I’d like to thank all of you for the opportunity to serve as the President of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences. I feel that I have been given the grandest of all duties and feel honored and privileged to serve the members of the Academy.

First, I’d like to announce the theme of next year’s Annual Scientific Meeting: The Forensic Sciences - An International Treasure. The meeting will be held at the historic Wardman Park Marriott in Northwest Washington, DC. I believe it is time to look back at and assess our profession’s accomplishments. The Academy was formed nearly sixty years ago and much has changed in the field of forensic science to say the least. Today, as practitioners, researchers, educators and others, we work in a very high-profile, litigious profession. Often times we are called upon to testify in court proceedings including depositions, evidentiary hearings, and trials. In recent years, we have seen widespread local, national and international media focus on our errors, but little attention has been given to our scientific accomplishments. It is my hope that you will take this opportunity to join us as we plan initiatives to foster the positive nature of our profession.

The Program Committee is chaired by Barry Logan and Cynthia Windsor. This coming year, I have done away with the Plenary Session and replaced it with the Key Note Session in anticipation of the participation of several high-level speakers from Washington, DC. The Key Note session is chaired by Tracey Corey and Mary Sullivan. Local arrangements are being facilitated by Anjali Swiento and Susan Ballou. Additional 2007-2008 Section and Program Chairs are noted on pages 13 and 16 of this issue of Academy News.

One of my goals this year is to develop an Academy-wide document with input from all sections and disciplines which feature our scientific achievements and milestones. I have formed the Forensic Science Disciplines Milestones Committee to accomplish this task. Carla Noziglia has agreed to take on this charge and will be contacting sections chairs in the coming weeks for their input. I am happy to see that several sections have already formed committees to work on this endeavor.

I would also like to discuss with you the newly formed National Academy of Sciences Committee. The Committee is sponsored by the National Institute of Justice and has been tasked with Identifying the Needs of the Forensic Science Community. No doubt, the report of this Committee will affect the way we practice our trade in the future. I was asked to present to the Committee in January, and in addition to detailing the activities of the Academy, I made the following recommendations:

- Development of new forensic science public policy including the dissemination of best practices and guidelines.
- Development of a National Forensic Science Master Plan which addresses resources and funding priorities.
- Enhancement of support and funding in the area of forensic science education, training and research.
- Establishment of a senior level, policy-making National Forensic Science Fellowship Program.

Additional information regarding the activities of the National Academy of Sciences Committee will be available in the Academy News and in the report of the Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations Liaison, Barry Fisher, on page 3.

Other activities this year will include the completion of the new Academy Ethics Policy and Procedure, development of a Mission and Vision Statement for the Academy, and the study of the role of the Academy as a policy-making organization.

Finally, I would like to invite you to participate in the tour to Israel this coming June. In addition to visiting the crime laboratory in Jerusalem, we will visit of the Old City of Jerusalem, Modern Jerusalem, Yad Vashem (Israel National Holocaust Museum), the Judean Desert, the mountaintop fortress of Massade, the Dead Sea, Galilee, Golan Heights and Tel Aviv.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve. I am looking forward to a productive year as President of the Academy. Feel free to contact me at bruce-goldberger@ufl.edu regarding your thoughts for the coming year.
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February 16-21, 2009
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Denver, CO

February 22-27, 2010
Washington State Convention & Trade Center
Seattle, WA
After years of effort, the CFSO realized a milestone. The National Academies started our project: \textit{Identifying the Needs of the Forensic Science Community}.

The scope of the project states: Congress called for the creation of an independent forensic science committee at the National Academy of Sciences to: "(1) assess the present and future resource needs of the forensic science community, to include state and local crime labs, medical examiners, and coroners; (2) make recommendations for maximizing the use of forensic technologies and techniques to solve crimes, investigate deaths, and protect the public; (3) identify potential scientific advances that may assist law enforcement in using forensic technologies and techniques to protect the public; (4) make recommendations for programs that will increase the number of qualified forensic scientists and medical examiners available to work in public crime laboratories; (5) disseminate best practices and guidelines concerning the collection and analysis of forensic evidence to help ensure quality and consistency in the use of forensic technologies and techniques to solve crimes, investigate deaths, and protect the public; (6) examine the role of the forensic community in the homeland security mission; (7) examine the interoperability of Automated Fingerprint Information Systems; and (8) examine additional issues pertaining to forensic science as determined by the Committee."

The members of the Committee are:

Judge Harry T. Edwards - (Co-Chair)  
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Dr. Constantine Gatsonis - (Co-Chair)  
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Office of the Medical Examiner for the State of New Mexico

The first meeting was held earlier this year. Several members of the forensic science community and interested parties spoke, including:

David W. Hagy, Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Policy Coordination, Office of Justice Programs, and Principal Deputy Director, National Institute of Justice
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AAFS President BBrruuccee  GGoollddbbeerrggeerr hosted a
meeting in San Antonio on February 22 for the
2007 Israel Tour participants. Adam Minsky
from the UJA Federation of Greater Toronto was
on hand to provide a power-point presentation of
the many sites to be visited and to answer
questions posed to him by members of the tour
group. Final arrangements, including meetings
with forensic science colleagues, are being made
for the AAFS 2007 Israel Tour. We still have
room for a few more, space available; so, please
do contact me immediately (jhurley@aafs.org), if
you wish to join us for this opportunity of a
lifetime to experience many of the cultural and
historical riches of Israel.

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President-Elect CCaarrooll  HHeennddeerrss and I have
already begun work on the AAFS 2008 Tour.
The 10-day trip, which is projected for June 6-15,
2008, will concentrate on two magnificent cities:
Rome and Florence—with welcome stops along
the way in the Tuscany wine region. AAFS
Secretary JJoosseepphh  BBoonnoo and PPeetteerr  AAbuuuullii are also
assisting us with the planning and development of
the itinerary. We are very fortunate, indeed, to
have excellent technical and logistical support and
guidance in Italy thanks to LLuucciiaannoo  GGaarrooffaa and
his colleagues, several of whom attended the
AAFS 59th Annual Meeting in San Antonio.
Please monitor the AAFS web for further details.
If you want your name added to the fast-growing
list for the AAFS Italy 2008 Tour, please let me
know.

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At two meetings (January and February), the
Commission reviewed documents relating to three
institutions with pending awards of accreditation
and voted to confer full accreditation for a term of
five years to the following programs: Arcadia
University’s Master of Science degree in Forensic
Science, OHIO University’s Bachelor of Science
degree in Forensic Chemistry, and West Chester
University’s Bachelor of Science degree in
Forensic and Toxicological Chemistry.

In addition, The Commission voted to make the
following awards of accreditation to four 2006
institutional programs: Full accreditation to the
Albany State University (GA) Bachelor of Science
degree in Forensic Science, the University of
Mississippi Bachelor of Science degree in
Forensic Chemistry, the Virginia Commonwealth
University Bachelor of Science degree in Forensic
Science; and, conditional accreditation for one
year to the SUNY at Albany Master of Science
degree in Forensic Molecular Biology.

To date, there are 16 programs from 14
institutions that have been accredited by FEPAC.
Specifics regarding these and all awards of
accreditation may be found on the AAFS web
(www.aafs.org) at the link “FEPAC.”

Four new programs have submitted institutional
applications for the Fall 2007 cycle: Fairmont
State University Bachelor of Science degree in
Forensic Science, the University of New Haven
Bachelor of Science degree in Forensic Science,
the University of North Texas Bachelor of
Science degree in Forensic Science and the
Oklahoma State University Master of Science
degree in Forensic Science. Over the next several
weeks, commissioners will review the programs
and will make a determination of eligibility at the
May 2007 FEPAC meeting. Each program that
meets eligibility requirements will proceed to the
preparation of a self-study report, a preliminary
draft of which is due on July 15, 2007.

Finally, at its February 21, 2007 meeting, the
Commission voted to clarify language dealing with
annual reports required of all accredited
programs. The following “Call for Comments” is
provided here and posted on the AAFS website
(FEPAC link).
The Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission (FEPAC) has determined that administrative fees should relate to each program, not to each institution. This fee structure more accurately reflects the work that goes into the review and oversight of accredited programs. Therefore, as of December 1, 2007, each FEPAC-accredited program will be required to submit an annual report and accompanying $1,000 annual maintenance fee to the Office of Accreditation. This change is being promulgated through FEPAC Policies and Procedures and will be open for public comment through May 2007 on the AAFS website (www.aafs.org).

Forensic Science Educational Conferences (FSEC)

Andrew Baker (Path) and Susan Myster (Anthro), who are coordinating the FSEC/MSP at Hamline University in St. Paul, M. Lee Goff, (Path), back for a second time with the FSEC/CUH II at Chaminade University of Honolulu, and William Eggleson, (Crim), who is the oversight chair of the FSEC/VCU in Richmond, met with me in San Antonio to discuss strategies for the three FSECs scheduled this summer. Joining us were the three AAFS staff persons who will be attending the respective conferences: Sondra Doolittle, Debbie Crockett, and Kimberly Wrasse. We were also fortunate that Betsy Fitz Magee of Quality Forensics, Inc. was able to take time away from the exhibition hall to share ideas on how to the three conference leaders may collaborate in seeking support from the many vendors at the AAFS Annual Meeting.

A final schedule of events for the FSEC/MSP, as well as schedules for the two other conferences in July 2007 (the FSEC/CUH II in Honolulu, Hawaii and the FSEC/VCU in Richmond, Virginia), will be posted to the AAFS website and included in the Spring 2007 issues of the Academy News.

Legislative Corner cont.

Joe Polski, Chair, Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations
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Dr. Thomas T. Noguchi has served the American Academy of Forensic Sciences and the forensic science community faithfully for over 45 years. Born in Fukuoka-City, Japan in 1927, Dr. Noguchi graduated from Tokyo’s Nippon Medical School in 1951. The son of a doctor, he immigrated to the United States in 1952 where he interned at Orange County General Hospital. A series of residencies at Loma Linda University School of Medicine and Barlow Sanatorium in Los Angeles led to an appointment as a deputy coroner for Los Angeles County in 1961. In 1967 he became the county’s chief medical examiner. It was in this role that Dr. Noguchi came to public attention for a series of autopsies he either performed or supervised on a range of celebrities that included Marilyn Monroe, Natalie Wood, and Robert F. Kennedy.

Dr. Noguchi’s 15 years as the chief medical examiner for Los Angeles County earned him the nickname of “Coroner to the Stars." He stepped down as chief coroner in 1982 but continued to work with the county, finally retiring in 1999. He was honored that same year by the Emperor of Japan who awarded him the Order of the Sacred Treasures for “outstanding contribution to Japan in the area of forensic science.” He was later appointed Chief of Pathology at the University of Southern California and then as Administrative Pathologist for Anatomic Pathology services at the USC Medical Center.

Dr. Noguchi has been appointed Professor by both the University of Southern California and by UCLA. He is a past president of the California State Coroners Association and the National Association of Medical Examiners. His service continues today as an Advisor to International Societies such as The International Journal of Legal Medicine, published by the Japanese Society of Legal Medicine, and The Journal of Medical Law.

As an author and researcher, he has published at least 61 papers on a wide range of subjects in forensic pathology and toxicology, forensic science areas as well as medical law, published in peer review journals, chapters in forensic books, and other publications. Over the course of his career, Dr. Noguchi has authored or co-authored a number of fiction and non-fiction books. Among these are Coroner, a best selling memoir written with Joseph DiMona, and Coroner at Large, both published in the 1980s; and Death Investigation, published in 1996 in Japanese.

Dr. Noguchi was elected into the AAFS Membership as a Provisional Member in 1962 and as a Fellow in 1965. Dr. Noguchi was appointed to serve as the AAFS International Liaison by the Board of Directors in 2000 and he continues to serve in this capacity to this day. Dr. Noguchi has introduced numerous international forensic science dignitaries to the Academy and has promoted the Academy’s reputation as the premiere forensic science organization throughout the world.

Congratulations, Dr. Noguchi!
AAFS Gradwohl Laureates (left to right): Abel Dominguez, Doug Lucas, Ken Field, Joe Davis, and Dick Froede.

The Interdisciplinary Symposium was a great success thanks to all the wonderful presenters (left to right): Anjali Swienton, Maurice Possley, Jamie Downs, Teri Stockham, Jay Siegel, Lori Andrews, Doug Lucas, Haskell Pitluck, Graham Jones, Richard Vorder Bruegge, Michael Weiner, and Rob Middleberg.

AAFS President Jim Young with fellow Plenary Session panel members addressing attendees.
Members gathering to attend the AAFS Annual Business Meeting. Will a quorum be declared?!

The popular Cyber Café continued to have a steady flow of users during the week.

AAFS Membership Committee Chair Joe Bono reporting to AAFS members during the Annual Business Meeting.

Carol Henderson delivering the AAFS Secretary's Report to the Academy membership.

Tom Bohan providing the AAFS Treasurer's Report to Annual Business Meeting attendees.

Outgoing AAFS Board Members Kathy Reichs, Ed Donoghue, Danielle Ruttman, Julia Goodin, and Bob Barsley with AAFS President Jim Young.
Hosts Jim and Eileen Young welcome guests to the foot-stomping President’s Reception.

Even Davy Crockett got in on the line dancing lessons during the President’s Reception. Woo-hoo!

Bob and Nancy Thibault promenade through the President’s Reception

Past President Joe Davis catching up with Retired Fellow Charles Stahl.

The Donoghues and the Freeds kicking back during the President’s Reception.

AAFS Past President Abel Dominguez with wife Doris slow down at the ho-down.
According to AAFS Staff member Phyllis Gilliam, sales were way up at this year’s annual meeting.

It was hard to tell what was more colorful - the beautiful peacocks at HemisFair Park or some of the members’ name badges with all those ribbons!

AAFS Past Presidents enjoyed a relaxing luncheon in their honor. Clockwise: Bruce Goldberger, Mary Fran Ernst, Mike Peat, Ken Melson, Graham Jones, Yale Caplan, Kurt Dubowski, John McDowell, Robert Joling, and Steven Batterman.
2007-08 Officers Elected

Bruce A. Goldberger, PhD. 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 21, 2007, in San Antonio, TX.

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Pathology/Biology: Tracey S. Corey, MD  
Physical Anthropology: Norman J. Sauer, PhD  
Psychiatry & Behavioral Science: Daniel A. Martell, PhD  
Questioned Documents: John L. Sang, MS  
Toxicology: Barry K. Logan, PhD

2007-08 AAFS President James Young presenting incoming AAFS President Bruce Goldberger with Presidential chain of office.
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Shamrock Glass Company, Inc.
sponsored the Toxicology Section’s Friday morning coffee break

Transportation Safety Administration
sponsored Workshop #1

United Chemical Technologies
sponsored the Toxicology Section’s Open Forum

Virginia Commonwealth University
sponsored the Young Forensic Scientists Forum Breakfast

Waters Corporation
sponsored the Toxicology Section’s Awardees Recognition Reception, Thursday coffee breaks, Dr. Sunshine Session, and Open Forum

West Virginia University
sponsored the Young Forensic Scientists Forum Poster Session
Annual Meeting Volunteers Go Above and Beyond!

The 2007 AAFS Annual Meeting Local Arrangements Volunteers were wonderful! Thank you to San Antonio Local Arrangements Committee Chair Rod McCutcheon. The support this group offered the AAFS Staff was outstanding.

The Local Arrangements Committee assists AAFS Staff at the scene and behind the scenes (from answering the office phones to assisting with registration and special functions). The Academy Office would like to offer a sincere thank you to those individuals who volunteered their time.

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A Word From Your 2008 Program Co-Chair

The annual meeting in San Antonio was a great success. The combination of the excellent organizational skills of the seasoned Academy Staff, a first rate scientific program, a welcoming venue, and the sights, sounds, and tastes of the Riverwalk combined to make this a memorable meeting. Many thanks are due to Past President James Young, and 2007 Program Chair Doug Ubelaker for their leadership and guidance in producing the program. The entire program committee worked long hours over the last year to deliver the diverse educational and professionally stimulating program of plenaries, luncheons, breakfasts, and platform and poster sessions that we enjoyed in San Antonio. This was one of the largest meetings ever with 3659 attendees representing an astonishing 41 countries. The challenges of running such a large meeting seamlessly are enormous, and I want to thank Anne Warren and her dedicated staff for their tireless work in making the meeting a success.

With San Antonio so fresh in our memories it’s hard to believe that preparations are already getting underway for the 2008 Annual Meeting, February 18-23 at the Marriott Wardman Park, in Washington, DC. President Bruce Goldberger has selected as the meeting theme for next year — The Forensic Sciences: An International Treasure. With our nation’s capital as a backdrop, we have a very timely opportunity to showcase the strengths and successes of forensic science for our elected representatives, government agency heads, policy makers and funding agencies, and to bring true stories of the successes of forensic science to the forefront.

The 2008 program committee has started work developing content that reflects this meeting theme, and each section is encouraged to include presentations, workshops, and forums that tell the good news about the successful use of forensic science to bring justice, identify suspects, and exonerate the innocent. We also want to highlight the professional nature of the field of forensic science, including the scientific, ethical and moral, proficiency, accreditation, and quality standards that earn us the public trust.

I am excited about working with President Goldberger, Program Co-Chair Cynthia Windsor, the AAFS staff, and our program committee to bring you an interesting, professionally rewarding and enjoyable meeting in Washington, DC next February. It’s not too soon to start thinking about how you will contribute, and we look forward to seeing you there.

AAFS Topics of Interest And Continuing Education Needs Requested

What topics should be addressed at the Academy’s 60th Annual Meeting? AAFS members are asked to send suggestions for topics of interest and continuing education needs for the 2008 AAFS Annual Meeting to the Academy headquarters. All responses received will be communicated to the program committee members when they commence their review of abstract submissions. Take this opportunity to have a voice on the program content in Washington, DC; send your suggestions today. Should you have any questions, please contact Nancy Jackson (njackson@aafs.org) at the AAFS office.
2007-08 Program Chairs

AAFS President Bruce A. Goldberger, PhD, announced that Barry K. Logan, PhD (206-262-6000; barry.logan@wsp.wa.gov) and Cynthia Windsor, JD (619-498-2570; cynthia.windsor@sdcd.org) are the 2008 Program Co-Chairs for the 60th Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. Assisting Barry and Cynthia in developing the 2008 program are:

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The AAFS 59th Annual Meeting is now history and it is certainly time to thank those who made the Criminalistics Section Program a very full and diverse one: the presenters of the 100+ posters and 100+ oral presentations; the moderators for keeping to the very tight schedule; the Program Committee, specifically Sandy Angelos and Marty Fink, for their review of all the abstracts, their helpful suggestions, and plain hard work; the Academy staff, especially Sondra Doolittle; and all the members of the Criminalistics Section.

Presenters are reminded that the Journal of Forensic Sciences has the first publication rights to all previously unpublished reports and papers presented at the Annual Meeting.

With all the services provided by so many of you to the Academy and the Criminalistics Section as presenters, moderators, and volunteers, it is time to consider submitting those applications for advancement to Trainee Affiliate or Associate Member or promotion to Member or to Fellow. Applications are encouraged by July 1 and full requirements are easily accessible at www.aafs.org.

Plan now to attend the 60th Annual Meeting of the AAFS February 18-23, 2008, at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, DC. As always, the deadline for abstracts is August 1. Please make life a bit easier for incoming Program Chair Anjali Swenton by submitting abstracts early.

The Engineering Sciences Section was well represented with papers presented at the San Antonio meeting. Thanks to the efforts of Anastasia Micheals, 56 papers, including 3 posters were presented. In addition, Laura Liptai presented a paper in the interdisciplinary Head and Brain Trauma Symposium, which she helped organize.

At the Annual Section Business Meeting, Zeno Geralds, 2006 Section Chair, was presented with the Founder’s Award. Laura Liptai received an award in recognition of her service as the current Engineering Sciences Section Chair.

Kurt Weiss (kurt.weiss@asr-engineering.com) was designated as the Engineering Sciences Program Chairman for the 2008 meeting. Please contact him if you have questions concerning your 2008 meeting technical paper submissions. Harold Franck was elected as the Section Secretary, while Peter Alexander moved up to assume the Section Chair position.

In addition to the above, the following appointments were made at the business meeting: Roy Crawford - Membership Chairman, Harold Wilkinson - Awards Chairman, Mark Marpet - Ethics Chairman, Walter Goldstein - Environmental Sciences Liaison, Laura Liptai - Student Academy Chair, Anastasia Micheals - Treasurer. Additionally, Phil Hight, Tom Bohan, Tom Shefchick, Donna Peterson, and Adam Aleksander will represent the section on various professional committees and organizations.

Tom Bohan agreed to lead a committee to look into other names for the Engineering Sciences Section which would highlight the section’s interest.
in recruiting members with a science background, but not offend members with engineering backgrounds. Adam Aleksander will lead a committee looking at better ways to utilize the time available on the Wednesday before the technical sessions.

Scott Batterman will continue to represent the section as a member of the AAFS Board of Directors. At the expiration of his term, Scott will be replaced by Robert Anderson.

**GENERAL**

Source: Paul E. Kish, MS, Section Chair

The 2007 AAFS Annual Meeting in San Antonio marked the 40th Anniversary of the General Section within the Academy. It also marked the first General Section Reception in a number of years, which was a resounding success! If section finances allow, this will hopefully be an annual reception! Many thanks to program co-chairs Julie Lecca and Mary Sullivan for developing and implementing this year’s scientific sessions. The contributions of members by way of oral and poster presentations are truly what makes the program a success. The General Section contributed 50 platform presentations, 21 poster presentations, 7 workshops, and 1 breakfast seminar.

The General Section Luncheon speaker, Brian Donnelly, Investigator, Pfizer Corporation, presented a very informative talk on the counterfeit prescription drug trade. Anyone who has not attended the section luncheon before is encouraged to register and attend during the 2008 meeting. If you are unable to attend the luncheon, please plan to at least attend the Section Business Meeting which occurs immediately preceding the luncheon. The 2007 Program Committee chair is Joanna Collins with Ronald Meyer as the co-chair. Joanna encourages all members to begin working on presentations for the 2008 meeting in Washington, DC.

The General Section Annual Business meeting was well attended, with 133 members signing in. Paul Kish was elected Section Chair and Robert Gaffney was elected Section Secretary. James Adcock continues as the Section’s Board Representative. The section is proud to announce the creation of a new award, the Robert Thibault Award. The criteria for the award will be announced in a future issue of the newsletter. Section Chair John Gerns turned the following Ad Hoc Committees into General Section Standing Committees: 1) Regional Representative Program Committee, and 2) General Section Reception Committee. Once again the section will be donating $5,000 to the Forensic Sciences Foundation. The Foundation continues to support the forensic sciences through the funding of research projects. The remaining details of the business meeting will be published in the minutes.

Congratulations to Neal Haskell who was awarded the section’s Paul W. Kehres Meritorious Service Award.

Dates to remember: August 1, 2007 - deadline for abstract submissions for the 2008 Annual Meeting and October 1, 2007 - deadline for applying for promotion. Please note General Section Chair Paul Kish has a new email address: paulkish@stny.rr.com.

**JURISPRUDENCE**

Sources: Harry L. Miles, JD, Section Chair

Joseph J. Maltese, JD, Section Secretary

The Jurisprudence Section had a successful meeting in San Antonio this February. The luncheon speaker, Judge Stephanie Domitrovich from Erie, PA, discussed her University of Nevada, PhD dissertation on How Judges Use Court Appointed Experts in State Courts.

Congratulations to Robert Joling, former AAFS President and former Section Chair, who received the Harold A. Feder, Jurisprudence Section Award for his significant achievements and service to the Academy for over 50 years.

The 2008 meeting will be in Washington, DC. We have tentative proposals to sponsor or co-sponsor workshops involving the following topics: 1. Testifying as an Expert During a Frye/Daubert Hearing, involving several different disciplines, 2. A joint workshop with the Engineering Sciences Section on Sick Buildings: Mold and Other Contaminants - Are They Viable Actions in Courts?, and 3. Counterfeiting of Documents, Currency, Art and Digital Images.
Consequently, we need section members with experience in handling or opposing cases involving mold or other contaminants in buildings. We also need attorneys who have handled blood spatter, handwriting, psychiatry (future dangerousness), pathology, cause of death investigations, questioned documents, and digital evidence. We also need section members who may be interested in being speakers presenting individual short papers, as well as moderators.

The program section Co-Chairs for the 2008 Washington, D.C. meeting are: Robert Forrest (robertforrest@mac.com); and Paul Singer (Paul.Singer@oag.state.tx.us).

It is not too early to submit proposals to the program chairs. The deadline for abstracts to the Academy is August 1, 2007.

Please send any news you wish to share with the section to the Secretary Joseph Maltese, Justice, New York Supreme Court, 355 Front Street, Staten Island, New York 10304 (jmaltese@courts.state.ny.us).

**ODONTOLOGY**

Source: Thomas J. David, DDS, Section Chair

Even though this year’s meeting has barely ended, the fact of the matter is that there are only four months before abstracts are due for next year’s meeting. That means that time is shorter than you may think if you are considering giving a presentation at the meeting in 2008. In other words, it’s not too soon to be thinking about research projects or cases that may be worthwhile for scientific presentation. If you are considering doing research, please be aware that there are research funds available from multiple sources. In addition to the ASFO and ABFO, the Forensic Sciences Foundation (FSF) also has Lucas and Acorn Grants available for forensic science research projects.

The ABFO will be giving another Bitemark Workshop next year. Participants will have the opportunity to earn credit for one of the two bitemark cases that are required to qualify for the ABFO examination. Announcement of the details of the workshop should appear on the ABFO website sometime this spring. There will also be an announcement in both the AAFS and ASFO newsletters. However, it is likely that the first announcement will be on the ABFO website, since it is electronically posted and not printed. If you are interested in this information, please check the website at www.abfo.org.

**PATHOLOGY/BIOLOGY**

Source: J. Scott Denton, MD, Section Secretary

The annual meeting in sunny and warm San Antonio in February passed all too quickly and by now we are all back to work after catching up with colleagues and gaining new insights into the practices of forensic pathology and biology. Many of us had to spend an extra day or two in Texas waiting out ice and snow storms before getting back home.

Congratulations to Andrew Baker as the new 2007-08 Section Chair, Scott Denton Section Secretary, and Kim Collins as the Program Chair for the 2008 Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. Tracey Corey is the section’s new representative to the Academy Board of Directors, replacing Julia Goodin who served us well for the past six years, and deserves our thanks.

The San Antonio Program Chair Craig Mallak did an admiral’s job and reviewed over 130 abstracts for the scientific platform and poster sessions, and ensured that the platform sessions ran smoothly. Special thanks to all the moderators who did an excellent job keeping the sessions flowing smoothly. The joint scientific sessions with the Toxicology, Engineering Sciences, Jurisprudence, and Psychiatry & Behavioral Science Sections were a resounding success. The two Academy-wide luncheons organized by Andrew Baker were also very interesting and well attended. A special congratulation to the Best Resident Award recipient Donna Vincenti, for her presentation of Exsanguination Associated With Vascular Access Sites in Hemodialysis Patients. The first Annual Path/Bio Business Luncheon was well attended and Stefan Timmermans gave an insightful presentation on the future opportunities and threats to the medical examiner profession. The consensus was that this luncheon event should continue.

The section passed the motion to establish the Forensic Biologist Award to be given to a non-forensic pathologist in the section and an Award Committee is being established. Also, it was decided that the Academy will support the drafting of an Amicus Brief supporting the Ohio coroner’s lawsuit over organ retention.

Congratulations to outgoing Section Chair Victor Weedn for spearheading and driving these initiatives forward. Again, Keith
Pinkard, Chair of the Research Award Committee was unable to give away the $6000 for research, but not for lack of trying. Please submit your research proposals ASAP for his committee’s consideration. For next year’s meeting in Washington, DC, AAFS President Bruce Goldberger has replaced the Plenary Session with a special Key Note Session, and our own Tracey Corey will chair this important occasion. Continuing on for ‘08, Michael Baden and Jack Frost will host the successful Bring Your Own Slides and Student Academy programs. It’s not too early to start drafting your abstract for 2008 in DC.

**PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY**

*Source: Laura C. Fulginiti, PhD, Section Secretary*

The Physical Anthropology Section Officers thank all program participants, moderators, and Academy staff for making the 2007 meeting in San Antonio a success. In particular, Mike Warren extends deep thanks and appreciation to Section Chair Todd Fenton for all of his hard work during 2006. The Physical Anthropology Section had excellent participation for all of the sessions, workshops, and both posters and oral presentations. The Section Program Chair wishes to acknowledge the large number of members who stayed to participate in the Saturday morning session. The section elected Michael Warren (mwarren@ufl.edu) and Laura Fulginiti (drfulgi@cox.net) as Section Chair and Section Secretary, respectively. Tom Holland (Thomas.Holland@jpac.pacom.mil) was appointed Section Program Chair.

At the Section Business Meeting, Jane Buikstra was selected to receive the T. Dale Stewart Award. The Ellis R. Kerley Forensic Sciences Foundation selected Using Growth Data to Understand Secular Trends in Femur Diaphyseal Size and Shape Among American Adults by Daniel J. Wescott for this year’s Kerley Award. The jury is still deliberating about the J. Larry Angel Student Paper Award. Stay tuned for further announcements.

The family of Ellis Kerley invites applications for the Kerley Scholarship. Information may be found at the foundation website (www.kerleyfoundation.org) or by contacting Paul Sledzik (paul.sledzik@ntsb.gov) for more information. The deadline is April 15, 2007.

**PSYCHIATRY & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE**

*Source: Stephen B. Billick, MD, Section Chair*

The 2007 AAFS Annual Meeting had some wonderful presentations in the section, highlighted by the Multidisciplinary Session on Head and Brain Trauma, organized by Joseph Kenan. The Addiction Panel organized by Dean De Crisce was also highly acclaimed.

The Annual Section Business meeting was warm and collegial. It was decided to organize a “pay as you go” luncheon for next year. The luncheon will be scheduled on Thursday between the morning and afternoon scientific sessions if an appropriate venue close to the meeting site may be found.

Stephen Billick was re-elected section chair, and John Young was re-elected Section Secretary. Dr. Billick appointed Dr. Kenan to be the Section Program Chair, with Dr. De Crisce and Dr. Justice as Assistant Program Co-chairs.

Daniel Martell received the Maier J. Tuchler Award in recognition of Outstanding Contributions to the Field of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science. He was honored both at the section business meeting and at the AAFS Annual Business Meeting.

Manuel Lopez-Leon received the Rosner Award for Best Paper by a Fellow in Training and presented his paper on Friday between the morning and afternoon sessions. The section decided to designate this time slot annually for the award presentation.

Dr. Espinosa received Honorable Mention for her paper.

The section notes with great pride that J. Arturo Silva was elected Vice President of AAFS. The section further notes with pride that Richard Rosner is the APA 2007 Isaac Ray Award winner, Alan Felthouse had been elected president-elect of AAPL and Robert Weinstock has been elected Treasurer of the Forensic Sciences Foundation.

**QUESTIONED DOCUMENTS**

*Source: Jane A. Lewis, MPS, Section Secretary*

The 2007 program was a great success thanks to the leadership of Program Co-chairs Dennis Mooney and Fred Panhorst. Diane Toliver and Thomas Riley presented a fine workshop. William Flynn’s presentation on typographic documents was also very enlightening. Thank you all for your efforts and for making the San Antonio meeting enriching and memorable.
The 2007-08 Board of Directors Representative is **John Sang.** Section Chair is **Bill Riordan,** and Section Secretary is **Jane Lewis.**

**Ted Burkes** and **Bridgette Frost** are the 2008 meeting Program Co-chairs. **Susan Morton** will chair the QD Section Awards Committee, and **Carl McClary** is the AAFS Breakfast Seminars Chair.

Rigo Vargas is the new Chair of the ASTM E30.02 QD Subcommittee; many thanks to former Chair **Carl McClary** for an outstanding job.

Congratulations to **ABFDE President Joyce Lauterbach** and the Board members for completing the arduous task of achieving FSAB accreditation; and special thanks to QD Representatives **Derek Hammond** and **Dennis Mooney** for this important achievement.

Welcome to the new AAFS QD members - Trainee Affiliates: **Robert Bey, Tonia Busse, Marie Durina, Diane Flores, Robert Gohl, Amy Mantranga,** and **Caitlin Mingola;** Associate Members: **Carolyn Bayer Broring, Elizabeth Gil, Paula Henderson,** and **Jason Van Le;** and Retired Fellow: **Gary Herbertson and James Horan.**

The 2008 meeting will be in Washington, DC, and the theme for the meeting is “Forensic Science - An International Treasure”. Expectations are high for a full program and interesting workshops for this upcoming meeting. It is time to start planning a paper or poster presentation and also time to start developing ideas for workshops. Please contact the Program Chairs **Ted Burkes** at Ted.Burkes@ic.fbi.gov (703) 632-7313, or **Bridgette Frost** at Bridgette.Frost@ic.fbi.gov (703) 632-7303.

Those who wish to make a nomination for the Questioned Documents Section Award, please contact **Susan Morton** at semorton@aol.com (415) 671-3196.

On a sad note, the section has lost **Paul A. Osborn.** Mr. Osborn had a distinguished career as a forensic document examiner and was a former AAFS Questioned Documents Section Chair.

**TOXICOLOGY**

**Source:** **Peter R. Stout, PhD, Section Secretary**

By this point, hopefully those who attended the meeting have recovered and are back into their usual routines. For those who could not attend the meeting, we missed you. The meeting by all accounts was successful and the 137 Toxicology Section registrants all hopefully came away with a good experience and new knowledge. The joint session with Pathology/Biology was very well attended and well received as was the perennial Pediatric Toxicology session. The special session to remember Dr. Irving B. Sunshine was well received and we were honored by the presence and stories of Dr. Sunshine’s eldest son Jonathan. The open session after as always netted many good discussions.

![TOXICOLOGY Section members Peter Stout, A.W. Jones, Jeri Ropero-Miller, and Diana Garside enjoying the reception.](image)

Accomplishing a meeting of this size requires the input of a large number of people from workshop faculty and chairs to the presenters of the scientific platforms and posters. Looking back over the last newsletter issue, a few names that bear mentioning from last time: **Carolyn Presses** for her help in organizing the SOFT night out, **Jeri Ropero-Miller** for her work as the workshop organizing chair, **Adam Negrusz** as past Section Chair and **Rob Middleberg** as past Section Secretary and new Section Chair. **Nik Lemos** also did a yeoman job of collecting and running all of the PowerPoint presentations (and video clips) that speakers had. The Academy staff plays an enormous role in the meeting and special thanks go to **Sondra Doolittle** and **Nancy Jackson** for the gigantic job they undertake each year.

In general section news, congratulations to newly elected officers, **Rob Middleberg** as Section Chair, and **Peter Stout** as Section Secretary. **Laureen Marinetti** was elected to the Awards and Scholarship Committee. This year’s program chair is **Jeri Ropero-Miller** (jerimiller@rti.org) and workshop chair is **Ken Ferslew** (ferslew@mail.etsu.edu). It is not too early to be thinking of workshops and presentations for the 2008 meeting in Washington DC. The deadline for submission is August 1. Please contact them with your ideas and your volunteer support for the 2008 meeting.

And to the sponsors, Aegis Sciences, Agilent, Cerilliant, IDS, Immunalysis, National Medical Services, Neogen, Orasure, Shamrock Glass, United Chemical Technologies and Waters, thank you for your continued support of the section.

![John Sang (Questioned Documents Section Board representative) and William Riordan (2006-07 Section Chair) take time to relax after a busy year.](image)
It is my pleasure to report that it has been a fantastic year for the Forensic Sciences Foundation. FSF contributions were up this year from $33,500 in December 2005 to $44,970 in December 2006. Our Endowment Fund balance grew from $435,965 this time last year to $501,879. I want to thank everyone who has worked so hard on behalf of the Foundation and its grant programs. If you contributed to the Foundation during the Academy’s annual meeting in San Antonio, you will find your name listed on page 36 as an FSF “Gold Star” contributor. On top of this good news, three AAFS sections donated very generously to the FSF Endowment Fund this year—the Criminalistics Section, the General Section, and the Odontology Section for a total of $10,881! I encourage all AAFS sections to follow suit and consider donating to the Foundation.

If you would like to use the FSF contribution form on page 36, remember that you have three options for your contribution: 100% of your contribution can go to the Endowment Fund; 100% of your contribution can go to the FSF General Fund which assists with operating expenses; or your contribution can be divided between the Endowment Fund and the General Fund. If you have any questions about your contributions, please contact Debbie Crockett at the Academy office in Colorado Springs.

I Gave An Hour Program
FSF Trustee Gil Brogdon came up with a great idea for Academy members with advanced degrees. Several members have contributed the equivalent of one hour of their annual salary or fee charged for one hour of consultation. The forensic sciences have been good to all of us. If you make a lot, consider contributing a lot! The FSF Endowment Fund has received $2,834.00 from “I Gave An Hour” contributors this year; these generous folks are acknowledged on page 37 of this newsletter. Please use the I Gave An Hour contribution form also located on page 37.

Lucas Grant Recipients:
Jeffrey D. Wells, PhD—$2800 for Evaluating an RNA - Based Method for Estimating Time Since Death
Sulekha Rao Coticone, PhD—$1475 for Correlating Forensic Anthropological Findings with DNA Profiles Obtained from Cold Cases
Olivia A. Alley, BA—$1300 for Aquatic Decomposition in Chlorinated and Freshwater Environments
David O. Carter, PhD—$1000 for Estimation of Postmortem Interval Using Fatty Acid Methyl Esters and Lipid Phosphate in Soil Associated with Cadaver Decomposition
John J. Schultz, PhD—$2000 for Detecting Buried Firearms: Controlled Research Using Multiple Geophysical Technologies

Acorn Grant Recipients:
Derek R. Moultrie, BS—$500 for Effects of Oxycodone on the Development of Forensically Important Flies
Sulekha Rao Coticone, PhD—$430 for Differentiation of Biological Fluids on Solid

FSF Website
As many of you already know, the Foundation has its own website. You can go directly to www.forensicsciencesfoundation.org for the latest news on grants and awards. You can still access FSF grant information on the AAFS website through the dropdown menu.

FSF Research Grants
The Foundation has awarded more than 140 grants, totaling more than $80,000 over the last 16 years. Acorn grants, used to fund small projects, are awarded up to $500. Lucas grants, for more involved projects, are awarded up to $5000 dollars. The FSF Research Committee, Chair Gil Brogdon, Scott Denton, Grant Sperry, and Marina Stajic worked diligently this year. I am very proud to announce that the FSF has awarded eight research grants totaling $10,000: five Lucas Grants and three Acorn Grants.
Substrates Using Direct Analysis in Real Time (DART) Technology
Heather A. Walsh-Haney, MA—$495 for Development of Latent Prints Deposited on Human Skeletal Remains

Congratulations to all the 2006-2007 recipients of a FSF Lucas or Acorn Research Grant! The deadline for all FSF Research Grant submissions is June 15, 2007. Please see page 25 for details.

FSF Student Travel Grant Award
Five FSF Student Travel Grants were awarded this year— Jarrod Champagne (Criminalistics), Heather Garvin (Physical Anthropology), Chelsey Juarez (Physical Anthropology), Kristen Lewis (Criminalistics), and Wendy Potter (Physical Anthropology)—based on the essays they submitted last Fall on what attendance at an AAFS Annual Meeting would mean to them. More than 60 essays were received and reviewed by the FSF Student Travel Grant Committee chaired by Bob Thibault, Ron Singer, and Robert Weinstock. The winners received $600 each to assist with their travel expenses to attend the AAFS Annual Meeting in San Antonio as well as a complimentary meeting registration. Congratulations for being selected as the 2007 FSF Student Travel Grant recipients.

The Jan Grant.
The first Jan S. Bashinski Criminalistics Graduate Thesis Grant was awarded this year. The fund guidelines were designed to provide grants to emerging criminalist students on an annual basis, and the winner selected this year was Heather M. Dotzauer, BS, a Student Affiliate in the Criminalistics Section.

At the 2006 Meeting in Seattle, the oral presentation of Laurel Freas was selected by the panel of judges as the winner of the 7th Annual Emerging Forensic Scientist Award. Ms. Freas, Student Affiliate of the Physical Anthropology Section, presented the award-winning paper entitled Scanning Electron Microscopy of Saw Marks in Bone: Assessment of Wear-Related Features of the Kerf Wall. Ms. Freas received all expenses paid for attendance at this meeting: registration, airfare, five nights lodging, and a $75/day per diem.

FSF Career Book
The Career Book is THE most requested document provided by the AAFS office and website. This book opens up the world of forensic science to students and includes cutting edge advancements in forensic science. The book can be downloaded from both the FSF and AAFS websites and is available upon request from the AAFS office. The book is currently undergoing revision and an updated edition is expected to be available by early summer, thanks to the dedicated efforts of Carla Noziglia and Gil Brodion and all the section participants.

Silent Auction
The Foundation conducted another successful Silent Auction during the annual meeting in San Antonio. An incredible museum quality cast of a scoliosis victim with severe curvature of the spine, set onto a stand for display and study, was donated to the Foundation by Diane France, Fellow in the Physical Anthropology Section, for the purpose of raising funds for the Endowment Fund. I am pleased to announce the name of high bidder was Madeleine Hinkes! Congratulations!

In addition to the cast donated by Dr. France, five local restaurants graciously donated gift certificates to benefit the Foundation during its silent auction: The winner of the Paloma Riverwalk Restaurant and Michelino’s Restaurant gift certificates was Estuardo Miranda; the winner of the Boudro’s Restaurant and the Cafe Ole gift certificates was J. Graham Rankin; AND the winner of the Ruth’s Chris Steak House gift certificate was Cheryl Nelson. Congratulations and thank you!

As important as the other items donated for the Silent Auction were several books signed by the authors:

The CSI Effect signed by author Katherine Ramsland; the winner was Roger Hasey. The Science of Sherlock Holmes, signed by author E.J. Wagner; the winner was Elizabeth Bowles. Forensics Demystified signed by author David Fisher; the winner was Roger Hasey. Flesh and Bone signed by authors William Bass and Jon Jefferson; the winner was Dena Inemopilosis. Kirk’s Fire Investigation signed by author John De Haan; the winner was Carl Wigren. IDENT-A-DRUG reference book and a free online reference link for one year; the winner was Cheryl Nelson. Thanks to everyone who participated in the FSF Silent Auction.

Next year, the AAFS meeting venue is Washington, DC, and a certificate was donated by the Wardman Park Marriott worth $1,250, including tax, for a sleeping room during the week of the 2008 annual meeting. The silent auction winner of this certificate was Robert McCurdy.
FSF Travel Grants Available

The Forensic Sciences Foundation (FSF) is proud to offer five (5) Travel Grants this year for Students to assist with travel expenses in attending the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) Annual Meeting. This is a wonderful opportunity, and members are encouraged to promote it.

Travel Grant Guidelines:

- 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.
- The applicant must have a letter of recommendation from his/her advisor or professor.
- The applicant must submit a 400-600 word essay explaining how attendance at an AAFS meeting will impact his/her career decision.
- The applicant must submit a curriculum vitae including information such as forensic science areas of academic study and practice, academic record, forensic science activities, membership and participation in professional organizations (such as the AAFS), presentations at professional and academic meetings, as well as any publications and other pertinent data related to his/her forensic background.
- The deadline for submission of the completed applications is October 1st of each year. Please forward a cover letter of application containing detailed contact information, your letter of recommendation, your essay, and your curriculum vitae to Anne Warren at AAFS, 410 N 21st Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80904.

Applications are judged by the FSF Student Travel Grant Award Subcommittee. Selection of Grant recipients is based solely on the information provided in submitted documents.

The successful grant recipients are notified by November 15, and will be acknowledged in the January issue of Academy News.

The FSF Board of Trustees is able to approve the expenses, not to exceed $600 per student, for up to five (5) students this year. It is hoped more student support will become available in the future. Good luck!
FSF Lucas Grants Available

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

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

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.

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

Brief proposals (original and two copies) should be sent to the FSF headquarters (410 North 21st Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80904, Attention: Nancy Jackson) by June 15. The deadline is firm with no extension. A progress report for the research must be sent to the FSF by December 1 of the following year.

Note: 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 Acorn Grants Available

The FSF Acorn Grants are small grants (up to $500) 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. Proposals should include:

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

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.

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

Deadline for Acorn Grant proposals is June 15. A progress report for the research must be sent to the FSF by December 1 of the following year. Brief proposals (original and two copies) should be sent to the FSF headquarters (410 North 21st Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80904, Attention: Nancy Jackson) by June 15 in order to be considered by the FSF Research Committee. The deadline is firm with no extension.

Note: 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 Jan S. Bashinski Criminalistics Graduate Thesis Assistance Grant Available

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

Eligibility: 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 for this year shall be in the amount of $500. The funding must be used to complete the research project. The recipient must identify in the published abstract and in the presentation the fact that the research was supported by a grant from Jan’s Forensic Science Fund - Grant.

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


Please forward your application (found on page 27 of this issue of Academy News) and required supporting documentation to the Forensic Sciences Foundation office in care of FSF Executive Director Anne Warren, 410 North 21st Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80904, no later than the submission deadline of June 15, 2007.

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Jan Bashinski Criminalistics Graduate Thesis Grant Application

Please print legibly or type all information. Add additional sheets as necessary.

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. Submit your most recent cumulative college/university transcripts for your undergraduate and graduate degree(s).

Name of Undergraduate School ___________________________________  Full/Part Time _______  Hours Earned Sem ________  Qtr ______

Major ____________________________________  Dates Attended From (mo/yr) _____________________  To (mo/yr) ____________________

Level of Degree Earned_______________________   Graduation Date (mo/yr) _______________________

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

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Name of Graduate Advisor ________________________________   Address ________________________________________________________

Advisor’s Phone _____________________________________    Advisor’s Email _____________________________________________________

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

PART II - Thesis/Research Information

(Attachment I) Provide a concise three (3) to six (6) page double-spaced thesis/research proposal which addresses the following:

*Title
  *Introduction, background, and significance of the proposed research
  *Experimental procedure
  *Expected results and contributions to the criminalistics (forensic science) knowledge base
  *Budget for the total project
  *Description of how support from the grant would contribute to the completion of the project

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

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

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

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 ____________________

Academy News
9th Annual FSF Emerging Forensic Scientist Award Offered

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 9th 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 the August 1, 2007 deadline, 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.

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 2009 Academy Business Meeting in Denver, CO.

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 2008. 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 the August 1, 2007 deadline.

THE AWARD: The award will cover the expense of the recipient's attendance at the 2009 meeting, including registration, airfare, five nights lodging, and $75/day per diem. A commemorative plaque will also be presented to the award winner at the 2009 AAFS Annual Meeting in Denver, CO.

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 __________________
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Send this form by August 1, 2007, to: AAFS 2008 Program Committee
410 N. 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
The 60th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) will be held February 18-23, 2008, in Washington, DC.

The Program Committee solicits the submission of abstracts on topics of interest to the forensic science community. August 1, 2007, 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, 2007 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, 2007. Meeting registration materials will be sent to presenting authors.

### Oral Presentations

**Content**

1. The presentation must cover the material reported in the abstract.
2. The opening statement of the presentation should acquaint the audience with the nature and purpose of the paper.
3. Sufficient time should be allocated to the results of the study, and should be stated simply and clearly so that the significant facts can be readily identified.
4. The presentation should be concluded with a concise summary of the essential findings or results.

**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.

### General Information

**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. 35mm projectors must be requested. A limited number of slide trays will be available. Speakers are encouraged to bring their own slide trays.

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.

### 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.

The *Journal of Forensic Sciences* has the first publication rights to all previously unpublished reports and papers presented at the Academy’s annual meeting. The *Journal’s* right of this publication is limited to six months from the date of presentation.

### Poster Presentations

**Content**

A well-designed poster should:

1. Inform the observer as to the subject matter, the information contained and the conclusions drawn;
2. Indicate how the experiments were designed and how the results were obtained; and
3. Facilitate discussion between the author(s) and the viewers.

**Preparation**

Authors have complete freedom to choose ways of displaying their information in figures, tables, text, photographs, etc. However, they should avoid crowding too much information into a limited space. The poster may be augmented by the use of manuscripts and sketch pads with marking pens.
INSTRUCTIONS FOR ABSTRACT, 35MM SLIDES, & LCD PROJECTION

General Instructions

Content of Abstract
Your abstract should be informative, containing:
1. A short specific title.
2. The Learning Objectives.
3. A sentence statement of the paper’s hypothesis or proposition.
4. A brief synopsis of the content, or statement of the methods, whichever is pertinent.
5. A summary of the results obtained, if pertinent.
6. A general statement of conclusion, if possible.
7. A minimum of one-half page (approximately 500 words) to a maximum of one full page (approximately 700 words) in length. Abstracts which do not meet the one-half page minimum will not be printed in the AAFS Proceedings.
8. Three key terms.
9. A brief statement of what impact the presentation or research findings will have on the forensic sciences and/or humanity. Abstracts should NOT be written in the first person.

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

35mm Slides
35mm slide projectors are not part of the standard AV package and must be reserved. Please indicate your request for a slide projector by checking “other” and stating so on item #8 Audio/Visual Requirements on the next page. Noted below are the official guidelines in preparing 35mm slides for presentation at the 2008 AAFS Annual Meeting:
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• Keep slides simple with plenty of open space between lines.
• Limit messages to seven lines or less. Do not use more than seven words per line.
• Do not crowd the slide. Two or more simple slides are better than one that is complex and crowded.
• Use simple graphs and illustrations with a minimum of captions. Avoid using thin lines, dots, dashes, or other specialty lines unless they are very bold and black.
• Avoid backing up in slide lectures. If you need a slide twice, make duplicate slides.
• Slides mounted in plastic mounts are preferable to cardboard or glass.
• Graphics are preferable.
• White on black, white on blue, or blue on yellow project the best. Avoid red and blue or other non-contrasting color combinations. The number of available slide carousels is limited. It is highly recommended that you provide your own.

LCD Projection
Computers may not be provided as part of this package. It is your responsibility to provide the laptop or computer used for your presentation. A LCD projection unit will be available in the Speaker Prep Room. Please make certain your computer is compatible with the projector and that all is in working order and tested before your presentation.
Below are recommended guidelines for preparing your presentation:
• Dark background and light text give good contrast and show up well in the meeting room; however, a background too dark may blacken the room too much. Avoid color combinations such as red and blue, yellow, and green, etc.

Word Processor Preparation
An electronic copy of your abstract submission is required. Please follow the format guidelines provided below:
1. Software: Microsoft® Word for Windows is preferred.
2. Type size: 10 pt (10 characters per inch).
4. Margins: top: 1”, left side: 1”, right side: 1”.
5. References/Footnotes: do not put in the header or footer of the document.
6. Do not embed objects, pictures, tables, or charts within document.
7. No boxes, frames, or lines.
8. 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 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, 2007, to:

Mailing Address: AAFS
410 North 21st Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80904

Sample Abstract
Injury Pattern Analysis in Fatal Traffic Crash Investigation
Michael D. Freeman, PhD, DC, MPH, Oregon Health and Science University School of Medicine, 3071 Dogwood Drive South, Salem, OR 97302; and Clifford Nelson, MD, Medical Examiner Division, Oregon State Police, 301 Northeast Knott Street, Portland, OR 97212-3092

After attending this presentation, attendees will understand some principles of crash investigation, the necessary elements for the application of Injury Pattern Analysis, characteristic injury patterns of certain types of crashes, and an example of a practical application of Injury Pattern Analysis. This presentation will impact the forensic community and/or humanity by serving as a key aspect of fatal crash investigation as it can augment traditional means of investigation in a systematized format via interdisciplinary communication and collaboration.

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

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

The authors will present a case study in IPA as an example of the practical application of the technique. It is recommended that medicolegal death investigators become familiar with the principles of IPA.
Crash, Fatal, Investigation
Complete all of the Following Information

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

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3. Amount of Time Required: _______________________

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      FSF Emerging Forensic Scientist Award? □ Yes □ No

6. Co-Author(s) Name(s), Address(es) and Business Affiliation (attach additional sheet if required):

7. Has this paper been presented or published before? □ Yes □ No
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8. Audio/Visual Requirements: Each room will be equipped with a screen, electronic pointer, lectern microphone, and an LCD projector. All additional equipment must be requested and is subject to approval by the Section Chair.
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9. AAFS Policy on Full Disclosure of Faculty Financial Interests or Relationships
It is the policy of the Continuing Education Program of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences to ensure balance, independence, objectivity, and scientific rigor in all its educational activities. All faculty participating in these programs are expected to disclose to the program audiences: (1) any real or apparent conflict(s) of interest related to the content of their presentations, (2) discussion of unapproved (unlabeled) uses of pharmaceuticals /medical devices, and (3) ongoing research (preliminary) data. The intent of this disclosure is not to prevent a speaker with a financial or other relationship from making a presentation, but rather to provide listeners with information on which they can make their own judgments about the presentation. It is also the policy of the AAFS that all speakers must disclose whether non-FDA approved uses of pharmaceutical products or medical devices are included in the presentation. In keeping with this procedure, the faculty or presenter is required to complete and sign the following disclosure statements:
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   d. I will comply with the AAFS guidelines for legible 35mm slides, LCD projection, and that structured abstracts are required. □ Yes □ No
   I hereby acknowledge that I have read and comply with the requirements noted herein and that the information provided is true and correct.

Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________

(Abstract Form on Reverse Side)
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- Type abstract within boxed area, single spaced, 10 point size (or on attached separate page following format provided in Sample Abstract).
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Thank you for your commitment to forensic sciences.
“Nobody loves anybody very much” sang satiric songster Tom Lehrer. Some would say that that hyper-critical attitude marks the disconnect between lawyers and scientists, a disconnect of longstanding and apparently of unshakeable permanence. Ruefully, the same antagonism can be seen in the clash between science and religion, both together exemplified in the Scopes trial in Tennessee and in the crossing of swords, metaphorically speaking, currently over the teaching of intelligent design in the school house curriculum, not to mention Galileo Galilei’s abjuration of his scientific views, forced upon him by the fathers of the Roman Catholic church. The hectoring of science is particularly rife by poets. Such a derisive attitude is glaringly revealed in John Keats’ oft-repeated derogation of science, stated by him to his friend William Wordsworth after Keats had derided Sir Isaac Newton with the scornful toast: “Confusion to the memory of Newton.” “He (Newton) destroyed the poetry of the rainbow by reducing it to a prism.”

Keats’ muttering has been the consternation of generations of scientists, like Richard Dawkins who in 1998 published his book-length rebuttal of Keats under the title Unweaving the Rainbow: Science, Delusion and the Appetite for Wonder. And more recently Michael Shermer, a regular essayist for “Scientific American” answered his own question on the purported conflict between poetry and science when he asked “Does a Scientific explanation for any given phenomenon diminish its beauty or its ability to inspire poetry and emotional experiences?” He responded categorically, “I think not.” (Scientific American, Oct. 2003).

In spite of Dawkins and Shermer’s exuberant laudation of science, the acid words of the likes of William Wordsworth continue to scandalize the scientific endeavor. Wordsworth viewed a scientist as “one who would peep and botanize upon his mother’s grave.” Again in his poem “The Tables Turned” Wordsworth demeaned the scientific enterprise with equally harsh and scornful words:

“Sweet is the lore which nature brings;  
Our meddling intellect  
Missshapes the beauteous forms of things —  
We murder to dissect.”

It may well be that the aspersions of poets on science are less on the body of knowledge sponsored by science and scientists than on the unimaginative, the mundane, the humdrum manner that scientists employ to present their scientific findings to the world. Walt Whitman cut short his attendance at a lecture on astronomy when he ran out of patience with its dull and prosaic presentation. Instead of bearing up under the soporific words of the learned astronomer, Whitman took refuge in the quiet of the great out of doors where he wrote the poem “When I Heard the Learn’d Astronomer” in which he mused:

“How soon unaccountable I became tired and sick  
Til rising and gliding out I wandered off by myself,  
In the mystical moist-night air, and from time to time,  
Looked up in perfect silence at the stars.”

Whitman was not decrying science as such in his contemplative poem but the “learn’d astronomer” who had sought to express the magnificence of astronomy in a way which deprived it of its compelling beauty, as least in Whitman’s estimation. In a manner of speaking the anonymous lecturer neither saw the sky nor experienced it in its true light.

William Shakespeare’s plays have been rummaged through with microscopic intensity for his views on the uses and the value of science. The 1976 forty-two page pamphlet by O.C.C. Ellis entitled “Shakespeare as a Scientist” is a sound exegesis on the subject. In The Merchant of Venice (Act IV, Sc.1, L. 118-9) it is surmised that Shakespeare expressed a prefigured vision of Darwin’s theory of natural selection when he wrote “The weakest kind of fruit drops earliest to the ground...” And a 1982 article in the New England Journal of Medicine posited that Shakespeare’s
knowledge of medicine stood him in good stead in crafting the plot for the play *Hamlet*.

However, these are only illustrations of Shakespeare’s effective and deliberate use of science not, one is mindful to say, expressive of his personal statement of his position on the purported division between the two titans – poetry and science. Recall that even the devil could quote scripture – when it suited his purpose.

Other poets have been more willing to pillory science quite unambiguously. Alfred Lord Tennyson was brief and to the point. “Science grows and beauty dwindles,” he railed. Yet in his “Locksley Hall” he foresaw great deeds from the forthcoming Industrial Revolution when:

> “Here about the beach I wandered, nourishing a youth sublime with the fairy tales of science and the long result of time.”

D.H. Lawrence also saw science as anathema to the humanistic vision. He expostulated that “knowledge has killed the sun, making it a ball of gas, with spots.” Other poets have been of a similar critical mind. William Blake, in his reflections on scientists, characterized Newton, Locke, and Bacon as a triad of unholy dimensions. Paul Verlaine, the highly regarded French poet, warned against trekking in the path of science in terse and fretful words:

> "Brothers touch not glutinous science That off the forbidden vines seeks to steal The bloody fruit we must not know."

In truth science has not always been viewed as antithetical to the poetic way of confronting life and its many mysteries. Plato is said to have remarked “Let no one ignorant of geometry enter my door.” And Alexander Pope gaily rhymed in his “Epitaph on Newton” that:

> “Nature and Nature’s Laws lay hid in night: God said, ‘Let Newton be.’ And all was light.”

He who more than any other has been in the mainstream of expressing the separation of science from poetry is C.P. Snow. In his Rede lecture at Cambridge in 1959, published as *The Two Cultures and a Second Look* in 1969, Snow perceived a wide chasm of “mutual incomprehension” between scientists and “literary intellectuals.” In his view “(t)he non-scientists have a rooted impression that the scientists are incomprehension” between scientists and “literary intellectuals.” In his words:

> “Science! true daughter of Old Time thou art! Who alterest all things with thy peering eyes. Why preyest thou thus upon the poet’s heart, Vulture, whose wings are dull realities?”

The polarized science and poetry, such as it is, still leaves room for the recognition that both science and poetry have their limits, science by the objects of its attention and poetry by the language of its expression. Notwithstanding this concurrence, science and poetry are structural antipodes. Take the nightingale as proof. What the nightingale is to poets is a far cry from what it is to ornithologists and other scientific folk.

Poets have written glowingly of the nightingale and most especially of its song literally from time immemorial, at least in Great Britain where the nightingale finds a welcome home. Keats “Ode to a Nightingale” is probably the most popularized lyricism but T.S. Eliot in “The Waste Land” reminds us that the nightingale’s song can even fill “all the desert with inviolable voice” and that “the nightingales ... sang within the bloody wood when Agamemnon cried aloud.”

Yet science has chosen to prove that the nightingale’s voice is anything but inviolable. Aldous Huxley has observed (Literature and Science) that “chemical sprays that kill the weeds in hedges: also eradicate “a long tradition of poetical feeling and poetical expression.” How so? Without weeds, the caterpillar population is decimated and without caterpillars the song of the nightingale becomes a mournful silence, a “plaintive anthem” in real terms.

> “The remoter consequences,” as Huxley put it, of scientific actions are either neglected for the immediate good or are not foreseen at all. It is for the poet, with heaven-bent lyricism to “write” the imbalance that science can cause. It is for the man of letters to be constantly the guardian of that ineffable, spirit-lifting something, everything, that the song of the nightingale evokes.

Ornithologists can tell us, with assured complacency, that the nightingale’s song is merely reflective of its marking its territorial expanse. And the nightingale, we are advised by such scientists, sings at night not because of its “passion for the moon” but, more prosaically, because its song is consequent upon its feeding ritual which necessitates that its territory should be its own.

And after the scientists have done, have had their moment, what is left of the inexpressible lament of the nightingale’s song which has for ages replaced fact with feeling. Emily Dickinson, in composing her “A Light Exists in Spring,” best illuminates the fact-feeling dichotomy of science and poetry. In her words:

> “A color stands abroad On solitary hills That science cannot overtake, But human nature feels.”

There is a muted message in this quatrain deserving of pondering in one’s quest for life’s most beautiful places.

On a less somber note, Tom Lehrer, educated as a scientist himself, sang in his inimitable fashion in “The Elements” that:

> “…There’s sulfur, californium, and fermium, berkelium, And chlorine, carbon, cobalt, copper, tungsten, tin, and sodium. These are the only ones of which the news has come to Ha’vard, And there may be many others, but they haven’t been discavard. Now, may I have the next slide please?”

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YFSF 2007 Day Session

Along with the beauty of San Antonio and the hospitality of the southwest, we had a very successful year with over 120 session participants at the Young Forensic Scientists Forum program at the AAFS meeting. I also had the chance to meet briefly with the AAFS Board of Directors during the conference share some thoughts with them regarding our group. I hope that this will promote open dialog between the YFSF and all of the sections, chairs, committee members, and officers within the Academy with the ultimate goal of having each section of the AAFS involved with the YFSF events.

We all would like to extend our deepest thanks to all of the session participants, especially all of our distinguished speakers from our day session including James Young, Heather Walsh-Haney, James Adcock, Scott Battersman, Sini Panicker, Laurel Freas, Gregory Hill, Jason Byrd. Special Agent Scott McMillion, and Richard Rosner. I would also like to make a special thank you to all of the members of the YFSF 2007 Program Committee for all of their hard work planning such a great conference.

We will begin planning the Washington, DC, events within the next few months. We would like to hear your comments and feedback regarding this year’s session to help us plan the session next year. A main goal of the YFSF is to ensure that this group has a broad scope and encompasses the interests of every section of the Academy. With that, we plan to continue holding multi-disciplinary events that are educational to young forensic scientists who may be students or just starting their careers.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the YFSF please contact Amanda Frohwein at frohwein@dps.state.ia.us or Marrah Lachowicz at gradpath@aol.com. Thank you all for your participation in the YFSF!

— Marrah E. Lachowicz, MFS

YFSF 2007 Poster Session

The 2007 YFSF Poster Session was a great success. This year we were able to accommodate 25 presenters almost double the 14 presentations in 2006. The YFSF Poster Session is growing steadily and the 2007 Co-chairs (Jennifer Mercer and Melissa Ely) would like to thank the many AAFS members who attended. Traffic at each poster was steady. We received great feedback from our presenters who received advice, research ideas, and even a few internship offers. Eleven universities and one crime lab were represented and topics included drug facilitated sexual assault, micro fluidic systems, postmortem interval, DNA extraction by filtration, detection of pesticides, canine scent detection, breath testing for drugs, detection of explosives, and DNA bar-coding. Work will soon begin planning for next year’s session and interested presenters or volunteers can contact the 2008 YFSF Poster Co-chairs Ariass Dudley-Cash and Jennifer Beach at yfsfposter@gmail.com.
The YFSF Slide Session Participants for 2007

YFSF 2007 Slide Session
The YFSF Bring Your Own Slides session had many great presentations this year! Missy and I would like to thank all of you who participated and made this year one of the best BYOS sessions to date. We hope that everyone gained some insight into the projects that different universities and laboratories are conducting. We hope to see you all again in 2008 in Washington DC. If you or someone you know would like to be involved in the Young Forensic Scientists Forum, please do not hesitate to get in touch!

— Robin Bowen, BS, MA
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YFSF 2007 Breakfast Session
I’d like to start off by thanking all of the attendees at this year’s YFSF Breakfast Session. It’s your participation that makes this and every other session such a success. It’s amazing to see so many people at 7:00 o’clock in the morning. We had some tasty food thanks to the generous sponsorship of Virginia Commonwealth University.

A special thanks to this year’s presenters. Juan Osteguin from Crime Scene Cleaners gave an interesting and informative presentation about what goes on after the crime scene has been processed. I think we were all engorged with his videos! Marilyn Miller from Virginia Commonwealth University presented a dismemberment case which proved to be highly entertaining. For those of you who didn’t get an armadillo, sorry! But how fun was that?!

I would also like to thank Beth Saucier and Sherri Menendez of the Massachusetts State Police Crime Laboratory for all their help reviewing resumes. This can prove to be a timely task, but if it wasn’t for their hard work and suggestions, the resume review portion of our session wouldn’t have been complete. Please feel free to contact any of us if you have questions about any edits we may have made.

Lastly, I would like to express a big THANK YOU to Amanda Frohwein for guiding me through my first breakfast session. And congratulations to the rest of the Young Forensic Scientists Forum members for doing such a wonderful job planning this year’s events.

If you have any suggestions or would like to contribute to next year’s session, please don’t hesitate to notify us. We look forward to seeing you all at our Nation’s Capitol next year!

— Erica Blais

José Almirall accepting the 2007 YFSF Founder’s Award from AAFS President Jim Young on behalf of the International Forensic Research Institute.

Congratulations to 2006-07 FSF Emerging Young Forensic Scientist Award recipient Laurel Freas!
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