presentation; and, up to $1,300 for travel and per diem expenses toward the future meeting attendance. Sarah Riman is currently a master’s student and researcher in the forensic molecular biology program at the George Washington University. She is working on developing a confirmatory protein assay for the identification of body fluids from crime evidence. She holds a PhD in Biomedical Sciences from Florida State University (FSU) and did her postdoctoral research at FSU and the University of Minnesota.

Congratulations, Sarah!

FSF Henry C. Lee Scholarship Winner Announced!

The Forensic Sciences Foundation (FSF) is pleased to announce the recipient of the FSF Henry C. Lee Scholarship! Mithun Rajshekar, MFSc (Odontology) of Hobart, Tasmania, was selected based on his abstract submission entitled, “Assessing the Reliability of Measurements of Human Dental Casts Using an Intraoral 3D Scanner.” Dr. Rajshekar’s paper is scheduled for oral presentation on Thursday, February 25, during the Odontology Section’s Scientific Session at the annual meeting in Las Vegas, NV. The Henry C. Lee Scholarship will assist Dr. Rajshekar in defraying his travel expenses, up to $1,000, to attend and present at the annual meeting. As part of this honor, Dr. Rajshekar will also receive a complimentary meeting registration and a plaque on behalf of the FSF Board of Trustees. The Henry C. Lee Scholarship Selection Committee was comprised of Robert Barsley, Chair, Paula Brumit, Joanna Collins, and Anjali Ranadive, all of whom serve on the FSF Board of Trustees.

Congratulations, Dr. Rajshekar!

FSF/CRC Press Student Travel Grant and Book Prize Awarded

Congratulations to Kelsey A. Carpenter, BS, (Anthropology) who has been honored with the CRC Press Grant Award! In collaboration with the Forensic Sciences Foundation (FSF), CRC Press donated to the top-scoring FSF Student Travel Grant candidate an “instant library” of $1,500-worth (list price) of pre-selected books that will be presented at the annual meeting. The “FSF/CRC Press Student Travel Grant and Book Prize” has an overall value of $3,100.

The Forensic Sciences Foundation would like to thank CRC Press for its generous donation.

Academy News
The Forensic Sciences Foundation (FSF) is proud to announce the winners of the “FSF Student Travel Grant Award” essay contest: 

Kelsey A. Carpenter, BS, Student Affiliate/Anthropology; Jacob S. Griffin, BS, Student Affiliate/Anthropology; Roger L. Jefferys, BS, Student Affiliate/Criminalistics; Kelly R. Kamnikar, BS, Student Affiliate/Anthropology; Lauren Alyssa Meckel, BS, Student Affiliate/Anthropology; Matthew N. Newmeyer, BS, Student Affiliate/Toxicology; Lindsey G. Roberts, MA, Student Affiliate/Anthropology; Tiffany B. Saul, MS, Student Affiliate/Anthropology; and Michael S. Woolf, BS, Applicant/General (not pictured below). The Student Travel Grant will assist with travel expenses in attending the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) 68th Annual Scientific Meeting in Las Vegas, NV.

The FSF Board of Trustees is pleased to approve the travel expenses, not to exceed $1,500 per student, for nine students this year. A complimentary meeting registration is included with the $1,500 grant for travel expenses.

The 2015-16 FSF Student Travel Grant Committee was comprised of Susan Ballou, Chair (Criminalistics), Paula Brumit (Odontology), and Paul Messner (Jurisprudence).
Forensic Sciences Foundation Announcement of 2015-16 Lucas Grant Awards!

Each year the Forensic Sciences Foundation (FSF) awards monies in the form of grants to members of the forensic science communities for research conducted throughout the year. The FSF has awarded four 2015-16 FSF Lucas Grants and is pleased to announce the recipients of the research grants for this year. Congratulations!

The 2015-16 FSF Lucas Grant recipients are: 

Anastasia M. Brown, BS - $4,750 - Sample Collection of Fire Debris from Burned Cadavers for Ignitable Liquid Analysis
Gulnaz T. Javan, PhD - $4,950 - Postmortem Interval Estimation and Determination of Cause of Death in Criminal Cases Using Thanatombiome
Nicole M. Novroski, MS - $5,000 - A Novel Intra-Allelic STR Variant Panel for Enhanced DNA Mixture De-Convolution
Katie M. Rubin, MS - $4,986 - The Adsorption of Toxic Substances into Human Bone Tissue

2015 FSF Emerging Forensic Scientist Award Winners: Federica Collini, MD, and Whitney Simpson, BS

The 16th Annual FSF Emerging Forensic Scientist Award paper competition was hosted in Orlando, FL. The following presenters were selected as the 2015 winners by a panel of judges: Whitney A. Simpson, BS, was selected for her poster presentation entitled, “Highly Multiplexed Analysis of STRs and SNPs Using Massively Parallel Sequencing: Concordance With Current Methodologies,” and Federica Collini, MD, for her oral presentation, “Paternal Filicide for Spousal Revenge: The Male Side of Medea’s Syndrome in the Italian Population Over the Last Ten Years.” Congratulations to Whitney and Federica who will both receive expense reimbursement to attend the 68th Annual Scientific Meeting in Las Vegas, NV.
The Forensic Sciences Foundation, Inc., gratefully acknowledges the generous contributions made to the Foundation and its Endowment Fund. Please accept our apologies if your name does not appear below and contact the AAFS office as soon as possible with the correction. This listing reflects contributions received from 07/01/15 through 12/01/15.

The Fund’s balance through 12/01/15 was $1,026,285. Additionally, the FSF Endowment Fund has provided $301,969 in awards and grants since its inception in 1990.

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ANTHROPOLOGY

Source: Phoebe R. Stubblefield, PhD
Section Chair

Please join the Anthropology and General Sections as we congratulate Douglas Scott, forensic archaeologist and Fellow of the General Section. He has been awarded the J.C. Harrington Medal in Historical Archaeology. This honor reflects his years of service as a forensic archaeologist in overseas human rights investigations, as well as his pursuit of traditional archaeological research. Congratulations, Douglas, for an honor well deserved!

CRIMINALISTICS

Source: John J. Lentini, BA, Section Chair

If you have not yet registered for the 2016 Annual Scientific Meeting, you should do so today. The pre-registration deadline is January 27. Forms must be received by this date to qualify for the pre-registration rate and to register for Special Functions (workshops, breakfast seminars, luncheons, and special sessions).

Criminalistics Program Chair Vinny Desiderio and Co-Chair Kristy Kadash have put together an excellent program that is sure to stimulate your criminalistics mind, whatever your discipline might be. There were 216 papers accepted for presentation; more than half of those will be oral presentations. The Advance Program is available on the Academy website: www.aafs.org.

Some of the best programs will be presented on Saturday morning so be sure to plan your return trip for no sooner than Saturday afternoon.

Speakers are reminded that the Academy meeting always takes place in February and weather can be a possible issue, so please give yourself some extra time for bad weather when planning your arrival. Program Chairs really hate no-shows.

There will be four panels of invited speakers this year that you won’t want to miss. The scientific program starts out Thursday morning with a review of the year in Criminalistics. Mark Stolorow and John Paul Jones will be reporting on the progress of the National Institute of Standards and Technology/Organization of Scientific Area Committees (NIST/OSAC) committees, which will be impacting our profession long into the future.

In keeping with President Weedn’s theme Transformation: Embracing Change, Thursday afternoon features a session entitled “The Trials and Troubles of Transitioning New Technology Into the Forensic Laboratory.”

On Friday morning, there will be a two-hour town hall meeting on DNA mixture interpretation. This is a subject which has been making headlines and, as is usually the case with headlines about forensic science, not happy ones. Bring your mixture questions to this session and one of our distinguished panel of experts will try to provide some guidance.

On Friday afternoon, there will be a session discussing interpretation challenges in the non-biological criminalistics disciplines. This session will focus on accurately reporting the significance of associative evidence.

On a lighter note, this year’s program features a Criminalistics “Believe It or Not” session on Friday night, which is an outgrowth of last year’s “You Got DNA From What?” Session. This will be an entertaining “Bring Your Own Slides” format, but be sure to register ahead of time. You can contact Vinny at vformsic@yahoo.com (I know, it’s spelled wrong — someone else got vforensic.) or Kristy at kkadash@jeffco.us. Let them know your subject and how much time you will need.

We will be conducting the section luncheon a little differently this year. In order to avoid throwing away a lot of expensive food, members who wish to be served lunch prior to the section business meeting must register by selecting this option on the AAFS registration form. The charge of $10...
does not come close to covering the cost of the meal (most sections charge $55), but the section leadership feels that it is important that members have a little skin in the game, both to conserve our section’s limited resources and to avoid the waste that has happened in previous years. Besides, where else are you going to find a ten-dollar lunch?

Make your reservations today for both travel and lodging. The hotel is filling up fast. This promises to be the best Academy meeting of your life, so don’t miss it.

**DIGITAL & MULTIMEDIA SCIENCES**

**Source:** Marcus K. Rogers, PhD, Section Secretary

By the time this newsletter is released, it will be one month before the annual meeting in Las Vegas. The program committee has done an excellent job of reviewing the submissions and this year’s program looks like another home run for our section. The Digital & Multimedia Sciences Section also has a record number of workshops approved for this coming meeting, with three workshops scheduled this year. You are strongly encouraged to attend at least one of the digital forensics-oriented workshops as well as the National Institute of Standards and Technology/Organization of Scientific Area Committees Digital Evidence (NIST/OSAC DE) information meeting on Monday. It is important that we stay attuned to what is happening with the OSAC, as we fought hard to be represented, and we need to keep that momentum going. We look forward to seeing everyone in Las Vegas and please remember that attendance at the section’s business meeting as well as the general meeting is crucial for your promotion within the section and the Academy.

**GENERAL**

**Source:** Joanna L. Collins, MFS, Section Secretary

We hope this finds you all enjoying the holiday season and gearing up for the 2016 Annual Scientific Meeting in Las Vegas, NV. Online registration has begun and the Advance Program is available on the AAFS website. Our section membership had impressive submissions and this year’s program will have 3 full-day Workshops, 3 half-day Workshops, 2 Luncheons, 1 Breakfast, 49 Oral Presentations, and 45 Poster Presentations given by General Section members. Our Program Committee Chair and Co-Chair, Steve Chancellor and Melissa Connor, were impressed and excited about the depth, breadth, and number of submissions for consideration this year. If your submission was not selected for presentation this year, we encourage you to resubmit it for consideration in future years. The cutoff date for pre-registration is January 27, so register before the deadline to ensure you are able to attend the special functions (workshops, breakfast, luncheons, and special sessions) of your choice before they fill up.

As a reminder, the General Section Luncheon which immediately precedes the General Section Business Meeting, is an event for which you must pre-register. On-site registration is typically not an option. In response to requests from our membership to bring back luncheon presentations, Special Agent Brian Clark, FBI, will provide a case study titled, “Bank Robbery on the South Side of Chicago.” The luncheon is also a great opportunity to catch up with colleagues and make some new contacts. If you cannot attend the luncheon, make plans to attend the section business meeting that will begin promptly at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24. Not only is attendance at this meeting required for promotion but there are a number of business items, to include policy and procedure changes and accepted discipline updates, that will be discussed and voted on as well. Look for those items to be sent out prior to the meeting.

The General Section’s Nominating Committee, comprised of Alan Boehm, Frank Horvath, and Kathleen Hargrave, announce the nomination of Claire Shepard and Joanna Collins for Section Chair and Secretary, respectively. Members will receive the nominating committee report and CVs of the nominees prior to the meeting and voting will take place during the General Section Business Meeting.

General Section Award’s Committee Chair Amy Carney and committee members (Dayle Hinman, Paul Kish, Brian Clark, Tom Gersbeck, Ivan Kaminsky, and Phil Curran) are pleased to announce the following outstanding recipients who will be recognized during the General Section Business Meeting: Richard Walter as the Paul W. Kehres Meritorious Service Award winner; Virginia Lynch as the John R. Hunt Award winner; and, Catherine Rushton as the Robert Gaffney Achievement Award winner for her presentation titled “Multidimensional Model for Assessing Student Achievement” (E51) given at the 67th Annual Scientific Meeting held in Orlando, FL. Lastly, the Robert “Bob” Thibault Award recipient will be announced during the General Section Business Meeting. Please make plans to attend not only the section business meeting but also the AAFS Annual Business Meeting where our esteemed colleagues will be recognized for their achievements.

Our Long Term Planning Committee, through survey responses received last year, identified several areas of interest to the section membership. One area for improvement identified in the survey was communication within the section; as such, an ad hoc Communications Committee was formed (members: T.L. Williams, Don Hayden, Chad Hutchins, Tom Mariella, Stacey Drake, Heather McKiernan, and Traci Stars Brasses). The committee has divided this process into two phases; the first phase is to solicit ideas and the second phase will work toward implementation of those ideas. If you have suggestions, please send them to any of the committee members (email addresses can be found in the online AAFS Directory accessed through your AAFS Account Portal).

Lastly, our Reception Committee Chair, Sharon Plotke, has been hard at work ensuring we have a great General Section Reception again this year. Make plans to attend this event on Wednesday evening, February 24 (time and location will be announced at the section business meeting). We would like to thank all of our members and sponsors who have made Friend of the General Section (FOGS) donations and encourage you to bring your
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checkbook or cold hard cash to make your 2016 donation at the meeting.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Las Vegas! Have a wonderful holiday season and safe travels in February.

JURISPRUDENCE

Sources: Christine Funk, JD, Section Chair and Stephanie Domitrovich, JD, PhD, Section Secretary

We look forward to the wonderful presentations of our members and others at the AAFS Annual Scientific Meeting in Las Vegas in February. Please do not forget to buy your luncheon ticket ASAP online AND ahead of time. Do not wait until you arrive at the annual meeting. It is unlikely you will be able to find any available tickets that close to this wonderful event. The only way to ensure you will be able to attend is to purchase a ticket in advance. Our Section Chair, Christine Funk, is currently firming up details with our speaker and we will be announcing the name of the speaker soon.

We are very proud to report the following news announcing the outstanding activities of our members. We thank our members for sharing these newsworthy events submitted to us.

First of all, we congratulate Judge Joseph Maltese for his appointment as Presiding Justice of the New York Litigation Coordinating Panel (LCP), which handles the coordination of complex litigation (such as mass torts) pending in more than one county of the state of New York. The LCP is the New York State version of the Federal Multi-District Litigation (MDL) Panel, which handles mass torts and other complex litigation pending in several states.

Attorney Ted Vosk, as a consultant for the United States Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory, worked to make significant changes through a project addressing the reporting of the results of fingerprint analysis performed in their lab. As of November 3, 2015, the United States Army will no longer use the terminology “identification” or “individualization” when reporting the results of fingerprint analysis as these have been understood to convey results with a greater-than-warranted degree of certainty. Rather, the United States Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory will begin explicitly incorporating the existence of uncertainty in its reporting of results by couching all conclusions in probabilistic language indicating whether or not certain results are believed to be likely. This major step forward presents a more realistic picture of qualitative information. The Army is the first United States laboratory to make clear in its reporting of fingerprint analysis results that those results are subject to probabilities, rather than characterizing them as certain. The Army is now dedicated to the development of methods for determining the actual numerical uncertainties and will report those values with the results of all fingerprint analysis once those methods have been validated. Henry Swofford, Chief of the Latent Print Branch, is spearheading this effort for the Army.

Judge Rod Kennedy indicates that in line with “feeding the need for lawyers to know more about and prepare better for the use of scientific evidence in the courtroom,” we just finished my 6th annual award-winning continuing legal education program for the State Bar of New Mexico, “Part VI: More Reasons to Be Skeptical of Scientific Evidence.” The purpose of this program was “to get lawyers to a point to be able to ask enough questions of practitioners in various scientific disciplines to make a difference in their examination of witnesses of whom they are both the proponent and opponent in court.” This year’s speakers included Dan Simon (Professor of Law & Psychology/USC, author of In Doubt), Andrew Baker (NAME President, Hennepin Co., MN, ME) and Dan Martell (Psychologist, AAFS Past President). This program is webcast and also the most requested Continuing Legal Education (CLE) program for re-broadcast and video representation of the New Mexico Bar’s CLE programs. Previous speakers have included Michael Saks, John Lentini, Carol Henderson, David Harris, Ted Vosk, Michael Risinger, Carla Noziglia, Christine Funk, David Faigman, Tom Bohan, and Fred Chris Smith.

In November, Attorney Carol Henderson, AAFS Past President and section Fellow, spoke at the Australian and New Zealand Forensic Science Society (ANZFSS), Northern Territory, Australia Branch, and met with Chief Justice Trevor Riley, NT Supreme Court. Carol also spoke at the University of Technology, Sydney. Carol Henderson also informs us that The National Clearinghouse for Science, Technology and the Law (NCSTL) and the Law Enforcement Innovation Center released its online CLE course “Locating, Evaluating and Selecting Expert Witnesses;” to register, go to http://leic.tennessee.edu/expertwitness. NCSTL just received a $400,000 Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) grant to develop forensic science education for capital litigators. The training will be delivered in eight webinars and two in-person training conferences over two years. For more information, please visit http://ncstl.org.

We look forward to seeing you all at our annual Jurisprudence Section luncheon. When you have any news about any of our members, please submit your information to both officers at christinefunk@christinefunk.net and sdomitro54@gmail.com.

ODONTOLOGY

Source: John P. Kenney, DDS, MS, Odontology Section Director

Registration for the 68th Annual Scientific Meeting in Las Vegas is available online. The pre-registration deadline is January 27, 2016. An outstanding group of papers has been selected by Section Program Chair, Adam Freeman. The American Society of Forensic Odontology (ASFO) Program on Tuesday will cover important work accomplished by David Senn this past summer to recover WWll remains from the island of Tarawa. See www.ASFO.org for more information. The American Board of Forensic Odontology (ABFO) will be presenting two workshops: The Expert Witness Workshop is already completely sold out both for Participant and Observer, and the Dental Identification...
Workshop will be held on Saturday, February 20. The Participant’s Registration, which includes the hands-on workshop, is sold out, but a limited number of seats for the lecture portion — Observer — on Saturday morning are still available. See the ABFO website www.ABFO.org for further details.

The AAFS Thomas Krauss Memorial Bitemark Breakfast on Friday, February 26, will feature best-selling author, Academy Fellow, and well-known forensic anthropologist, Kathy Reichs. Those seats will go quickly; breakfasts are open to the entire Academy membership and Ms. Reichs is a popular speaker.

Many of you may have recently received solicitations from new forensic journals to either submit papers or perhaps even serve on their editorial boards. The solicitations ask for a CV and a photo, obviously to build THEIR reputation on YOUR credibility. Please use your own judgement. The JFS, along with Forensic Science International and the IAI Journal, are the respected publications in the forensic sciences. Just a reminder, JFS encourages authors to submit previously unpublished reports and papers presented at the AAFS annual meeting.

If anyone has issues that the AAFS Board of Directors needs to be aware of, please share them with me as soon as possible. The agenda for the Monday, February 22, Board of Directors (BOD) meeting will be set soon.

President Victor Weedn has conducted monthly phone conferences with the BOD this year, so there has been regular communication and discussion on matters of importance to the entire Academy, including the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Organization of Scientific Area Committees (OSAC) and the setting up of a subsidiary corporation, the AAFS Standards Board (ASB), funded by the Arnold Foundation Grant. Because of NIST requirements that membership of a Standards Development Organization (SDO) include participants who are not part of the (parent) organization, and the AAFS Bylaws would conflict with these requirements, the ASB was formed as an LLC. Odontology Section Fellow Ken Ascheim has been an important part of the process setting up the SDO/ASB. Brad Wing has been hired as the ASB Secretariat with a start-date of December 14. On Wednesday morning, February 24, the American Dental Association (ADA) OSAC Forensic Odontology Taskforce will meet at 8:30 a.m.

Congratulations to Dr. Duane Spencer who will be receiving the Reidar F. Sognnaes Award for Excellence in Forensic Odontology.

Doug Ubelaker, who has been a good friend to the Odontology Section and an outstanding forensic scientist, will be receiving the Distinguished Fellow Award at the Business Meeting on Wednesday afternoon. Voting Members and Fellows should plan to attend this meeting.

Bob Barsley will complete his term on the Forensic Sciences Foundation in February, and Paula Brumit will continue to serve her four-term. Robin Scheper will be the section representative to the Student Academy of Forensic Sciences on Tuesday, February 23. Ray Miller will present on Dental Identification and Gary Berman on Bitemarks to the Young Forensic Scientist Forum, also on Tuesday. Adam Freeman deserves kudos for serving as Breakfast Seminars Chair for the annual meeting program.

I will be providing a complete BOD report to the section on Wednesday afternoon. Elections will also be held, so attendance of Members and Fellows is requested. I will also make pertinent comments at the ABFO Diplomates meeting Monday and the ASFO Luncheon on Tuesday.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Las Vegas. Come to learn, share time with friends and — have some fun, too!!!

Pathology/Biology

Source: Jim L. Caruso, MD, Section Secretary

With the holidays now in the rearview mirror, many of us will be able to shift gears and look ahead to the AAFS 68th Annual Scientific Meeting in Las Vegas. Hopefully, you have all made your reservations and registered for the meeting. As noted elsewhere in this newsletter, the hotel reservation cutoff deadline is January 18 and the deadline to pre-register for Special Functions (workshops, breakfast seminars, luncheons, and special sessions) is January 27. Your section officers are looking forward to seeing everyone at The Rio.

The diversity of breakfasts, workshops, and abstracts is impressive as always. There are workshops on media relations, pediatric homicides, elder abuse, and next generation sequencing, to name a few. You can take in one workshop that presents cutting edge imaging technology and then shift your focus (pun intended) to another workshop to learn how to properly use an indirect ophthalmoscope in the autopsy suite. Other options include topics such as extreme violence, mass disasters, and repatriating our deceased military from overseas battle sites. It is hard to imagine not finding something that piques your academic interests.

Joyce deJong has done an excellent job of setting up the poster and podium presentations. There are two pediatrics sessions, a session devoted to trauma, another focusing on natural disease, and the usual Saturday morning potpourri session for the diehard attendees. The Pathology/Biology joint session with the Toxicology Section is on the schedule as are sessions dedicated to forensic entomology/DNA and forensic biology. As usual, the Jay Dix Memorial Bonus Day will be presented on Thursday morning.

The review process of applications for initial membership and promotion has been completed and the results will be posted at the meeting. Individual notification will also take place. Interest in status change was very high with 93 total applications: 9 for promotion to Fellow; 17 for promotion to Member; 32 for Associate Member status; 16 for Trainee Affiliate; and 19 for Student Affiliate. The review process emphasized the diversity of our section with applications received from pathologists, emergency medicine physicians, veterinarians, forensic biologists, and, of course, students in various stages of training. If you are already qualified or will be qualified for promotion during for the next cycle, please consider submitting your application by the
October 1 deadline. New membership and progression through the categories to the Fellow level is the lifeblood of the Academy and is essential for an organization to thrive.

Finally, a plug is in order for our journal, the Journal of Forensic Sciences. Michael Peat does a fantastic job as Chief Editor and he is always looking for original articles, comprehensive reviews, and educational case reports. If you are presenting an abstract in Las Vegas, please consider the follow-up task of converting the abstract to a paper and submitting it for publication. In this case, what happens in Vegas need not stay in Vegas!

Source: Dean De Crisce, MD, Section Secretary

We hope that you all have made plans to join us at the 2016 Annual Scientific Meeting in Las Vegas in February. We will be welcoming some new section members as well as promoting Members and Fellows. We’re looking forward to spending time with everyone.

Program Chair Gregg Dwyer reports: Our section conference lineup will provide a cross section of topics covering criminal, civil, research, adult, juvenile, and many other subjects of interest. Specific to the 2016 meeting theme, Transformation: Embracing Change, we have presentations on the ethics of capital punishment in the 21st century, management of sex offenders in the community, a proposed model for assessing sadistic offending, new genetic links to behavior, challenges for forensic science with the latest edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, and new perspective on the role of forensic science and sexual disorders. In addition, presenters will be addressing new programs for the treatment of substance abuse for persons on probation, success of prison training programs, repeated assessments for competency, treatment for combat veterans accused of domestic violence, and reducing violence among patients in psychiatric inpatient units.

These are but a few of the opportunities for attendees to expand their knowledge bases, to consider modifying or expanding their practices, and to stay at the cutting edge of our field. All can expect to be educated and challenged with innovations and topics worthy of debate and discussion. We will be well represented across the disciplines of our section and with presenters from around the globe. You will recognize some frequent, well-received clinicians and researchers, as well as some new to the Academy who will debut their work for your feedback.

In other section news, Raymond Hamden gave the Keynote Address entitled “Psychology of Terrorists: 4 Types” for the Perioperative Education for the North Shore Long Island Jewish Health System in New York on November 7.

If you would like to advise other members about information or activities relevant to our section or to the Academy, please let us know. Submissions may be sent by email to decrisce.md@gmail.com.

The Academy News has gone green with the online AAFS News Feed. This means AAFS-related news is now fully text searchable, categorized, and easily accessible whenever you need it and wherever you go. For instructions on downloading the News Feed reader to your smart device, just follow these instructions: http://news.aafs.org/staff-corner/accessing-the-academy-news-on-your-mobile-device/.

The current issue of the AAFS Academy News is available in full color through the AAFS website and can be easily accessed through this link: http://www.aafs.org/resources/academy-news-pdf-library/. You can read it online or download the PDF copy to your computer for a leisurely review.

If you are aware of colleagues interested in our organization, please encourage them to complete a membership application. Also, if you are eligible to promote to full Member, or from Member to Fellow, please fill out the relevant applications on the Academy website.

Source: Dan T. Anderson, MS, Section Secretary

It’s absolutely amazing how another holiday season has come and gone, and we are now in the final stretches of preparing for an exciting AAFS annual meeting in Las Vegas, NV (February 22-27)? !

Huge thanks to everyone who submitted abstracts and workshop proposals and the numerous reviewers who reviewed and commented on the abstracts. Three workshops and one breakfast seminar will be presented on behalf of the Toxicology Section: on Monday morning, “Advanced Mass Spectrometry (MS) Techniques for Forensic Analysis: What Does the Future Hold?” (W#2), chaired by Sherri Kacinko and Kenyon Evans-Nguyen; on Monday afternoon, “Vaping: What You Didn’t Know About Electronic Cigarettes — And Why You Should Care” (W#14), chaired by Michelle Peace and Justin Poklis; on Tuesday morning, “Diversity and Inclusion at the Forensic Science Workplace” (W#19), chaired by Nikolas Lemos and Daniel Isenschmid; and on Wednesday morning, “A Primer on the Structure and Activity of the National Institute of Standards and Technology’s (NIST’s) Organization of Scientific Area Committees (OSAC)” (B#3), chaired by Barry Logan. For the remainder of the week, the Poster and Scientific Sessions are filled with 43 posters on Wednesday evening and eight scientific sessions with 36 platform presentations, culminating with the annual Postmortem Pediatric Forensic Toxicology Special Session hosted by Robert Middleberg and Nikolas Lemos and the Annual Lectureship in Toxicology with Daniel Eichmer, who will discuss “Performance-Enhancing Drugs: Not Only a Sports Problem” on Thursday afternoon.

A friendly reminder to pre-register for Wednesday’s Toxicology Section Luncheon (no on-site registration allowed) as there will be an exciting guest speaker, Cathy Tobin, who will present “Finding Your Zen: Techniques for Catching your Breath and De-stressing,” as well as a tribute to one of our seasoned Toxicologists who...
has served all of us extremely well. Immediately following our luncheon will be the Toxicology Section Business Meeting where we will celebrate our fellow colleagues who will receive well-deserved awards: Mahmoud Elsohly — Alexander O. Gettler Award; Rod McCutcheon — Rolla N. Harger Award; Robert Kronstrand — Ray Abernethy Award; and, Erin Spargo — Irving Sunshine Award.

The last thank you is extended to the wonderful vendors who have continuously sponsored the Toxicology Section Program.

President’s Message cont.

to us with a wealth of experience in standards setting and has been active in the fingerprint and forensic dental standards arenas. He retired from the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) where he was a Biometrics Standards Coordinator. At the NIST, Brad established and ran the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) -NIST Information Technology Laboratory (ITL) Standards Development Organization (NIST’s only SDO). He was also Chair of the Interagency Forum on Biometrics and Identity Management and Chair of the White House/National Science and Technology Council’s (NSTC’s) Standards and Conformity Assessment Working Group on Biometrics and Identity Management. Previously, he had worked at the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) Department of Human Services (DHS) for 20 years and the Brookhaven National Laboratory for five years, as well as other government and private jobs. We intend to hire two Technical Coordinators to complete our standards team.

I am pleased to announce that the ANSI (American National Standards Institute) accreditation of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences was approved effective December 22, 2015. We have waited to finalize and file the incorporation papers to give Brad and his team an opportunity for input. We hope to be fully functioning at the NIST OSAC meeting in January. You can learn more about our new AAFS SDO program in Las Vegas during the Tuesday Evening Session.

An important initiative, conceived by Past President Doug Ubelaker, this year’s AAFS Distinguished Fellow, and championed by immediate Past President Dan Martell, is the creation of a Humanitarian and Human Rights Resource Center (HHRRC). The Academy allocated $50K and the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) matched it. Dr. Ubelaker established an advisory board along with several committees and solicited grant proposals. AAFS received many worthy proposals and awards are being made.

Incoming President John Gerns has selected New Zealand for his International Educational Outreach Program (IEOP), September 11-18, and articulating with the Australian and New Zealand Forensic Science Society’s (ANZFSS) 23rd International Symposium on Forensic Sciences. You can learn more about the IEOP on Thursday afternoon (February 25) at 1:00 p.m. during the annual meeting.

To date, these include: Aegis® Sciences Corporation, Randox Toxicology Ltd., Agilent® Technologies, Cerilliant® Corporation, Immunalysis® Corporation, Waters® Corporation, and Lipomed® Inc.

Please join your colleagues and the Toxicology Section Program Chairs Fiona Couper and Nikolas Lemos in Las Vegas — it will be an unforgettable experience.

This year AAFS has been transitioning to the News Feed, which is continually updated with news and events; however, the Board of Directors voted to continue the electronic Academy News on a quarterly basis through 2016. We hope that you will begin visiting the News Feed regularly and posting your own entries on it.

When I established my theme, Transformation: Embracing Change, I had to gaze into a cloudy crystal ball. Of course, there were clues. Transforming the AAFS into a Standards Development Organization was not on my radar, but clearly the SDO effort will thrust our Academy into the operational and policy realm, well beyond our usual educational role. Recently, the NIST OSAC began to process standards. This year the NCFS did promulgate many recommendations and views, which will undoubtedly have an enormous impact on our community when they are put into place. The logjam that has characterized legislative efforts began to break, as the Rapid DNA Act bill was filed, Coverdell reauthorization and funding was being considered, and forensic science advancement legislation to create an Office of Forensic Science within DOJ is moving as well as another bill to create new research grant programs and place NIST OSAC funding on concrete footing. I cannot help but believe that 2015 will be recognized as an historic year for our community.

As this is my last Academy News entry during my presidency, I wish to say it has been a pleasure serving you. I want to thank the Board of Directors, the Section leadership, committee chairs and members, and the Academy staff for all of the hard work they have done. I want to particularly thank John Gerns, whom I relied on heavily as the President-Elect. The Academy is a strong organization that, I believe, serves our American forensic science community and our global forensic science community well. I look forward to seeing you in Las Vegas!!
lack of support for the Medicolegal Death Investigation work products. DAG Yates also briefed the Commission on the status of their endorsement of mandatory accreditation by 2020. (You can find the press release here: http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-announces-new-accreditation-policies-advance-forensic-science.) This announcement was a huge step for the Commission and a bold statement by the Department of Justice in supporting the efforts of the Commission.

COMMISSION BUSINESS: The NCFS Subcommittee on Procedures and Operations (SPO) presented additional work on by-laws amendments since the last meeting. The changes were not voted upon due to some clerical errors in the draft document. Templates of the reports from subcommittees were introduced and will be used for keeping records of subcommittee activities. Future meetings will use electronic binders and they will be held at the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) offices again.

There was a strategy session held on the second day to discuss next steps for the Commission. Each subcommittee was asked to prioritize their work so the Commission can spend more time on topics and issues that are determined a high priority at each meeting. Documents will also be submitted with tracked changes so Commissioners and the public know how the documents have changed.

SUB-COMMITTEE WORK PRODUCTS:

Reporting and Testimony Subcommittee Report

*Final Document PASSED by Vote: Views Document on Report Content*

- Status Reports: Abstract on Access of Indigents to Defense Experts; Abstract on Notice and Demand Rules; Abstract on Judicial Vouching for Expert Witnesses

Scientific Inquiry and Research Subcommittee Report

- Introduction of Draft Work Products Open for Public Comment: Views Document on Establishing the Foundational Literature within the Forensic Science Disciplines; Post-Doctoral Projects to Facilitate Translation of Research into Forensic Science Practice

Interim Solutions Subcommittee Report

- Introduction of Draft Work Products Open for Public Comment: Views document on a National Code of Professional Responsibility (re-introduction); Recommendation on Accessibility of Quality Management System Documents

Human Factors Subcommittee Report

*Final Document PASSED by Vote: Views document on Ensuring that Forensic Analysis is Based Upon Task-Relevant Information*

Training on Science and Law Subcommittee Report

- Final Document PASSED by Vote: National Forensic Science Curriculum
- Status Report: Abstract on Assessment Tools; Abstract on Notification

Accreditation and Proficiency Testing Subcommittee Report

- Status Reports: Abstract on Uniform Policy and Procedures for Accreditation Programs

The next Commission Meeting dates have been set, and they are:

- March 21-22, 2016
- June 20-21, 2016
- September 12-13, 2016
- January 9-10, 2017
- April 10-11, 2017

To stay up to date on the activities and work products of the Commission, members are encouraged to visit www.justice.gov/ncfs.
OSAC Committee Report:

Source: Barry K. Logan, PhD, AAFS NIST SAC Ad Hoc Committee Chair and AAFS Representative to the FSSB

Update for AAFS Membership on Activities with the NIST Organization of Scientific Area Committees (OSAC) and the Forensic Science Standards Board (FSSB)

The FSSB of the OSAC met at the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Special Testing Laboratory in Dulles VA, on December 3-4. At the one-year point since the OSAC began its journey, it was a pleasure to look back with our colleagues, most of whom are AAFS members, at our accomplishments in this first year. One of the highlights of the meeting was the FSSB’s approval of the creation of a 25th subcommittee for the development of crime scene standards. Appointments will be made to this new subcommittee within the next few weeks from individuals who have registered their interest with NIST. If you want to be considered for these or future opportunities within the OSAC, please visit NIST’s website at: https://www.nist.gov/forensics/osac-application.cfm.

Details of the first standards to be moved forward for the proposed registry of forensic science standards were made public in August of this year. Drafts of proposed standards are published for public comment on the NIST OSAC Kavi page (https://workspace.forensicosac.org/kws/public). Please check in periodically for updates on the progress being made and to provide your own comment and input of proposed standards within your discipline. The site also provides further detail on the OSAC organization and its structure.

The FSSB is still providing further detail and helping with the interpretation of the operating rules and fine-tuning the terms of reference for the various committees, subcommittees, and task groups. As the discipline-specific subcommittees have begun the process of forwarding proposed standards through the process for feedback from the human factors, legal resources, and quality infrastructure committees, the FSSB has been asked to provide guidance on that process and to better define the roles of the resource committees. The FSSB very much views the resource committees to be part of the team involved in developing and providing diverse perspectives as standards are developed and in discussions at the FSSB meeting; the resource committees’ role has been clarified to emphasize this important function.

The underlying tenants of the standards development process considers diversity of input, balance of interests, openness, and transparency, but it is also a consensus process, which by its definition means that the parties and their diverse interests work together to try to reach agreement where there are differences of opinion. This involves compromise and good faith effort, with give-and-take and respect of each other’s opinions, but always with a view to protecting the integrity of the final product standards and guidelines.

The FSSB was recently asked to determine what happens when individuals or groups within the OSAC are still at an impasse after observing the above deliberative process, all of which takes place in the internal business environment of the OSAC. The guidance, which will be reflected in the terms of reference for the organization and its committees, is that just like members of the public, OSAC members may freely comment as individuals during the public comment period, and any outstanding concerns they have which they feel were not addressed at the committee level will become part of the public record of the standard or guidelines development and will be addressed by the SAC in just the same way as any other comment received.

This approach allows for candid professional debate and negotiation within the organization, but also allows for transparency and documentation of any issues individual members feel were unresolved by that process.

Details of this and further evolution of the OSAC structure and rules will be discussed at the upcoming all-OSAC meeting in Leesburg, VA, in January 2016, where the OSAC committees, resource committees, technical sub-committees, and the FSSB will all meet to review our progress and to continue with the detailed work of developing standards and guidelines for review by Standards Development Organizations (SDOs). The OSAC and FSSB members were delighted to learn about the Academy’s new SDO process and welcome the AAFS taking an active leadership role in this critical initiative.

At the AAFS meeting in Las Vegas, there will be several venues for the AAFS membership to learn more about the OSAC organization and its activity. Public meetings of the OSAC Scientific Area Committees with updates on their progress will be held on Monday and Tuesday (February 22 and 23) in the Rio All-Suites Hotel & Casino and are free and open to the public. On Tuesday evening, February 23, following the Welcoming Reception, the AAFS SDO committee will provide a review of their new process to the entire AAFS membership in an open and free session. On the morning of Wednesday, February 24, there is a brief primer and introduction on the roles and responsibilities of the various committees and subcommittees within the organization, which is being offered as a Breakfast Session (#3). If you are looking for a quick way to get caught up with the organization and how it works and don’t have time during the busy week to attend the Monday and Tuesday reviews, this is a great way to quickly get up to speed on the OSAC organization and its goals.

Academy News
The following individuals have submitted applications for Associate Member, Trainee Affiliate, or Student Affiliate. Applications that are received and completed by October 1 will be considered for approval at the February 22, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting. Due to space constraints, AAFS does not list members who are applying for promotion to Fellow or to Member; however, a list of these individuals is found on the AAFS website under “Quick Links.” Comments or concerns regarding an applicant should be submitted in writing to: Cheryl Hunter, Membership Coordinator, AAFS, 410 North 21st Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80904; chunter@aafs.org. Comments must be received by February 5, 2016.

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A Letter from the YFSF President
Happy New Year everyone! The AAFS 68th Annual Scientific Meeting is quickly approaching and will be here before you know it. I hope everyone has finalized hotel and travel arrangements!

Over the past year, the YFSF Committee has worked hard to develop a great session for you. The meeting registration is open for the YFSF Special Session (S2); however, the deadline to pre-register for our special session is approaching as well. Please make sure you register before space fills up! Registration for the YFSF Special Session includes:

- Tuesday morning and afternoon (2/23): A day-long session of speakers covering a variety of forensic science-related topics. Lunch is included with this session’s registration.
- Tuesday evening (2/23): The YFSF Bring Your Own Poster Session
- Wednesday evening (2/24): The YFSF Bring Your Own Slides Session
- Thursday morning (2/25): The YFSF Annual Breakfast

The details for the above are listed in the Advance Program. If you have any interest in serving on the 2015-2016 YFSF Committee, please express your interest during the Special Session. The YFSF is a great way to get involved with AAFS and to network with your forensic peers.

This is my final meeting as the YFSF President; I have had a fantastic time serving and I am looking forward to attending the YFSF Special Session, which is always wonderful!

I look forward to seeing everyone in Las Vegas!

Lara Frame-Newell, MA
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A Note from the YFSF Secretary
Accommodations at the Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino are filling up, so be sure to make your reservations soon if you would like to book within the AAFS room block, which will save you a few extra fees. The cutoff for reservations is January 18. When preparing for your trip to the annual meeting, be sure to bring business cards. Students and young professionals will make valuable connections at the meeting and it is important to have your contact information readily available for anyone that you meet. It is also recommended that you bring your résumé, even if you are not currently searching for a job. You never know who you may meet!

Applications for the Bring Your Own Slides and Bring Your Own Poster Sessions have closed, but any interested individuals are encouraged to attend the two events to listen to the exciting research and projects that our young scientists are involved in.

For the most up to date information about what the YFSF will be doing at the Academy Meeting, be sure to check the Academy News, which can be found at www.news.aafs.org. If you have any questions about the YFSF, do not hesitate to contact a committee member. We are happy to answer any questions you may have.

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YFSF Financial Liaison
Happy 2016! With the holidays behind us, the 68th Annual Scientific Meeting in Las Vegas, is right around the corner. The YFSF is finalizing preparations for our Special Session, Breakfast Session, Poster Session, and Bring Your Own Slide

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Session. These sessions are made possible by the contributions from individuals and organizations that support the YFSF.

The YFSF is a group that helps first-time meeting attendees and young forensic professionals get the most out of their first Academy meeting, but we need your help to continue doing this! If you have not done so already, please consider making a contribution to the YFSF. Contributions from veteran AAFS members allow us to have a Special Session, a Breakfast Session, a Poster Session, and a Bring Your Own Slides Session each year. These four events are instrumental in incorporating the next generation of forensic scientists into the forensic science community.

For those of you who have already made a contribution to the YFSF, we would like to thank you! Thank you for giving the YFSF the means to provide assistance and information to young forensic science professionals. We would not be able to do what we do without you!

If you would like to make a contribution to the YFSF, or have any questions, please contact Lindsay Saylor.

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YFSF Special Session
The YFSF Special Session Chair Sarah Ellis, and Co-Chair Amanda Hale have planned a day-long event entitled Viva La Forensics. This session is designed to guide the next generation of forensic scientists with speakers presenting cases where forensic science was key to case resolution. The YFSF Special Session will take place on Tuesday, February 23, during the AAFS 68th Annual Scientific Meeting in Las Vegas, NV. If you have not already registered, please do so.

Special Session attendees will start the morning with opening remarks from YFSF President, Lara Newell. Then Cheryl Hunter, AAFS Membership Coordinator, will speak about the process and benefits of becoming an AAFS member.

Case presentations will start with Raymond Miller’s presentation entitled, “Dental Identification Seals the Case.” Fellow odontologist, Gary Berman, will follow with a presentation titled “Human Bitemark Documentation and Analysis in a Child Abuse Case.” Next will be John Williams, speaking about forensic anthropology in a presentation titled “Markers of Occupational Stress and Skeletal Identification: A Missing Person Case Study.”

After the morning break, Joseph Almog will delve into the theme of firearms in “Developments in Detecting Recent Holding of Firearms.” Joan Blytheway will follow with a presentation called “The Contribution of Taphonomic Research to Forensic Casework.” Noelle Umbach will present “David Tarloff: A Case Study at the Intersection of Criminalistics, Psychiatry, and the Legal System.” The final two speakers of the morning are John Nixon and Helmut Brosz, who will be presenting cases from the field of forensic engineering. Their presentations are entitled “Accident or Lovers’ Quarrel?” and “Electrical Homicide or… ?” respectively.

The afternoon session will begin with Linton Mohammed speaking about questioned documents in “Document Examination – Not Just Handwriting.” Alan Price will present next, “Prosecutorial Evidence.” Ja’Neisha Hutley will follow with, “Terror on Kensington Avenue.” Leading up to the break will be one of the 2015 FSF Emerging Forensic Scientist Award winners, Federica Collini, who will present her research entitled “Paternal Filicide for Spouse Revenge: The Male Side of Medea’s Syndrome in the Italian Population Over the Last Ten Years.”

After the break, Nikolas Lemos will speak about forensic toxicology in a presentation called “Nail Them with Good Forensics – The Use of Alternative Biological Specimens in Forensic Toxicology.” Jamie Downs will introduce forensic pathology in “Forensic Pathology – The Medicine of Forensic Science and the Science of Forensic Medicine.” The afternoon session will conclude with Claire Shepard presenting “Police Officer Retaliation, or Not.”

The YFSF Special Session provides a day full of great information and opportunities for young forensic scientists. It is a great chance to meet others in your field as well as networking opportunities for attendees to meet more experienced scientists. Bring your business cards, your confidence, and a smile! For those who have never attended an AAFS meeting, it is suggested that you wear comfortable business clothes and shoes.

In order to attend the YFSF Special Session (S2), please register through AAFS before the January 27, deadline. The registration fee for the Special Session includes lunch on Tuesday and the YFSF Breakfast Session on Thursday morning, where you will have the opportunity to speak with professionals in different forensic fields and get tips and advice on how to polish your résumé! The AAFS website (www.aafs.org) has links to register for the meeting as well as up-to-date meeting information.

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Meetings & Conferences

FEBRUARY 2016

1-5
Forensic Facial Reconstruction Sculpture with Karen T. Taylor
Hosted by FACTS. To be held in San Marcos, TX.
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www.txstate.edu/anthropology/facts/workshops/forensic-art.html

MARCH 2016

7-11
40 Hour Recognition and Recovery of Human Remains Course
Hosted by the Suffolk Police Department in Suffolk, VA.
CONTACT: Lurena Huffman
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7-11
Introductory 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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14-15
2016 MATT Annual Meeting
Hosted by Midwest Association for Toxicology and Therapeutic Drug Monitoring (MATT). To be held in St. Louis, MO.
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www.midwesttox.org/annualMeeting.html

22-24
Aquatic Death and Homicidal Drowning Investigations
Hosted by the Pottawattamie County Medical Examiner’s Office. To be held in City Council Bluffs, IA.
CONTACT: Lisa at Lifeguard Systems
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www.teamlgs.com

APRIL 2016

15-17
Forensic Trends in Health Care Conference
Hosted by Drexel University CNHP. To be held in at the Drexel University Center City Campus in Philadelphia, PA.
CONTACT: nursing.education@drexel.edu
800.666.7737

MAY 2016

5-7
The 2nd Annual International Congress of the International Association of Law and Forensic Science (IALFS)
Hosted by the International Association of Law and Forensic Science. To be held in Turkey.
CONTACT: http://2016.ialfs.org/

JUNE 2016

13-15
Forensic Taphonomy
Hosted by FACTS. To be held in San Marcos, TX.
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www.txstate.edu/anthropology/facts/workshops/taphonomy.html

21-24
2016 Symposium of the International Academy of Legal Medicine (IALM)
Hosted by the International Academy of Legal Medicine. To be held in Venice, Italy.

AUGUST 2016

7-11
22nd WAML World Congress
Presented by the World Association for Medical Law (WAML). To be held in Los Angeles, CA.
CONTACT: http://wafml.memberlodge.org/event-558905
Do you know someone who may be interested in AAFS membership?

Please provide the information below and AAFS will send an application to:

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City: __________________________________________________________________________

State: __________________________ Zip: ____________________

Please provide your name so the potential applicant will know who requested the application. AAFS will also recognize you by placing a Sponsor ribbon in your 2016 Annual Meeting registration packet. Please detach form and return to AAFS. Thank you.

Your name: ___________________________________________________________