President’s Message

Greetings all. I would like to focus this message on getting everyone thinking about bringing our best forensic science to Orlando in February. With summertime upon us, the August 1 deadline for submitting abstracts is just around the corner. We will be Celebrating the Forensic Science Family in Florida, and one major focus of this year’s meeting will be “Learning from Each Other.”

The most exciting and stimulating scientific sessions I have ever attended over the years at the Academy meetings have been those where two or more sections come together to discuss a common topic of interest. As a behavioral scientist, my mentors taught me how much there is to learn from the other forensic disciplines that can inform my own opinions about criminal behavior. Therefore, I have asked the Program Committee to put together multiple interdisciplinary sessions where every section of the Academy will be paired with one or more other sections to tackle a forensic problem of common interest, to share our knowledge, and to learn from each other.

As you are thinking about your submissions for this year, keep this idea in mind. Reach out to your AAFS colleagues from different disciplines, and see if there is a forensic problem whose solution might be found through a multidisciplinary perspective. This is a great opportunity to think outside the box and to advance the field through forensic science synergy.

I have also asked the Program Committee to dedicate one session on the program to the best papers by young forensic scientists. These panels will be moderated by the AAFS Past Presidents from each section. Therefore, I am inviting and encouraging all of our Student Affiliates, Trainee Affiliates, and Associate Members to submit your best work for inclusion in these special sessions.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee has announced its list of nominees for the 2015-16 officers:

- John E. Gerns, MFS (President-Elect)
- Zeno J. Gerads, Ph.D (Vice President)
- Norman J. Sauer, Ph.D (Vice President)
- Susan M. Balou, MS (Secretary)
- Betty Layne DesPortes, JD, MS (Treasurer)
- (Digital & Multimedia Sciences) (Anthropology)
- (Criminalistics) (Jurisprudence)

The Nominating Committee is composed of the three immediate Past Presidents—Barry Logan (Chair), Robert Barsley, and Douglas Ubelaker—and the immediate past section chairs: Ann Ross (Anthropology), Jennifer Mihalovich (Criminalistics), Douglas Lacey (Digital & Multimedia Sciences), James Millette (Engineering Sciences), Julie Howe (General), Andrew Suliner (Jurisprudence), Paula Bums (Odontology), Amy Gruszcz (Pathology/Biology), Manuel Lopez-Leon (Psychiatry & Behavioral Science), Carl McClary (Questioned Documents), and Lorale Langman (Toxicology).

In accordance with AAFS Bylaws, nomination for any elected office of the Academy may be made by petition delivered to the Nominating Committee in care of the AAFS headquarters no later than September 1. Nomination petitions should state the name of the nominee, the office sought, a certificate stating that the candidate is a Fellow in good standing, and the signatures and printed names of 50 Fellows and full Members. Nominations for any elective office may be made from the floor during the Academy's Annual Business Meeting, February 18, 2015, in Orlando, FL.
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Future AAFS Annual Meeting Dates

February 16-21, 2015
Hyatt Regency Orlando
Orlando, FL

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

February 22-27, 2016
Rio Las Vegas Hotel
Las Vegas, NV

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

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

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In Memoriam: AAFS/FSF Founding Member
James W. Osterburg, MPA

AAFS was recently notified that AAFS Founding Member and Past President James W. Osterburg, 95, passed away on November 23, 2012, in Palm Harbor, FL.

Professor Osterburg began his career as a patrolman with the New York City Police Department and retired 20 years later as a Detective First Class. He was recognized as a leading authority on scientific investigation and lectured extensively on police administration at universities across the country. In 1960, following graduation from New York University with a masters degree in Public Administration, Professor Osterburg joined the faculty at the University of Indiana as Professor of Police Administration until 1970. He then joined the faculty of the University of Illinois-Chicago as Professor and Chair of the Department of Criminal Justice.

Professor Osterburg was a Founding Member of the Academy with his attendance at the early 1950 “Organizational Meeting.” He became a member of the Police Science Section and was elected Fellow in 1954. Professor Osterburg served as the Academy’s President in 1969 having previously served as Secretary and Chair of the Criminalistics Section. While serving as President, he joined the members of the Executive Committee in approving the formation of the Forensic Sciences Foundation (FSF). He served as a trustee on the FSF Board and as an FSF officer from 1969 to 1973. He also served as a Book Review Editor for the Journal of Forensic Sciences in the 1970s. From his earliest days as a forensic scientist, Professor Osterburg emphasized the value in utilizing all scientific disciplines in the full spectrum of crime and criminal behavior.

Professor Osterburg was bestowed with the prestigious honor of AAFS Distinguished Fellow at the 2012 Annual Scientific Meeting in Atlanta.

In Memoriam:  Distinguished Fellow Clyde C. Snow, PhD

With deep regret, the AAFS wishes to report that Dr. Clyde C. Snow, Fellow in the Anthropology Section, passed away on May 16 at the age of 86. Dr. Snow, an AAFS Distinguished Fellow and Lucas Medalist, dedicated his life to the investigation of human rights violations. His legacy is founded on the forensic anthropology teams that he trained throughout the world including Argentina, Chile, Peru, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Venezuela, Ethiopia, Croatia, Kurdistan, Iraq, Zimbabwe, The Democratic Republic of Congo, South Africa, and the Philippines among others. Dr. Snow was involved in nearly 3,000 skeletal identification cases worldwide. Through the possibility of independent forensic investigation, Dr. Snow gave hope to families of assassinated and disappeared persons that their loved ones would be identified.

Dr. Snow was bestowed with the Distinguished Fellow Award in 1991 and was honored with the prestigious Douglas M. Lucas Medal in 2008 at the IAFS Triennial Meeting in New Orleans. The Lucas Medal is presented to individuals to commemorate significant professional contributions to forensic science. In addition to Jerry, his wife since 1970, Dr. Snow’s survivors include daughters Jennifer Boles, Tracey Murphy, Cynthia Wood, and Melinda McCarthy; son Kevin Snow; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Clyde C. Snow, PhD
Duarte Nuno Vieira, MD, PhD To Receive Prestigious Lucas Medal

The American Academy of Forensic Sciences Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Dr. Duarte Nuno Vieira, Fellow in the Pathology/Biology Section, has been selected as its 2014 recipient of the prestigious Douglas M. Lucas Medal. In October, the Lucas Medal will be presented by AAFS President Daniel Martell during the International Association of Forensic Sciences (IAFS) 20th Triennial Meeting in Seoul, Korea, to commemorate Dr. Vieira’s significant professional contributions to forensic science and, in particular, for his pioneering work in forensic pathology, clinical forensic medicine, and forensic toxicology.

Duarte Nuno Vieira is Full Professor at the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Coimbra and is visiting professor in several other Portuguese, European, and South American universities. He is President of the European Council of Legal Medicine, of the Portuguese Association for Bodily Injury Assessment, and is Vice-President of the European Confederation of Experts on Evaluation and Repair of Bodily Injury. He served as President of the International Academy of Legal Medicine (between 2006 and 2012), of the International Association of Forensic Sciences (from 2008 to 2011), of the World Association of Police Medical Officers (between 2008 and 2011), of the Mediterranean Academy of Forensic Sciences (from 2005 and 2007), and of the Latin American Association of Medical Law (2005 to 2007). He has also served as Director of the Institute of Legal Medicine of Coimbra (between 2006 and 2010) and served as President of the Portuguese National Institute of Legal Medicine and Forensic Sciences and of the Portuguese Medico-Legal Council (between 2000 and 2013). He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Ibero-American Network of Institutions of Legal Medicine and Forensic Sciences, and he is Chairman of the Thematic Federation on Legal and Forensic Medicine of the European Union of Medical Specialists.

Dr. Vieira is a Specialist in Forensic Medicine (with the rank of Chief of Service) and in Occupational Medicine by the Portuguese Medical Association. He works on a regular basis as Temporary Forensic Consultant for the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and he is a member of the Forensic Advisory Board of the International Committee of the Red Cross, a member of the Forensic Expert Group of the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims and a member of the Scientific Advisor Board of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court. He is also a member of the Portuguese National Council of Ethics for the Life Sciences and the National Commission for Civil Protection, a member of the Scientific Board of the European Institute of Training Evaluation and Repair of Bodily Injury of Paris, and a member of the group of expert reviewers of the European Science Foundation.

Dr. Vieira has fulfilled numerous responsibilities in addition to serving as the President of the College of Forensic Medicine of the Portuguese Medical Association, as President of the Pedagogical Council and the Department of Medical Education of the Faculty of Medicine of Coimbra, and as a member of the National Council for Medical Ethics Order of the Portuguese Medical Association. He has published over 200 articles in scientific journals, he is editor or coeditor of eight books, and has authored over 40 chapters in several books. Dr. Vieira has presented as author or coauthor of over 1,000 works at scientific meetings. Dr. Vieira has presented as the keynote speaker at more than 300 conferences outside of Portugal, in countries of Europe, Asia, Africa, Middle East, Australia, and of the entire American continent. He has received 12 scientific awards and has been awarded 15 honorary degrees by scientific societies, universities, municipalities, and governments of European, Asian, African, and Central and South American countries. He is Academic of the Portuguese Academy of Medicine (occupying the chair No. 11) and is Honorary Academic of the Royal Academy of Medicine of Granada (Spain) and the Academy of Medicine of Uruguay. He has integrated as temporary forensic consultant in multiple international forensic expert missions to countries in Europe, Latin America, Middle East, Africa, Australia, and Asia, especially in the area of human rights, under the auspices of the UN, International Red Cross, the European Commission, and Amnesty International (Brazil, Paraguay, Nigeria, Moldova, Mexico, Kazakhstan, Colombia, Indonesia, Morocco, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Libya, Tajikistan, Papua New Guinea, Iraq, Greece, Jordan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Macedonia, Palestine, Argentina, Egypt, Mali, Ghana, Tunisia, etc.).

The Lucas Medal was first established in 1999 and is intended to be presented by the AAFS triennially at the IAFS meeting to a person who has made internationally recognized contributions to forensic science. The first recipient was Sir Alec J. Jeffreys (1999), the founder of DNA-based testing for forensic purposes; the second recipient was Dr. Alan S. Curry (2002) for his vast contributions to the field of forensic toxicology; the third recipient was Dr. Joseph Almog (2005) for his contributions to forensic science/forensic medicine; the fourth recipient was Dr. Clyde C. Snow (2008) for his significant accomplishments in forensic anthropology and human rights investigations; and the fifth recipient was Dr. Pierre AJ-L. Margot (2011) for his pioneering work in the friction ridge pattern forensic science discipline.

The Lucas Medal recipient must have distinguished him/herself in the forensic sciences and have a record of meritorious service to the forensic science community and to professional peer group organizations. Additionally, the recipient must have made significant

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Since the last “Washington Corner” article, NIST requested applications for the Organization of Scientific Area Committees (OSAC) [www.nist.gov/forensics/osac.cfm] from the community. Approximately 1,300 applications were submitted for positions on the OSAC. Of these, 583 listed the AAFS as among their top three affiliations and 494 listed the AAFS as their primary affiliation. Additionally, 740 applicants listed “other” for their affiliation, but 591 as second or third affiliation. The SAC leadership and the Legal Resource, Human Factors, and Quality Infrastructure Committee membership will be appointed in June; subcommittee leadership will be selected in August; and an in-person meeting of the SACs is intended to be held between mid-November and January.

The National Commission on Forensic Science (NCFS) [www.justice.gov/ncfs/] held its second meeting May 12-13. The various subcommittees presented their efforts to date. The subcommittees consisted of: (1) Accreditation and Proficiency Testing, (2) Training on Science and Law, (3) Medicolegal Death Investigation, (4) Scientific Inquiry and Research, (5) Reporting and Testimony, and (6) Interim Solutions. The NCFS then heard from a panel on cognitive bias/human factors and another panel on ethics. NIST gave an update on the OSAC. Patrick Gallagher is leaving his position as Director of NIST and Willie E. May was introduced as his replacement as Co-Chair of the NCFS. The next meeting of the full NCFS will be August 25-26.

The Rockefeller Bill (S. 2022) was introduced on February 12, and was passed by unanimous voice vote out of committee on April 9 to the full Senate and is in the hands of Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid to bring to the floor. The Leahy-Cornyn Bill (S. 2177) was introduced on March 27 and has been referred to committee. The AAFS continues to support both efforts and has written letters in support of each. Support for the bills, outside of the AAFS, appears to be growing. We hope that members will write their Congresspersons or Senators to support the Leahy-Cornyn and Rockefeller Bills.

The House Commerce, Justice, and Science (CJS) Appropriations Subcommittee submitted a bill without support for the Coverdell Act, the NIST OSAC, and the National Commission on Forensic Science. The Senate CJS Appropriations Subcommittee will take up the bill in June and will hopefully put funding back in for these three efforts. The Academy wrote to the subcommittees to support the complement of forensic science funding programs. Markup of the Senate bill is expected to be accomplished this week. It would be very useful for members to write their Congressperson or Senator to support full funding of the programs that are so critical to the forensic science community.

Victor W. Weedn, MD, JD
2014-15 CFSO Liaison
A Word From Your 2015 Program Chair

The 2014 Annual Meeting is only a few short months behind us, yet plans for the 2015 Annual Meeting in Orlando are well underway. *Celebrating the Forensic Science Family* is the chosen theme and I would like to take a moment to focus on the word “family.” A family, as defined by Merriam-Webster and most commonly known, is “a group of individuals living under one roof and usually under one head.”

Scientifically and more suitable for our multi-disciplined organization, family has various definitions: (1) a group of persons of common ancestry; (2) a group of related plants or animals forming a category ranking above a genus and below an order; or (3) a group of things related by common characteristics as a closely related series of elements or chemical compounds, just to name a few. More appropriately, for the theme of the upcoming meeting, family is defined as “a group of people united by certain convictions or a common affiliation.” It is this conviction for or affiliation with the field for forensic science for which thousands will descend upon Orlando next February for the 67th Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences. You know, I guess a hundred or so vacationers may also choose Orlando as a destination spot because of the small amusement park in the area, but why focus on that?

What I would like to focus on now is the fact that I absolutely enjoy attending the annual meetings. Although I have enjoyed attending since my very first meeting in 1999, which was held in Orlando, the reason for my enjoyment in attending has changed over the years. Initially, the reason for my anticipated enjoyment was the hope of gaining employment prospects. Once gainful employment was obtained, I began to attend the meetings for the enjoyment of learning. There are ample opportunities to learn from the workshops, from the special and scientific sessions, and from visiting the vendors in the exhibit hall. With each of the 11 sections of the Academy organizing programs and the ability of the attendees to attend sessions from the various sections and disciplines, it is easy to see why President Daniel Martell chose “Learning from Each Other” as a sub-theme of his 2015 theme. President Martell mentioned in the “Incoming President’s Message” that he learned early in his career that, as a behavioral scientist, there was more to learn from the other sections than what he might learn from his section alone. To this end, the 2015 Program Committee has been tasked with organizing multi-disciplinary sessions in order to foster the cross-pollination of knowledge across the academy sections. Attendees are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunities to learn from these sessions and from all sections of the Academy. As we continue to learn from and help one another, we will all benefit and the entire field will flourish.

I continue to enjoy the cross-pollination aspect of the annual meeting. Although I don’t personally look for employment prospects (as much), there are opportunities for those who may do so at the employment fair and through networking. Both are great reasons to attend the annual meeting, but there is yet another reason for enjoyment in attending the annual meeting: FAMILY. We are a group of individuals united for the singular purpose of advancing OUR FIELD. The annual meeting affords us the opportunity to come together from all over the world in one location to share, to learn, to reconnect, and to establish new...
relationships with OUR FAMILY. Each year I look forward to catching up with existing members of my family and I take great joy in adding new members to my growing forensic family.

Another sub-theme of the meeting is honoring our mentors and traditions. While adding new members to my growing family, I have also had the privilege of having many mentors along the way. In fact, “Take Your Mentor to Lunch Thursday” (as discussed in President Martell’s March/April 2014 “President’s Message”) may force me to visit the employment fair in search of a second job just to cover the bill. I may be better off letting each of them know how much I appreciate the difference each has made in my academic and forensic life. Mentors are an invaluable source of knowledge. Many have written the books we rely upon as resources and even more have shared their personal insight, support, and guidance. I just hope I can someday provide the same level of tutelage that has been given to me over the years. Until then, I will continue to soak up the wealth of knowledge that surrounds me at the annual meeting and I thank each and every one of you, mentor or not, for it.

The Program Committee is in the planning stages of establishing new traditions for the AAFS Annual Meeting. Those traditions, along with the third sub-theme, “Stimulating Our Future,” will be discussed in subsequent issues of the newsletter. However, I would like to bring to your attention a traditional deadline. August 1 is the FIRM deadline for abstract submissions. If you have hopes of giving an oral or poster presentation, organizing a workshop, or presenting in any of the Special Sessions, your abstract must be submitted via the online abstract submission process by the deadline. Your abstract should be a minimum of 400 words and must be submitted in its final form for review by the Program Committee. Additional information regarding the submission process may be found on page 7 of this newsletter. You may also contact the Academy Staff or visit www.aafs.org and click on the meeting link “AAFS 67th Meeting – 2015” under “Quick Links.” The meeting link is also a good source for general meeting information. There are live links in place for the Abstract Submission System, the Volunteer Form, and the International Attendee Letter of Invitation. Additional links will be available in the future, such as Exhibitor Information; FSF Silent Auction; and the First Time Meeting Attendees Information, just to name a few. Please check often for updates.

Program Co-Chair Andrew Baker and I truly hope you will make plans to join us for a meeting worthy of a celebration. We, along with the entire Academy Staff, are available to assist you if needed.

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(Hope to) See you in Orlando, February 16-21, 2015, for our Forensic Family Reunion!

AAFS Continuing Education Needs Identified

Attendees at the 66th Annual Scientific Meeting in Seattle, WA, identified the following comprehensive list of recommended abstract topics needed for the upcoming annual meeting in Orlando:

- Best practices for each discipline, especially collaborative efforts between the Pathology/Biology and General Sections;
- Child abuse assessment/microscopic findings and aging of fractures;
- Culture sensitive considerations – how to understand other cultures in order to better understand problems/solutions;
- Demonstration of cardiac dissection;
- Elder abuse, neglect, sudden death, cause of death;
- Ethics;
- Fire debris research;
- Forensic microbiology that focuses on organisms that cause/contribute to death – old and new methods to identify these organisms – emerging infections and technology;
- Forensic psychiatry and the prison system and victims of crimes;
- How to deal with law enforcement at DA offices;
- How to perform bitemark analysis with Photoshop;
- Improving safety procedures for autopsy and/or body handling personnel;
- Molecular pathology;
- Professional liability when performing identifications;
- QA projects and PI activities;
- Questioned documents - updates regarding paper, ink, pens, toners, type faces, printing, new techniques and methods;
- Required instruction for Rx prescribing;
- Systemic review of forensic pathology cases;
- Toxicology – effects (possibly fatal?) of super concentrated cannabinoids aka “wax;”
- Training in CISD and other take-home techniques;
- Using science in civil court presentations – cases and techniques; and,
- Veterinary.
AAFS Guidelines for Poster Presentations

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

AAFS 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 the 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.
AAFS 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.

FSF Jan S. Bashinski Criminalistics Graduate Thesis Assistance Grant: July 31 Deadline

Purpose: The Jan Grant Award is to provide Graduate Students with financial assistance to complete their thesis or independent research project as required for a graduate degree in Criminalistics/Forensic Sciences. The thesis or research project must be in the field of Criminalistics/Forensic Sciences.

Jan S. Bashinski Criminalistics Graduate Thesis Assistance Grant Eligibility Requirements:
- The applicant must be a full- or part-time student completing his or her graduate degree requirements by conducting a research project at an educational institution accredited in the U.S. by a recognized academic body.
- This project must, in the opinion of the FSF Awards Committee, make a significant scientific contribution to the field of Criminalistics/Forensic Sciences.

Grant Amount: The Jan Grant Award is $1,700. In addition, up to $1,300 is available for travel expenses to attend a future AAFS Annual Meeting where the awardee has an approved platform presentation of the completed research. The funding must be used to complete the research project.

Application: Please complete the application (on page 11) and submit with the required attachments outlined in Part II on the application form.

All submissions must be received and completed by July 31. Please submit the aforementioned Jan S. Bashinski Criminalistics Graduate Thesis Assistance Grant Eligibility Requirements electronically to Kimberly Wrasse at kwrasse@aafs.org, or by mail to: Kimberly Wrasse, FSF, 410 North 21st Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80904.

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FSF Henry C. Lee Scholarship for International AAFS Annual Meeting Attendees: August 1 Deadline

Scholarship Eligibility Requirements:

- Only members or affiliates of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences who have never attended an annual meeting and who reside outside of North America are eligible for the Scholarship Award.
- The member or affiliate awardee must, at a minimum, have been voted into the AAFS at the preceding meeting (if not previously) and must have at least one year of experience in forensic science.
- The applicant must have submitted an abstract for the AAFS 2015 program through the online submission system or Call For Papers form. In the awards section, check the box indicating “the paper should be considered for the FSF Henry C. Lee Scholarship.” Once requested, the abstract will be reviewed by the FSF Henry C. Lee Scholarship Committee.

Scholarship Amount: The FSF Henry C. Lee Scholarship is $1,000.

The committee chair will notify the AAFS no later than October 25, and the Awardee notification will be transmitted no later than November 1.

FSF Student Affiliate Scholarships: August 1 Deadline

The Forensic Sciences Foundation (FSF) will fund a limited number of AAFS Student Affiliate registrations for the 2015 American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) Annual Meeting through a “Scholarship Program.”

To qualify for the scholarship, AAFS Student Affiliates must submit an abstract for the AAFS 2015 program through the online submission system or Call For Papers form. In the awards section (5b), check the box indicating “FSF Student Affiliate Scholarship.” Applicants for the Student Affiliate Scholarship may apply only once each year (e.g., the applicant must designate only one abstract as the SA Scholarship entry in the submission system). The abstract will then be reviewed by the FSF Student Affiliate Scholarship Committee.

The scholarship abstracts need not be selected for presentation at the meeting, though this could be deemed advantageous by the selection committee. The scholarships will be awarded through the committee’s evaluation of the quality and relevance of the abstracts to the advancement of forensic science by AAFS Student Affiliates. The deadline for submission is August 1.

FSF Travel Grants: October 15 Deadline

The Forensic Sciences Foundation (FSF) is pleased to offer Travel Grants for students to assist with travel expenses in attending the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL. The FSF Board of Trustees has allocated $10,500, not to exceed $1,500 per student, including complimentary meeting registration. This is a wonderful opportunity, and members are encouraged to promote it.

Travel Grant Eligibility Requirements:

1. The applicant must either be an AAFS memberaffiliate or an AAFS applicant for membership.
2. The applicant must have submitted an abstract either as a presenter or co-author for the annual meeting he/she will be attending.
3. The applicant must be a fourth-year undergraduate or a graduate student at an accredited four-year college, university, or professional school whose accreditation is acceptable to the FSF Board of Trustees.
4. The applicant must submit a letter of recommendation from his/her advisor or professor.
5. The applicant must submit a 400-600 word essay explaining how attendance at an AAFS meeting will impact his/her career decision.
6. The applicant must submit a curriculum vitae to include specifics regarding their involvement in forensic science and their current grade point average.

All submissions must be completed and received by October 15. The deadline is firm with no extension. Incomplete submissions will not be reviewed. Please submit the aforementioned Travel Grant Requirements electronically to Kimberly Wrasse at kwrasse@aafs.org, or by mail to: Kimberly Wrasse, FSF, 410 North 21st Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80904.
PART I - Background Information*

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Home Phone___________________  Daytime Phone___________________  Cell Phone___________________  Email______________________
Marital Status (optional)___________   # of Dependents (optional)_______    Date of Birth___________________   Citizen of __________________

Employment - May include permanent or part-time employment, internships, military experience, or volunteer work.
Current (or last) Employer ________________________________________________  Position Held_____________________________________
Employer’s Address ___________________________   City___________________  State_______ Zip__________  Country___________________
Supervisor’s Name_____________________________   Work Phone___________________________  Email______________________________

Education - List your education accurately and completely.
Name of Undergraduate School ___________________________________  Full/Part Time _______  Hours Earned Sem ________  Qtr ________
Major ____________________________________  Dates Attended From (mo/yr) _____________________  To (mo/yr) ____________________
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Name of Graduate Advisor ________________________________   Address ________________________________________________________
Advisor’s Phone _____________________________________    Advisor’s Email _____________________________________________________

*The applicant must be a full- or part-time student completing his/her graduate degree by conducting a research project at an educational institution accredited in the USA by a recognized academic body.

PART II - Thesis/Research Information

(Attachment I) Provide a concise three (3) to six (6) page double-spaced thesis/research proposal which addresses the following:
*Title
*Introduction, background, and significance of the proposed research
*Experimental procedure
*Expected results and contributions to the criminalistics (forensic science) knowledge base
*Budget for the total project
*Description of how support from the grant would contribute to the completion of the project

(Attachment II) Provide a concise one (1) to two (2) page double-spaced statement of qualifications explaining why you believe you will be successful in completing your research.  Include reasons why you require financial assistance to complete your research.

(Attachment III) Curriculum Vitae.  Provide your curriculum vitae of no more than three (3) pages.

(Attachment IV) Letter of Recommendation.  Provide a letter of recommendation from your research advisor.

(Attachment V) Most recent cumulative college/university transcripts for your undergraduate and graduate degree(s).

PART III - Certification/Acknowledgement

Statement of Applicant

I, the undersigned, certify that all information provided by me in this application is true and factual.  I further agree that should I receive a “Jan S. Bashinski Criminalistics Graduate Thesis Grant,” I shall acknowledge the grant in any publication resulting from the research supported by the grant.

Signature of Applicant ___________________________________________________                            Date ______________________________
16th Annual FSF Emerging Forensic Scientist Award (EFSA) Competition

PURPOSE: To nurture a productive dialogue between emerging judicial and forensic standards of reliability and validity, the Forensic Sciences Foundation is pleased to offer the 16th Annual Emerging Forensic Scientist Award. The award will be presented to the author of the best paper on any topic focusing on the reliability and validity of techniques, processes, or methods in a forensic area of the author’s choice.

HOW TO ENTER: Entrants should submit an abstract of the proposed paper to the AAFS Program Committee by August 1, in compliance with AAFS abstract criteria, and indicate that the abstract is submitted for the Emerging Forensic Scientist Award. Initial review and acceptance/rejection of the abstract will be done by the AAFS Program Committee which will focus specifically on the abstract’s treatment of reliability and validity issues. Multiple abstracts may be submitted for the Program Committee’s review; however, once the Program Committee approves abstracts for presentation, one abstract must be designated by the presenter as an EFSA entry. If multiple abstracts are submitted for review and one abstract is not designated by the presenter as an EFSA entry, none of the abstracts will be considered by the EFSA Review Committee.

SELECTION PROCESS: Abstracts accepted by the AAFS Program Committee and the EFSA Program Committee will be scheduled for presentation during the scientific session of the section which accepted the abstract, and evaluated by representatives of the Multidisciplinary Awards Committee appointed by the Forensic Sciences Foundation Board of Trustees. Announcement of the winning entry will be made in the Academy News following determination of the winner by the Awards Committee. The Award will be presented during the 2016 AAFS Annual Business Meeting in Las Vegas, NV.

CRITERIA TO ENTER: An eligible entrant need not be an AAFS member. However, entrants who are AAFS members must be a Student Affiliate or Trainee Affiliate. All entrants must be within three years of completion of formal training (must submit proof from laboratory director or university professor) at the time the paper is presented in 2015. Only the presenter is eligible for the award; no substitutions will be accepted after the application is submitted. The decision of the Awards Committee is final and the amount of the award is firm. The form below must be completed and sent with the abstract submission to the AAFS office by August 1.

THE AWARD: The award will cover the expense of the recipient’s attendance at the 2016 Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, NV, including registration, up to $1,000 for airfare, lodging while in attendance at the annual meeting not to exceed five nights, and up to $75 per diem. A commemorative plaque will also be presented to the award winner at the 2016 AAFS Annual Business Meeting in Las Vegas.

FSF EMERGING FORENSIC SCIENTIST AWARD ENTRY FORM

I am submitting an abstract to the FSF Review Panel to be considered for the Emerging Forensic Scientist Paper Award. The AAFS Section in which I wish to present is: _______________________________.

I entered the field of forensic science in _______.

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Employer ______________________________________________________________________________________

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Send this form by August 1 to: AAFS 2015 Program Committee
410 North 21st Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80904

I hereby acknowledge that I have read and comply with the requirements noted above and that the information provided is true and correct. Attached is a letter from my affiliated laboratory/university. My resume and completed “Call For Papers” form also are attached.

_________________________________________________ ________________________
Signature                                      Date
2015 Annual Meeting

The 67th Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) will be held February 16-21, 2015, in Orlando, Florida.

The Program Committee solicits the submission of abstracts on topics of interest to the forensic science community. **August 1, 2014**, is the deadline for the submission of abstracts.

Scientific papers selected for presentation will be divided into two groups:

- Platform Presentation (standard scientific session)
- Poster Session

The Program Committee will select appropriate abstracts from those submitted by the August 1, 2014 deadline.

Abstracts of papers must be submitted on the official abstract form which accompanies this announcement. Specific format and content requirements for the abstracts are noted on the form. A current copy of the presenting author’s curriculum vitae must be attached to the original abstract form.

To submit your abstract online, go to the AAFS website at: www.aafs.org.

General Information cont.

Requests for additional audio-visual equipment will be reviewed by the Program Committee and are subject to approval by the Section Chair. Speakers will be notified of the disposition of their requests.

Poster Presentation

Each author selected for poster presentation will be provided with a 4’ x 8’ tack board on which to display material related to his/her presentation. Thumb tacks will be provided. If material is better suited as a table top display, please indicate on the abstract form.

Illustrations

All tables and graphs should be converted to grayscale.

Meeting Registration

**All speakers and presenters (oral or poster) are required to register for the annual meeting.** If your abstract is accepted for presentation, you will be required to pay the basic registration fee for the annual meeting.

Commercial & Conflict of Interest

Commercial Interest

Commercial interests are any proprietary entity producing goods or services, as well as any entity producing, marketing, re-selling, or distributing health care goods or services, used on, or consumed by, patients. Providers of clinical service directly to patients are not considered commercial interests.

Conflict of Interest

Circumstances create a conflict of interest when an individual has an opportunity to affect CME content about products or services of a commercial interest with which he/she has a financial relationship.

Journal of Forensic Sciences

The *Journal of Forensic Sciences* encourages authors to submit all previously unpublished reports and papers presented at the Academy’s annual meeting. Please submit your manuscripts electronically to http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/jfs.

AAFS Abstract Policy

Presentations at AAFS annual 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 will not be allowed at AAFS annual meetings. Presentations by commercial entities shall be limited to the science and not to an advertisement or promotion of their product over that of a competitor. Any abstract or presentation that is perceived by a section program chair or the Academy Meeting Program Chair as a product endorsement will not be approved for presentation at the Meeting. A presentation given at a Meeting that is in the opinion of the section program chair or the Academy Meeting Program Chair to be a product endorsement may result in the presenter and corresponding company being barred from making presentations at future AAFS meetings.

Abstract Length

A single spaced, one page length document containing a minimum of 400 words to a maximum of 700 words is required. Please attach additional sheet(s) if needed.

Key Words

Each author is to provide three key words or terms in the space provided on the abstract form.

Oral Presentation

Each scientific session meeting room will be equipped with a lighted pointer, podium, microphone, LCD projector, and screen.

Notification of Acceptance

Notification of Acceptance will be mailed to all presenting authors by **November 15, 2014**. Meeting registration materials will be sent to presenting authors.

Oral Presentations

Time

The final determination as to the length of time that will be allocated to a specific paper rests with the Section Program Chair. However, 15 minute presentations are standard.

Poster Presentations

Preparation

Authors have complete freedom to choose ways of displaying their information in figures, tables, text, photographs, etc. However, they should avoid crowding too much information into a limited space. The poster may be augmented by the use of manuscripts and sketch pads with marking pens.
Instructions for Abstract Submission & LCD Projection

Presentations and abstracts will be 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 the 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 product may affect the outcome of the analysis (e.g. Identifier™ Amplification Kit, Agilent 5860 GC, HP-1 column, Olympus BHP microscope, etc).

General Instructions

Content of Abstract

Your abstract should be informative, containing:
1. Abstracts should NOT be written in the first person.
3. The Learning Objectives.
4. A sentence statement of the paper’s hypothesis or proposition.
5. A brief synopsis of the content, or statement of the methods, whichever is pertinent.
6. A summary of the results obtained, if pertinent.
7. A general statement of conclusion, if possible.
8. A minimum of one-half page single spaced (approximately 400 words) to a maximum of one full page (approximately 700 words) in length. Abstracts exceeding the full page maximum will not be printed in the AAFS Proceedings.
9. Three key words.
10. A brief statement of how your presentation will impact the attendees in terms of: competence (ability), performance (competence put into “action”), or patient outcomes (if applicable).

Format of Abstract

Your abstract must be typed and submitted in a legible format following the instructions provided below:
1. The title, names of authors with respective degree(s), and addresses must be stated exactly as you wish them to appear in the program. Indicate with an asterisk (*) who will be presenting.
2. Type abstract single spaced, 10 point type size, and return it along with a copy on disk.
3. Type all copy, including title, in upper and lower case; capitalize and punctuate exactly as you wish the abstract to appear.
4. Exercise care in preparing the abstract. If unsuitable for publication as received, the abstract will be returned to the author for correction, revision, or completion.

LCD Projection

A LCD projection unit will be available in the Speaker Prep Room. Please make certain your presentation is compatible with the computer provided for your session and that all is in working order and tested before your presentation.

Below are recommended guidelines for preparing your presentation:
• Avoid backing up the projector. If you need a frame twice, make a duplicate frame.
• Check your computer resolution by going to your computer’s control panel, selecting “Display” then “Settings.” Recommended resolution is 1024 x 768 (XGA).

Word Processor Preparation

An electronic copy of your abstract submission is required. Please follow the format guidelines provided below:
1. Required: 400 word minimum to 700 word maximum.
2. Software: Microsoft® Word for Windows is required.
3. Type size: 10 pt (10 characters per inch).
5. Margins: top: 1", left side: 1", right side: 1".
6. References/Footnotes: do not put in the header or footer of the document.
7. Do not embed objects, pictures, tables, or charts within document.
8. No boxes, frames, or lines.
9. Remove editing objects, pictures, tables, or charts within document.

Sample Abstract

Injury Pattern Analysis in Fatal Traffic Crash Investigation

Michael D. Freeman, PhD, DC, MPH*, Oregon Health and Science University School of Medicine, 3071 Dogwood Drive South, Salem, OR 97302; and Clifford Nelson, MD, Medical Examiner Division, Oregon State Police, 301 Northeast Knott Street, Portland, OR 97212-3092

After attending this presentation, attendees will understand some principles of crash investigation, the necessary elements for the application of Injury Pattern Analysis, characteristic injury patterns of certain types of crashes, and an example of a practical application of Injury Pattern Analysis.

This presentation will impact the forensic community and/or humanity by serving as a key aspect of fatal crash investigation as it can augment traditional means of investigation in a systematized format via interdisciplinary communication and collaboration.

Reconstruction of a fatal crash can be augmented, in certain circumstances, by information gleaned from the postmortem evaluation. Further improvement of the scope and accuracy of an investigation can result from evaluation of the injuries of crash survivors, taking into account the conformity of individual vehicle interiors as well as the movement of the occupants during the crash.

The term “Injury Pattern Analysis (IPA)” is proposed as a description of a fatal crash investigation technique that utilizes accident investigation, and reconstruction techniques, occupant kinematics, postmortem records, hospital and healthcare provider acute injury records, and other evidence as an adjunct to the investigation of homicides resulting from fatal crashes.

The authors will present a case study in IPA as an example of the practical application of the technique. It is recommended that medicolegal death investigators become familiar with the principles of IPA.

Crash, Fatal, Investigation
Complete all of the Following Information

**NOTE:** In order for your paper to be considered for presentation you are required to complete ALL areas of this form. Incomplete information will be returned to the author for completion. To submit his/her abstract online, go to the AAFS website at: www.aafs.org.

1. **Presentation Choice:**
   - [ ] Oral
   - [ ] Poster
   - [ ] Breakfast Seminar
   - [ ] Luncheon

2. **Section Selection:** Please circle the session in which you desire to present a paper: Anthropology, Criminalistics, Digital & Multimedia Sciences, Engineering Sciences, General, Jurisprudence, Odontology, Pathology/Biology, Psychiatry & Behavioral Science, Questioned Documents, Toxicology, Last Word Society.

3. **Amount of Time Required:**

4. **Presenting Author, Name, & Mailing Address:**

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5. **Is the presenting author an AAFS member/affiliate or applicant?**
   - [ ] Yes
   - [ ] No
   - If yes, AAFS ID #
   - Yes
   - No

   a. If AAFS member/affiliate/applicant, please list section affiliation:
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   - [ ] Yes
   - [ ] No

   b. Is abstract a candidate for: Anthropology J.L. Angel Student Award?
   - [ ] Yes
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   - [ ] Yes
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   - [ ] Yes
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   - FSF Student Affiliate Scholarship?
   - [ ] Yes
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   - [ ] Yes
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   - Pathology/Biology Best Biology Trainee Award?
   - [ ] Yes
   - [ ] No (publication ready manuscript required)
   - Pathology/Biology Best Resident Paper?
   - [ ] Yes
   - [ ] No (publication ready manuscript required)
   - Toxicology Section Best Poster Award?
   - [ ] Yes
   - [ ] No

6. **Co-Author(s) Name(s), Address(es), and Business Affiliation:**

7. **Has this paper been presented or published before?**
   - [ ] Yes
   - [ ] No
   - If yes, where and when?

8. **Audio/Visual Requirements:** Each room will be equipped with a screen, electronic pointer, lectern microphone, and an LCD projector. All additional equipment must be requested and is subject to approval by the Section Chair.
   - [ ] Yes
   - [ ] No

   Other Equipment Requested:

9. **AAFS Policy on Full Disclosure of Faculty Financial Interests or Relationships**
   It is the policy of the Continuing Education Program of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences to ensure balance, independence, objectivity, and scientific rigor in all its educational activities. All faculty participating in these programs are expected to disclose to the program audiences: (1) any real or apparent conflict(s) of interest related to the content of their presentations, (2) discussion of unapproved (unlabeled) uses of pharmaceuticals/medical devices, and (3) ongoing research (preliminary) data. The intent of this disclosure is not to prevent a speaker with a financial or other relationship from making a presentation, but rather to provide listeners with information on which they can make their own judgments about the presentation. Additionally, disclosure for you and/or your spouse should include any relationships with entities that resell, distribute, and/or market health care products used on or by patients. It is also the policy of the AAFS that all speakers must disclose whether non-FDA approved uses of pharmaceutical products or medical devices are included in the presentation. In keeping with this procedure, the faculty or presenter is required to complete and sign the following disclosure statements:

   I. Will your presentation include any discussion of commercial products or services?  [ ] Yes  [ ] No
   - If yes, please list all manufacturer(s) or provider(s) and describe the nature of the relationship(s) (attach additional pages as needed):

   II. Is this activity/presentation financially supported?  [ ] Yes  [ ] No
   - If yes, by whom?
   - Grant Support
   - Paid Consultant
   - Employee
   - Shareholder
   - Speakers Bureau

   III. Does this presentation include the discussion or use of unapproved (unlabeled) pharmaceuticals/medical devices and/or ongoing research?  [ ] Yes  [ ] No
   - If yes, please describe (attach additional pages as needed):

   Disclosed information will be made available to participants in the Final Program provided to all registrants.

10. **Complete the following:**
   a. Representatives of the media are allowed to record my presentation.  [ ] Yes  [ ] No
   b. I hereby acknowledge that my abstract will be published in the AAFS Proceedings if accepted for presentation. (Please initial.)
   c. I acknowledge that I am required to comply with the AAFS guidelines for legible LCD projection and that structured abstracts are required. (Please initial.)
   d. I acknowledge that all authors contributing on this paper have been properly cited. I understand that only the authors listed on this form and in the online system will appear in the printed materials (e.g., Programs, Proceedings). (Please initial.)
   e. I acknowledge that any images to be presented will be accurate and will not misrepresent the outcome of treatment. (Please initial.)
   f. I hereby acknowledge that if the paper described by the abstract is accepted for presentation, AAFS will acquire a non-exclusive copyright of the abstract. (Please initial.)
   g. I understand that submission of this abstract is made with the commitment of the author(s) to present the paper at the AAFS Annual Meeting.

   Failure to present the paper without a valid excuse may result in its removal from the Proceedings, preclusion from future submissions, or both. (Please initial.)

I hereby acknowledge that I have read and comply with the requirements noted herein and that the information provided is true and correct.

**Signature**  (Abstract Form on Next Page)  **Date**
### LEARNING OBJECTIVE and OUTCOME

Please state what the attendee can expect to learn, retain, or implement into his or her practice.

### IMPACT STATEMENT

Please state how your presentation will impact the attendees in terms of: competence (ability), performance (competence put into “action”), or patient outcomes (if applicable).

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Celebrating The Forensic Science Family

Anthropology: Celebrating the Collaborations of Our Past, Present and Future

Sources: Angi M. Christensen, PhD, Section Secretary and Greg Berg, PhD, Anthropology Section Program Chair

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Perhaps in part because of the holistic approach that is embraced by many anthropology educational programs, forensic anthropologists are no strangers to celebrating scientific diversity and unity. As educators, researchers, and practitioners, we have a rich history of respecting our past, working together, and looking ahead. The 2015 AAFS Annual Scientific Meeting with a theme of Celebrating the Forensic Science Family and sub-themes, “Honoring Our Mentors; Learning from Each Other; and, Stimulating Our Future” is truly an opportunity for the Anthropology Section to shine.

Anthropologists, by our nature, have a healthy appreciation for history. This appreciation has frequently included recognizing and commemorating the achievements our predecessors and mentors. Past symposia and papers at AAFS meetings, for example, have been dedicated to the work and contributions of various prominent and influential forensic anthropologists including Norman Sauer and Richard Jantz. The 2015 meeting sub-theme “Honoring Our Mentors” provides yet another opportunity to pay tribute to those who have worked together to shape forensic anthropology into the robust, professionalized, and increasingly expanding discipline that it is today.

In addition to emphasizing a well-rounded knowledge of the field of anthropology, forensic anthropologists have always demonstrated an excellent ability to leverage resources and collaborate with experts and professionals in other forensic and scientific disciplines. True, this could partly be a function of the fact that most anthropologists are themselves perpetually under-resourced and frequently desperate for support... (Is this perhaps also related to the speed with which we devour the offerings at the annual Kerley Reception? It doesn’t exactly explain the length of the line at the cash bar, but maybe the latter phenomenon can be addressed in connection with the 2016 theme.) Regardless, anthropologists are adept at seeking out and successfully working with others. This has been especially exemplified in recent years when forensic anthropologists have been increasingly engaging in research with, for example, chemists, biomechanists, skeletal health experts, geneticists, and engineers. And the science has benefited from it greatly, resulting in, among other things, a vastly improved understanding of skeletal fracture mechanics, bone chemistry, and microbial biomarkers. The 2015 meeting sub-theme “Learning from Each Other” presents an excellent opportunity to further explore and promote these partnerships and to showcase the benefits of these collaborative efforts to the anthropological and greater forensic science community.

The importance we attribute to the past has not inhibited our ability to look ahead, both in terms of moving the science forward and preparing a well-equipped generation of future forensic anthropologists. Anthropologists have been very cognizant and proactive in recent years in keeping the science ahead of legal and legislative changes that impact the field. This includes increased attention to the validity of anthropological approaches in the wake of the Daubert decision, and the formation of the Scientific Working Group for Forensic Anthropology to establish discipline best practices. Mentorship is also a highly-valued practice in anthropology, as evidenced by the increasing number of formalized mentorship, internship, and fellowship programs such as those at the Office of Chief Medical Examiner - NYC, Harris County Institute of Forensic Science, and JPAC’s Forensic Science Academy as well as the great many opportunities for students to work forensic cases alongside mentors during the course of their graduate education. Moreover, a member of the Anthropology Section (Thomas Crist) was one of the founding members of AAFS’s Young Forensic Scientists Forum, further highlighting anthropologists’ dedication to the future of the science. The 2015 meeting sub-theme “Stimulating Our Future” is a great motive to further promote and seek participants in these highly beneficial mentoring opportunities.

Members of the Anthropology Section are strongly encouraged to embrace the 2015 meeting theme “Celebrating the Forensic Science Family” and to submit high-quality papers that showcase the achievements of our past, the successes of our current collaborations, and our exceptionally promising future. We look forward to creating a great 2015 program. Please be cognizant of program deadlines (the August 1 abstract due date is right around the corner!). Look forward to seeing you in Orlando and celebrating the exciting, diverse and interdisciplinary accomplishments of the Anthropology Section.
The Korean Peninsula extends southward from the eastern end of the Asian continent. It is roughly 134 miles long and 62 miles wide at its narrowest point. Mountains cover 70% of the landmass, making Korea one of the most mountainous regions in the world. The mountain range that stretches along the coast falls steeply into the East Sea, while along the south and west coasts, the mountains descend gradually to the coastal plains that produce the bulk of Korea’s agricultural crops, especially rice.

Itinerary

October 6 - Seoul/Wonju Arrival
Travelers may arrive in Seoul’s Incheon International Airport and travel the 60 miles to Wonju by ground or arrange a flight to Wonju’s International Airport. The tour will officially begin in Wonju, the most populous city in Gangwon province. Upon arrival, you will proceed to the Hotel Buro Wonju (www.ibhotel.com). The remainder of the day is free for leisure and exploration. NOTE: Arrival Wonju International Airport. The tour will officially begin in Wonju, the most populous city in Gangwon province. Upon arrival, you will proceed to the Hotel Buro Wonju (www.ibhotel.com). The remainder of the day is free for leisure and exploration. NOTE: Arrival Wonju International Airport.

October 7 - Wonju
We’ll depart the hotel and spend the morning at the National Forensic Science (NFS) Headquarters in Wonju where you will meet with colleagues in one of the world’s leading forensic institutions. After lunch, we’ll visit the Guryoungsa Temple located less than four miles from Birobong Peak on Mt. Chiksan. There is a legend that the Guryoungsa Temple site was originally a lake where nine dragons lived. The name Guryong comes from the story that the lake was filled up to build the temple on it. We may be able to observe a devotional chanting at Yebul, a Buddhist ceremonial service, or a Zen Meditation (Chamseon). After our visit, we’ll enjoy a Korean Beef-Rib Barbecue Welcome Dinner.

October 8 - Wonju-Busan
In the morning we’ll travel by bus to Busan, reaching our destination at lunchtime. After lunch, we’ll visit the National Forensic Service in Busan. Once again, travelers will have the opportunity to meet with colleagues while touring the facilities. After our visit with colleagues, we’ll move on to Nurimaru APEC House. The name Nurimaru APEC House combines the Korean words nur (world) and maru (summit). APEC House refers to an APEC conference hall and collectively, it translates to “a house where the world summits gather together for an APEC meeting.” In the evening, we’ll enjoy a yacht tour of the coast.

October 9 - Busan
Travelers will be treated to a full-day tour. We’ll begin at The United Nations Memorial Cemetery and Peace Park. The park honors UN soldiers from 16 countries killed in battle during the Korean War from 1950-53. This serene park spreads across a grassy plain. Some of the sites and memorials include: Memorial Service Hall, Memorabilia Hall, two Turkish Monuments, Greek Monument, Australian Monument, British Common Wealth Monument, and two ponds. The Memorial Service Hall and the Memorabilia Hall were constructed in 1964 and 1968 respectively. The citizens of Busan dedicated the Main Gate in 1966. Then, we’re off to Jagalchi Market which is Korea’s largest seafood market. After the Korean War, the market solidified itself as a fish market. Busan’s modern movie district was originally little more than a pair of cinemas that were built following Korea’s liberation from Japanese colonial rule over half a century ago. However, major renovations took place ahead of the first Busan International Film Festival (BIFF) in 1996, and the newly transformed district was named BIFF Square on August 14, 1996. Haedong Yonggungsa Temple is situated on the coast of the northeastern portion of Busan. This superb seafood market. After the Korean War, the market solidified itself as a fish market. Busan’s modern movie district was originally little more than a pair of cinemas that were built following Korea’s liberation from Japanese colonial rule over half a century ago. However, major renovations took place ahead of the first Busan International Film Festival (BIFF) in 1996, and the newly transformed district was named BIFF Square on August 14, 1996. Haedong Yonggungsa Temple is situated on the coast of the northeastern portion of Busan. This superb seafood market. After the Korean War, the market solidified itself as a fish market. Busan’s modern movie district was originally little more than a pair of cinemas that were built following Korea’s liberation from Japanese colonial rule over half a century ago. However, major renovations took place ahead of the first Busan International Film Festival (BIFF) in 1996, and the newly transformed district was named BIFF Square on August 14, 1996. Haedong Yonggungsa Temple is situated on the coast of the northeastern portion of Busan. This superb seafood market. After the Korean War, the market solidified itself as a fish market. Busan’s modern movie district was originally little more than a pair of cinemas that were built following Korea’s liberation from Japanese colonial rule over half a century ago. However, major renovations took place ahead of the first Busan International Film Festival (BIFF) in 1996, and the newly transformed district was named BIFF Square on August 14, 1996. Haedong Yonggungsa Temple is situated on the coast of the northeastern portion of Busan. This superb seafront.” In the evening, we’ll enjoy a yacht tour of the coast.

October 10 - Busan-Gyeongju-Daejeon
We’ll start the day with a visit to Gyeongju National Museum in North Gyeongsang Province. The museum’s holdings are largely devoted to relics of the Silla kingdom, of which Gyeongju was the capital. Bulhwangsang Temple is a temple complex from the Old Silla era of Korea located in Gyeongju. The temple is recorded to have been built in 634 under the auspices of Queen Seondeok. Today the temple is still used by a small group of worshipers but in its heyday, the temple covered several acres and was one of the four main temples of the Silla Kingdom used by the state to ask the Buddha to bless the kingdom. The Bulguksa Temple is one of Korea’s best known temples and is a testimony to both the skill of Silla architect and the depth of Buddhist faith at the time. Except for the wooden buildings, all the stone bridges, stairways, and pagodas are original. The temple, originally built in A.D. 535, was enlarged in A.D. 752. After lunch, we’ll visit the Chungnam National University and the District of the National Forensic Service in Daejeon.

October 11 - Daejeon-Seoul
Departing from Daejeon, we’ll reach Seoul by lunchtime. After lunch, we’ll visit Imjingak Park and a monument to the Korean War. Crossing the Imjin River, the Freedom Bridge was used by repatriated POWs/soldiers returning from the north and, until 1998 was the only assessable point of
egress in the western sector onto the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), Camp Greaves, the Liberty Bell, and Panmunjom. It now crosses a stream adjacent to the Imjin River and connects with the North-South railway. The 3rd Tunnel and DMZ Theater is one of four known tunnels under the border between North and South Korea, extending south of Panmunjom. It is thought to have been designed for a surprise attack on Seoul from North Korea, and can easily accommodate 30,000 men per hour along with light weaponry. The South, who considered the tunnel an act of aggression on the part of the North, refer to it as a “tunnel of aggression.” At the Dora Observatory visitors can catch a glimpse of North Korea and will be able to see the North Korean propaganda village. After a full afternoon, we will enjoy the Traditional Art Performance “MISO” at the Chongdong Theater’s “Korean Traditional Stage.” The performance has been running ever since 1997. Here the audience can enjoy a selection of some of Korea’s most famous traditional performing arts, such as pansori, a traditional percussion quartet, a fan dance, and dance that was once performed in a shamanism exorcism ritual. Detailed subtitles in English, Japanese, and Chinese, explain the performances.

October 19 – Seoul
This is a day of leisure activities but nonetheless busy for the group. Before lunch, the group will visit Gyeongbokgun Palace, the National Folklore Museum, and Insadong Antique Street. Gyeongbokgun Palace, built in 1395 and arguably the most beautiful of palaces and is commonly referred to as the “Northern Palace” because it is the furthest north when compared to the neighboring palaces of Changdeokgun (Eastern Palace) and Gyeongheegun (Western Palace). The National Folklore Museum is located inside the palace. Here you can fully immerse yourself in domestic and agricultural lifestyles and learn about Korea’s cultural beliefs. The museum houses over 4,000 historical artifacts used in the daily lives of the Korean people. After lunch, we’re off to Insadong, Namsan Hanok Village, and Seoul Tower. Located in the heart of the city, Insadong is an important place where old and traditional goods are on display. Namsan Hanok Village is a traditional Korean village nestled among tall buildings. Here you’ll see traditional Korean houses, a pavilion, a pond, and a time capsule, making this a perfect spot to take a walk. At Seoul Tower, a 1,573 foot building, you can view the entire landscape of Seoul and the West Sea beyond Incheon. We’ll end the day with a relaxing group dinner.

October 13
Those of us traveling solely for the IEOP will depart for home from the Incheon International Airport exhausted and satisfied. Your second option will be to stay and attend the IAFS conference. If planning on staying for the IAFS should contact Rye Tour directly by emailing ryetour01@korea.com.

IEOP Land Tour Price – October 6-18
The program price of $1,925.00 pp/double; $2,475.00 pp/single USD.

The tour price includes:
• Hotel accommodations;
• Daily breakfast at hotel;
• Daily lunch;
• Welcoming Dinner on October 7;
• Two Dinners: October 9 and October 12;
• Admission fees to all of the sightseeing locations previously mentioned;
• Private air-conditioned vehicles and transfers;
• English-speaking local city guides; and
• Basic tips for drivers and guides

For planning purposes, going out to a good local restaurant will average $39 U.S. for dinner.

OPTIONAL: October 13-18 – Seoul/IAFS
Our local host and President of the International Association of Forensic Sciences (IAFS 2014), Heesun Chung, has invited the IEOP travelers to participate and present at the 20th World Meeting of the International Association of Forensic Sciences. This is an ideal platform for exchanging and sharing ideas, knowledge of the most recent developments, and the newest information in the forensic sciences field from all around the world with more than 1,700 attendees from related institutes and industries. The conference will provide a dynamic and strong scientific program, which will cover various categories of current issues of forensic science. IAFS participants will depart for Incheon Airport to make our way home.

NOTE: Those planning to attend the IAFS Conference and extend their stay at the Novotel Ambassador Gangnam Seoul Hotel should contact:
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ryetour01@korea.com
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IAFS room rate is $170 per night and added American breakfast is $23 per person.
**AAFS 2014 International Educational Outreach Program (IEOP) - South Korea**

October 6-13

President Dan Martell invites you to join him in the IEOP of South Korea. The itinerary will include stays in Wonju, Busan, Daejeon, and Seoul. Following the design of previous tours, AAFS members will have opportunities to meet with forensic science colleagues in South Korea and take advantage of the cultural and historical riches of the wonderful cities to be visited.

**APPLICATION**

Please complete the following application and return it by fax (719-636-1993) or by U.S. Postal Service to the attention of Nancy Jackson, AAFS, 410 North 21st Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80904. **Space is limited** so reserve your place today!

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Email: membership@aafs.org  
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IEOP Package Details

The cost of the AAFS 2014 International Educational Outreach Program (IEOP) to South Korea is $1,925.00 per person double occupancy and $2,475.00 per person single occupancy at all hotels.

The $1,925.00 per person double and $2,475.00 per person single tour package includes the following:

Hotel Accommodations (9 Nights):
- Wonju: October 6-8 (two nights) Hotel Buro Wonju - www.ibhotel.com
- Busan: October 8-10 (two nights) Novotel Ambassador Busan - www.novotelbusan.com
- Daejeon: October 10-11 (one night) Hotel Inter Citi Daejeon - www.www.hotelinterciti.com

Meals Included:
- Breakfast each morning;
- Lunch each day;
- Three dinners - October 7, 9, and 12.

Other Items Included (as Specified in the Itinerary):
- Admission fees to all the sightseeing activities as indicated;
- Private air-conditioned vehicles;
- English-speaking local city guides; and
- Basic tips for drivers and guides.

Items not included:
- Round-trip airfare to South Korea;
- Entrance fees when on your own;
- Meals not specified in the itinerary;
- Personal expenses (laundry, fax, phone, internet, etc.);
- Personal & travel insurance;
- Optional excursions; and
- Room service.

Payments of $1,925.00 per person single or $2,475.00 per person double rate may be made by check to the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS). MasterCard, American Express, and VISA credit cards are also accepted. A cancellation policy applies. Please see the next page for cancellation policy details.

Payment Schedule: Tour participants may remit payments per the following schedule: (1) one payment with application for the full amount; or, (2) a deposit of 50% of total cost with application and the second 50% on or before September 15.

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The quoted price in U.S. funds is good through September 1, 2014.

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Welcome to the AAFS Staff news page! Information from the staff may be found here throughout the year (e.g., membership, registration, meetings, etc.). This is to help our members and applicants with some of the frequently asked questions that staff receive. Please take a moment to review the topics below:

**AAFS DUES UPDATE**

The mailing address for dues payments has changed. Please remit all future payments to the AAFS Headquarters address below. No other address will be active for AAFS correspondence or payments. If your agency/employer requires a new W-9 form, please email a request to Tracie McCray (tmccray@aafs.org).

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**STUDENT AFFILIATE AND TRAINEE AFFILIATES ANNUAL ELIGIBILITY**

We hope everyone is enjoying your summer! Student Affiliates and Trainee Affiliates will be receiving an AAFS Eligibility Form in August requiring you to verify your eligibility to remain at your current status. This form must be returned by the September 19 deadline in order to retain your AAFS membership.

Student Affiliates - If you are still enrolled full time in a program that is relevant to forensic science and will be graduating **AFTER** February 2015, you are eligible to remain a Student Affiliate. If you will be

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graduating prior to February 2015 and are not yet employed, you can request the Student Affiliate waiver. This allows you to retain your current status for up to two years (your dues must still be paid) or until you enter into a training program or begin your employment in the field of forensic science. If you have graduated and are employed, you will be required to upgrade your status to Trainee Affiliate (please review the requirements for eligibility). Either way, you will be required to return the Eligibility Form to the membership department.

Trainee Affiliates – Please review the requirements for your section to see if you are eligible to upgrade your status to Associate Member. If so, you will be required to upgrade your status by the October 1 application deadline. If you have not yet met the requirements for Associate Member, you may be eligible to remain at the Trainee Affiliate status for the next year. Either way, you will be required to return the Eligibility form to the membership department.

You are strongly encouraged to submit an application to upgrade your status if you meet the requirements. You can find the requirements for each section at www.aafs.org.

If you have any questions regarding your eligibility or upgrading your status, please feel free to contact Membership Coordinator Cheryl Hunter at chunter@aafs.org.

Mandatory Membership Statuses

Several questions have been received asking if you can skip a status when upgrading or promoting (e.g., advancing from Trainee Affiliate directly to full Member).

The status of Associate Member is mandatory which must be achieved before promoting to the next status (Member and Fellow). However, the categories of Student Affiliate and Trainee Affiliate are not mandatory membership statuses – many applicants enter at the Associate Member level. As long as you meet the requirements for the section and status for which you would like to apply, you may upgrade from Student Affiliate to Associate Member without having to apply for Trainee Affiliate status.

Please refer to the section requirements at www.aafs.org to ensure you meet the requirements before submitting your application.

The AAFS Abstract Deadline - August 1
Quickly Approaches
Submit your abstract online at www.aafs.org
or see page 13 for details
Sources: Matthew R. Wood, MS and Daniel E. Katz, MFS

One purpose of FEPAC is the development of consensus educational standards for forensic science programs. In recent years, there have been several discussions related to expanding FEPAC’s scope of accreditation. The majority of accredited programs have an emphasis towards either chemistry or biology. In 2009, representatives from digital and multimedia science programs and FEPAC commissioners began the process of creating digital evidence standards to accredit digital forensic programs. Several programs have expressed an interest in seeking accreditation under the digital standards, but to date, only one program has applied and been approved.

An area of accreditation expansion that is currently being explored by the commission is death or crime scene investigation. A FEPAC commission subcommittee is putting together a survey to be distributed to Forensic Programs in order to gauge the interest in moving forward in developing the appropriate standards.

The 2009 National Academy of Sciences (NAS) Report “Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States: A Path Forward” was critical on many areas of forensics, particularly areas of pattern and impression evidence. Numerous calls for research and education in these disciplines are present throughout the report. In the discussion concerning forensic science education the report states:

“Forensic science examiners need additional training in the principles, practices, and contexts of scientific methodology, as well as in the distinctive features of their specialty. ...it is crucially important to improve undergraduate and graduate forensic science programs. The legitimization of practices in the forensic science disciplines must be based on established scientific knowledge, principles, and practices, which are best learned through formal education. Apprenticeship has a secondary role.” (p238)

Despite the call for formal education programs to address this deficiency, very few programs exist or seek accreditation in pattern evidence-based disciplines. The majority of new examiners continue to rely almost exclusively on knowledge passed down from examiner to examiner through on-the-job training and apprenticeships. This is a problem for two reasons.

First, the training period of an entry-level forensic scientist in the pattern evidence disciplines of latent prints, firearms, and tool marks, and questioned documents takes a minimum of two years. This is more than twice as long as the training period for entry-level forensic chemists and biologists. If there were more university forensic programs specializing in pattern evidence, as there are in forensic chemistry and biology, then both the theoretical and practical on-the-job training could be significantly reduced.

Second, the continuous passing down of knowledge from one generation of pattern evidence examiners to the next through apprentice based training removes the opportunity for implementing new technology. Topological based computer analysis of pattern evidence is currently possible, yet we continue to rely on more subjective visual comparisons for the analysis of our pattern evidence casework.

The opportunity is ripe for universities to start establishing pattern evidence degree programs. In a 2013 U.S. News and World Report article entitled, “Discover 11 Hot College Majors that Lead to Jobs,” continued on page 31
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biometrics was listed at number two and forensic science was listed at number three. How is it that the powers that be in these two hot fields are not getting together to produce the next generation of pattern evidence examiners? Furthermore, how have the universities not recognized this potential source of revenue?

Many may argue that pattern evidence degree programs are not feasible because traditional apprentice based training is not conducive to the university setting and the field does not contain enough traditional science to warrant being taught in universities. Those points may be true, but that does not mean it is not possible. Rather it simply means that the time has come for a paradigm shift. A change in which forensic professionals, educators, and researchers join forces with the physicists, engineers, and computer scientists in the field of biometrics and lead the changes that were proposed five years ago in the NAS Report.

Just this past month, the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) announced that they are partnering to establish Industry/University Cooperative Research Centers (I/UCRCs) in areas relevant to the forensic sciences. The I/UCRC program has been in existence since 1979 and has supported 170 centers in that time. One of the focus areas identified by NSF and NIJ is pattern-based analysis. This program is the perfect vehicle to bring together experts from industry, academia, and government and to kick-start the changes to the pattern evidence field that have long been discussed but not yet initiated.

The link to the I/UCRC announcement is [www.nsf.gov/pubs/2014/nsf14066/nsf14066.pdf](http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2014/nsf14066/nsf14066.pdf) and letters of intent were due by June 27, with full proposals due by September 26, 2014. FEPAC urges members of the AAFS to respond to this solicitation.


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**Do You Remember When?**

**Source:** Kenneth S. Field, MBA

**1954...** In early 1954, the AAFS newsletter carried an article stating that the National Safety Council (NSC) had published their findings concerning the question: “How Reliable are Breath Tests for Reflecting Blood Alcohol Concentrations?” The NSC reported that regardless of whether by means of the “Drunk-o-meter,” “Intoximeter,” or “Alcometer,” the breath tests were within .01% of the simultaneously taken blood analyses. They concluded that “…breath tests, properly conducted, do afford a reliable means of measuring blood alcohol concentrations.” In the 1970s when Smith and Wesson first exhibited their “Breathalyzer” at an Academy meeting, they offered to test anyone coming out of the Hotel bar. There was an impressive line-up of volunteers.

**1964...** In the spring of 1964, Robert Joling and Edward Conrad designed the Academy Key with the intent that it could also serve as the Academy’s logo. Dr. Joling’s explanation of the symbols used was that the Caduceus (with Mercury’s wings) represented the medical side of the Academy, the scales represent the sciences, and the Roman Lexes (a bound bundle of twigs) at the bottom represents Jurisprudence. There are no records showing that the design was ever officially adopted as the AAFS logo but by osmosis it reached that status, e.g., in 1970 it appeared on the meeting program, in 1971 it was used as the newsletter masthead, and in 1975 it was used on official stationery. Today, it is registered with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.
President’s Message cont.

Finally, for those contemplating breakfast or luncheon seminar submissions, I think it would be great to start some new AAFS traditions, along the lines of the Odontology Section’s Thomas Krauss Memorial Bitemark Breakfast. Events like these are what make the AAFS fun and exciting and keep bringing us back to the Academy meetings year after year. Let’s take this year’s meeting as an opportunity to create some new traditions and add to our collective knowledge.

White House Report: Strengthening the Forensic Sciences

On the homepage of the AAFS website, you will find a link to the new report from the National Science and Technology Council Committee on Science’s Subcommittee on Forensic Science. This white paper summarizes the advances in laboratory accreditation, certification of forensic science and medicolegal personnel, proficiency testing, and ethics since the publication of the NAS Report in 2009. This is an important document that has relevance to all of us, and I encourage you to give it a read.

IEOP 2014: Destination South Korea

As president of the AAFS, it is my great pleasure to invite all of you to join us for the 2014 International Educational Outreach Program (IEOP) to South Korea. Along with IAFS President, Heesun Chung, we have organized a week-long tour and exchange among forensic science colleagues.

For more than 20 years, the American Academy of Forensic Sciences has fostered international travel and professional exchange. The objective of AAFS international travel is to provide opportunities to Academy members: (1) to meet with forensic science colleagues; (2) to participate whenever possible in major international forensic science meetings - this year it will be the AIFS meeting in Seoul; (3) to visit laboratories as appropriate; and, at the same time, (4) to experience the rich heritages and cultures of the peoples and lands to be visited. Details of the trip can be found on the AAFS website at www.aafs.org/meetings/international-educational-outreach-program.

Lucas Medalist: Duarte Nuno Vieira cont.

Contributions to forensic science research and have been active in the educational field as well as have demonstrated outstanding leadership and management capability, national or internationally. Finally, the recipient must have made outstanding contributions in the national or international aspects of public health, welfare, and safety as these relate to the forensic sciences.

Dr. Vieira will present the “Lucas Lecture” during the 20th World Meeting of the International Association of Forensic Sciences in Seoul, Korea, October 12-18 of this year. The Academy extends its heartiest congratulations to Dr. Vieira, 2014 Lucas Medalist!

FAA’s First Postmortem Aviation Toxicology Colloquium Held

The Federal Aviation Administration’s (FAA’s) Civil Aerospace Medical Institute (CAMI) held its first three-day colloquium (April 1-3) on Postmortem Forensic Toxicology in Aviation. Those attending were aerospace medicine scientists, accident investigators, educators, medical examiners, forensic toxicologists, and students. Included were representatives from the Department of Justice, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, National Transportation Safety Board, CAMI, and the private sector. Geographically, they came from Brazil, Canada, Spain, Turkey, and a cross-section of America.

Topics covered included sample processing; importance of chain of custody samples; analyses of samples for combustion gases, ethanol, and drugs; analytical results interpretation; significance of quality control/quality assurance; new exponential technologies in forensics; and litigation and expert testimony issues. Two panel discussion sessions highlighted the conference’s important focal points, which were on “Interpretation of Analytical Results and Interesting Cases” and “Litigation and Expert Court Testimony.” In these sessions, the participants actively shared their deep interests and expertise in these highly technical subjects.

Arvind Chaturvedi, Biochemistry Research Team Coordinator in CAMI’s Aerospace Medical Research Division was the contact person for this colloquium.

The Civil Aerospace Medical Institute will host a similar colloquium in 2017 and will offer Continuing Medical Education credit through its Aerospace Medical Education Division. CAMI is located at the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center in Oklahoma City, OK.
The Chair of the Anthropology Section’s J. Lawrence Angel Student Award, Peer Moore-Jansen, is pleased to announce that the winner of the 2014 award is Lauren Pharr. Lauren’s paper presentation was on “Methods for Recognizing, Collecting, and Analyzing Vulture Evidence in Forensic Contexts Obtained Through GPS Tracking and Long-term Scavenging Research.” The official award presentation will take place at the 2015 Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL. The J. Lawrence Angel Award (JLA) is a longstanding and most honorable mark of distinction and professional recognition. Those eligible are strongly encouraged to participate in the 2015 competition. Eligible students must be enrolled in an anthropology program at the time of submission, hold membership in the Anthropology Section at the time the presentation is given, and the presentation must not be coauthored by faculty or other non-students. Submission requirements include meeting the AAFS abstract submission deadline, indicating to the Section Program Chair that the abstract will be submitted for the JLA Award; submission of a complete manuscript and presentation to the award Chair no later than February 1, 2015; and the paper must be presented in person at the AAFS meeting. Presentations will be judged on the basis of quality and content of manuscript and presentation, organization and format, clarity of presentation, relevance to forensic anthropological practice, ability to address questions, and originality. For more information, please contact Peer at pmojan@wichita.edu.

Dennis Dirkmaat announced that the Department of Applied Forensic Sciences at Mercyhurst University held its annual Forensic Anthropology Summer Short Courses from June 2–27. The program consisted of four one-week courses covering topics including forensic archaeology, forensic anthropology laboratory methods, human skeletal trauma, and mass fatality scene recovery. Courses were open to undergraduates, aspiring and current graduate students, as well as professionals in all fields of law enforcement, jurisprudence and forensic sciences. Additional information can be found at: http://mai.mercyhurst.edu/contracted-services/forensic-anthropology/short-courses-in-forensic-anthropology/.

The Anthropology Section mourns the losses and remembers the contributions of members Kenneth Kennedy and Clyde Snow. Kenneth Kennedy was active in casework and teaching in upstate New York and helped to publish several popular professional reference books. Kenneth served the Anthropology Section as its chair from 1994-95, and was the 10th recipient of the section award in 1987, the same year the award was renamed the T. Dale Stewart Award. Kenneth will be remembered as a caring and dedicated teacher and mentor. Clyde Snow dedicated much of his career to human rights investigations in many parts of the world, particularly in Central and South America and was involved in many other high-profile and historically-significant cases. Clyde began his membership in AAFS in 1972 and was one of the fourteen founding members of the Physical Anthropology Section. Clyde also received the section’s T. Dale Stewart award in 1988. He was known for his brilliant research ability and creative approach to overcoming obstacles. Clyde will be remembered for his love of people, his passion for his work, and his colorful character.
Section News cont.

CRIMINALISTICS

Source: Vincent J. Desiderio, Jr., MS, Section Program Co-Chair

What an interesting time to be a forensic scientist! Whether we realize it or not, change isn’t just coming, it is already happening all around us. The question is: are you an active participant in this process or a sideline critic watching everything happen with great reluctance to contribute? Are you going to seize upon these opportunities and use them to your advantage or serve as a passive spectator who is willing to settle for whatever may be the eventual result? These are our decisions to make. With this climate of change comes great opportunity for which now is the time to take advantage and raise the forensic sciences to the level that we all know can be achieved. How can this be done, you might ask? The answer is simple, participation!

Both prior to and since the release of the NAS Report, there have been numerous opportunities for our members to actively guide the direction of the field. It is important to note that many of our members have seized upon these opportunities and have contributed to the great strides that have been made in the recent past. Although we still have a long road ahead of us, these individuals have made large contributions to the establishment of organizations dedicated to the accreditation of our laboratories, certification of our scientists, development of standards that guide our work, and the education of our current and future practitioners. They are responsible for laying a strong foundation for the changes that are happening all around us at this very moment. It cannot be stressed enough that we must continue to play an active role in this process.

As the largest section of the Academy, the Criminalistics Section represents a broad range of dedicated and knowledgeable practitioners, administrators, and academics, all of which represent a variety of scientific disciplines. Our members are responsible for either performing or administrating a large portion of the forensic casework throughout the United States. In addition to those of us who work in the lab, our membership contains many educators who bear the responsibility of preparing future generations of forensic scientists for their entrance into the field. The students that they teach, many of whom are counted amongst our membership ranks as well, represent the future of our field. This broad assemblage of people collectively represents a powerful means for initiating, coordinating, and carrying out strong positive changes within our field. As a coordinated group, we can accomplish great things; however, this all rests on the decision of the individual to commit to this process and have their voice heard.

By the time that this column is published, the leadership of the National Institute of Standards and Technology’s Organization for Scientific Area Committees will have already begun making their selections to staff the infrastructure of this important undertaking. It is hoped that a large number of Criminalistics Section members have submitted applications and will play a significant role in the direction of this group. If you have submitted an application and are not chosen to participate at this time, you will still have opportunities to contribute as a voice from the field. It is strongly recommended that we all take this process seriously and commit to reviewing and commenting on the work products that will soon be flowing from this group.

As transparency continues to increase within our field, many of the mechanisms for change that are now being introduced have components that are open to the public. Our legislators have gone to great lengths to allow for periods of public comment in order to improve their legislative proposals. The meetings of the newly formed National Commission on Forensic Science have public sessions during which anyone can attend or watch online. The ultimate direction of these activities once again falls upon our willingness to participate. If you do not like the direction in which something is going or have a suggestion to improve upon an initiative, it is imperative that you let your concerns be known.

It is the practitioners amongst us who best know how everyday laboratory work will be altered, for better or worse, by any suggested changes. It is the administrators among us who know best how the finances and daily operations of our laboratories will be affected by these same changes. It is the academics among us who have the ability to team up with the administrators and practitioners to design and oversee the research that will be required to move things forward. It is our students who can serve an important role as a major resource to perform work on and collect valuable data for this research. Although it is the individual’s decision to participate, it is our collective participation that will ultimately determine the outcome.

On a final note, and in keeping with the participation theme, there will be several opportunities for our membership to participate in the scientific program during the 2015 Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida. Your Criminalistics Section Program Chair, Karolyn Tontarski, is already hard at work preparing yet another amazing, information-filled program. However, in order for this to be a total success, it will require the assistance of many of our fellow members as moderators, abstract reviewers, and presenters. With respect to presenting, remember to keep an eye on the abstract submission deadline, which inevitably creeps up on us in the blink of an eye. August 1 is just a few weeks away. If any members are interested in serving as a moderator, please contact the Criminalistics Section Program Co-Chair, Vincent Desiderio, at vfornsic@yahoo.com. These spots are filling up fast, so act quickly if you would like to participate.

DIGITAL & MULTIMEDIA SCIENCES

Source: Marcus K. Rogers, PhD, Section Secretary

The news is light again for our section. Work is continuing on the DMS portal; we will let you know when it goes live. If you have not already done so, please read the latest National Science and Technology Council Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Forensic Sciences report “Strengthening the Forensic Sciences.” It is vital that we keep up-to-date with developments and make our voices heard when necessary.
As we slide into summer, please remember to submit your abstracts and/or workshop proposals no later than August 1. Late submissions will not be accepted, no exceptions. If you are currently serving on any of the DMS committees, please make sure that you are remaining active and keep in touch with your respective committee chairs over the coming months.

**ENGINEERING SCIENCES**

*Source: Darren Franck, MSME, Section Program Chair*

Now that Seattle is behind us, we are looking forward to having a great meeting in Orlando. As program chair for the upcoming meeting, I would like to encourage everyone to join us in Florida and to submit abstracts by August 1. Remember to include your current CV along with your submission. The meeting's success depends on the contribution of all of our members. Even if you are unable to submit an abstract, we hope everyone will take the time to attend. Moreover, you are encouraged to bring colleagues who may not be familiar with the AAFS.

I would like to thank Carol Erikson, section chair, and John Nixon, section secretary, for their work thus far. Additionally, thank you is extended to all members who have already committed to submitting abstracts and to those serving as track chairs.

So far we have a good start on submissions. Thanks to the good work of Peter Alexander and Stephanie Domitrovich, a joint session with Jurisprudence has been developed. The presentations in this session will examine error rates in the presentation of forensic sciences. The early outline includes topics pertinent to the criminal justice system, forensic chemistry, fingerprint analysis, DNA testing, and accident reconstruction.

Helmut Brosz is proposing a breakfast seminar regarding wildfires of electrical origin. If this seminar is selected for the program, you will have a chance to fill up your continuing education hours while filling up your stomach.

Several tracks have been developed for the oral presentations. John Nixon (JohnNixon@frontier.com) is developing a session on weapon system forensics. Carol Chaski (echaski@linguisticevidence.org) is organizing a section on engineering approaches to biometrics. Carol is open to input from ESS members as well as those in Criminalistics. Perhaps another joint session is in order. Kurt Weiss (kurt.weiss@asr-engineering.com) is the go-to guy for accident reconstruction topics. Michael Hadka (mhadka@trilliuminc.com) is heading the environmental track. Michelle Hoffman (michelle@biodynamics-eng.com) and John Smith (jjsakajtm@aol.com) are rounding-up papers on injury biomechanics. A subset of this topic, low-energy injuries, may fuel a separate track headed by David Pienkowski (pienkow@uky.edu).

Vehicular collisions, industrial accidents, and structural collapses are certain topics of conversation as well. Considering all of the fires, car wrecks, weaponry, and explosions, Orlando’s meeting should prove exciting.

The August 1 deadline is not far away, and despite the early interest there is always room for more submissions, including in the previously mentioned sub-programs. Feel free to contact any of the track chairs if you have questions about a paper you are considering and where it might best fit, but don’t feel limited by this outline - presentations on any and all engineering science topics are welcome! We look forward to seeing you all in Orlando.

**GENERAL**

*Source: Claire E. Shepard, MS, Section Secretary*

It is time to finalize your thoughts for your abstract submission for the 2015 Annual Scientific Meeting in Orlando, FL. The August 1 deadline is near and Section Program Chair Steve Clark and Co-Chair Steve Chancellor are anxiously awaiting your submissions to build the program for the annual meeting. As mentioned previously, papers that reflect the theme of the 2015 meeting and highlight forensic programs, projects and cases that: (1) detail the integrated strength of the “forensic family” members involved; (2) describe forensic challenges overcome by shared “family” values; (3) demonstrate the application and blending of unique “family member” skills to achieve overall goals; and, (4) provide examples of successful strategies used to avoid “family feuds” during each phase of the program, project, or case are being solicited.

Also collaborating with your colleagues to present a workshop, breakfast, or luncheon seminar is highly encouraged. The program committee relies on members of the General Section to submit scientific work and cases to build the scientific sessions and offer workshops. Take time out of your busy schedule to get that abstract or workshop proposal submitted today to ensure a great program in Orlando!

The General Section Nominating Committee comprised of Bill Andrews, Paul Kish, and Frank Horvath announces that a section chair and section secretary will be elected during the section business meeting in Orlando. A list of officer responsibilities can be found online (www.aafs.org) in the AAFS Policy and Procedure Manual. Nominees can be placed on the ballot in one of three ways: (a) selection by the Nominating Committee; (b) nomination from membership by petition, supported in writing by a minimum of three Members or Fellows of the General Section; or, (c) nomination from the floor during the election process at the annual section business meeting. Petition(s) must be submitted to Bill by October 15 in order to verify the nominee’s eligibility, willingness to serve, and to obtain an AAFS-specific resume. Bill can be reached at williamandrewsmsf@hotmail.com.

It is time again to solicit nominees from the General Section who have gone above and beyond in the furthering the field of forensic sciences and for exceptional service to the General Section. Nominations for the John R. Hunt Award and Paul W. Kehres Meritorious Service Award must be submitted to the General Section Awards Committee no later than August 1. Please submit qualifying individuals’ names and any questions to joanna.Lcollins@gmail.com. Below are the criteria for each award as taken from the AAFS Policy and Procedure Manual, continued on page 36.
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The John R. Hunt Award is intended to recognize sustained superior contributions to the General Section, AAFS, and the forensic science community. The nominee must be a Fellow of the section for the last consecutive three (3) years when this award is to be bestowed; and must have attended 50% of the section business meetings in the past six (6) years; and must have presented a scientific paper, poster, plenary session, breakfast seminar, or workshop within the past five (5) years; must have published at least once in the Journal of Forensic Sciences; and, should have served in an elected position within the section, in an official AAFS capacity for at least one (1) year, as a committee chair for at least one (1) year, or as a member of a committee for at least three (3) years; or in the absence of one of the above, potential candidates shall have made a significant contribution to the forensic science community not reflected by a specific section or AAFS effort.

The Paul W. Kehres Meritorious Service Award is intended to recognize a General Section Trainee Affiliate, Student Affiliate, Associate Member, Member, or Fellow for exceptional service to the General Section. This service may include but not be limited to performance of section responsibilities under extremely adverse circumstances, or service to the section far above and beyond that which would be normally expected, and/or particularly inspirational ideas and the implementation of those ideas that would benefit the section.

Lastly, for those of you who will be submitting abstracts for presentation in Orlando, FL, at the 2015 meeting, please consider nominating your presentation for the Achievement Award when you submit via the online system. This award is given to promote continual professional growth in the forensic sciences and technologies and to encourage new forensic sciences professionals in their occupational specialties. Any Trainee Affiliate, Associate Member, or Member of the General Section is eligible for this award provided he or she has been a registered participant within the AAFS for no more than four (4) years and provided he or she has proffered a paper at the General Section Scientific Session or Poster Session.

Again, the deadline for award nominees and abstract submissions is August 1. Don’t miss the date.

JURISPRUDENCE

Source: Christine Funk, JD, Section Chair

Look at the time! It’s halfway through 2014. That said, it’s not too late to submit an abstract to the Jurisprudence Section program for the meeting in Orlando. Consistent with the meeting theme, “Celebrating the Forensic Science Family,” the Jurisprudence Section seeks to host representatives from all sections of the Academy. Scientists, please take a moment to consider how you may advance the criminal justice system by offering the Jurisprudence Section’s Forensic Science Family some insights, data, commentary, etc., about your field. Lawyers, what do you know that your fellow jurisprudence members could benefit from? Did you stumble across a broken system? Litigate a novel forensic-science related issue? Have you discovered how to work with your lab to both advance science and reduce backlogs? Please consider sharing your knowledge with the rest of us.

Additionally, Jurisprudence members, please consider your own membership status. If you are an Associate Member, please apply for promotion. It doesn’t take much time, doesn’t cost anything, and it allows you to vote on important issues, both in the Jurisprudence Section and in the Academy at large. Already a Member? Please apply to become a Fellow in the section. This dovetails nicely with request number one: please submit an abstract – this is how you advance in the section! If either Stephanie Domitrovich, Secretary, or I can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us. Christine.funk@dc.gov and Sdomitro54@gmail.com.

Finally, congratulations are in order for two of our section members: first, Program Chair Donald Shelton has been appointed Associate Professor and Director of the Criminal Justice Program at the University of Michigan – Dearborn. Congratulations on this new career! Also of note, Betty Layne DesPortes was named one of the Class of 2014 Influential Women of Virginia by Virginia Lawyers Weekly. It is important for us to celebrate our successes. As always, if you know someone in our section who merits mention, please contact me.

ODONTOLOGY

Source: Adam J. Freeman, DDS, Section Program Chair

I am honored to write my first Academy News Odontology Section article as your program chair. As you may know, AAFS President Daniel Martell’s theme for next year is Celebrating the Forensic Science Family. An appropriate theme as I have always felt that we in forensic odontology are a family and I look forward every year to the annual meeting to see everyone. Part of that celebration is to have a successful scientific session filled with interesting presentations. We will also honor our section awardees and rejoice in our collective accomplishments.

President Martell has three planks to the 2015 program in Orlando: (1) Honoring Our Mentors; (2) Learning From Each Other; and, (3) Stimulating Our Future. Your participation and a strong scientific program can accomplish all three of these planks. I encourage you all to consider submitting an abstract for presentation in Orlando. I can think of no better way to honor your mentors then to impart your knowledge to others by presenting research, interesting case reports, or other informational papers to our section. Your presentations also help to satisfy the other planks of President Martell’s theme. By submitting an abstract and presenting a paper or poster, you stimulate our future. Whether you are a grizzled veteran or a novice, we can all learn from each other. The deadline for submission is August 1, this is a strict deadline and there is no leeway for extensions. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at AFreeman@ahfo.org.
If you are interested in moderating during the scientific sessions, please email me and I will try to accommodate your request.

I would like to thank those who have come before me—Raymond Miller, Iain Pretty, and Paula Brunini—to name a few and those who have made our section meetings and scientific sessions stellar for the past six years.

Richard Weems, ASFO President, and Roger Metcalf, ASFO President-Elect, are working hard to make sure that the ASFO program will again be interesting and well attended. Go to www.ASFO.org to register.

The American Board of Forensic Odontology will be offering two workshops in Orlando. The Bitemark Workshop will take place on Sunday, February 15. Those participants who successfully defend the bitemark case will receive credit toward the requirements to be able to challenge the board. The Age Estimation Workshop will take place on Saturday, February 21. After the workshop, participants will be given three cases to workup and submit reports. Those who follow the standards and submit reports may receive credit for up to three cases. There is still availability for participants as well as observers. For more information and to register go to www.ABFO.org.

It is hard to believe that the deadline for abstract submission is less than one month away. To submit an abstract online go to www.aafs.org or you can submit an abstract with the forms located in this newsletter.

On behalf of Section Chair Iain Pretty and Section Secretary Ray Miller, we look forward to serving you over the next year and we will celebrate our forensic family in Orlando.

PATHOLOGY/BIOLOGY

Source: Kathryn Haden-Pinneri, MD, Section Secretary

There is less than one month to go before the abstract deadline of August 11! Time to finish up your research projects and get those abstracts written. Our sessions are only as good as the presentations submitted for consideration. This year’s theme is “Celebrating the Forensic Science Family” and the meeting will be held in Orlando, FL, February 16-21, 2015. Let’s give Program Chair Jim Caruso a lot to work with as he develops our program. Abstract guidelines can be found online at www.aafs.org.

Don’t forget to submit your grant proposals. The Pathology/Biology Section has $6,000 available for research ($3,000 each for a maximum of two grants). The application deadline is December 1. A presentation at the AAFS Annual Meeting and a manuscript for submission to the Journal of Forensic Sciences are required. For further information, send an email to kathy.haden-pinneri@ifs.hctx.net.

The National Institute of Standards and Technology received over 1,300 applications for membership on the Organization of Scientific Area Committees (OSAC). All 50 states were represented in the applicant pool as well as 21 other countries. Selections are being made as this article is written and we thank all who submitted applications.

This issue spotlights two more mentors, as described by their mentees. Garry Peterson was instrumental in steering Lindsey Thomas toward forensic pathology. In her words, “if it weren’t for Garry’s encouragement, I doubt I would have gone into forensic pathology.” Described as “always helpful” and “a terrific role model,” his ability to balance work with family life and outside interests was instilled in Dr. Thomas. We need to remember that we teach not only forensic science but life lessons as well.

Robert Pfalzgraf made forensics fun for his trainee, Dan Schultz and instilled in him “the value of what we bring to clinical medicine, particularly trauma.” Dr. Schultz also credits Bernard Adams with instilling in him a keen interest in traffic fatalities, a big sense of pride in what he does, and with being able to look at the big picture. The forensic fellowship year can be very stressful, fun, overwhelming, and tiring, among other things. With good mentors, such as Dr. Pfalzgraf, fellows complete the year with the knowledge and skills necessary to successfully enter the forensic pathology workforce.

Let’s continue to celebrate our Forensic Science Family. Anyone with comments they would like to share regarding favorite mentors, please send them to kathy.haden-pinneri@ifs.hctx.net. As space allows, they will be included in upcoming Academy News articles.

PSYCHIATRY & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

Source: Karen Rosenbaum, MD, Section Secretary

In section news, the Liaison with Forensic Sciences Committee of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law (AAPL) met at the American Psychiatric Association (APA) meeting in New York, NY, on Saturday, May 3. There were discussions regarding submissions for the AAFS 2015 Annual Meeting including possible joint sessions with the Toxicology and/or Digital & Multimedia Sciences Sections as well as ideas for submissions by the Liaison with Forensic Sciences Committee for the 2015 AAPL Meeting.

Those in attendance included Christopher Thompson, Section Chair, who is also Program Co-Chair for the 2014 AAPL Annual Meeting in Chicago, Richard Rosner, past president of the AAFS (1996-97) who has edited multiple text books on forensic psychiatry including “Principles and Practice of Forensic Psychiatry” (2003); and, Robert Weinstock, the 40th President of AAPL.

Also in attendance was Eugene Lee who recently participated in the APA Advocacy Leadership Conference (held March 24-26) where he campaigned as Deputy Representative for Arkansas Psychiatric Society for issues including: Ensuring Veteran’s Resilience Act (HR 4234), Federal Investment in Research and Public Health, the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act of 2013 (HR 3717) and Sustainable Growth Rate and The Medicare Provider Payment Modernization Act of 2014 (S 2000/HR 4015). More information continued on page 38
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on this is included at www.psychiatry.org/advocacy—newsroom.

In addition, Stephen Billick, Past President of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law, and former AAFS Vice President also attended the meeting.

In other news, J. Michael Walsh, Member of the Psychiatry & Behavioral Science Section of AAFS was awarded the 2014 Robert F. Borkenstein Award by the National Safety Council (NSC is a nonprofit organization founded in 2013 to help save lives and prevent injuries in various situations). Dr. Walsh is the 23rd recipient of the award, and is internationally known for his expertise in substance abuse issues with more than 28 years of federal service in senior research and policy positions. He is currently president of the Walsh Group in Bethany Beach, DE. His research on substance abuse policy has influenced national policy regarding the drug-impaired driver.

We continue to welcome the submission of news items for this column from members. Please submit these items to Karen Rosenbaum, Section Secretary, at kbrosenb@gmail.com.

QUESTIONED DOCUMENTS

Source: Thomas W. Vastrick, BS, Section Chair

We are gearing up for a tremendous meeting in sunny and warm Orlando next February. There are still time slots available should you wish to participate in the program. Remember you can earn certification points with ABFDE by participating in the program. We are expecting to hear from at least one research team regarding completion of a major research project that should provide significant assistance to all document examiners facing admission challenges. Our profession has achieved some significant victories in court challenges but that does not mean we can let off on the gas. If you would like to participate, please contact Jim Lee but please do so soon as spots are filling and only a few are left. Kevin Kulbacki is putting the finishing touches on several workshop requests. It is our hope that the 2015 AAFS Meeting will include at least two workshops for the QD membership. Between two workshops and the technical sessions, Diplomates can earn a substantial number of points toward recertification.

Orlando travel hint of the day: many businesses like to show off their air conditioning. If you are cold natured it will be a good idea to bring a jacket or sweater for indoor use.

TOXICOLOGY

Source: Sarah Kerrigan, PhD, Section Secretary

By now we hope that you are beginning to prepare for the upcoming annual meeting which takes place February 16-21, 2015, in Orlando FL. There is no doubt that this meeting will be a great success, not to mention a lot of fun. Mark your calendars now and if you have not already begun to work on your abstracts, workshop proposals or other submissions – now is the time to do so. The August 1 deadline to submit proposals is fast approaching!

Your 2015 Program Chairs Becky Jufer and Dan Anderson are eager to assemble a spectacular scientific program but they can only do this with your help. Abstracts for all papers, posters, workshops, and special sessions may be submitted online. Don’t leave this until the last minute and please remember that the deadline is strictly enforced. If you have ideas or suggestions for workshops, topics you’d like to see covered, or general suggestions for the program in Orlando, please let the program chairs know. You can reach them by email at rphipps@phipps.ws and DAnderson@coroner.lacounty.gov.

Next year, we are proposing a slight change to the Toxicology Open Forum next year. We anticipate that the upcoming forum in 2015 will no longer receive continuing education credits because in doing so, we are prevented from offering a hospitality service hosted by a financial contributor. As this event takes place later in the evening, many participants enjoy the discussion and case reviews while they enjoy dessert and a drink. In order to offer the hospitality service hosted by a financial contributor we cannot offer continuing education credits. If you have strong feelings about this issue, please let the program chair or section officers know. Our aim is to make the meeting as enjoyable as possible.

Please note that nominations for section awards are due August 1. These awards are a great way to recognize outstanding members of the forensic toxicology community for their contributions as new investigators or practitioners, and/or analytical achievements or career-long service. Contact John Wyman, Chair of the Awards and Scholarship Committee at jfwyman@cuyahogacounty.us to nominate a deserving member.

Finally, I would be remiss as secretary if I did not address membership. As of May 2014 the Toxicology Section membership stands at 520. Please encourage your co-workers and especially new employees, colleagues, and students to apply for Student Affiliate, Trainee Affiliate, or Associate Member before the October 1 deadline. Applications for promotion must also be received by this date. Don’t forget that service to the organization is a consideration for promotion. If you would like to volunteer for activities or become more involved with the 2015 meeting, now is your chance to let one of the section officers or program chairs know.

Mark your calendars and we look forward to seeing you in Orlando!
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 2015 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 “News & Noteworthy.” 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 9, 2015.

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A Letter from the YFSF President
It is officially summer and the AAFS August 1 abstract deadline is right around the corner. The Young Forensic Scientists Forum (YFSF) is diligently organizing a special session for the 67th Annual Scientific Meeting in sunny Orlando, FL!

If this is your first time presenting or, conversely, if you love presenting, consider submitting an abstract for the YFSF Bring Your Own Poster (BYOP) and YFSF Bring Your Own Slides (BYOS) sessions. The YFSF BYOP deadline is December 1, and the YFSF BYOS abstract deadline is December 15. Both of these options are excellent ways for showcasing your research, building your résumé, and networking inside and outside your forensic field.

President Daniel Martell’s theme for this year—Celebrating the Forensic Science Family—focuses on mentors. A mentor once told me, “You get out of the meeting what you put in,” which I believe to be true. Presenting early and often in your career makes people familiar with your name and will allow you to become more involved with the AAFS as a whole. Presenting a paper, getting involved with committees, and presenting a poster are all great ways to get involved and to be an active participant within the forensic science community.

If you have any questions about submitting an abstract for the YFSF BYOP or BYOS, or if you have any other questions, feel free to contact any of the YFSF Committee members. If you want to be more involved, but are not sure where to start, we are happy to help!

Lara Newell, MA
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A Note from the YFSF Secretary
Summer has arrived and that means it is time for abstracts to be submitted. The YFSF encourages you to use this opportunity to present your research, as the AAFS meeting brings together forensic scientists from all over the globe. The YFSF also encourages you to start early if you are planning to submit an abstract for the Academy-wide program, as the deadline is August 1. Please read the instructions carefully, so your submission has every chance to succeed.

The YFSF would like to remind you that the YFSF BYOS Session and the YFSF BYOP Session are both excellent platforms to present your research if you would like to present on a smaller scale. Please see the YFSF BYOP and BYOS sections of this newsletter for submission dates. If you have any questions, please contact either Sarah Ellis or Brianna Bermudez.

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Financial Liaison
Each year during the AAFS meeting, the Young Forensic Scientists Forum organizes a Special Session to help students and young professionals in the field of forensic science. Attending these events can help those wishing to pursue a career in forensic science, especially if it is their first AAFS meeting! The Young Forensic Scientists Forum is able to run these sessions each year because of the support and financial contributions that we receive from the forensic science community. The YFSF receives monetary and educational support from...
FEPAC accredited universities, forensic science vendors, the AAFS sections, and their members each year. The Financial Liaisons of the YFSF will be contacting these groups throughout the summer months to seek out those who are interested in contributing to the Young Forensic Scientists Forum.

If you are interested in contributing resources to the 2015 YFSF Special Session, please contact Katie Knurek or Betsy Maldonado.

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YFSF Special Session

The theme for the 2015 YFSF Special Session is **YFSF 20th Anniversary: The Past, The Present, and Our Future.** The speakers at this year’s session will reflect on their personal experiences, improvements made during their careers, and contributions they have made to different fields of forensic science. In this session, we hope to show students and young professionals how far forensic science has come and to celebrate the contributions made in forensic science. This session is also about looking to the future, detailing how the young forensic scientists will impact the future of the field, and inspiring them to make a difference with their own careers.

This is a great opportunity for young forensic scientists to connect with forensic science professionals and to learn about the all of the options available in forensic science. A schedule of presentations for the 2015 YFSF Special Session will be published in the fall. We look forward to seeing you in February and if you have any questions, please contact yfsfs@gmail.com.

Christina Hayes, BS  Jessica Smith, BS  
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YFSF Breakfast Session

Each year, the YFSF Breakfast Session focuses on professional development for those at the beginning of their journeys in forensic science. This year’s session is titled: “Getting There: Unique Professional Journeys in Forensic Science.” At the 2015 Annual Scientific Meeting in Orlando, FL, the YFSF Breakfast Session will focus on achieving success in the sometimes daunting and difficult job market. Please plan on joining us for presentations from forensic science professionals who have unique and engaging stories of success.

The YFSF Breakfast Session will again include a résumé review component. In honor of the YFSF’s 20th anniversary, our goal is to have as many former YFSF Presidents serve on the résumé review panel along with other experienced forensic science professionals.

If you are an experienced forensic scientist, please consider serving as a résumé reviewer for the next generation of forensic science professionals. Please contact yfsf.breakfast@gmail.com if you or someone you know can help with professional development for the next generation of forensic scientists.

Alicja K. Lanfear, PhD  Tiffany B. Saul, MS  
YFSF Breakfast Session Chair  YFSF Breakfast Session Co-Chair

**Bring Your Own Slides Session**

The YFSF Bring Your Own Slides Session offers the perfect opportunity for students and young professionals to present their research and casework studies at the 2015 Annual Scientific Meeting in Orlando, FL. This is a unique opportunity where one can present student research as well as an opportunity to add presentation experience to your résumé.

You can present as much or as little as you would like in the given time slot. YFSF BYOS is currently accepting résumé and CV submissions through December 15. If you are interested in presenting at the AAFS 67th Annual Scientific Meeting, please submit a one-page abstract and CV to yfsf.byos@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lindsay Sylors or Kate Lesciotta.

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**Bring Your Own Poster Session**

The YFSF Bring Your Own Poster (BYOP) Session provides the opportunity to get involved in the Academy’s Annual Scientific Meeting. All students and young forensic science professionals are invited to present their research or interesting cases in Orlando in 2015. Presenting will provide you with an opportunity to network with numerous forensic scientists and to gain experience in public speaking.

Please submit a one-page, detailed abstract by December 1, to yfsf.postersession@gmail.com. If you have questions, feel free to email Jennifer Curnow or Melanie Boeyer.

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Meetings & Conferences

July 2014

8-12
Human Osteology
To be held at Texas State University in San Marcos, TX.
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workshops/Osteology.html

14-18
Introduction to the Science of Fingerprints
To be held at Sirchie’s facility in Youngsville, NC.
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14-18
Introduction to Human Identification
To be held at the Forensic Anthropology Center in Knoxville, TN.
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16-18
Advanced Methods in Forensic Anthropology:
Ancestry with Dr. M. Kate Spradley
To be held at Texas State University in San Marcos, TX.
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27-28
First Annual “Sheila Dashkow” Forensic Odontology Course
To be held in Las Vegas, NV.
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July 28-Aug.1
Advanced Osteology Laboratory Methods
To be held at the Forensic Anthropology Center at the University of Tennessee - Knoxville.
CONTACT: http://fac.utk.edu/courses.html

28-31
Criminal Investigations/Court Room
To be held at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, TX.
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AUGUST 2014

18-22
Medicolegal Death Investigator Training Course
To be held at Saint Louis University in St. Louis, MO.
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SEPTEMBER 2014

5-19
Basic Latent Fingerprint Comparison
To be held at Sirchie in Youngville, NC.
CONTACT: www.sirchie.com
(800) 356-7311
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8-12
Evidence Collection, Crime Scene Technology Accelerated Training Program
To be held at Sirchie in Youngville, NC.
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www.sirchie.com/training/training-programs/evidence-collection-training-program.html

9-10
Emerging Forensic Genomic Applications Conference
To be held in Greenville, NC.
CONTACT: http://advancedforensicsdna.com/corporate/snpforum/

15-19
Bloodstain Pattern Documentation
To be held at Sirchie in Youngville, NC.
CONTACT: www.sirchie.com
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www.sirchie.com/training/training-programs/blood.html

22-26
Forensic Art: Master Facial Reconstruction Sculpture with Karen T. Taylor
To be held at Texas State University in San Marcos, TX.
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Sept. 29-Oct. 2
International Symposium on Human Identification
To be held in Phoenix, AZ.
CONTACT: http://ishinews.com

Sept. 29-Oct. 3
Forensic Art: Digital Postmortem Illustration with Natalie Murray
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6-8
Criminal Investigation & Forensic Science Advanced Research and Assessing Technology in Forensic Science for Combating Crime
To be held in San Antonio, TX.
CONTACT: http://forensicresearch2014.conferenceseries.net

6-8
The Scientific Basis for Fracture Match Identification
To be held at the Northwest University Center for Public Safety in Evanston, IL.
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6-10
Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists and the American Society of Trace Evidence Examiners Joint Meeting
To be held in St. Paul, MN.
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6-10
Advanced Latent Palm Print Comparison
To be held at Sirchie in Youngville, NC.
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