As I mentioned to the audience at the AAFS Annual Business Meeting when I accepted the Chain of Office from President Ubelaker, I am honored and humbled by the trust placed in me as your president. During this term, the Academy and forensic science will continue to be the focus of many individuals, groups, and processes. But before we get to that, please take a minute with me to congratulate our staff, our members, our officers and chairpersons, the exhibitors, our volunteers, and everyone else who made the 2012 AAFS Annual Meeting such a success. We enjoyed the largest number of pre-registered attendees and the second-largest (so I am told) actual attendance ever. Many of the sessions were sold out long before registration closed. So, next year – REGISTER EARLY! Excellent oral and poster presentations were available in each of the eleven disciplines and we have received great feedback from the workshops, the revised Student Academy, and from the Interdisciplinary Symposium. While not involved in the content of the Tuesday Evening Session on the Anthony case, I did have the opportunity to coordinate the AV for the speakers and therefore had a “view of the audience from the podium” – the room was packed; there were no empty seats and standing room only of about 7 deep across the back and down the sides of the room. All of those eyes were riveted on the screen and presenters, there was very little side conversation in the audience and most amazing to me was the fact that very few members of the audience left (even those standing) during the entire two-hour presentation.

Several ideas to improve the Annual Meeting were received and some will be implemented to enhance the meeting experience for all attendees. Speaking of which, it’s not too early to plan for next year’s meeting in Washington, DC, that will occur the week of February 18th. By the time you read this, there will only be about 100 days left before the August 1st deadline for abstract submission. I join the Program Committee and the AAFS staff in urging you to submit well in advance of our program and membership deadlines. As many have learned too late, our deadlines are firm.

I encourage everyone to visit the AAFS website on a regular basis (www.aafs.org). In this fast-paced society, events take place more quickly than formal, printed materials such as this newsletter can keep up with. At least two items of interest are currently posted on the website. The Board of Directors in its Monday, February 20 meeting received a recommendation from the AAFS Amicus Curiae Committee concerning the possibility of filing an amicus brief in the case Robbins v. Texas should the US Supreme Court agree to hear the case. In a divided vote, the Board agreed to solicit input from the membership as outlined in AAFS policy. As I write this, the Court has not yet decided; however, because of time constraints (see note above on printed materials) information about this very interesting case is available in the Members Only (PeopleWeb) side of the AAFS website. While too lengthy to discuss in this short column, at issue is what happens when an expert for the prosecution decides he or she has made a (good faith) error in a criminal case. The opinions of the lower courts are posted, as are the “majority” and “minority” opinions of the AAFS Amicus Committee, a case summary, and if needed, a feedback page/survey for membership which will assist your Board of Directors in deciding (a super majority vote of the Board is required) whether or not to file an amicus curiae brief should cert. be granted.

I also draw your attention to the website to learn more about the AAFS International Educational Outreach Program (IEOP) offered this summer – click on the meetings tab and then click on the
Future AAFS Annual Meeting Dates

February 18-23, 2013
Marriott Wardman Park
Washington, DC

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Orlando, FL

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Anderson and Dubowski Nominated for the 2012 National Medal of Science

The American Academy of Forensic Sciences Board of Directors has selected Academy Fellows, Robert Anderson, PhD (Fellow - Engineering Sciences) and Kurt Dubowski, PhD (Retired Fellow - Toxicology) as nominees for the 2012 National Medal of Science Award. Established by Congress in 1959, this award is the Nation’s highest honor for American scientists and engineers presented annually by the President of the United States. The award is given to individuals deserving of special recognition by reason of their outstanding cumulative contributions to knowledge in the physical, biological, chemical, mathematical, engineering, or behavioral or social sciences, in combination with exemplary service to the Nation. The President looks to the President’s Committee on the National Medal of Science to annually recommend exemplary candidates who represent the breadth and diversity of the Nation’s scientific and engineering communities from a pool of nominees provided by the National Academy of Sciences, professional scientific societies, and individuals from science and engineering communities.

Since its establishment, the National Medal of Science has been awarded to over 400 distinguished scientists and engineers whose careers span decades of research and public service. These laureates have not only established new lines of thinking in their disciplines, but have also advanced the Nation in significant ways, such as contributions to security, education, national policy, and the economy.

Good Luck, Phyllis!

Everyone will want to join the AAFS staff in saying good-bye to Receptionist, Phyllis Gilliam, as she leaves AAFS to embark on a new chapter in life. Phyllis joined the staff in the Spring of 2005 and has been known for her friendly voice and helpful demeanor to those contacting the headquarters office in Colorado Springs. Phyllis will be missed by all of us and we wish her the very best!

A special thank you to Robert Gaffney (General) who conducted a tour of the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory (USACIL) for AAFS staff members.

Back Row (l to r): Paul Lubbers and Robert Gaffney.
Front Row (l to r): Cheryl Hunter, Tracie McCray, Kimberly Wrasse, Salena Grant, and Nancy Jackson.
President-Elect’s Message

It’s my pleasure to congratulate Bob Barsley on his succession as President of AAFS. I’ve gotten to know Bob through our work together on the Board over the last few years, and know that the Academy is in good hands for 2012-13. I’d also like to thank Doug Ubelaker for his calm and considered guidance of the organization through the last year and for a very successful program in Atlanta. It really got me thinking about the reach of forensic science throughout the world and the leadership roles that the United States and AAFS play in our profession. I look forward to working with Bob and building on the relationships that Doug fostered during his term as president.

I am very conscious of the trust placed in me as president-elect of the organization. I give you my commitment to build bridges inside and outside of our profession, to promote forensic science as widely as possible, and to look to the criticisms we have suffered over the last few years. I want to ensure that the Academy and its disciplines are doing all we can do, as the leading professional organization in forensic science, to respond.

Like most of you, I returned from Atlanta energized and excited about our profession and the hard work and challenges ahead of us in the year to come. With cramped budgets, issues heating up in the forensic science reform arena, and the ever present challenges of integrating new technologies and discoveries into our work, I can’t think of a more satisfying field in which to work.

One of the highlights of the Atlanta meeting for me was the increased level of involvement of students and young forensic scientists in our program. Their visibility and increased contributions are changing the character of the organization and represent the future of the profession. AAFS can play a major role in their professional development and promote the standards of knowledge, ethics, and scholarship that will characterize forensic sciences into the future. I plan to make forensic science mentorship and education a focus of my service to the Academy over the next two years.

In 2012 we received 1,091 applications, an increase of 23% from last year. To encourage membership, the Board voted this year to allow new Student Affiliates to apply the $25 application fee to their first year’s membership dues. This, on top of last year’s changes to allow students to retain their student affiliate status while they transition from school to work, reflects our commitment to this important group. Do your part in 2012:

- Sponsor a new member.
- Encourage your colleagues, especially the junior people in your organizations, to apply to AAFS or upgrade their membership.
- If you are one of our more junior members:
  - Start thinking about an abstract for next year’s meeting – only four months to the deadline!
  - Volunteer with your section program chair as a moderator.
  - Participate in the Young Forensic Scientists Forum.
  - Apply to the Forensic Sciences Foundation for their research awards and scholarships.
  - Harass/cajole your agency for support to attend the meeting in Washington, DC.
  - If you are struggling to find a sponsor for your application, contact me, or your section Board member, and we’ll help you make the contacts you need.

Best wishes for the upcoming year.
James E. Starrs Receives the R.B.H. Gradwohl Medallion

Below is the citation read by 2011-12 AAFS President Douglas H. Ubelaker for Gradwohl Laureate James E. Starrs during the Annual Business Meeting of Members in Atlanta, GA, February 22, 2012:

The Gradwohl Medallion is intended to honor a colleague who has made exceptional contributions to the field of forensic science. Professor James Starrs has done this, not only through his teaching and writing, but by bringing to the U.S. judicial system important questions regarding the validation of forensic theories and techniques. He has continually brought to light issues needing examination, and in the process has forced others to think more deeply about them.

Professor Starrs has been a member of the Academy since 1976 when he was elected Provisional Member. He was promoted to Fellow in 1979 and subsequently served as Secretary and Chair of the Jurisprudence Section as well as numerous committees during his tenure with the Academy.

Professor Starrs has been a member of the George Washington University Law School faculty since 1964. He has taught courses in criminal law, criminal procedure, and property as well as electives in forensic science and adjudicatory criminal procedure. He completed his post-graduate work in criminal law at New York University, where he subsequently held a Ford Foundation Fellowship. Professor Starrs holds a joint appointment with the Forensic Sciences Department in GW’s Columbian College of Arts and Sciences. Co-author of a leading textbook on scientific evidence, Professor Starrs has directed or participated in scientific investigations into the Lindbergh kidnapping, the Sacco and Vanzetti robbery-murders, the Packer

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cannibalism case, the death of Senator Huey Long, the hatchet murders of the Bordens, the CIA-LSD related death of Frank Olson, the identification of Jesse James, the death of Meriwether Lewis, the location of the remains of Samuel Washington, and the Boston Strangler case.

Professor Starrs is a Distinguished Fellow of the AAFS and has served as Chair of the Last Word Society since 2003. He served on the Journal of Forensic Sciences Editorial Board from 1983 until 1998. He has written numerous articles on issues in forensic science, including many contributions to the Academy News. He has written and edited the Scientific Sleuthing Review, a journal of legal and scientific information, for more than 28 years. His forensic science research and results are presented in his book, A Voice for the Dead (2005).

Congratulations to the Academy’s 13th Gradwohl Laureate, Professor James Starrs!

The audience acknowledges R.B.H. Gradwohl Laureates during the Annual Business Meeting on Wednesday:
(l to r) Kurt M. Dubowski, PhD; Barry A.J. Fisher, MS; and Douglas M. Lucas, DSc.

President’s Message cont.

International Educational Outreach Program tab. The IEOP is being held in conjunction with the 22nd Congress of the International Academy of Legal Medicine (IALM) which will take place in Istanbul, Turkey, July 5–8. There will be a special Friday morning session given over to the AAFS to discuss the post NAS Report world of forensics along with a session reserved for additional AAFS presenters. Join colleagues from around the world at what promises to be an exciting and informative meeting. Join your AAFS colleagues and their families on the excursion beginning June 25th in Istanbul and ending the evening of July 4th with a fireworks cruise on the Bosphorus to celebrate Independence Day. The website brochure outlines the itinerary and explains what is and what is not included; if you are staying for the IALM meeting, the AAFS can handle your housing arrangements for the meeting hotel as well. I have been able to join several IEOPs over the years and have had many wonderful experiences on these journeys.

Finally, I have asked each section to contribute an article to forthcoming newsletters this year relating to the theme of the 2013 meeting: The Forensic Sciences: Founded on Observation and Experience Improved by Education and Research. Beginning with the next issue, two or three sections will address this topic for the membership. I look forward to an exciting year. Feel free to contact me with your concerns and questions.
Past President Haskell M. Pitluck has served the Academy with unprecedented dedication for nearly 35 years. Retired Circuit Court Judge State of Illinois, 19th Judicial Circuit, McHenry County, Woodstock, IL, Judge Pitluck obtained his BA from the University of Iowa and his JD from the University of Iowa Law School. He was elected to the Academy’s Jurisprudence Section in 1978 and was promoted to Member in 1980. He became a Fellow in 1981. Since that date, Judge Pitluck has accepted 37 Academy assignments, many of which have been multiyear responsibilities. His committee assignments include the Membership Committee, Annual Meeting Program Committee, the Golden Anniversary Committee as well as the Management, Nominating, and Awards Committees. He served as a member of the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Forensic Sciences* for 15 years. He served on the Forensic Sciences Foundation Board of Trustees from 1980-1988 and as FSF Secretary from 1983-1988. Judge Pitluck’s service to the Academy continued when he was elected President-Elect in 1994-1995 and AAFS President in 1995-1996. His many contributions and outstanding service were recognized by the Jurisprudence Section through the Jurisprudence Section Award in 1991 and the section’s Harold A. Feder Award in 2003. Further, he has served on the AAFS Ethics Committee since 1999 and has continued as Chair of that Committee for more than 10 years. He has also served on the board of the Council of Scientific Society Presidents as past secretary, treasurer and board member, and he presently serves as the legal advisor. He was also a member of the 1989 U.S. Congress Office of Technology Assessment Advisory Panel, “Forensic Uses of DNA Tests.”

Since retiring as a Circuit Court Judge, he has served as arbitrator and mediator while remaining very active in the forensic science field. He has made numerous presentations on the topic of expert witnesses at conferences throughout the U.S. as well as internationally. He co-authored *The Scientific Expert in Court* with Dr. Richard Froede as well as contributed chapters in other forensic science books.

Our congratulations to Distinguished Fellow Haskell Pitluck!
James W. Osterburg began his career in the forensic sciences in 1940. He was appointed detective and assigned to the Police Laboratory of the New York Police Department following graduation from Brooklyn College with a BA degree in Chemistry. It was during his early years with the Police Laboratory that he became a proponent of the use of science in the investigation of criminal cases. He was recognized as a leading authority on scientific investigation and lectured extensively on police administration subjects at universities across the country.

In 1960, following graduation from New York University with a master’s degree in Public Administration, Professor Osterburg joined the faculty of 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 is a Founding Member of the Academy having attended 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 the Academy President, he joined the members of the Executive Committee in approving the formation of the Forensic Sciences Foundation. 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 has emphasized the value in utilizing all scientific disciplines in the full spectrum of forensic analysis.

Very sincere congratulations to Distinguished Fellow Professor James Osterburg!
Plenary Session

An attendee of the Tuesday morning Plenary Session reviews the session description in the 2012 Program.

AAFS President Douglas Ubelaker provides the welcoming remarks during the 2012 Plenary Session.

Plenary Session Head Table (l to r): AAFS President Douglas Ubelaker; Marilyn Huestis, Mechthild Prinz, Morris Tidball-Binz, Daniel Garner, Duarte Vieira, and Kathryne Bomberger.

Mechthild Prinz takes a question from the floor during the Plenary Session.

Kathryne Bomberger fields questions from the audience.

Duarte Vieira speaks on the theme “Global Research: The Forensic Science Edge” during the Plenary Session.
Plenary Session cont.

Daniel Garner speaks during the Plenary Session.

The audience takes notes during the Plenary Session.

Marilyn Huestis provides a speaker introduction during the Plenary Session.

Morris Tidball-Binz responds to a question during the Wednesday morning Plenary Session.

2012 Annual Business Meeting Head Table (l to r): Carrie Whitcomb, Joseph Bono, Robert Barsley, Douglas Ubelaker, Parliamentarian Helen McFadden, Barry Logan, Daniel Martell, and Victor Weedn.

Annual Business Meeting
After accepting the Chain of Office, Robert Barsley thanks the members who have supported him throughout the years.

Douglas Ubelaker presents Kesha White with the 2012 AAFS Regional Award during the Annual Business Meeting.

Ronald Singer gives the Forensic Sciences Foundation report during the Annual Business Meeting.

Gregory Schmunk, Andrew Baker, and JC Upshaw Downs applaud during the Annual Business Meeting.

Susan Ballou, Joseph Bono, and Robert Barsley talk after the Annual Business Meeting.

Attendees awaiting the Annual Business Meeting mingle outside the doors of the meeting hall.

First time meeting attendee and applicant Michael White, Ron Morris (Questioned Documents), Mark Shuman (Pathology/Biology), and Brian Hunter (Pathology/Biology) cruise the 2012 FSF Silent Auction displays after the Annual Business Meeting.
Annual Business Meeting cont.

The Chain of Office is passed to the incoming President during the Annual Business Meeting.

2011-12 AAFS Award Winners

Back Row (l to r): Danielle Ruttman, Kesha White, John Sang, Roy Crawford, Lowell Levine, Hugh Berryman, and John Young.
Front Row (l to r): Julie Fleischman, James Stars, Carrie Whitcomb, Teresa Gray, and Eugene Lee.
Additional Award Winners

John Sang was awarded the Psychiatry & Behavioral Science Sections’s Maier I. Tuchler Award.

Eugene Lee receives the Psychiatry & Behavioral Science Sections’s Richard Rosner Award for Best Paper by a Fellow in Forensic Psychiatry or Forensic Psychology.

President’s Reception

Douglas Ubelaker chats with invitees during the 2012 President’s Reception.

The Georgia Aquarium, the site for the 2012 President’s Reception.

Douglas Ubelaker welcomes Duarte Vieira and 19th Triennial IAPS Meeting Lucas Medal recipient Pierre Margot to the President’s Reception.

One of the aquatic displays at the entrance of the Georgia Aquarium.
President’s Reception cont.

Guests enter the foyer of the Georgia Aquarium to be greeted by AAFS President Douglas Ubelaker.

Douglas Ubelaker welcomes Todd Fenton and Thomas Holland to the President’s Reception.

Guests are mesmerized by one of four manta rays in the Ocean Voyager exhibit.

AAFS Past President Carol Henderson and guests enjoy the Georgia Aquarium’s nightlife.

Hands-on activities in the Cold Water Quest Exhibit fascinate and entertain guests.

AAFS staff members Cheryl Hunter and Tracie McCray walk through one of the Aquarium’s underwater worlds.

Guests are mesmerized by one of four manta rays in the Ocean Voyager exhibit.
President’s Reception cont.

Gary Berman, Richard Weems, and Gwen Barsley chat during the President’s Reception.

Lee Goff and Doug Ubelaker pause to reflect on the past year.

President Ubelaker and President-Elect Barsley enjoy the time remaining during the 2012 Annual Meeting.

Board member Greg G. Davis enjoys the sites in and around the Georgia Aquarium.

Doug Ubelaker congratulates Distinguished Fellow Award Recipient Haskell Pitluck.

Lucy Davis and Susan Ballou pose for a photo during the President’s Reception.

Jane Lewis, Carl McClary, and Pamela Zilly stop for a photo during the President’s Reception.
President’s Reception cont.

Doug Ubelaker stops to chat with guests in front of the River Scout Exhibit.

Robert Dorion, Kathy Reichs, Bill Rodriguez, and Lee Gold decide where next to go during their time at the Georgia Aquarium.

There is much to see and food to enjoy during the President’s Reception.

The whale sharks prowl the waters of the Ocean Voyager Exhibit at the Georgia Aquarium.

President Ubelaker greets AAFS Staffer Kimberly Wrasse and AAFS Past President Bruce Goldberger.

Vice President Carrie Whitcomb and guests walk through the underwater exhibit.
President’s Reception cont.

Pierre Margot and IAFS President Hee-Sun Chung explore the exhibits.

AAFS staff Debbie Crockett and Eileen McKinney enjoy the night out at the Georgia Aquarium.

AAFS President Douglas Ubelaker and Plenary Speaker Mechthild Prinz enjoy the whale sharks and manta rays exhibit at the Georgia Aquarium.

Burry Logan and Yale Caplan discussing the annual meeting during the President’s Reception.

Guests mingle at the President’s Reception.

Stephen Billick dines on great food and drink at the President’s Reception.
With 4,374 square feet of viewing windows, a 100-foot-long underwater tunnel, 185 tons of acrylic windows, and the second largest viewing window in the world at 23 feet tall by 61 feet wide and 2 feet thick, guests at the President’s Reception had multiple opportunities to view the magnificent animals. (Source: Georgia Aquarium)

Jennifer Mihalovich is awed by the sights of the Georgia Aquarium during the President’s Reception.

President’s Reception cont.

AAFS Board of Directors Member William Riordan and Doug Ubelaker recount the day’s events.

Wonders never cease to amaze the guests of the 2012 President’s Reception.

International guests of President Ubelaker view the Pacific sea nettle display at the Georgia Aquarium.

Carla Nozigia and friends exchange information while walking through the Ocean Voyager Exhibit.
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The 2012 Annual Meeting Volunteers were fantastic! Thank you to Local Arrangements Committee Chair Robert C. Gaffney, MFS. The support provided by the volunteers was crucial to the success of the annual meeting.

The volunteers, who come from all over the world, assist AAFS Staff at the scene and behind the scenes (from answering office phones to assisting with registration and special functions). The Academy Office would like to offer a sincere thank you to the following individuals who volunteered their time:

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A Special Thank You to the 2012 Plenary Session and Interdisciplinary Symposium Speakers

President Ubelaker’s 2012 theme, *Global Research: The Forensic Science Edge* was a great opportunity to collaborate with our colleagues worldwide. Thank you to the 2012 Plenary Session and Interdisciplinary Symposium speakers for their unforgettable contributions to the 2012 program.

2012-13 International Affairs Committee Update

President Barsley has identified the theme for the coming year: *The Forensic Sciences: Founded on Observation and Experience Improved by Education and Research*. In support of that effort, the International Affairs Committee (Chair, *Susan Johns*; Committee Members: *John Gerns, Marilyn Huestis, Virginia Lynch*, and *Thomas Noguchi*) will continue to provide international updates to the *Academy News* on the global aspects of forensic science.

The committee also plans to build on progress made last year towards developing a strategic plan and will continue to explore mechanisms for the Academy to connect with international forensic partners. Look for updates on that effort as well as changes to the committee itself as we continue our work in 2012.

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Robert E. Barsley, DDS, JD, assumed the office of AAFS President and is joined by the following individuals who were elected to office at the Annual Business Meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, February 22, 2012, in Atlanta, Georgia.

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Digital & Multimedia Sciences:
Engineering Sciences:
General:
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Robert E. Barsley accepts the President’s Gavel Plaque from President Douglas Ubelaker.
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2012-13 Program Chairs

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Academy News
**2012-13 Section Program Chairs**

The following are the 2013 Section Program Chairs:

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**2012 Student Academy Session**

The 2012 Student Academy Session was re-formatted by Co-Chairs Julie Howe and Holly Adams to provide a hands-on experience for students and teachers alike. A sincere thanks goes to the Student Academy faculty who worked tirelessly to develop evidence to collaborate with the case study. Students and teachers actively participated in the days events. Thank you to Kay Pitluck for the use of her photos.
A Word From Your 2013 Program Chair

The 2012 Annual Meeting is over and hopefully most of us have settled back into our routine. Many of our members may have had challenging travel after the meeting due to the Saskatchewan Screamer, a late winter storm that enveloped the Mid-West and East Coast on Friday and Saturday. The conference this year was a huge success with attendance rivaled only by Washington, DC, in 2008. This year 4,143 members, guests, volunteers, and exhibitors flew to Atlanta to participate in an exciting event. We had a large international presence at this meeting, with many papers focused on the extensive forensic work being carried out around the globe. I found it interesting to compare the techniques and types of investigations that are occurring in different regions and to learn how the scientists involved are overcoming significant challenges.

The Interdisciplinary Symposium had a high number of attendees and provided access to the Plenary Session speakers in a more intimate setting. The Plenary Session was able to take those themes and expand on them to an even wider audience. The increased scrutiny of forensic science in the legal arena was a major topic of this year’s meeting and resulted in many well attended sessions. There was a sold-out Breakfast Session and an overflowing Evening Session, both of which highlighted the importance of forensic science in nationally prominent investigations. Congratulations and thank you to all of the organizers and participants in this year’s conference. Each of you should take a feeling of well-being home with you. Also, major kudos the AAFS staff, without whose endless dedication this meeting, and in fact, the overall good health of the Academy would not be possible.

I would like to offer a thank you to outgoing President Douglas Ubelaker on behalf of the entire Academy. His calm, sanguine demeanor contributed to an excellent, relevant, and international program in 2012. A personal thank you is also in order for representing the Physical Anthropology Section with such panache! Thank you, Doug.

As we turn our attention to the 2013 program, we welcome President Robert Barley from the Odontology Section. He has chosen the theme, The Forensic Sciences: Founded on Observation and Experience Improved by Education and Research. Authors are strongly encouraged to begin thinking about papers, workshops, breakfast and lunch symposia that will reflect this important concept. Reflect on the theme and begin to craft abstracts that will contribute to an exciting and stimulating meeting in Washington, DC.

The abstract submission process is now completely online. There are some rules regarding the abstracts that are set in stone and others that are highly encouraged. The first and foremost rule is that ALL abstracts are due August 1. Each author must provide a commercial disclosure form for each abstract submitted. Each presenting author must have a current CV on file with the Academy. The abstract must be a MINIMUM of 500 words and a MAXIMUM of 700 words. All submitters are strongly encouraged to spell out acronyms used in the abstract. We would rather see a few more words than the advent of carpal tunnel in our reviewers and academy staff from overuse of search engines on the internet!

Jeri Ropero-Miller and I look forward with keen interest to your submissions for the 2013 program. We are excited about working with the Academy members, invited speakers, and the Academy staff to create another successful and relevant program for 2013.
FSF Acorn Grants Available

The FSF Acorn Grants (up to $500) are intended to help the investigator initiate original problem oriented research. These grants are open to members and affiliates (at any level) of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences.

Acorn Grant Eligibility Requirements:
- Current curriculum vitae for each applicant
- Brief (approximately one page) description of the project
- Citations for current or previous FSF Research Grants awarded to any of the investigators/researchers
- Citations of appropriate references
- Budget for project, including amount requested from FSF
- Plan for dissemination of the results
- Timetable for project

Funding requests for bibliographic preparation, travel, equipment, routine agency operations, including salary of investigators/researchers or assistants, are not normally approved and are discouraged.

Issues related to the use of live humans or animals as research subjects must be dealt with explicitly in the proposal. Similarly, your plan for accommodating any issue related to privacy, appropriate permissions, and the harvesting, transport or disposal of human tissues or body fluids must be included.

All submissions must be received and completed by June 15. The deadline is firm with no extension. Please submit the aforementioned Acorn 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.

Acorn Grant recipients will be required to submit a progress report to the Forensic Sciences Foundation by December 15 of the following year.

Note: Applicants must disclose if funding for this project is being sought from other/additional sources. FSF Lucas and Acorn Grant proposals on the same subject, differing only in scope and budget, may not be submitted by the same investigators in the same year.

FSF Lucas Grants Available

The FSF Lucas Grants ($501-$5,000) are intended to help the investigator initiate original problem oriented research. These grants are open to members and affiliates (at any level) of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences.

Lucas Grant Eligibility Requirements:
- Current curriculum vitae for each applicant
- Brief (up to 5 pages) description of the project
- Citations for current or previous FSF Research Grants awarded to any of the investigators/researchers
- Citations of appropriate references
- Budget for project, including amount requested from FSF
- Plan for dissemination of the results
- Timetable for project

Funding requests for bibliographic preparation, travel, equipment, routine agency operations, including salary of investigators/researchers or assistants, are not normally approved and are discouraged.

Issues related to the use of live humans or animals as research subjects must be dealt with explicitly in the proposal. Similarly, your plan for accommodating any issue related to privacy, appropriate permissions, and the harvesting, transport or disposal of human tissues or body fluids must be included.

All submissions must be received and completed by June 15. The deadline is firm with no extension. Please submit the aforementioned Lucas 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.

Lucas Grant recipients will be required to submit a progress report to the Forensic Sciences Foundation by December 15 of the following year.

Note: Applicants must disclose if funding for this project is being sought from other/additional sources. FSF Lucas and Acorn Grant proposals on the same subject, differing only in scope and budget, may not be submitted by the same investigators in the same year.
NIJ/FSF Student Research Grant: June 30 Deadline

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) has partnered with the Forensic Sciences Foundation (FSF) to launch the NIJ/FSF Forensic Science Student Research Program and begin a collaborative relationship of shaping the next generation of forensic scientists. The NIJ/FSF Forensic Science Student Research Program will require eligible applicants to be students enrolled in a Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission (FEPAC) accredited program. The mission of FEPAC is to maintain and enhance the quality of forensic science education through a formal evaluation and recognition of college and university academic programs. The primary function of FEPAC is to develop and maintain standards and to administer an accreditation program that recognizes and distinguishes high quality undergraduate and graduate forensic science programs.

The FSF will solicit competitive research applications from eligible undergraduate or graduate students enrolled in FEPAC programs. Applications will be peer-reviewed by a panel of forensic scientists and NIJ. Individual awards will be made by the FSF with concurrence by NIJ. Individual award amounts may vary, but will not exceed $7,000 per award. The award may be used to support research activities, excluding personnel costs, and travel, limited to $1,000, for presenting research. The grant amount will also include money for indirect costs for the FSF and for contractors/consultants. This program will develop a federal link with FEPAC and will assist with the Department of Education in recognizing FEPAC as an authorized accrediting body.

The grant application is available online at www.forensicsciencesfoundation.org. The deadline for application submission is June 30, and award winners will be announced on October 1.

Apply Today For The 2012 Jan Bashinski Criminalistics Thesis Grant

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 $500. In addition, up to $1,200 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 next page) and submit with the required attachments outlined in Part II on the application form.

All submissions must be received and completed by July 31. The deadline is firm with no extension. 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.

Don’t Forget to Apply for the FSF Student Affiliate Scholarships

The Forensic Sciences Foundation (FSF) will fund a limited number of AAFS Student Affiliate registrations for the 2013 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 2013 program through the online submission system or Call For Papers form. In the awards section (5b), check the box indicating “FSF Student Affiliate Scholarship.” 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.

Academy News
FSF Travel Grants

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 Washington, DC. The FSF Board of Trustees has allocated $5,000, not to exceed $1,000 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 member/affiliate 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 have 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.

All submissions must be completed and received by October 15. The deadline is firm with no extension. 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.

Complimentary Meeting Registrations Awarded
As an incentive to attend the 2012 AAFS Annual Business Meeting, all Fellows and Members in attendance were automatically entered to receive a complimentary meeting registration to attend the 2013 AAFS Annual Scientific Meeting in Washington, DC. Congratulations to Phyllis Ho, DDS, Fellow of the Odontology Section - this year’s lucky recipient!

The winner of the complimentary meeting registration for completing the 2012 meeting survey is Beverly J. McEwen, DVM, PhD, Associate Member of the Pathology/Biology Section. Beverly's name was randomly drawn from the completed meeting surveys as the winner of the complimentary meeting registration for the 2013 AAFS Annual Scientific Meeting in Washington, DC.

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 will not be 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 product 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 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 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.
PART I - Background Information*

Last Name_____________________________ First Name_________________________ M.I._____ Social Security No.____________________

Mailing Address_______________________________ City___________________ State_______ Zip__________ Country___________________

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 (m o/yr) _____________________ To (m o/yr) __________________

Level of Degree Earned_______________________ Graduation Date (m o/yr) _______________________

Name of Graduate School ________________________________________ Full/Part Time _______ Hours Earned Sem _______ Qtr _______

Major ____________________________________ Dates Attended From (m o/yr) _____________________ To (m o/yr) __________________

Level of Degree Earned_______________________ Graduation Date (m o/yr) _______________________

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 ______________________________
14th Annual FSF Emerging Forensic Scientist Award 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 14th 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 2013 AAFS Annual Business Meeting in Washington, DC.

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 2013. 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 2014 Annual Meeting in Seattle, WA, including registration, airfare, lodging while in attendance at the annual meeting not to exceed five nights, and up to $75/day per diem. A commemorative plaque will also be presented to the award winner at the 2014 AAFS Annual Business Meeting in Seattle.

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**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 _______.

Name _____________________________

Employer ___________________________

Street Address _______________________

City/State/Province ___________________

Postal/Zip Code _____________________ Country ________________

Telephone __________________________ Fax ______________________

Email ______________________________

Send this form by August 1, to: AAFS 2013 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
2013 Annual Meeting

The 65th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) will be held February 18-23, 2013, in Washington, DC.

The Program Committee solicits the submission of abstracts on topics of interest to the forensic science community. August 1, 2012, 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, 2012 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.

If you wish to submit your abstract on-line, go to the AAFS website at: www.aafs.org.

Notification of Acceptance

Notification of Acceptance will be mailed to all presenting authors by November 15, 2012. 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.

Posters 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.

General Information

Abstract Length

A single spaced, one page length document containing a minimum 500 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. 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 gray-scale.

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 normal registration fee for the annual meeting.

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/jofs.

AAFS Abstract Policy

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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 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., Identifier™ Amplification Kit, Agilent 5860 GC, HP-1 column, Olympus BHP microscope, etc).

Word Processor Preparation

An electronic copy of your abstract submission is required. Please follow the format guidelines provided below:
1. Required: 500 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 comments, notes, etc., and accept tracked changes in the document prior to saving and submitting.

Specific Instructions

1. Complete attached form.
2. Follow instructions provided in typing abstract.
3. Proofread all information provided.
4. Attach one current electronic copy of presenting author’s curriculum vitae to original abstract form. Return the original abstract, with attached c.v., and a copy on disk, by August 1, to:
   Mailing Address: AAFS
   410 North 21st Street
   Colorado Springs, CO 80904

Sample Abstract

Sample abstract does not meet minimum word requirements.

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
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Planning & Development Report

**Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission (FEPAC)**

This year we said goodbye to several Commissioners who had served FEPAC for a very long time. Larry Quarino, Peter Marone, and Marie Samples each completed their second three-year term with Dr. Quarino serving as FEPAC Chair this past year. Also stepping down were Michel Frontz and Mark Pollitt. All contributed greatly to the missions and goals of FEPAC and will be missed. Taking their places is an equally dedicated team. Filling the academicians slots are Suzanne Bell and Tracey Dawson Cruz. Timothy Kupferschmid, Noelle Umback, and Matthew Wood fill the practitioner positions.

At the February 2012 FEPAC meeting, the Commission reviewed documents relating to institutions with pending awards of accreditation. The Commission voted to award Full Accreditation (five-year term) to the following programs: **Albany State University** for the Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science Degree program, **George Washington University** for the Master of Forensic Science Degree program, **Marshall University** for the Master of Forensic Science, Emphasis in Digital Evidence Degree program, **Nebraska Wesleyan University** for the Master of Forensic Science Degree program, the **University of Mississippi** for the Bachelor of Science in Forensic Chemistry Degree Program, **Pennsylvania State University** for the Master of Professional Studies, Forensic Science Degree program, and **Texas A&M University** for the Bachelor of Science, Forensic & Investigative Science Degree Program. In addition, Conditional Accreditation was awarded to the **Arcadia University** for the Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science Degree program and **Ohio University** for the Bachelor of Science in Forensic Chemistry Degree.

To date, there are 39 programs from 31 institutions that have been accredited by FEPAC. Specifics regarding these and all awards of accreditation may be found on the AAFS website under the “FEPAC Accreditation Information” link (www.aafs.org).

The 2012 FEPAC Accreditation cycle is already underway. Programs submitting initial institutional applications by the March 1 deadline are: **SUNY Buffalo State** for the Bachelor of Science in Forensic Chemistry program, **Drexel University** for the Master of Forensic Science program, **Loyola University New Orleans** for the Bachelor of Science in Forensic Chemistry program, **Mercyhurst University** for the Bachelor of Science Degree in Applied Forensic Sciences program, the **University of Nebraska-Lincoln** for the Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science Degree, and the **University of New Haven** for the Master of Science Forensic Science – Criminalistics program. Applying for reaccreditation are the **University of New Haven** for the Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science Degree, the **University of North Texas** for the Certificate Programs in Conjunction with the Bachelor of Science Degree in Biochemistry, Biology, and Chemistry Program, and **Oklahoma State University** for the Master of Science in Forensic Science Degree.

Details of the newly accredited programs and other information related to FEPAC activities can be found on the AAFS website (www.aafs.org).

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Forensic Science Educational Conferences (FSECs)
The 2012 year will offer four FSECs. AAFS would like to thank the universities for their dedication and efforts. Hosting the workshop for the first time are Christopher O’Brien at the University of Central Oklahoma, June 25-27; Jason Linville at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, July 11-13; and Michael Cipoletti at Waynesburg University, August 7-9. Hosting the FSEC for a second year is Steven Lee of San Jose State University, July 11-13. Always well attended, middle- and high school teachers attending the workshops will take valuable instruction back to their classrooms. The workshops are sponsored in part by the Forensic Sciences Foundation, Inc., whose continued support contributes to the success of the program.

Expanding on the idea of the FSEC, AAFS is spearheading summer camps for middle- and high school students. The CSI Summer Camps will follow the AAFS Student Academy model extending the program over four to five days. The camps will offer students a hands-on experience, presenting to them the various disciplines and/or crime scene reenactment and investigation. The first CSI Summer Camps will be held during the summer of 2012 with exact dates to be determined.

A final schedule of events for the FSEC workshops and CSI Summer Camps will be posted on the AAFS website and included in the next issue of Academy News. Watch for additional details on the AAFS website under the “Forensic Science Educational Conferences” link (www.aafs.org/forensic-science-educational-conferences).

2012 International Educational Outreach Program - Turkey
June 25 - July 4, 2012

Preparations are underway for the 2012 International Education Outreach Program (IEOP) and an exciting program it will be! The destination is Turkey and participants can expect nine days immersed in the country’s history and culture while, at the same time, connecting with Turkish colleagues. The program is being planned in connection with the 22nd Congress of the International Academy of Legal Medicine (IALM), July 5 – 8 in Istanbul.

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

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

Wednesday, June 27, we will travel to Kusadasi. This day will take us to Troy, one of the oldest human settlements found in Asia Minor; the Acropolis, a 5th century BC fortified citadel; and Asclepius, known for one of the most famous therapeutic centers and shrines in the classical world, before we find our way to the hotel in Kusadasi.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Complete details of the Turkey IEOP will be posted on the AAFS website www.aafs.org or you may contact Nancy Jackson, AAFS Director of Development & Accreditation (njackson@aafs.org) for additional information.
AAFS 2012 International Educational Outreach Program (IEOP) - Turkey

June 25 - July 4

President-Elect Robert Barsley and Mrs. Gwen Barsley invite you to join them in the IEOP of Turkey. The itinerary will include stays in Canakkale, Kusadasi, Pamukkale, Cappadocia, Ankara, Bursa, and Istanbul. Following the design of previous tours, AAFS members will have opportunities to meet with forensic science colleagues in Turkey, and, at the same time, take advantage of the cultural and historical riches of the wonderful cities to be visited.

APPLICATION
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 (njackson@aafs.org). Space is limited so reserve your place today!

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IEOP Package Details

The cost of the AAFS 2012 International Educational Outreach Program (IEOP) to Turkey is **$1,995 USD** per person, based upon double occupancy at all hotels. The single occupancy rate is **$2,775 USD**.

The **$1,995** per person (**$2,775 single**) tour package includes the following:

**Hotels (10 Nights):**
- Istanbul: June 25 and July 4 (two nights)
- Canakkale: June 26 (one night)
- Kusadasi: June 27 – 28 (two nights)
- Pamukkale: June 29 (one night)
- Cappadocia: June 30 and July 1 (two nights)
- Ankara: July 2 (one night)
- Bursa: July 3 (one night)

**Meals:**
- Breakfast: Nine breakfasts
- Lunch: Eight lunches
- Dinner: Nine dinners

**Other (as indicated in Itinerary):**
- Accommodations between June 25 and July 5 (10 nights)
- Transportation on air-conditioned bus (transportation from and to the airport is not included)
- Local sightseeing tours as indicated with guide and entrance fees
- Parking fees, motorway tolls, ferry crossings, and cable car at Pergamon
- Services of English speaking guides
- Local taxes associated with the package

**Items not included:**
- Round-trip airfare to Turkey
- IALM registration and hotel fees and expenses during the IALM conference (July 4-8, 2012)

**Additional benefits for participants of the AAFS 2012 IEOP attending the IALM Conference include:**
- July 4 – Evening Bosphorus Cruise: complimentary
- July 5 – Highlights of Istanbul: USD $70 per person (published rate is USD $90)
- July 6 – Bosphorus Cruise & Asian Istanbul: USD $65 per person (published rate is USD $85)
- Specially reduced Istanbul accommodations rates between July 4 and July 8 (rates TBA)

Payments of $1,995 ($3,990 per couple), or $2,775 single rate, may be made by check or credit card to the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS). MasterCard, American Express, and VISA credit cards are accepted. A cancellation policy applies. Please see the next page for cancellation policy details.

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Cancellation Policy for AAFS 2012 International Educational Outreach Program to Turkey

All requests for tour cancellations must be made in writing and sent by fax (719/636-1993) to the AAFS Headquarters. Phone cancellations will not be accepted. If a registration is cancelled, fees will be refunded based upon replacement availability and tour refund policies negotiated with Interium, Turkey, less a $50 administration fee. Restrictions and fees will apply, and refunds are not guaranteed.

The quoted price in USD is based upon the limit of the tour group at 30 persons.

All taxes, fees, and charges (any related penalties and interest) imposed on any portion of a passenger’s travel are the responsibility of the passenger, regardless of the date of purchase or travel, or any retroactive imposition of such taxes, fees, charges, penalties, and interest.

Release of Liability

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The AAFS Board of Directors would like to thank Ronald Singer who stepped down as the Chair of the Forensic Sciences Foundation during the Annual Meeting in Atlanta. Ron’s leadership, service, and dedication to the Foundation have helped to provide steady growth in FSF funds and have helped to increase available grant programs for the forensic sciences.

The 2012-13 officers of the Foundation are: Julie Howe, Chair; John Kenney, Vice-Chair; Betty Layne DesPortes, Secretary; and Robert Barsley, Treasurer. The FSF welcomes back four trustees to a second term: Susan Ballou (Criminalistics), Robert Barsley (Odontology), Todd Fenton (Physical Anthropology), and Zeno Geradts (Digital & Multimedia Sciences) in addition to new trustee Laura Liptai (Engineering Sciences).

2012 FSF Silent Auction

Attendees at the AAFS 2012 Annual Meeting view items available for bid in the 2012 FSF Silent Auction.
A Word of Thanks From the Forensic Sciences Foundation

Thank you to all who bid on all of the wonderful items and for supporting the FSF Silent Auction Fundraiser. All auction proceeds will benefit the Forensic Sciences Foundation, Inc., Endowment Fund which supports FSF Research Grant Programs.

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Section News

CRIMINALISTICS

Source: Ken Williams, MS, JD, Section Chair

The Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences provides a great opportunity for members in the field to reconnect with colleagues and to keep abreast of current developments. It is also a nice opportunity to find out just how much can be packed into six days. If you survey any of the 4000+ attendees, they will tell you this year was no exception. Each of the six days had something of interest to members of the Criminalistics Section. Five workshops were chaired or co-chaired by members of the section on either Monday or Tuesday; a total of 82 poster presentations were scheduled on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday; and a total of 119 oral presentations were scheduled on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Many thanks to Jennifer Mihalovich and Larry Quarino for organizing an outstanding program, to the many moderators for keeping the program on schedule, to the hundreds of presenters (oral, poster, and workshop) for maintaining the high quality that all have come to expect from the annual meeting, to the thousands who attended, and to the Academy staff for their assistance and support throughout the entire meeting.

Wednesday marked the beginning of the Scientific Sessions with the various poster presentations. The Criminalistics Section Business Meeting and Reception were also held on that day. A quorum for the business meeting was easily established by the presence of 140 voting Members and Fellows of the section in attendance. The high number of Members and Fellows in attendance is either proof of their dedication to the section or their desire to enjoy a nice lunch. Either way, attendance helps the section take care of necessary business. With over 2,800 members, the section continues to boast a strong membership base. Four-hundred and thirty-nine applications were approved in this membership cycle, which includes new members and those promoted to a higher membership level. The membership report also included the passing of four Criminalistics Section members: Sanford Angelos (Sandy), Roger Corcoran, Henry Dombrowski, and Paul Ferrara. The section as a whole shares in the loss of these members with their families. Congratulations goes to Susan Ballou, recipient of the Criminalistics Section Mary E. Cowan Outstanding Service Award and Harold Deadman, Jr. who received the Paul L. Kirk Award.

Susan Ballou receives the Criminalistics Section's Mary E. Cowan Outstanding Service Award.
The business meeting gave the membership an opportunity to recognize the members who were selected to receive awards at the 2013 Annual Scientific Meeting:

- Meritorious Service Certificate: Susan Johns
- Mary E. Cowan Award: Sanford Angelo (posthumous)
- Paul L. Kirk Award: JoAnn Buscaglia

Please make plans to attend next year’s meeting in order to congratulate Susan and JoAnn on their accomplishments.

Your section officers and board representative were elected during the business meeting:

- Section Chair: Ken Williams
- Section Secretary: Jennifer Mihalovich
- Section Board of Directors Representative: Lucy Davis

The following appointments were also made:

- Section Program Chair: Larry Quarino
- Section Program Co-Chair: John Lentini
- Section Representative to ABC: Vincent Desiderio
- ABC Exam Committee: Amy Reynolds
- NFSTC Representative: David Green
- Membership Committee Chair: Diana Wright
- Regional Association Committee Chair: Hiram Evans
- Student Academy Representative: Ken Williams

Later Wednesday that evening, members had an opportunity to unwind at the Criminalistics Section Reception organized by outgoing Section Chair Barbara Llewellyn. The spread was nice, but the chocolate fountain took the (pound!) cake!

Now is the time to start thinking about next year’s meeting. The abstract deadline for breakfast and luncheon sessions, oral and poster presentations, and workshops is August 1. If you would like to moderate a session, be sure to contact Section Program Chair Larry Quarino (lquarino@cedarcrest.edu) or Section Program Co-Chair John Lentini (scientific.fire@yahoo.com).

Final words: Members should be on the lookout for an email from the Academy regarding an update to the PeopleWeb listing. More detail will be provided in the email, but once the email is distributed, members are encouraged to take the time necessary to update their listing in order to keep the membership database and its listing of disciplines current.

**DIGITAL & MULTIMEDIA SCIENCES**

Source: Douglas S. Lacey, BS, Section Chair

By the time you read this, a month will have passed since the closing of the 2012 AAFS Annual Scientific Meeting in Atlanta, but the milestones and conference highlights will not be far from the section members’ thoughts. The meeting proved to be a momentous one for the DMS Section for a number of reasons, including the following:

- The section’s total membership topped the three-digit mark for the first time in its history, growing from 93 active members at the 2011 Meeting to 101 active members.
- The number of Fellows within the section reached double digits, increasing from 9 to 14 (an increase of over 50%). Additionally, 10 Associate Members were promoted to Member status, 7 new Associate Members were approved, and 6 new Student Affiliates were welcomed into the section.
- For the first time in the section’s history, three awards were presented at the business meeting:
  - Outstanding Research Award to Michael Salyards for the 2011 presentation titled “The Reduction of False Negative Errors in Fuzzy Hashing” (co-authored by Matthew G. Nolan).
  - Outstanding Case Study Award to Douglas Lacey for the 2011 presentation titled “Conversion of AVI ‘txts’ Stream Data to Adobe® Premiere® Pro Title Files” (co-authored by Bruce E. Koening).
  - Outstanding Service Award to Carrie Whitcomb for her significant dedication and tireless efforts to establish the DMS Section within the AAFS. Following the presentation of the Outstanding Service Award to Carrie, the membership unanimously approved a motion to rename the award as the Carrie Morgan Whiteman Service Award, in honor of her accomplishments and service within the section and the AAFS as a whole.

Carrie Whitcomb displays the DMS Section’s Outstanding Service Award and the Workshops Co-Chair plaque.
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- The section hosted two sold-out workshops at the meeting: the full-day “Drug Enforcement Administration U.S. Customs and Border Protection Forensic Mobile Device Workshop” and the half-day “Innovation in Forensic Image and Video Analysis.”
- Several of the scientific sessions presentations were standing room-only and were literal doorbusters, prompting Member Scott Ksander to remark that while he wasn’t sure what he’d be presenting at the 2013 Meeting in Washington, DC, he knew that it would have the word “Facebook” in its title.

At the section business meeting, Section Chair duties were awarded to Douglas Lacey and Rhesa Gilliland was unanimously elected as the Section Secretary. We look forward to serving the section in these capacities and working side-by-side with the following committee chairs:

Program Committee (co-chairs): Jason Paroff and Marla Carroll
Awards Committee: Michael Salyards
Planning Committee: Marcus Rogers
Membership Committee: Eoghan Casey
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The section commends outgoing Program Committee Chair Jason Doyle and his committee for organizing a solid slate of scientific sessions and workshops for the 2012 Annual Meeting. The committee’s efforts with reviewing submissions and scheduling the presentations were instrumental in creating a diverse, entertaining, and educational program.

The section also wishes to express its sincere appreciation to outgoing Chair David Baker for his service as both secretary and chair over the past four years and for his continuing efforts with maintaining the section’s LISTSERV. On a personal level, I would like to express my appreciation for his guidance over the past two years during my term as secretary. I hope to utilize the knowledge he imparted to continue forward with the positive direction and growth of the section.

To that end, let’s continue to reach out to our colleagues and peers, and encourage them to join us in the Academy. Further, if you wish to participate as a committee member, please contact either the committee Chair or one of the Section Officers to express your interest. And lastly, it’s never too early to consider presenting a poster or paper, or participating in a workshop, breakfast seminar, or luncheon seminar, at the 2013 Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. The theme for the 2013 Meeting is “The Forensic Sciences: Founded on Observation and Experience Improved by Education and Research.” More details will follow in subsequent Academy News issues.

ENGINNEERING SCIENCES

Sources: James R. Millette, PhD, 2011-12 Program Chair
Peter Alexander, PhD, 2011-12 Joint Session Co-Chair
Anastasia Micheals, 2011-12 Section Chair

The Engineering Sciences Section (ESS) met at the AAFS 2012 Annual meeting at the Marriott Peachtree Center in Atlanta, GA. Twenty-six attendees enjoyed a luncheon at Max Lager’s Wood-Fired Grill & Brewery prior to the section’s business meeting on Wednesday. The luncheon has become an annual tradition for the section.

Roy Crawford, was awarded the Engineering Sciences Section’s Founders Award. Laura Liptai also received an award for her work as co-chair of the Interdisciplinary Symposium. Robert Anderson received the nomination by the AAFS Board of Directors for the 2012 National Medal of Science. Kurt Weiss became the section chair for 2012-13, and Jim Millette is the secretary.

Roy Crawford receives the Engineering Sciences Section’s Founders Award.

The Engineering Sciences Section program for 2012 contained a very educational set of 3 posters and 42 oral presentations over 2 full days. This was in addition to a full-day Engineering Sciences and Jurisprudence Section Multidisciplinary Session (10 presentations). The ESS program, which at its peak had over 60 attendees, spanned a broad range of disciplines, including environmental engineering chemistry, vehicle technology, helmet safety, mathematical and statistical considerations, a revisiting of the forensic dust analyses done in conjunction with the World Trade Center disaster of, engineering aspects of tools used in crimes, friction associated with slips and falls, blood spatter pattern analysis, and fingerprint recovery. The work of the session moderators, Mark Marpet, Carol Erikson, Todd Crawford, James Smith, Jr., Richard Brown, and Whitney Hill was very much appreciated. The Engineering Sciences and Jurisprudence Section Multidisciplinary Session dealing with the National Academy of Sciences Report was very successful.

The session was co-chaired by Peter Alexander and Judge Stephanie Domitrovich. At its peak, the audience numbered approximately 300. Doug Ubelaker gave an excellent overview of the various federal agencies working on the efforts to upgrade forensic science practices in the U.S. Patrick Gallagher described the role of NIST in the process. Ken Melson and Mark Stolorow described the
activities of the White House Subcommittee on Forensic Sciences. Noah Bookbinder reported on the activities in the Senate Judiciary Committee. Speakers from the National Academy of Sciences, Australia, and Canada rounded out the presentations. Peter Neufeld of the Innocence Project praised the efforts underway. The day ended with Tom Bohan, and Betty Layne Desportes staging a lively debate on the issues, with audience participation. In addition, the ESS was represented at the Last Word Society by Helmut Brosz who co-presented with Matteo Borrini a study entitled: “Otzi the Iceman – Austrian, Italian, or Other?”

Richard Brown of Duluth, GA, was elected as the 2012-13 ESS Program Chair. We look forward to your participation in the program at the 2013 Annual Meeting to be held in Washington, DC. Look for the Call for Papers at www.aafs.org/aafs-2013-annual-meeting - the deadline for abstract submission is as usual, August 1.

We will again hold an ESS Summer Meeting, this year in Los Gatos, CA, July 27-29. Los Gatos is centrally located in the San Francisco Bay Area, a short drive from both the San Francisco and San Jose airports. The meeting venue is the Hotel Los Gatos. Los Gatos offers a number of activities, including wine tasting, and two Michelin Star restaurants. For those more adventurous, San Jose is 15 minutes away, San Francisco is 50 minutes away, and Napa is about a two-hour drive. The meeting will be held jointly with the Society of Forensic Engineers and Scientists (www.forensic-society.org). Further information will follow by email. Anastasia Michaels, 2011-12 Section Chair is the point of contact for the meeting (anastasia@forensicmaterials.com).

We would like to congratulate our section award winner for his many contributions to the General Section specifically and the AAFS as a whole. Bob Gaffney received the Paul W. Kelhres Meritorious Service Award which recognizes his exceptional service to the General Section.

Robert Gaffney received the General Section’s Paul W. Kelhres Meritorious Service Award.

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Special thanks go to Joanna Collins and T.L. Williams for their work on the reception. The Friends of the General Section (FOGS) were honored with your presence at the 2012 General and Digital & Multimedia Sections’ Reception. A huge thank you is in order for all of those who donated to FOGS for the 2013 reception to be held in Washington, DC. As a result of your generous support and contributions, FOGS has raised almost $3,000 to date. If you would like to join FOGS and sport the ever-coveted “FOGS bling pin” at the 2013 meeting, you can still donate. Checks can be made payable to AAFS, annotating FOGS donation in the memo line and sent to AAFS along with a copy of a completed Agreement for Commercial Support of Continuing Education, available from AAFS or Joanna. Please contact Joanna Collins, General Section Reception Committee Chair (joanna.Lcollins@gmail.com) with any questions you may have.

Julie and I look forward to serving you in the coming year. Our goal is to share information reflecting the theme of the 2013 meeting, “The Forensic Sciences: Founded on Observation and Experience Improved by Education and Research.” Send any information we can include in the news to me at aboehm@cox.net.

JURISPRUDENCE

Source: Paul Messner, JD; Section Chair

The 64th Annual Scientific Meeting in Atlanta was an unqualified success for both our section members and the numerous attendees. As always, members of the Jurisprudence Section were highly sought-after presenters and were very active in supporting all aspects of the Annual Meeting program. Several of our section members were honored with prestigious awards or election to high office.

The “Flawed Forensics” workshop chaired by Section Secretary Andrew Sulner, and including presentations by Hon. Joseph Maltese, Hon. Stephanie Domitrovich, Peter Neufeld, Michael Baden, Jose Baez, and Linda Kenney Baden, drew a large audience of over 200 attendees. Haskell Pitluck, Christine Funk, and Kenneth Melson presented at the “Practical Ethics in Forensic Sciences” workshop.

The Casey Anthony case loomed large over this year’s meeting, resulting in several excellent, well-attended sessions. The Tuesday Evening Session featured Section members Linda Kenney Baden, Jose Baez, and Haskell Pitluck; the Thomas Krauss Memorial Bitemark Breakfast featured Jose Baez; and the Friday Luncheon Seminar featured Bernard Raum and Jeffery Ashton.

In addition, 44 presentations and one poster were sponsored by the section during the Scientific Sessions. The audience for Thursday’s Jurisprudence Session I presentations was consistently beyond the capacity of the assigned room. Similarly, large audiences attended Thursday’s Engineering Sciences/Jurisprudence Session II Multidisciplinary Session and Friday’s Sessions.

Well-deserved accolades go to the 2012 Section Program Co-Chairs: Judge Stephanie Domitrovich and Melissa Mourges. Not only did Stephanie and Melissa organize an excellent program, they contributed to workshops, made their own presentations, moderated sessions, and wrangled presenters.

At the Section Luncheon, the attendees heard from Michael S. Carlson, Deputy Chief Assistant District Attorney, head of the Gang Prosecution Special Unit of the DeKalb County (Georgia) District Attorney’s Office, who spoke about street gang prosecutions and related evidence issues.

During the annual section business meeting, Chair Maltese presented Danielle Ruttman with the section’s highest honor – the Harold A. Feder Award. Chair Maltese also presented plaques from the Academy to Professor James Starrs and Kenneth Melson recognizing their work on behalf of the Academy as Co-Chairs of the Last Word Society. Paul Messner was elected Section Chair and Andrew Sulner was re-elected as Section Secretary. The Section Program Co-Chairs are: Stephanie Domitrovich (814-451-6230; sdomitrovich@eriecountygov.org) and Pamela King (507-206-2906, pam.king@pubdef.state.mn.us).

Danielle Ruttman receives the Jurisprudence Section’s Harold A. Feder Award.
Christine Funk has been appointed Co-Chair of the Academy Workshops Program for the 2013 Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. Betty Layne DesPortes has been appointed Local Arrangements Chair for the Annual Meeting. Betty Layne, section representative on the Board of Directors, was also elected to the Academy’s Executive Committee and Secretary of the Forensic Sciences Foundation. Danielle Ruttman was elected by the membership of the AAFS to the post of Vice President of the Academy

Planning for the 2013 Annual Meeting, the theme for which is: “The Forensic Sciences: Founded on Observation and Experience Improved by Education and Research” has already begun and the August 1 deadline for abstract submissions will soon be upon us. Please communicate your ideas for next year’s presentations to the Program Co-Chairs. Online abstract submissions will begin in May on the AAFS website (www.aafs.org). Beginning this year, the membership application process will be conducted solely online with the submission deadline remaining October 1.

Please submit any personal or professional news you wish announced in the Academy News to either Chair Messner (firecycle@insightbb.com) or to Secretary Sulner (andsulner@aol.com).

**ODONTOLOGY**

**Source: Paula Brumit, DDS, Section Chair**

The Annual Meeting in Atlanta was a great week for all who attended. We appreciate the many presenters in the Odontology Section Scientific Sessions for very interesting and informative research topics.

The Thomas Krauss Memorial Bitemark Breakfast welcomed Jose Baez from the Jurisprudence Section to present: “Fantasy of Forensics: How Junk Science Failed to Persuade the Jury in the Casey Anthony Case.” This year surpassed previous attendance records and all expectations. While the Bitemark Breakfast has a successful track record, the Atlanta meeting brought a sold out audience of over 350 with a lengthy waiting list requesting tickets. Although at times the event hosts controversial speakers and topics, the goal of the Odontology Section has been to present a program of interest to our colleagues of all the academy sections. Many thanks to Iain Pretty, past Section Program Chair, for securing this year’s speaker and to Mr. Baez for accepting the invitation.

The following section members were elected to new positions at the Atlanta Meeting: Section Chair Paula Brumit, Section Secretary Iain Pretty, Program Chair Ray Miller. In addition, two academy members Jacqueline Reid and Scott Hahn successfully challenged the American Board of Forensic Odontology (ABFO) Certification Process to become diplomats of the ABFO. Congratulations Jacqueline and Scott! The AAFS 2012 Odontology Section Business Meeting allowed all those present to honor two members with awards. The Odontology Section Lester Luntz award was presented to Lowell Levine, and the Reidar Sognnaes Award for Excellence in Forensic Dentistry was presented to David Sweet. Finally, we are very proud as one of our own, Robert Barsley, has advanced to President of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences this year. Congratulations to all as we look forward to an exciting year.

During the past year, the Odontology Section’s Course Evaluation Committee, chaired by Roy Sonkin, has continued to review new and existing courses designed to provide comprehensive training. There are several approved courses that may be used alone or in combination to reach the educational threshold of 10 points for beginning membership. The credentials and experience of course instructors as well as an abundance of hands-on training are critical components toward acceptance and point rating. The current courses and their respective points approved for credit to fulfill the entry level requirement are: AFIP/Indian Health Service CE (10); University of Detroit Mercy (4 or 8); Tufts University (6); McGill University (10); Southwest Symposium in San Antonio (10); University of Texas CERF Fellowship (10). Further courses may be evaluated as the need arises. All course directors are encouraged to update their program’s detailed description and names of all course faculty directly to Dr. Sonkin.

Additional information on these courses may be found at their individual websites. Updates and related announcements are typically listed in the “Meetings & Conferences” section of the Academy News. More specific detail for odontology entry requirements are listed at www.aafs.org. These prerequisites for membership entry have become the new standard for all persons applying for associate membership into our section.

It is not too early to consider research, case work, or collaborations that represent the ongoing commitment to improve all facets of forensic odontology. The theme for the AAFS 2013 Annual Scientific Meeting in Washington, DC is: “The Forensic Sciences: Founded On Observation and Experience Improved by Education and Research.” This title offers numerous opportunities for presentations demonstrating how we strive to provide a foundation of excellence to support our discipline. Be aware that the deadline for abstract submissions is August 1. The date is not that far away.

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PATHOLOGY/BIOLOGY

Source: Amy C. Gruszecki, DO, Section Secretary

Thank you to all who submitted scientific abstracts for the Pathology/Biology Section for the 2012 Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA. While at the meeting, we had 143 scientific abstracts with 91 podium presentations, 54 poster presentations, and our traditional multidisciplinary session with the Toxicology Section held on Friday. There were five workshops involving Pathology/Biology Section members, three breakfasts, one luncheon, and an evening session. Thank you to Jason Byrd for his hard work on the program this past year.

The Path/Bio Section would also like to thank Jeff Tomberlin, past Chair of Path/Bio and Keith Pinckard, past Secretary, for their work in the section this past year. This year, Keith Pinckard is the Path/Bio Section Chair, Amy Gruszecki is Secretary, and Greg G. Davis (Alabama), is the section representative on the Board of Directors. The 2013 Section Program Chair is Jamie Downs. Please give Jamie the support that he will need as he begins this exciting undertaking.

PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Source: Ann H. Ross, PhD, Section Secretary

We hope that everyone had a great experience at the 2012 American Academy of Sciences 64th Annual Scientific Meeting last month in Atlanta. We received 168 abstract submissions - roughly a 22 percent increase from the previous year. From these, 110 submissions were accepted for presentation - 50 oral presentations, 60 posters, and 1 workshop. Thanks to everyone who made this an extremely successful meeting for the Physical Anthropology Section. The 2012 Program Chair/Co-Chair (Ann Ross and Elias Kontani) would like to thank the abstract review committee and moderators for keeping the program flowing and on-time. The abstract review committee included: A. Midori Albert, Gregory Berg, Ann Bunch, Franklin Damann, Eric Emery, and Shanna Williams. The moderators included: Joan Bytheway, Ashley Maxwell, Kate Spradley, Nicholas Passalacqua, Morris Tidball-Binz, Shualal Drawdy, Dennis Dirkmaat, Christian Crowder, Ashley Humphries, Erin Kimmerle, Angela Soler, A. Midori Albert, Ben Figura, Pierre Guymarch, and Mary Kuhns.

Congratulations are in order for Julie Fleishman, the 2011 J. Lawrence Angel Award Certificate winner and the 2012 T. Dale Stewart Awards winner, Hugh Berryman. Both Awards were presented in the section’s business meeting on Wednesday.

It is an honor and a pleasure to formally announce the winners of the February 2012 J. Lawrence Angel Award Certificate competition in Atlanta, GA. The poster presentation titled A Comparison of Age-related Macroscopic Traits of the Ilium and Sacrum by Kyle McCormick of Binghamton University (Binghamton, NY) and Nick Passalacqua of Michigan State University (East Lansing, MI) was chosen as the winner among a number of competitive student presentations. McCormick and Passalacqua are to be congratulated for the problem focus and clarity reflected in their presentation style. The committee also recognized the potential contribution of their research to future investigations in forensic anthropology. The award presentation recognizing the authors will take place at next year’s business meeting of the Physical Anthropology Section and at the Academy’s Annual Business Meeting. Further, the committee congratulates all of the 2012 J. Lawrence Angel participants who did not win, but whose efforts and success show promise for the future of the section.

The J. Lawrence Angel award is a longstanding and most honorable mark of distinction and professional recognition within the Physical Anthropology Section of the Academy. The competition is held annually and recognizes the lifetime contributions of the late Dr. J. Lawrence Angel as it supports and recognizes emerging student research within the discipline. The competition is restricted entirely

Hugh Berryman receives the Physical Anthropology Section’s T. Dale Stewart Award.

Julie Fleischman receives the Physical Anthropology Section’s J. Lawrence Angel Award Certificate.
to student authored submissions. Participants must also be section members. For further details and guidelines, please look at the JLA website or contact Peer Moore-Jansen, JLA Committee Chair, at pmgeijan@wichita.edu. All faculty advisors are strongly encouraged to support their students to participate in the competition. When submitting a paper or poster presentation for the annual meeting, either format must be accompanied by a presentation length manuscript. When submitting an abstract to the annual conference, eligible students can check the JLA completion as they submit their abstract. If checked, the abstract is automatically forwarded to the JLA committee chair. The final due date for actual paper/poster presentation length manuscripts in preparation for next year’s meeting is January 15, 2013. Electronic submissions are strongly encouraged as long as the quality of the submission is indifferent from one on paper.

Congratulations also goes to Christian Crowder who received the Ellis Kerley Award for a joint submission (with Victoria Dominguez), A New Method for Histological Age Estimation of the Femur, and to Alison Galloway who will be the next recipient of the distinguished T. Dale Stewart Award.

Officers for the Physical Anthropology Section were elected on February 22nd during the section business meeting. Congratulations to William Belcher, Chair for the Physical Anthropology Section and Ann Ross, Secretary. A sincere thank you goes to Susan Myster, outgoing Chair, for a job well done! Elias Kontanis and Erin Kimmerle will work together as the 2012-13 Program Chair/Co-Chair, respectively.

Bradley Adams reports that the Office of Chief Medical Examiner in New York City is currently accepting applications for the 5th year of its Visiting Scientist Program (www.nyc.gov/html/ocme/html/anthro/anthropology.shtml). This unique opportunity allows forensic anthropologists to spend one month immersed within a large medical examiner’s office. Participants will observe daily autopsies, work with the forensic anthropology staff, respond to death scenes, and attend daily lectures on diverse forensic topics. The program runs from September through May (break from June to August) and is open to graduate students and professionals within the field of forensic anthropology. There are only a very limited number of slots available. There is funding available for five participants (U.S. residents only). International anthropologists may also apply; however, funding is not available. Submit a cover letter, current CV, and letter of recommendation to Bradley Adams (badams@ocme.nyc.gov). Deadline for applications is May 1.

If you have any Academy News items, please email Ann Ross (ahross@ncsu.edu). The next deadlines are April 1 and June 1. We particularly welcome contributions related to international projects and conferences.

**QUESTIONED DOCUMENTS**

**Source:** Pamela Zilly, BS, Section Secretary

Questioned Documents Section attendees at the conference in Atlanta benefitted from two excellent workshops and a number of interesting presentations. Elaine Wooten and Peter Tytell co-chaired the Paper Fundamentals for Forensic Document Examiners workshop, assisted in instruction by David Wicker of Document Security Systems and Kathleen Wyles of Appleton. Ted Burkes and Joe Parker co-chaired the Digital Photography for Forensic Document Examiners workshop, instructed by David Witzke of Foray Technologies. The QD Scientific Sessions included presentations and posters on many relevant topics, including a very informative three-hour typography presentation by Peter Tytell. A breakfast seminar entitled Forensic Science and Cultural Heritage - Examination for the Gettysburg Address was also of great interest to forensic document examiners (FDEs). Many thanks go to Joe Parker and Ted Burkes for arranging the excellent program this year. Thanks are also due to Carl McClary who completed his term as section chair and represented the QD Section at the Student Academy, Bill Riordan who just completed his term on the AAFS Board of Directors, Jane Lewis who co-chaired the Luncheon Sessions Committee, Rosalind Spencer who represented us at the Interdisciplinary Symposium, Todd Welch who represented us at the Young Forensic Scientists Forum Annual Breakfast and all of the presenters and volunteers who contributed to the success of the meeting.

Congratulations to John Sang and Kesha White. John received the Ordway Hilton Award in recognition of his contributions to the QD discipline. Kesha was nominated by the Southeastern Association of Forensic Document Examiners and awarded the Academy’s Regional Award for her research entitled “Determining Reliability and Frequency of Through Pattern in Gel Ink Pens.” Kesha presented her research during the QD Scientific Session. Congratulations also to Brian Lindblom, Karen Nobles, and James Green for obtaining the level of AAFS Fellow this year.

Tom Vastrick has been elected QD Section Chair for the next two-year term and Pam Zilly will continue as Section Secretary one more year. Jane Lewis was elected QD representative on the AAFS Board of Directors and will also chair the Academy Luncheon Seminars. Paula Henderson will represent our section at the Student Academy. Ron Morris has volunteered to act as Section Program Chair for the 2013 meeting in Washington, DC. Ron may be contacted at rnmorris@erols.com. Newly elected AAFS president Robert Barley has selected the theme for next year’s conference, “The Forensic Sciences: Founded on Observation and Experience Improved by Education and Research.” Keeping that in continued on page 56.
mind, please remember that abstracts are due by August 1, so start formulating your presentation, workshop and seminar ideas now, in order to get your abstracts in by the deadline.

Please be aware that certain section membership requirements were changed upon approval of the voting members in attendance at the section business meeting this year. The changes add a few requirements for those applying for Trainee Affiliate status and also change the requirement for promotion from Member to Fellow. Papers accepted for publication while serving as both Associate Member and Member will now be considered to meet the publication requirement for promotion to Fellow. Due to this change, a number of you may now be eligible for promotion to Fellow. Please review the requirements for all levels in the Academy and apply for promotion if eligible.

TOXICOLOGY

Source: Loralie J. Langman, PhD, Section Secretary

The theme for the AAFS 2012 Annual Scientific Meeting was “Global Research: The Forensic Science Edge.” I am pleased to report that the Toxicology Section put on an excellent program that fit well with the chosen theme. Thanks to all the presenters who made the program a great success, and while the numbers have not been crunched, as of the Wednesday afternoon business meeting, there were 130 members registered for the meeting from the Toxicology Section.

The week got off to a great start with two workshops on Monday: “Preparation and Strategic Planning for Accreditation of Forensic Laboratories Based on the ISO/IEC 17025 International Standard” (Chair: Ashraf Mozayani; Co-Chair: Laurel Farell); and “Using Pharmacokinetics to Analyze Forensic Toxicology Cases” (Chair: David Benjamin; Co-Chair: Dwain Fuller). Tuesday also had two offerings from the Toxicology Section:

- one Workshop: “Deadly by Design: Forensic Toxicology, Adverse Effects of Synthetic Cannabinoids, and Novel Designer Drugs (“Bath Salts”)” (Chair: Brianna Peterson; Co-Chair: Barry Logan); and,

There were 27 posters and 18 oral presentations given. Special Sessions included Postmortem Pediatric Toxicology and a Multidisciplinary Session with the Pathology/Biology Section. The Drugs and Driving Session featuring a lecture entitled “Prescription Drug Impaired Driving,” was presented by Todd Hayes, JD. The Annual Lectureship was presented by John R. Barr, PhD, Chief of Biological Mass Spectrometry Laboratory at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). His talk, “Combating Ancient Diseases With Modern Technology: Forensic Chemistry in a Public Health Laboratory,” showed that there is more to mass spec and
toxicology than drugs and how sometimes it’s the old issues that are still challenging. At the Toxicology Section Business Meeting, awards were presented, new officers were elected, and positions were appointed.

Congratulations to Teresa Gray, recipient of the Irving Sunshine Award. The new section officers for 2012-13 are: Chair Ruth Winderer, Secretary Loralie Langman. Ashraf Mozayani and Dwain Fuller were appointed 2013 Section Program Chair and Co-Chair respectively. Please contact Ashraf or Dwain with program suggestions and workshop ideas or offers of help. I’m sure they will be happy to hear from you.

The AAFS Board of Directors nominated Toxicology Section Retired Fellow, Kurt Dubowski, to receive the 2012 National Medal of Science.

Thanks to all the abstract reviewers, moderators, and volunteers. Your dedication helped make this meeting the scientific success it was. And I would also like to extend a big thank-you and acknowledge the Toxicology Section Program Sponsors: NMS Labs, Agilent Technologies, Shamrock Glass, Immunoanalysis, and Aegis Sciences.

In closing, I would like to say farewell to three of colleagues who passed this last year: Charlie Cresalia, BS; Ferrin B. Moreland, PhD; and Leo A. Dal Cortivo, PhD. They will be missed.
In Memoriam

Karen R. Burns, PhD  Fellow of the Physical Anthropology Section, January 2012
Joseph H. Choi, MD  Retired Fellow of the Pathology/Biology Section, January 2012
Leo A. Dal Cortivo, PhD  Retired Fellow of the Toxicology Section, December 2011
Matthew Falco, BS  Associate Member of the Questioned Documents Section, February 2012
John C. Herrman, MD  Retired Fellow of the Pathology/Biology Section, January 2012
Stanton C. Kessler, MD  Member of the Pathology/Biology Section, December 2011
Eugene F. Tims, DSc, PE  Retired Fellow of the Engineering Sciences Section, February 2012
David K. Wiecking, MD  Retired Fellow of the Pathology/Biology Section, July 2011

Applicants

Due to the timing of the newsletter deadline, the applicants for membership are not listed in this issue. The list of AAFS applicants is will be available on the AAFS homepage (www.aafs.org) under the “News & Current Events” section. The applicants list will appear in the May and future issues of the newsletter. Applications that are received and completed by October 1, will be considered for approval at the February 2013 Board of Directors Meeting. 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.

The Cyber Cafe was in full swing during the AAFS 64th Annual Scientific Meeting in Atlanta.
A Letter from the 2011-12 YFSF President

The AAFS Annual Meeting has come to a close and as always it was absolutely amazing. The YFSF had an extremely successful year and that is in thanks to not only the speakers who took the time out of their busy schedules but also to the attendees. Hopefully, everyone had an opportunity to stop by and check out the YFSF Bring Your Own Posters Session and the Bring Your Own Slides Session. Perhaps after this year’s meeting, you are now inspired to get actively involved and to make an impact. If you are nervous or not sure how to get involved, or if you want to present and do not know where to begin, please contact any YFSF committee member and they will help you. This is one of the amazing benefits of becoming an affiliate or member of AAFS; you will have access to amazing mentors and people with years of experience who are willing to guide you.

The special session, breakfast session, poster, and slide sessions take all year to plan and that planning will begin within the next couple of months. This is another opportunity to make an impact and there are still committee positions available; the current YFSF officers would love to see new forensic scientists from every section involved on the committee. YFSF is open to suggestions for speakers or topics of interest you would like to hear in future YFSF sessions. This was my last year with YFSF, and I am looking forward to keeping up-to-date with YFSF and to further promote the YFSF to AAFS. YFSF will be in fabulous hands as Lindsey Crass takes over the role of YFSF President. Lindsey was the Program Co-Chair for this past year’s program, and I encourage you to contact her and let her know your thoughts on the program.

We look forward to seeing you all in Washington, DC next February. Be on the lookout for future newsletters from the YFSF.

Tanisha V. Henson, MFS, 2011-12 YFSF President
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A Letter from the YFSF Secretary

The YFSF sessions in Atlanta were a tremendous success. Each event hosted by the YFSF provided participants with the opportunity to: (1) network with experts in his or her field, (2) discuss research with his or her peers, and (3) learn about the most recent advances in the various forensic disciplines.
The success of the YFSF depends on the participants, speakers, YFSF officers, AAFS staff, and the support of the various sections within the Academy. Thank you all for your continued support and for allowing the YFSF to thrive with each passing year.

Last, we would like to acknowledge and thank Tanisha Henson, the outgoing YFSF president. Tanisha has had a tremendous impact on the growth and success of the YFSF in recent years; she is a role model, leader, and friend. Although Tanisha will no longer serve as president because she now has more than five years experience working as a full-time forensic scientist, the incoming YFSF President, Lindsey Crass, will undoubtedly be an outstanding leader. Lindsey has proven herself to be an exceptional leader by serving as the YFSF Special Session Co-Chair during the past year.

Thank you again to everyone who went above and beyond what was expected in order to make the 2012 YFSF sessions a tremendous success in Atlanta. If you have any questions about the YFSF or wish to participate as either an officer or attendee at the 2013 annual meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Lauren R. Pharr, MA, YFSF Secretary
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Financial Liaison for the YFSF
Thank you to the AAFS sections for allowing a representative from YFSF to speak at each section’s business meeting in Atlanta. The YFSF would not be possible without the financial support of the AAFS and our other contributors. We would like to acknowledge the sponsors who donated to the YFSF this past year:

- AAFS Criminalistics Section
- AAFS General Section
- AAFS Pathology/Biology Section
- IUPUI Forensic and Investigative Sciences Program
- Lisa A. Franklin, DDS
- Taylor & Francis/CRC Press

Thank you for helping to make this year’s YFSF a huge success!

Jacquelyn M. Jenkins, PhD, YFSF Financial Liaison

YFSF Breakfast Session
Good day to all! The YFSF officers and program committee hopes that everyone had a great meeting in Atlanta. The Young Forensic Scientist Forum’s annual Breakfast Session was a great success. In addition to meeting new people from across the country and around the world, the attendees were able to gather valuable information from members of the Academy who work in the field of forensics—both lab oriented and academia oriented. The presentations began with Jenna Oakes-Smith with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department. She spoke of “finding your fruit.” That may sound a little strange to most people, but the explanations in her presentation were spot on. She also spoke of expectations. Expectations of the potential employer may not be the same as what the potential employee may have in regards to the job they are applying for.

Following Jenna, M. Lee Goff from Chaminade University in Hawaii spoke from the academic viewpoint. He spoke of what to put on the curriculum vitae when applying for graduate school as well as what not to include. He also gave plenty of examples of actual CV’s he has received for positions within his university that should have been proof read, rewritten, and revamped.

Once the presentations were complete, the resume review began. The YFSF Breakfast Session had a great turnout from the Academy in member participation with reviewing resumes. We were fortunate to have the following Members and Fellows volunteer their time and morning to review the resumes and answer questions from the attendees: Roderick Kennedy, Michael Salyards, Syed Ali, Todd Welch, Mitch Holland, Ronald Morris, Richard Merritt, Pierre Margot, Christy Davis, Laura Lipat, and Michele Stauffenberg. These members represented various professions within the forensic community and many sections within the Academy.

As this was my last year to participate with the Young Forensic Scientists Forum, I would just like to say that I have enjoyed my time with this group and the people that I have met. I look forward to seeing what the future holds for YFSF.

Melissa DeBerry, BA, YFSF Breakfast Session Chair

YFSF Special Session
The 2012 Young Forensic Scientists Forum Special Session was a tremendous success! Once again we had over 100 participants and a waiting list for the session. The theme for this year’s session, “Contemporary Topics in the Forensic Science Community,” allowed participants to learn about current trends in the forensic science field.

We started the day with the welcoming address from President Douglas Ubelaker who discussed the importance of enhancing forensic science globally. Participants in the session then heard from Membership Coordinator Cheryl Hunter about how to get involved with AAFS.

Mary Fran Ernst discussed the important role the medicolegal death investigator plays in both medical examiner and coroner offices. Afterwards, Jason Byrd continued with the theme of investigations relating to animals with his talk on forensic veterinary medicine. Wrapping up the morning, the Emerging Forensic Scientist Award winner, Rolf Brenner discussed his work on “Reflectance Spectroscopy of Recognition and Age Determination of Blood Stains.”

The afternoon began with Robin Jones who discussed the White House Subcommittee on Forensic Science. H. Chip Walls followed with a discussion on the tools needed to practice forensic science, specifically forensic toxicology in the 21st century. Robin Bowen talked on professionalism in the forensic science community and gave helpful tips to the participants. The day

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ended with a discussion on audio and visual clarification uses in criminal investigations from William Folsom.

The Young Forensic Scientist Forum would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of the speakers. Without your support, the YFSF Special Session would not have achieved the success it had this year.

Martin K. Overly, MSFS, YFSF Special Session Chair

Lindsey E. Crass, BS, YFSF Special Session Co-Chair

We hope that this meeting has inspired you to contribute through research and education to the forensic sciences and look forward to another exciting year!

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YFSF Poster Session

The Young Forensic Scientists Forum Poster Session had much to offer all of the attendees of the AAFS 64th Annual Scientific Meeting. The YFSF Poster Session included 27 poster presentations covering a wide range of topics including bloodstain patterns, DNA, latent prints, physical anthropology, toxicology, and trace. Many Members and Fellows of the Academy attended and showed interest in the presentations by asking the young forensic scientists about their work.

On behalf of the YFSF Program Committee, we would like to thank all authors and presenters of the YFSF Poster Session for sharing their work as well as the professors who continue to support their students’ research and encourage them to present at meetings. We would also like to thank the Academy and its members for showing interest and supporting the Young Forensic Scientists Forum. We invite you all to attend next year’s YFSF Poster Session!

The Young Forensic Scientists Forum Poster Session is an excellent opportunity for students and young forensic professionals of all ages and disciplines, to participate at the AAFS Scientific Meeting. Students and young forensic professionals who are interested in presenting at the 2013 YFSF Poster Session in Washington, DC, should look for deadline information in upcoming issues of Academy News newsletter. It is not too early to start thinking of presenting at next year’s YFSF Poster Session!

If you are interested in presenting at the 2013 YFSF Poster Session, please email yfsf.postersession@gmail.com.

Taryn Mead, BS, YFSF Poster Session Chair

Jennifer Malone, PhD, YFSF Poster Session Co-Chair

YFSF Bring Your Own Slides

The annual meeting in Atlanta was a great success and we hope that everyone who had the opportunity to attend found it to be well worth the trip.

The YFSF BYOS Session had five fantastic presentations that highlighted new research and interesting cases from many areas of forensic science. Jaime Elifritz and Cassie Boggs illustrated how radiologic imaging can complement the postmortem exam. Laura Graham presented her research “UV Analysis in the Forensic Identification of Cannabinoids,” and Sonya Sin discussed the quantitative analysis of impact velocity and bloodstain patterns. Kate Weinbrecht presented “AFLP Analysis as a DNA Typing Tool for Microbial Forensics.” Lastly, Luo Zhou, who came all the way from China, shared results from his retrospective study of sudden unexpected death in epilepsy (SUDEP) cases. Thank you to all of those who presented, as well as those who showed their support. As a result, we had a very well-rounded and educational session!
Meetings & Conferences

APRIL 2012

3-5
International Marine Forensics Symposium—To be held at the Gaylord National Hotel in Washington, DC.
CONTACT: www.sname.org

12-14
5th International Symposium of the Osteopaverein on Legal Medicine—Szeged (Hungary)
CONTACT: forensic-symposium.ioi@med.uzskeged.hu

12-14
Southeastern Association of Forensic Document Examiners Annual Meeting—To be held in Duluth (Atlanta), GA.
CONTACT: Don Moryan
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www.safde.org

16-20
The Borkenstein Drug Course—To be held at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN.
CONTACT: Suz Frederickson
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info@borkensteincourse.org
www.borkensteincourse.org

20-22
6th Annual Wildland Fire Litigation Conference—To be held at the Woodlake Hotel in Sacramento, CA (formerly the Radisson).
CONTACT: www.wildlandfirelitigation.com

23-27
48th Annual Forensic Identification and Emerging Technologies Lectures and Mini Workshops—Sponsored by the Indian Health Service, Division of Oral Health—To be held at the Hotel Valley Ho in Scottsdale, AZ.
CONTACT: marybeth.kinney@comcast.net

23-27
Outdoor Recovery Courses—To be held at the Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State (FACTS) in San Marcos, TX.
CONTACT: www.txstate.edu/anthropology/facts

30- May 1
Forensic Archaeology to Maximize Evidence Recovery: A Two-Day Field Exercise—To be held at the Rutgers Pinelands Field Station in New Lisbon, NJ.
CONTACT: http://forensicscienceeducation.org/courses-and-seminars/

MAY 2012

2-4
Third Annual International Congress of Forensic Medicine—Tehran (Iran)
CONTACT: www.lmacongress.com

3-5
American Academy of Psychoanalysis & Dynamic Psychiatry 56th Annual Meeting—To be held in Philadelphia, PA.
CONTACT: AAPDP
1-888-691-8281
Fax: 860-286-0787
info@aapdp.org
www.aapdp.org

8-11
5th Annual Forensic Investigations Conference—To be held at the Downtown Marriott Hotel in Kansas City, MO.
CONTACT: www.saintlukeshealthsystem.org/forensic
cbrogan@saint-lukes.org

8-11
Canadian Society of Forensic Science 58th Conference—To be held at The IRMACS Centre at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, BC, Canada.
CONTACT: CSFS2012@csfs.ca
http://csfs2012.irmacs.sfu.ca/

9-11
Advance Forensic Imaging Course—To be held at the Maryland Office of Chief Medical Examiner in Baltimore, MD.
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#### 13-18
**The Borkenstein Alcohol Course**—To be held at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN.  
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info@borkensteincourse.org  
www.borkensteincourse.org

#### 14-15
**1st Congress of the International Society of Forensic Radiology and Imaging**—To be held in Zurich, Switzerland.  
**CONTACT:** contact@isfri.org  
www.isfri.org

#### 14-18
**Basic Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Course**—To be held at the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification & Investigation in London, OH.  
**CONTACT:** Paul Kish  
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(607) 962-8092

#### 16-17
**Advances in Forensic Medicine & Pathology**  
Presented by the Department of Pathology at the University of Michigan—To be held at the Inn at St. John’s in Plymouth, MI.  
**CONTACT:** Angela Suliman  
(734) 615-6371  
asuliman@med.umich.edu  
ww.pathology.med.umich.edu/Forensics/index.php

#### 17-19
**CONTACT:** Orenicio Guillermo  
gfontaine@justiciacordoba.gob.ar

#### 21-25
**Detection and Recovery of Human Remains**—To be held at Chaminade University of Honolulu in Honolulu, HI.  
**CONTACT:** Dr. M. Lee Goff  
lgoff@chaminade.edu  
www.chaminade.edu/summerinstitutes

#### 21-25
**Society for Wildlife Forensic Science 1st Triennial Meeting**—To be held at Jackson Lake Lodge, Jackson Hole, WY.  
**CONTACT:**  
www.wildlifeforensicscience.org

#### 29 June 1
**Field Methods in Forensic Anthropology**—To be held at the Forensic Anthropology Center, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN.  
**CONTACT:** Rebecca Taylor  
fac@utk.edu  
http://fac.utk.edu/

#### 30 June 2
**21st International Meeting on Forensic Medicine Alpe - Adria - Pannonia**—To be held in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.  
**CONTACT:** www.forensis-sarajevo.org/aap2012/

### JUNE 2012

#### 4-8
**2012 Continuing Education for Forensic Professionals Program**—Hosted by the West Virginia University Forensic Science Initiative. To be held in Savannah, GA.  
**CONTACT:** http://lsi.research.wvu.edu/

#### 4-8
**Outdoor Recovery Course**—To be held at the Forensic Anthropology Center, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN.  
**CONTACT:** Rebecca Taylor  
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http://fac.utk.edu/

#### 4-8
**Visualization of Latent Bloodstains Course**—To be held at Elmira College in Elmira, NY.  
**CONTACT:** Paul@paulkish.com  
(607) 962-8092

#### 11-15
**25th Annual Forensic Anthropology Course**—To be held at the Maryland Office of Chief Medical Examiner in Baltimore, MD.  
**CONTACT:** Liz Chipchosky  
(240) 694-2071  
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echipchosky@hf.org  
www.event.com/d/fcqknu

#### 13-16
**18th Nordic Conference on Forensic Medicine: New Techniques and Progress in Forensic Medicine**—To be held in Aarhus, Denmark.  
**CONTACT:** http://retsmedicin.au.dk/

#### 18-22
**5th Annual Fatal Fire Investigation Course**—Organized by the San Luis Obispo Fire Investigative Strike Taskforce—To be held at the Embassy Suites in San Luis Obispo, CA.  
**CONTACT:** John Madden  
www.sloffist.org/main/index.php  
jmadden@tsn.net

#### 18-22
**Estimating the Post Mortem Interval**—To be held at the School of Forensic and Investigative Sciences at the University of Central Lancashire, UK.  
**CONTACT:** Peter Cross  
pacross1@uclan.ac.uk

#### 18-22
**Outdoor Recovery Course**—To be held at the Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State (FACTS) in San Marcos, TX.  
**CONTACT:** www.txstate.edu/anthropology/facts

#### 25-29
**Introduction to Forensic Photography**—To be held at the School of Forensic and Investigative Sciences at the University of Central Lancashire, UK.  
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### JULY 2012

#### 2-6
**The Investigation of Mass Graves**—To be held at the School of Forensic and Investigative Sciences at the University of Central Lancashire, UK.  
**CONTACT:** Peter Cross  
pacross1@uclan.ac.uk

#### 5-8
**22nd Congress of the International Academy of Legal Medicine (IALM)**—To be held in Istanbul, Turkey.  
**CONTACT:** www.ialm2012.org/

#### 9-13
**Colloquium on Forensic Science**—To be held at the RIf Auditorium in Pretoria, South Africa.  
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www.forensics-lafrika.com
9-13
Human Identification in Forensic Anthropology—To be held at the Forensic Anthropology Center, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN.
CONTACT: Rebecca Taylor
taylor@utk.edu
http://fac.utk.edu/

9-13
64th Annual Inter/Microscopy Conference—Hosted by the McCrone Research Institute in Chicago, IL.
CONTACT: Therese Newman
(312) 842-7100
intmicro@mcri.org
www.mcri.org/home/section/101/inter-micro

16-10
Forensic Taphonomy—To be held at the Forensic Anthropology Center, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN.
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17-19
Annual Meeting of the North American Forensic Entomology Association (NAFEA)—To be held at the Flamingo Hotel, Casino and Conference Center in Las Vegas, NV.
CONTACT: Dr. Richard W. Merritt
(517) 355-8309
merritt@msu.edu

23-27
Advanced Laboratory Methods in Forensic Anthropology—To be held at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, TN.
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AUGUST 2012
1-3
Green Mountain DNA Conference—To be held in Burlington, VT.
CONTACT: http://vif.vermont.gov/conference

6-10
Medicolegal Death Investigator Training Course—To be held at Saint Louis University in St. Louis, MO.
CONTACT: Julie Howe
(314) 977-3970
howej@slu.edu
medschool.slu.edu/mdl

7-10
19th World Congress on Medical Law—Maccio (Brazil)
CONTACT: www.2012wcm.com

13-17
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7-10
The 19th World Congress on Medical Law (WCML)—To be held at the Cultural and Convention Center of Maccio in Maccio, Brazil.
CONTACT: www.2012wcml.com/

20-24
6th European Academy of Forensic Science Conference—To be held in The Hague, The Netherlands.
CONTACT: www.cafs2012.eu/

SEPTEMBER 2012
10-13
TECNICRIM 2012 VIII Symposium on Criminal Techniques—To be held in Havana, Cuba.
CONTACT: riti@diric.ren.cu or colaboracion@diric.ren.cu

19-21
15th Symposium of Questioned Document Examination—To be held in Wroclaw, Poland.
CONTACT: Rafał Ciesla, PhD
+48 71 3752402
rciesla@prawo.uni.wroc.pl
www.kryminalistyka.uni.wroc.pl

24-28
Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists 41st Annual Meeting—To be held at the Hilton Milwaukee City Center in Milwaukee, WI.
CONTACT: www.mafs.net/

OCTOBER 2012
1-5
Basic Facial Reconstruction Sculpture Workshop—To be held at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, OK.
CONTACT: Betty Pat. Gatilff
SKULLpture Lab
(405) 321-8706
www.sculpture.outreach.ou.edu

1-5
The Robert F. Borkenstein Course on DUID: The Effects of Drugs on Performance and Behavior—To be held at The Chemical Heritage Foundation in Philadelphia, PA.
CONTACT: http://borkensteincourse.org/

4-6
Biennial Meeting of the Association for European Cardiovascular Pathology—Cadiz (Spain)
CONTACT: www.4thmeetingpop2012cadiz.com

8-12
Advance Facial Reconstruction Sculpture Workshop—To be held at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, OK.
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www.sculpture.outreach.ou.edu

18-21
Congressos Genival Veloso de Franca 2012
CONTACT: www.genivalvelosodefranca2012.com.br

NOVEMBER 2012
15-18
H20 Criminalistics & Pathology Symposium—To be held at Magna Gracca University in Catanzaro, Italy.
CONTACT: underwatercsi@unicz.it
www.watercriminologyunicz.it
+39 347-14-16-900

DECEMBER 2012
9-14
The Borkenstein Alcohol Course—To be held at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN.
CONTACT: Suz Frederickson
(812) 855-1783
info@borkensteincourse.org
www.borkensteincourse.org/

JULY 2013
14-19
XXXIIIrd Congress of the International Academy of Law and Mental Health—Amsterdam (Netherlands).
CONTACT: www.ialmh.org

OCTOBER 2013
2013 INPALMS conference, Kuala Lampur (Malaysia).
CONTACT: www.inpalms2013.forsciedu.com
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