President’s Message

I will deal with two distinct topics in this issue’s message: (1) the Academy staff; (2) the structure of the 2010 Annual Meeting. I take up the less important, shorter topic first.

Meeting Structure

For as long as I have been in the Academy, I have heard complaints about the structure of the annual meeting and suggestions for changes. Most of the complaints dealt with the “relegation” of the scientific sessions to the end of the meeting week, accompanied by the observation that it is those talks that constitute the reason why most people join the Academy in the first place. Specific concerns have been directed at “the problem of the Plenary Session” and the problems that some sections and indeed the Academy itself have in securing a quorum for their business meetings. After a lot of back and forth among me, the Academy staff, and the section officers, the following changes in the meeting structure will be put in place for the Seattle meeting, in 2010, that is following changes in the meeting structure will be put in place for the Seattle meeting, in 2010, that is now sandwiched in-between the first half-day and the remainder of the scientific sessions, rather than being the day before those sessions begin as has been the practice, it is anticipated that any

These changes satisfy the desire expressed by many over the years to start the scientific sessions earlier in the week. Further, with the business meetings now sandwiched in-between the first half-day and the remainder of the scientific sessions, rather than being the day before those sessions begin as has been the practice, it is anticipated that any

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee has announced its list of nominees for 2010-11 officers:

- **President-Elect** (Physical Anthropology) - Douglas H. Ubelaker, PhD
- **Vice President** (Psychiatry & Behavioral Science) - Daniel A. Martell, PhD
- **Vice President** (Questioned Documents) - John L. Sang, MS
- **Secretary** (Odontology) - Robert E. Barsley, DDS, JD
- **Treasurer** (Toxicology) - Barry K. Logan, PhD

The Nominating Committee is composed of three Fellows elected by the Board of Directors — Carol Henderson (Chair), Bruce Goldberger, and James Young, and the immediate past chairs of the following sections: Hiram Evans (Criminalistics), Harold Frack (Engineering Sciences), Paul Kish (General), Harry Miles (Jurisprudence), Thomas David (Odontology), Scott Denton (Pathology/Biology), Laura Fulginiti (Physical Anthropology), Stephen Billick (Psychiatry & Behavioral Science), William Riordan (Questioned Documents), and Peter Stout (Toxicology).

In accordance with the AAFS Bylaws, nomination for any elected office of the Academy may be made by petition delivered to the Nominating Committee in care of the AAFS headquarters no later than September 1, 2009. Nomination petitions should state the name of the nominee, the office sought, a certificate stating that the candidate is a Fellow in good standing, and the signatures and printed names of 30 Fellows or full Members.
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Future Annual Meeting Dates

February 22-27, 2010
Washington State Convention & Trade Center
Seattle, WA

February 21-26, 2011
Hyatt Regency Chicago
Chicago, IL

February 20-25, 2012
Atlanta Marriott Marquis
Atlanta, GA

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Legislative Corner

The long awaited NAS report “Strengthening Forensic Science In The United States: A Path Forward,” was released during the AAFS Annual Meeting in Denver. It is available online through the National Academy’s website and I recommend it to you. It is an interesting read and contains many recommendations which I am certain will be hotly debated. I wanted to discuss a few of these with you in this column.

In the long run, significant changes to forensic science in the U.S. will require a national effort. The report proposes a new agency, the National Institute of Forensic Sciences, to oversee that effort. Nearly all of the proposed recommendations will take time and funding to implement. Congress is considering legislation to address the recommendations, and without their support, it is unlikely that much will happen.

In the short run, we may face some courtroom challenges. The report comments on what it feels is inadequate research in a number of forensic disciplines. These areas are generally in what we refer to as pattern evidence: fingerprints, firearms evidence, tool marks, tire impressions, foot wear evidence, bite marks, as well as hand writing and other experienced based examinations. The report suggests that DNA evidence is the standard by which all scientific evidence presented in court should be judged and opines that those listed above do not meet that DNA standard.

Members of the NAS committee felt that more research into error rates, the level of certainty an examiner can ascribe the certainty an exemplar came from a single source, for example that a latent print came from a single person to the exclusion of all others, needs more investigation. While the report cautioned judges not to use the report’s conclusions to exclude evidence from the jury, I suspect that defense attorneys will use the report as a basis to argue against admissibility of some evidence. It is certainly likely that defense attorneys will argue that pattern evidence should be considered when determining how much weight a jury should give to such evidence.

Education is the key, both for forensic practitioners, lawyers, and naturally judges. Government forensic experts will need to explain how they reach their conclusions especially when facing a more knowledgeable defense bar. Prosecutors will have to develop a greater facility to minimize the defense’s attack on the reliability and value of certain forms of physical evidence. And judges will have to be better able to assess the efficacy of the evidence presented to them in their roles as gatekeepers.

Once legislation has been proposed to address the elements of the NAS report, I hope that AAFS members will contact their representatives and senators to express their support or simply make their voice heard.
A Word From Your 2010 Program Co-Chair

The Beatles, DNA, The New Deal, Penicillin, Microsoft, talking pictures, cell phones, cloning, and the space shuttle all have something in common.

These people, events, items, and doctrine were the result or genesis of radical change to the world. Depending on your point of view, these changes may have been a benefit or a detriment. For example, the music created by the Beatles could be considered an insult when compared to the sounds of the big bands. Cell phones annoy individuals within your voice range which was the reason for the privacy of a telephone booth. Penicillin was a magical cure and the New Deal brought forth hope to a beleaguered nation.

Change could be considered: a necessity, progress, or simply a means to shake up an otherwise complacent system.

Applying change to the AAFS annual meeting format could fit any of the categories depending on your view of the current AAFS meeting structure. If you feel the agenda has been complacent of late, prepare yourself for the 2010 Annual Scientific Meeting. President Thomas Bohan addressed direction for change in his newsletter message to the membership. Are these earth shattering changes? Not in comparison to Microsoft, DNA, or cloning. Instead, consider this change as an effort to revive the senses, to find an alternate means to achieve the Academy’s goals to bring additional attendance to the program.

We are currently used to two days of workshops, one day devoted to the Plenary Session and business meetings, followed by two and a half days of papers, posters, and exhibits. President Bohan is seeking input from your section chairs and other members of the Academy to consider changing the events on Tuesday evening and Wednesday. I am seeking your thoughts on how to make the most out of your precious time.

Change is inevitable and comes to us all, whether we want it or not. While many may argue that they sure do miss the good old days, I say I really love my TV remote control, automatic dishwasher, and iPod, so let’s all give this opportunity for change a chance.

Want to ski the weekend before the 2010 Annual Meeting? See the Engineering Sciences Section News on page 19 for details.
Twenty-four workshops were presented at the February 2009 meeting in Denver. The quality of the workshops was very good and they were well attended. Congratulations to all who contributed to this successful workshop program.

Please start planning your workshop submissions for the 2010 meeting. As in 2009, it is likely that the number of proposals will again exceed the available openings. To provide sufficient time for adequate consideration, please have all required workshop materials submitted by the August 1, 2009, deadline. Those individuals who did not have an opportunity to present their workshops at the 2009 meeting are encouraged to resubmit a proposal for the 2010 meeting.

The August 1 submission deadline is firm and will be here quickly; please remember, to be considered you must submit all required workshop proposal materials by the deadline.

The Academy's Last Word Society invites the submission of abstracts for the 2010 program in Seattle. Subjects need not be exclusively scientific but should be historically informative and entertaining for an audience of very diverse backgrounds, many being without scientific savoir faire.

Recent news reports illustrate, in a broad way, the kind of subjects that submissions might develop, such as:

- Did the early rock icon Jim Morrison die of heart failure or a drug overdose?
- Is Geronimo's skull in the possession of a secret society at Yale?
- Have the bones of 16th century astronomer Nicholas Copernicus been identified by DNA and facial reconstruction?
- To whom does the 10,000 year old bone excavated in 1976 at the University of California's San Diego campus belong?
- What do the bones excavated at the Ft. Craig, NM cemetery in 2007 tell us about the Civil War Battle of Valverde in 1862?

Congratulations to Tatiana Trejos, MSFS, Associate Member of the Criminalistics Section! Tatiana was randomly drawn from the completed meeting surveys as the winner of the complimentary registration for the 2010 AAFS Annual Scientific Meeting in Seattle, WA.

The deadline for paper submission of the 11th Annual FSF Emerging Forensic Scientist Award is August 1, 2009. Please see page 10 for submission guidelines.

Complimentary Meeting Registration Awarded

Congratulations to Tatiana Trejos, MSFS, Associate Member of the Criminalistics Section! Tatiana was randomly drawn from the completed meeting surveys as the winner of the complimentary registration for the 2010 AAFS Annual Scientific Meeting in Seattle, WA.
FSF Student Travel Grants Available

The Forensic Sciences Foundation (FSF) is pleased to offer three (3) Travel Grants this year for students to assist with travel expenses in attending the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) Annual Meeting. A complimentary 2010 meeting registration is also included with this award. 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 15. Please forward a cover letter containing detailed contact information, your letter of recommendation, your essay, and your curriculum vitae electronically to Kimberly Wrasse at kwrasse@aafs.org or by mail to: Kimberly Wrasse, FSF, 410 North 21st Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80904.

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

The FSF Board of Trustees is able to approve the expenses, not to exceed $800 per student, for up to three (3) students this year. A complimentary 2010 meeting registration is also awarded to the grant winners.

Good luck!

FSF Lucas Grants Available

The FSF Lucas Grants ($501-$3,000) are 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.
The FSF Acorn Grants (up to $500) are intended to help the investigator initiate original problem-oriented research. The 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

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

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

The Principal Investigator of the research proposal must be a member of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (any status).

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.

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

Beginning in 2010, the Forensic Sciences Foundation (FSF) will fund a limited number of AAFS Student Affiliate registrations for the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) Annual Meeting through a “Scholarship Program.” At the present time fifteen (15) scholarships will be available.

The winning abstracts will be selected by the committee. The scholarship abstracts need not be selected for presentation at the meeting, though this could be deemed advantageous by the selection committee. The scholarships will be awarded through the committee’s evaluation of the quality and relevance of the abstracts to the advancement of forensic science by AAFS Student Affiliates. Please check the FSF website in the next few months for additional information on submitting abstract for consideration by the FSF Student Affiliate Scholarship Committee. The deadline for submission is August 1st.
NIJ and FSF Announce Forensic Science Student Research Program

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

The FSF will solicit competitive research applications from eligible undergraduate or graduate students enrolled in FEPAC programs. Applications will be peer-reviewed by a panel of forensic scientists and NIJ. Individual awards will be made by the FSF with concurrence by NIJ. Individual award amounts may vary, but will not exceed $7,000 per award. The award may be used to support research activities, excluding personnel costs, and travel, limited to $1000, for presenting research. The grant amount will also include money for indirect costs for the FSF and for contractors/consultants. This program will develop a federal link with FEPAC and will assist with the Department of Education in recognizing FEPAC as an authorized accrediting body.

The grant application is available online (www.forensicsciencesfoundation.org). The deadline for application submission is June 30, and award winners will be announced on August 31.

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 amount for this year will be $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 (on reverse side) and submit with the required attachments outlined in Part II on the application form.

Submission Deadline: July 31, 2009.

Please forward your application (found on page 9) and required supporting documentation electronically to Kimberly Wrasse at kwrasse@aafs.org, or by mail to: Kimberly Wrasse, FSF, 410 North 21st Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80904. Please submit no later than the submission deadline.
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.

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 ________

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

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

Name of Graduate Advisor ________________________________   Address ______________________________________________________

Advisor’s Phone _____________________________________    Advisor’s Email _____________________________________________________

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

PART II - Thesis/Research Information

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

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

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

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

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

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

PART III - Certification/Acknowledgement

Statement of Applicant

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

Signature of Applicant ___________________________________________________                            Date ______________________________
11th 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 11th Annual Emerging Forensic Scientist Award. The award will be presented to the author of the best paper on any topic focusing on the reliability and validity of techniques, processes, or methods in a forensic area of the author’s choice.

HOW TO ENTER: Entrants should submit an abstract of the proposed paper to the AAFS Program Committee by August 1, 2009, in compliance with AAFS abstract criteria, and indicate that the abstract is submitted for the Emerging Forensic Scientist Award. Initial review and acceptance/rejection of the abstract will be done by the AAFS Program Committee which will focus specifically on the abstract’s treatment of reliability and validity issues. Multiple abstracts may be submitted for the Program Committee’s review; however, once the Program Committee approves abstracts for presentation, only one may be designated by the presenter as an EFSA entry.

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 2011 AAFS Annual Business Meeting in Chicago, IL.

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 2010. Only the presenter is eligible for the award; no substitutions will be accepted after the application is submitted. The decision of the Awards Committee is final and the amount of the award is firm. The form below must be completed and sent with the abstract submission to the AAFS office by August 1, 2009.

THE AWARD: The award will cover the expense of the recipient’s attendance at the 2011 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 2011 AAFS Annual Business Meeting in Chicago, IL.

FSF EMERGING FORENSIC SCIENTIST AWARD ENTRY FORM

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

I entered the field of forensic science in ________.

Name ____________________________________________

Employer __________________________________________

Street Address _______________________________________

City/State/Province ___________________________________

Postal/Zip Code __________________________ Country __________________

Telephone __________________ Fax __________________

Email ____________________________________________

Send this form by August 1, 2009, to: AAFS 2010 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 Program Committee solicits the submission of abstracts on topics of interest to the forensic science community. **August 1, 2009**, 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, 2009, 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, 2009. 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.

### 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 single spaced (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; capitalizes and punctuates 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 2010 AAFS Annual Meeting:
- Limit the information on each slide to a single point or idea.
- 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 the projector. If you need a frame twice, make a duplicate frame.
- Check your computer resolution by going to your computer’s control panel, selecting “Display” then “Settings.” Recommended resolution is 1024 x 768 (XGA).

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.
- 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.
- ARIAL “Bold” is the recommended font style. Avoid using fonts that project poorly because the line width is too thin.
- Use as large a font as possible. Anything below 24 pt. is too small. Suggested font sizes are Titles: 48-54; Main text titles: 32; Smallest text lines: 24.
- Do not crowd the frame. Limit the number of text lines per frame to a maximum of seven.
- 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 the projector. If you need a frame twice, make a duplicate frame.
- Check your computer resolution by going to your computer’s control panel, selecting “Display” then “Settings.” Recommended resolution is 1024 x 768 (XGA).

Word Processor Preparation
An electronic copy of your abstract submission is required. Please follow the format guidelines provided below:
1. 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, 2009, 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

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problems with attaining quorums will be alleviated. Finally, by designing the Plenary Session as an entertainment at the end of Tuesday, it is hoped and expected that many more members will be on the site prior to Wednesday morning and therefore available for the breakfast seminars that day. If, contrary to my expectations, there are more problems than benefits associated with the changed structure, one can be assured that the change will not outlast my presidency.

Academy Staff
It is *de rigueur* each year for Academy officers, and especially for the President, to praise the Academy staff *en masse* while thanking them for their support. Whether heartfelt or a reflection of the officers knowing what’s good for them, their tributes rarely mention by name anyone other than the top two or three staffers. I suspect that this is because, like the majority of the Academy, the officers are clueless regarding the respective roles of most of the denizens of the Colorado Springs office. Trying to excuse my own confusion over the years, I have asserted that said denizens randomly exchange roles. Moreover, it is not unknown for them to hire identical twins with similar names. In any event, I am going to describe here all of the full-time Academy staff. Note that there is not a single Y chromosome among them since Jim Hurley retired last year. Note also that there is little significance to the order in which the staff members are introduced.

Anne Warren, now completing her 25th year with the Academy, has been its Executive Director and CEO since 1990. She’s “the boss.” I have known and worked with her for most of that time, and have so enjoyed that interaction that I do not think that I can write an unbiased description of her activities. Fortunately, I do not have to write anything more, since most Academy members are familiar with the role Anne plays in the Academy.

Nancy Jackson, with the Academy only five years fewer than Anne, has recently had her responsibilities greatly broadened as a result of being appointed Director of Development & Accreditation. She is undoubtedly the second most visible member of the staff, and the ultimate recipient of many of the inquiries sent to Anne with whom she works closely. The goal of their joint endeavor is to expand the role of the Academy in the field of forensics science, in part by collaborating with similar organizations throughout the world. Nancy is responsible for public relations, program development, and project management under the influence and direction of the Academy’s Board of Directors and working committees. Specifically, she is the staff’s point person with the Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission (FEPAC), an Academy creation. She also directs our outreach project for middle- and high school science teachers consisting of mounting Forensic Science Education Conferences (FSECs) throughout the country. Nancy’s third hat has her organizing the Academy’s International Education Outreach Program each year. Finally, she oversees all IT development in the Academy office.

Debbie Crockett, an Academy employee since 1997, serves as the Finance Manager for both the Academy and the Forensic Sciences Foundation (FSF). In concert with the Executive Director, Anne Warren, Deb is responsible for the smooth operation of the financial and administrative affairs as well as the day-to-day operations of the Academy. Her duties include accounts payable/receivable, payroll, financial reporting and statements (including section operating budgets and special section accounts), preparation for the Academy’s annual outside audit, management of employee records, and coordination of the building headquarters maintenance. Additionally, Deb handles the accounting for two forensic-science certifying boards and the Forensic Specialties Accreditation Board (FSAB), and for all grants and awards related to the FSF. Lastly, but vitally important to the success of the Annual Meeting, Deb is responsible for coordinating all the details of the meeting registration process.

Joining Deb in the Accounting Department is Tracie McCray, Accounting Assistant and Exhibit Coordinator. Coming aboard in 2001, Tracie handles volumes of data entry for the Annual Meeting, processes annual dues payments, and assists Debbie with numerous accounting responsibilities throughout the year. She also serves as Exhibit Coordinator during the Annual Meeting, managing the trade show that accompanies that event, and its 150+ vendors. On site at the meeting, Tracie is usually behind the Academy registration counter.

Sondra Doolittle, with the Academy since 2000, is our Meetings & Expositions Manager, and is therefore responsible for planning, organizing, and coordinating the more than 320 events held during the Annual Scientific Meeting. Those of you who have chaired any aspect of the annual scientific program know that Sondra oversees the abstract process, the workshop proposal form, and all policies related to meeting planning. She also coordinates mid-year meetings, and most recently, the successful International Association of Forensic Sciences (IAFS) Triennial Meeting in New Orleans. On site at the Annual Meeting, you will find Sondra with radio in hand, taking care of last minute emergencies while, incredibly, maintaining a smile.

Assisting Sondra with the meetings are Salena Grant, Assistant Meetings Manager, and Amber Corrin, general assistant to both Sondra and Salena. Salena serves as Sondra’s professional right-hand in all phases of meeting planning, beginning in August with the processing of nearly 1,000 abstracts for the annual meeting, and ending with the processing of hundreds of meeting surveys, evaluations, and cost analyses of numerous meeting functions. In addition to assisting Sondra and Salena throughout the year with endless meeting details, Amber organizes the 200+ volunteers who contribute to the success of the Annual Meeting and assists with speaker travel, and awards and plaques. She is one of the friendly voices answering calls to the staff office.

Kimberly Wrasse, Executive Assistant to the Executive Director and to the Director of Development & Accreditation, joined the staff in 1998. Her responsibilities include assisting the Executive Director with day-to-day communications and tasks involving the Academy’s Board of Directors and its Executive Committee, Nominating Committee, Long Term Planning Committee, Ethics Committee, as well as those Academy committees created to handle specific tasks. She also provides assistance on projects related to FEPAC, the FSECs, and international travel. Through
Cheryl Hunter joined the staff two years ago as AAFS Membership Coordinator, and is in charge of the day-to-day operations of the Membership Department, the primary chore of which is reviewing and processing approximately 1,000 applications for membership and promotion. In addition to providing staff support to the section officers and the Vice President in charge of membership, Cheryl is responsible for coordinating the subscriptions for the Journal of Forensic Sciences and representing the Academy at meetings of other organizations with the goal of promoting the Academy. On site at the annual meeting, Cheryl can be found near the registration area assisting attendees with membership questions.

Christie Vigil, also hired in 2007, is Membership Assistant, in which position her responsibilities include assisting with member, non-member, and applicant inquiries, as well as with mailing and processing membership and promotion applications, address changes and member file updates, and assisting in the early review of applications. At the Annual Meeting, she assists Phyllis Gilliam behind the Sales Desk.

Phyllis Gilliam, Academy Receptionist since 2005, is most likely the voice you'll hear on the other end of the line when you call the Colorado Springs office. In addition to answering phones, Phyllis is responsible for distributing and following up on messages, and greeting guests and visitors. In addition, she processes all incoming and outgoing mail and responds to the wide variety of information requests the Academy receives from non-members regarding the field of forensic science. In partial response to these inquiries, she distributes FSF Career Brochure and the list of universities offering forensic science programs. At the Annual Meeting, you'll find Phyllis behind the Sales Desk.

Sonya Bynoe, still in her first year with the Academy, during which her main response to questions probably has been “I think you want Sondra,” has the enormous job of Publications Coordinator and Webmaster. She is responsible for the production of all Academy publications including the bi-monthly Academy News, the membership directory, the advance and final programs, the Proceedings, all program flyers, brochures, invitations, announcements, etc. Additionally, she is responsible for the maintenance of the three websites operated by the Academy, the FSF, and the Young Forensic Science Foundation, respectively. Sonya is your resource for access to your AAFS member file where you can update your record online. At the meeting, you'll find Sonya behind the AAFS Registration Desk.

In my last message, I stated that a detailed report of the recent ethics matter would be discussed in this issue of the newsletter. This has been deferred to the July issue.

Kenneth Melson To Serve as Acting Head of the ATF

Attorney General Eric Holder announced on April 8, 2009, the appointment of Kenneth E. Melson to serve as Acting Head of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, is one of the Justice Department’s principal law enforcement agencies dedicated to preventing terrorism, reducing violent crime, and enforcing federal criminal laws and regulations in the firearms and explosives industries.

“Ken’s more than 25 years of career federal prosecutor service and his knowledge in forensic science will make him a valuable asset to ATF,” said Attorney General Holder. “I am pleased that he will provide his talents to such an important Department of Justice agency.”

Melson received his BA from Denison University in 1970 and his JD from George Washington University in 1973. Melson, a Past President and Distinguished Fellow of the AAFS, currently sits on the Ethics and Finance Committees, and serves as Chair of the AAFS Exhibitor Liaison Committee. He currently participates on the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board. He has been an adjunct professor at George Washington University for almost 30 years teaching both law and forensic science courses. Ken and his wife, Sandy, raise champion Portuguese Water Dogs.

Congratulations, Ken!
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The *Journal of Forensic Sciences* reserves the right of first publication to all previously unpublished reports and papers presented at the AAFS Annual Meeting in Denver, CO. Please submit your manuscripts to:

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**FSF GRANT SUBMISSION DEADLINES**

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Planning for the 2010 Annual Meeting in Seattle has already begun. AAFS President Tom Bohan has established the theme for the meeting: “Putting Our Forensic House in Order: Examining Validation and Expelling Incompetence.” The Criminalistics Section Program Chair Barbara Llewellyn and Co-Chair Ken Williams have already devoted considerable time and effort in addressing this important topic. Consider preparing an oral or poster presentation abstract related to the meeting theme or scientific research being conducted in your area of expertise. Keep in mind the deadline for abstract submissions is only a few short months away. Don’t let it sneak up on you! Additionally, moderators for the scientific sessions will be needed, so please contact Barb (barb4n6@sbcglobal.net) or Ken (ckwill@comcast.net) to offer your assistance.

One of the topics addressed in the recent National Academy of Sciences report, and consistent with the 2010 Annual Meeting theme, is the need for oversight in the forensic science practice. Eligible, practicing forensic scientists should be encouraged to apply and test for individual certification through the American Board of Criminalistics (ABC). Every year the ABC offers certification examinations during the AAFS meeting. Interested candidates should contact the ABC Registrar Mike Haas (abcreg@dwave.net). The Ed Rhodes Scholarship may be available to cover registration expenses through the AAFS Criminalistics Section. Interested persons will find the application on the ABC website, www.criminalistics.com.

Section Chair Anjali Swientoń will be working with Past President and Computer Communication Technology Committee Chair Carol Henderson to form an innovative mentorship program to pair newer AAFS members with seasoned practitioners. Watch for mentor/mentoree events during the 2010 conference in Seattle. If you are interested in volunteering as a mentor, please contact Anjali at (aswientoń@sciIawforensics.com).

Many changes to the 2010 AAFS Annual Meeting schedule are anticipated. Please see the President’s Message in this newsletter for details. The importance of attending the Section Business Meeting cannot be stressed enough. It is critical to the business of the section that a quorum representing 10 percent of our voting members be present. Furthermore, the business meeting offers attendees the opportunity to have a voice regarding both the direction of the section and the Academy as a whole. Stay tuned for more information on any program changes in future newsletter articles and section email blasts.

Ski the weekend before the 2010 Seattle Meeting! The Engineering Sciences Section is planning a ski trip to take place the weekend prior to the meeting (February 19–22). This is a “side-tour” some of us have enjoyed in the past and found it to be a wonderful off-topic event. We are looking for a ski area within 2.5 to 3.5 hours of Seattle; of course we will want to stay away from Whistler due to the Olympics. At this time, we would like to poll the group to see how many people would be interested. This past February, groups enjoyed both Breckenridge and Winter Park before the meeting; it was a blast. A few years back, when the meeting was in Seattle, it was Whistler!

Please let Laura Liptai know by email (liptai@biomedicalforensics.com) your level of interest and any preferences on specific ski areas.

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GENERAL

Source: Julie A. Howe, MBA, Section Secretary

AAFS President Thomas Bohan is recommending changes for the 2010 AAFS meeting format, specifically the mid-week structure including Tuesday night and Wednesday. We will keep you informed as details are confirmed. Please see the President's Message for further details.

2009 General Section Committee appointments are as follows: Minutes Review Committee: Julie Howe (Chair), Kathleen Diebold Hargrave, and Brian Janysek; Nominating Committee: James Adcock (Chair), Timothy Palmbach, Neal Haskell, Catherine Dougherty, and Frank Ciaccio; Scholarship Committee: Steven Gilbert (Chair), Erick Bryant, Nathan Galbreath, Brett Harding, Jack Rosette, and Stewart Ryckman; Awards Committee: Alan Boehm (Chair), James Young, Michael Bosse, Mark Hills, Joanna Collins, and David Zeliff; Disciplines Committee: Frank Horvath (Chair), Carrie Costello, Jack Rosette, Douglas Scott, Mark Safarik, and Jeanmarie Sentell; Regional Representative Committee: Jack Sudimack, (Chair), Carlton-Jane Beck, Melodie Brooks, Amy Carney, Joan Danto, Ian Hanson, Betty James, Michele Stallone, and Debi Spencer; Reception Committee: Mary Fran Ernst (Chair), Natalie Bogan, Kiyomi Grifley, Patrick Connor, Mary Ellen O’Toole, and Richard Walton.

Program Chair Angela Geis and Co-Chair Claire Shepard are urging all General Section members to share your experiences or expertise by presenting a scientific paper at the 2010 meeting in Seattle, WA. The August 1 deadline will be here before you know it so start organizing your presentation now. Remember that the success of the scientific session is dependent upon your contribution.

Any member seeking promotion is encouraged to participate by presenting a paper. Student Affiliates or Trainee Affiliates are encouraged to submit a paper for the FSF Emerging Forensic Scientist Award which covers expenses for the 2010 meeting. If you need additional time to share your knowledge with others, consider proposing a workshop to benefit the General Section.

Anyone interested in becoming a “Friend of the General Section” (FOGS) to assist in annual support of the General Section Reception should contact Mary Fran Ernst at ernstmf@shu.edu. The initial membership fee is $50/year. Subsequent years’ membership fee is $25. Currently there are 15 charter-member FOGS. New FOGS can sign up after July 1, 2009, to support our next Reception in Seattle. You still have time to become a Charter FOGS! Don’t miss this once in a lifetime opportunity to support your section and reception.

The Discipline Committee presented a revised list of disciplines during the February General Section Business Meeting for approval. The list was accepted and reflects current, valid disciplines. If anyone has comments or questions regarding General Section disciplines, please contact a member of the Disciplines Committee.

The General Section currently has a link on the AAFS website. We are hoping to update the site in the near future to include information relevant to our section. Please contact me if you have suggestions about what information you would like posted on the site. In addition, we are developing a list serve for our members so that we can communicate information to you in a timely manner. If you have not updated your email address with the AAFS, please do so.

JURISPRUDENCE

Source: Roderick T. Kennedy, JD, Section Chair

Section members are working hard to put together programs and papers that will be interesting and topical. We are all discussing the report from the National Academy of Sciences and what it means for us as lawyers, judges, and forensic scientists (an electronic copy is available on the NAS website). We have been trying to build bridges with other sections with some success, and encourage any other section that is seeking a legal perspective to get in touch with us.

Since the Jurisprudence Section deals with the interface between science and the law in court, we have occasionally brought up subjects and solicited presentations from corners of forensic expertise that are not considered by the “scientific” sections as representing the best science. We have also had papers given by critics of the forensic sciences. All of these present opportunities for members of the scientific disciplines who get mad at hearing these theories coming at them in cross-examination, or from experts they might regard as “seedy;” nevertheless, lawyers of all stripes who go to court utilize the critics’ ideas and continue to let advocacy govern the presentation of scientific truth. Hearing and having an opportunity to confront such theories in the forum of the Academy meeting can be a great opportunity, and controversy and disagreement—particularly with many forensic disciplines under the gun as a result of the NAS report—can prove to be an illuminating flame for us all.

With that in mind, I encourage all members needing to find ways to advance in the Academy to find ways to participate in workshops and our programs and committees.

From Our Program Chairs:

Calling all disciplines! The Jurisprudence Section welcomes submissions from all disciplines for the upcoming 2010 AAFS Annual Meeting.

Jurisprudence is fortunate this year to have a number of people involved in programming. Please consider submitting an abstract by the August 1 deadline. The benefit to you personally includes possible Academy advancement. The benefit to the section is the edification of the members who can learn from your insight, research, and experiences, whether you come from jurisprudence, criminalistics, or engineering, etc.
We are actively seeking papers on topics ranging from ethics to Daubert admissibility issues to education of lawyers. Scientists, you know you have an opinion about this! Additional subject matter is also welcome.

Perhaps you have an idea for a roundtable discussion. Please consider submitting. You don’t have to wait until August 1.

**ODONTOLOGY**

**Source:** Gary M. Berman, DDS, Section Chair

The AAFS 2009 Odontology Section Business Meeting allowed all those present to honor two of its members with awards. The Odontology Section Lester Luntz award was presented to, B. Kalman Friedman, and the Reidar Sognnaes Award for Excellence in Forensic Dentistry was presented to Edward Woolridge.

During the Wednesday business meeting Gary Berman was re-elected to the position of Section Chair, Richard Weems was re-elected to the position of Section Secretary, and Paula Brunet was re-elected Program Chair.

The remainder of the meeting focused on committee reports and recommendations. Membership requirements for those seeking entry as an Associate Member, as well as advancement to Member and Fellow, can be found on the Academy website at www.aafs.org. The education requirements, explained in the March/April issue of the Academy News can be found online also.

The scientific program and posters on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday were extremely informative. Even though this year’s meeting has barely ended, the fact of the matter is that there are only three 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 2010. It is 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. It is extremely important that you plan your research so that you are able to present your completed research data at the February meeting.

The ABFO will be presenting a “Dental Identification Workshop” following the 2010 Annual Meeting. It will be held the Friday evening and Saturday following the 2010 Annual Scientific Meeting in Seattle. Those participating in the workshop may earn up to five human identification credits toward challenging the ABFO Certification Exam. The class size will be limited, so those who are interested should go to the ABFO website (www.abfo.org) for more details.

The National Academy of Sciences released a report entitled, *Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States: A Path Forward*” on February 18, 2009. This report in PDF form is available from the National Academies Press at: www.nap.edu/catalog/12589.html. This document is a must read for anyone interested in forensic odontology. In section 5-35, forensic odontology is discussed. “Forensic odontology, the application of the science of dentistry to the field of law, includes several distinct areas of focus: the identification of unknown remains, bite mark comparison, the interpretation of oral injury, and dental malpractice. Bite mark comparison is often used in criminal prosecutions and is the most controversial of the four areas just mentioned.

Although the identification of human remains by their dental characteristics is well established in the forensic science disciplines, there is continuing dispute over the value and scientific validity of comparing and identifying bite marks.”

The report does not again mention the areas of: (1) identification of unknown remains, (2) the interpretation of oral injuries, or (3) dental malpractice. Rather the report goes on to discuss the field of bite mark analysis. Forensic odontology can take this as a sign that the National Academy of Sciences is very comfortable with the three areas of Forensic Odontology named above. Our focus as it relates to the NAS report will need to be on field of bite mark analysis.

The NAS report goes on to list recommendations for forensic science. The following recommendations are those directly related to forensic odontology, followed by editorial comments by others and myself.

**Recommendation 2: (S16)**

*The National Institute of Forensic Science (NIFS) ... should establish standard terminology to be used in reporting on and testifying about the results of forensic science investigations.*

The American Board of Forensic Odontology (ABFO) has already established guidelines on report writing and terminology.

**Recommendation 3: (S16)**

*Research is needed to address issues of accuracy, reliability, and validity in the forensic science disciplines.*

Considerable research is both ongoing and has been conducted concerning the characteristics and measurement of patterns caused by human teeth including several published scientific papers. Many university level research projects related to forensic odontology and bite mark analysis are being conduct worldwide including, but not limited to: University of British Columbia, BOLD Forensic Laboratory, Vancouver, BC, Canada; University at Buffalo, The State University of New York, Buffalo, NY; Catholic University at Leuven, School of Dentistry, Leuven, Belgium; University of Manchester, Dental School, Manchester, England, UK; Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI; McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada; University of Melbourne, School of Dental Science, Melbourne, Australia; University of Nevada Las Vegas, School of Dental Medicine, Las Vegas, NV; University of Oslo, Faculty of Dentistry, Oslo, Norway; National
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Board of Forensic Medicine, Stockholm, Sweden; University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, Dental School, Center for Education and Research in Forensics, San Antonio, TX.

The issue of funding is extremely important as it relates to this research, since odontology is unlike several of the more commonly utilized forensic disciplines. Most forensic odontologists are not employed full-time in forensic laboratories. Rather, they are employed in other areas of dentistry, limiting the time and facilities available for research. Thus, adequate funding for those employed at a university level must be available for research, if we hope to advance the field.

Recommendation 5: (S18)
The National Institute of Forensic Science (NIFS) should encourage research programs on human observer bias and sources of human error in forensic examinations.

Complete elimination of human observer bias is commendable, but probably not feasible. Efforts have been made by the ABFO to at least reduce observer bias by establishing “blind” comparisons, with multiple possible sources and the elimination of any background information related to the case, or the opinion of another odontologist as a second opinion to confirm or challenge the findings of the first odontologist. As long as human comparison and interpretation are necessary, together with the adversarial system, some bias will always be possible.

Recommendation 6: (S18)
To facilitate the work of the National Institute of Forensic Science (NIFS), Congress should authorize and appropriate funds to NIFS to work with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), in conjunction with government laboratories, universities, and private laboratories, and in consultation with Scientific Working Groups, to develop tools for advancing measurement, validation, reliability, information sharing, and proficiency testing in forensic science and to establish protocols for forensic examinations, methods, and practices.

The ABFO has established guidelines which outline the protocol for the examination and comparison of bite mark evidence. It offers, encourages, and funds research projects in forensic odontology as does the Academy and the American Society of Forensic Odontology (ASFO). The ABFO has a long established program of recertification of diplomates on a five year basis and is currently in the process of establishing proficiency review testing of its members. While there is a further need of bite mark research, it clearly has a place in the arsenal of justice.

PATHOLOGY/BIOLOGY

Source: Kim A. Collins, MD, Section Secretary

Since the annual meeting in Denver, the Pathology/Biology Section has joined with others in addressing the format of the annual meeting, especially the overall efficiency and timing. Two potential changes on the radar are: 1. scheduling of the plenary session; and, 2. start times of the scientific sessions. See the President’s Message in this issue for details.

Did you know:
• In 2007, 67% of high school graduates went to college; 64% of these to a 4-year institution.
• U.S. college students receiving degrees in science and technology is only ~ 17%.
• Do fields in Pathology/Biology area rank in the top ten? According to one survey, the U.S. top ten most popular careers for 2009 are:
  - Network Systems Analysts
  - Physician’s Assistant
  - Medical Assistants
  - Medical Records and Health Information Technicians
  - Software Engineers
  - Physical Therapist Aides
  - Fitness Trainers
  - Database Administrators
  - Veterinary Technicians
  - Dental Hygienists

• In 2008, Forbes stated that the most lucrative field was computer engineering. Other popular careers are law/political science, business administration, and accounting.
• Academicians, business leaders, and policymakers have all issued the warning: The United States is facing an imminent workforce shortage in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) that threatens the country’s economic competitiveness in the global marketplace.
• According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), STEM employment will grow three times faster than employment in other fields, with the total number of STEM jobs increasing by 47 percent between 2000 and 2010. If STEM employment does grow as expected, can U.S. universities produce enough skilled graduates to meet the demand? Many fear the answer is no. Among the recommendations: a call to “develop, recruit, and retain the best and the brightest students, scientists, and engineers” by increasing the number and proportion of U.S. citizens who earn STEM degrees and enter the STEM workforce. The Business Roundtable, the National Science Board, and others have made similar recommendations.

We need to encourage our bright men and women to consider the biosciences and strengthen the future of our profession. We need to recruit and retain not only adequate numbers of forensic pathologist/bioengineers, but also top quality! Our section already has mechanisms in place to play a pivotal role in advancing this effort, but too often we fail to utilize our very own resources:
• Path/Bio Research Grants (see Keith Pinckard).
• Best Resident/Trainee Paper (see Amy Gruszczek).
• Attendance and presentations at the annual meeting. The February 22-27, 2010 Seattle meeting is fast approaching. Get those abstracts in. (see Keith Pinckard and Jeff Tomberlin).
• Sponsor new AAFS members. The form is in the newsletter (see Kim Collins).
• Recognize new attendees and members. We are NOT that large of a section; we can surely recognize new faces.
• Actively recruit Biological Scientists as members to our section (see Jeff Tomberlin and Kim Collins).
• As section members, we need to actively seek out our future leaders.

Finally, we must to stay current with the changes in Washington and governmental/legislative affairs! Again, many thanks to Jamie Downs for his tireless efforts in this area. We rely on Jamie for so much of this current vital information. We also must be in tune with the efforts of other national organizations such as NAME and CAP. We determine the future of our Pathology/Biology Section!

PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Source: Bradley J. Adams, PhD, Section Secretary

It’s hard to believe, but the August 1 abstract deadline for the 2010 meeting is sneaking up. For the upcoming abstract submissions, please show some mercy on Susan Myster and remember to follow the guidelines set forth by the Academy. Not only should the submission be well-written, but abstracts should conform to the proper length and format. Finally, abstracts should present actual results when discussing research. It is inappropriate to simply outline a detailed research strategy and state “...the results of this study will be presented.” On a more general (and alarming) level, there have been numerous criticisms of the quality of recent presentations in the Physical Anthropology Section. These criticisms have come from within our section as well as from members of other sections. This is obviously very worrisome and we all need to strive to reverse this trend.

During the 2009 Physical Anthropology Section Business Meeting, an issue was raised concerning an extension of student’s eligibility for a year past their graduation. Thomas Holland reports that membership requirements are set by the Academy and the section cannot make a unilateral change of this nature. The AFIP National Museum of Health and Medicine reports that the 22nd Annual Forensic Anthropology Course is scheduled for June 1-5, 2009, at the NTSB Training Facility in Ashburn, VA. AFIP will also hold a new Forensic Bone Histology Course which is scheduled for July 13-15, 2009, at the AFIP in Washington, DC. Enrollment is now open for both courses. For details contact Franklin Damann (Franklin.Damann@afip.osd.mil). Lastly, AFIP’s new exhibition entitled Resolved: Advances in Forensic Identification of U.S. War Dead is open to all visitors. For more details go to: http://nmhm.washingtondc.museum/

The American Board of Forensic Anthropology would like to announce its newest Diplomates: Derek Benedix (No. 89), Donna Boyd (No. 81), and Jennifer Love (No. 82). Check out the new ABFA website at www.TheABFA.org and consider applying if you have three years of post-PhD professional experience.

Finally, the data regarding forensic anthropology employment that was compiled by Ann Ross and her students (funded by Physical Anthropology Section money) is now available on the AAFS website. Go to http://www.aafs.org/pdf/PAEmploymentTrends.pdf to see their results.

PSYCHIATRY & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

Source: John L. Young, MD, Section Chair

We are apparently again in a post-meeting news slump.

Worth another mention is that Alan Felthous is this year’s recipient of the Guttmacher Award for his new book, International Handbook on Psychopathic Disorders and the Law, co-edited with Dr. Henning Sass of the University of Technology Aachen. Accordingly, we look forward to his Guttmacher Lecture, traditionally the first major lecture at the American Psychiatric Association meeting. This year the meeting is in San Francisco, and the lecture will be on the afternoon of Sunday, May 17. Dr Felthous became Academy Vice President at the Denver meeting.

Do you have news of interest for our section? It’s your column. Please submit your news to John Young (jlyyoung@pol.net), where your contributions are awaited.

QUESTIONED DOCUMENTS

Source: Carl R. McClary, BA, Section Secretary

With summer looming before us, you may be trying to stay true to that New Year’s resolution of keeping up-to-date on your projects and doing a little less procrastinating. I know this was one of my goals! That having been written, I remind you of the Academy’s abstract submission deadline of August 1. It will be here before you know it and now is the time to solidify your plans for contributing to the 2010 Annual Meeting.

The theme for the 62nd Annual Scientific Meeting is “Putting Our Forensic House in Order: Examining Validation and Expelling Incompetence.” With that in mind, I know that everyone is buzzing about the NAS report, and document examiners should be proud of the positive comments included in the report about our discipline and the strides that we have made, especially in the areas of standardization. This is due in large part to the hard work on the part of the SWGDOC group and the E30.02 subcommittee, resulting in a great body of standards. However, there is work to be done and I encourage everyone to review the many organizations that offer grant funding for research. Besides Lucas and Acorn grants, there is funding available for student research grants from NIJ and the Forensic Sciences Foundation. For more information, please contact John Sang (SangJohn@aol.com; 516-656-0443). Don’t forget your own FSF contribution and remember Carol Henderson’s project “High Five for Forensic Scientific Research.” Every member is encouraged to contribute at least $5 toward this worthy cause.

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A number of workshop ideas are already in the planning. Should you have any ideas for presentations, or simply need more information, please contact Section Program Chair Karen Runyon (ksrunyon@visi.com; 612-338-5414), or Co-Chair Kathleen Storer (Kathleen.storer@usssl.dhs.gov; 202-406-6228). On a final note, if you or someone you know is eligible for membership in or promotion within the Academy, applications are available online (www.aafs.org).

TOXICOLOGY

Source: Jeri D. Ropero-Miller, PhD, Program Chair

Hopefully everyone has been enjoying spring since the meeting in February. While the economy impacted meeting attendance this year, we still had a well received meeting. Thank you again to all who volunteered and worked the meeting events. Please consider how you can contribute to next year’s meeting.

As with every year, the submission deadline for workshops and abstracts is August 1. If you are considering submitting a workshop proposal, contact Ruth Winecker (winecker@ncmeded.edu; 919-445-4428) as soon as possible. There are no exceptions to this deadline and we want to help with the application process and know what workshops are in the planning. Although the Academy makes the final decision on which workshops will be offered, the Toxicology Section Officers need to be informed to facilitate the process. Phil Kemp (PKemp@arlok.com) is the 2010 Section Program Chair; please contact him if you are interested in helping with the meeting as a moderator or otherwise.

Again this year I will continue to look at membership in the section; specifically, to contact members who are eligible to advance their membership and help them with the process. Many positions in the Academy, from workshop chair to section officers, require “Member” or “Fellow” status to serve. Also, voting member status (Member of Fellow) is important to the section for our representation in the Academy at large. Please re-evaluate your membership status and if you are eligible, apply for promotion. Section Chair, Jeri Ropero-Miller (jerimiller@rti.org), Section Secretary Kenneth Ferslew (FERSLEW@mail.etsu.edu), and Cheryl Hunter, AAFS Membership Coordinator (chunter@aafs.org) will be happy to assist you in this process. The section has almost 500 members as of the 2009 meeting making us the 4th largest section! Efforts of this ad hoc committee, in part, have led to a noticeable increase in the number of Fellows and Members.

For next year’s meeting there is an Academy-wide change in the meeting schedule with the Plenary Session and President’s address occurring in conjunction with the Welcoming Reception on Tuesday evening. For the Toxicology Section, this will mean primarily a difference in the scheduling of an additional scientific session on Wednesday.

I look forward to working with all of the section’s committees and members this year and thank you for the opportunity to serve as chair of the section. If you have comments, issues, or suggestions please contact me at jerimiller@rti.org.
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Remarkable Reverberations of Innocence Claims

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Setting the Stage: Bruno Richard Hauptmann
Surely there have been others beset by the same predicament. In this respect it is hardly likely that Bruno Richard Hauptmann was the first, or the one and only one to be confronted with this devilish dilemma.

Even after his conviction in a New Jersey state court on February 14, 1935 for the kidnapping and death of three year old Charles Augustus Lindbergh Jr. (known affectionately as Little Lindy by his parents, Anne Morrow Lindbergh and the famed aviator Charles Augustus Lindbergh) there was doubt of the sole and exclusive guilt of Hauptmann.

It has been said by A Scott Berg in his comprehensive biography of Lindbergh (Lindbergh, New York, G.P. Putnam’s Sons, 1998) that New Jersey Governor Harold Hoffman visited the imprisoned Hauptmann on October 16, 1935 and left “doubting Hauptmann’s guilt”. (Edwards, Judith, The Lindbergh Baby Kidnapping in American History, Enslow Publishers, Inc., 2000, p. 120) That skepticism moved Governor Hoffman to offer Hauptmann a reprieve from the death penalty if he would make a full confession of the details of his involvement in Little Lindy’s death as well as that of any of his co-conspirators, plainly referring to Isidor Fisch, Hauptmann’s friend and compatriot. (Berg, p. 351) That offer was an offer that would save Hauptmann’s life if he chose to accept it. But Hauptmann was so sure that his innocence would will out that he rejected the Governor’s proffered bargain and on April 2, 1936 Hauptmann went to his death at the death house in Trenton, New Jersey.

Now it is to be inquired: Accepting the fact that such an offer of gubernatorial leniency was made and refused, was that occurrence sufficient proof of Hauptmann’s innocence for the capital crime for which a jury had convicted him. In short was Hauptmann so committed to the fact of his innocence that he would rather die than accept responsibility for a crime he did not commit. This is a version of the events of this Crime of the Century which stretches credulity almost to the breaking point. And yet it has been cited as compelling evidence of Hauptmann’s innocence. (Ludovic Kennedy, The Airm an and the Carpenter, New York, Viking, 1985) Only an innocent person would not lie to save his skin, so the argument goes

Will an Innocent Person Ever Plead Guilty?
And yet it is to be recollected that there are those who while claiming to be innocent have pleaded guilty to the commission of even a capital crime. And why not, that is if doing so will enable them to cheat their executioner out of his prey.

David Vasquez, convicted in Arlington, Virginia for rape and murder was one of those who opted out of the death penalty by entering an Alford plea (authorized by N.C. v. Alford, U.S. Supreme Court), by which Vasquez pleaded guilty while simultaneously maintaining his innocence.

Due to the perversity of capital punishment decisions and, indeed, in much plea bargaining as
well Vasquez was fortunate to have been indicted in an Arlington Virginia state court since prosecutors there were more willing to agree to an Alford plea, reducing culpability to a non-capital level. On the contrary in the Federal court for the Eastern District of Virginia, ledged right around the corner from Arlington in Alexandria, Virginia, the federal prosecutors would as a matter of office policy not have agreed to an Alford plea, especially with Vasquez having been charged with a capital crime.

Such is the broad reach of prosecutorial discretion and such was the good fortune of David Vasquez, to be prosecuted in a jurisdiction receptive to the Alford plea.

Good fortune smiled more falsomely on Vasquez when it is understood that DNA testing rescued him from the charges to which he had entered the Alford Plea. Timothy Spenser was identified through DNA profiling, as the real culprit, vindicating Vasquez’ claim of innocence and giving Spenser the dubious honor of being the first person to be executed in the United States based on the strength of the DNA evidence against him. (Convicted by Juries; Exonerated by Science, pamphlet, D.O.J.)

The Backlash of Innocence Claims at Sentencing
If a claim of innocence does not move the trial jury to acquit, it certainly will have little or no effect on the sentencing judge, pursuant to the Federal Sentencing Guidelines. Paradoxically the more a convicted person persists in his plea of innocence, the less willing he will be to accept responsibility for the misdeeds for which the conviction was returned. And that refusal to accept responsibility for those transgressions is a criterion in the federal system permitting the augmentation of the sentence to be imposed by the judge. Once again an innocent person is tempted to catch the immediate advantage that a prevarication on the issue of guilt or innocence will bring.

The Attitude of the Parole Board to Innocence Claims
But the unward reverberations arising in the criminal justice system to one who persists in his claim of innocence do not end at sentencing. England’s Sean Hodgson can attest to that fact. Hodgson spent 27 years in England’s prison system for the murder of barmaid 22 year old Teresa de Simone by strangling her and leaving her in a car in Southampton in 1979. Now Hodgson’s unremitting pleas of innocence have resulted in his being set free after the Court of Appeal found his conviction to be unsafe and unsound.

The down side of Hodgson’s post-trial claims of innocence were manifested quite glaringly when he came up to be considered for parole. The parole board in England, as is true in those states in the United States still having parole, rejected Hodgson’s request for parole “simply because the defendant refused to admit his guilt.”

And yet Hodgson after his protestations of innocence went unrequited for 27 years was freed based on the DNA testing that proved his innocence. How much sooner he might have been a free man on parole if only he had been willing to confess his nonexistent guilt can only be guessed’’

It only compounds the tragedy of Sean Hodgson ’situation to note he is not alone in voicing his claim of innocence in the unreceptive waste land that the criminal justice system is with respect to post conviction claims of innocence. Also in England the conviction of Patrick Nicholls was recently quashed by the Court of Appeals after his having been imprisoned for 23 years for a murder he did not commit We do not know how many parole hearings he may had suffered through but we do know of the unwavering persistence of his claim of innocence.

The Role of the Prosecutor
At another level of concern over the avoidance of miscasting a person as guilty when, in truth, there is innocence is the place of the prosecutor in this Bermuda’s Triangle which leaves a genuinely innocent person shipwrecked on a vast sea of indifference.

The legal proceedings in the 1990 New York City’s Palladium nightclub shooting in which a bouncer was killed are instructive concerning the place of the prosecutor, especially when a claim of innocence resonates with him.

Olmedo Hidalgo and David Lemus were convicted of murder in 1992 for the shooting death of the Palladium’s bouncer, but that conviction was so controversial among prosecutors and defense attorneys alike with the media chiming in that the New York City District Attorney tasked one of his senior assistants, Daniel L. Bibb, with supervising a reinvestigation of the circumstances of the Palladium shooting.

As a result of Bibb’s reinvestigation a hearing on a new trial motion was held. As a consequence, the charges against Hidalgo were dismissed and Lemus was retried, on which retrial he was acquitted.

But the plot thickened to gruel when in a newspaper interview in the summer of 2008 Bibb said “he purposely threw the case against Hidalgo and Lemus” when he became convinced of their innocence but on the direction of his boss in the D.A.’s office he reprosecuted the two men anyway.

Bibb’s throwing the case, according to the New York Times report (Weiser, Benjamin, “Lawyer Who Threw a City Case is Vindicated, Not Punished,” A23, 3/5/09) involved his “quietly helping” Hidalgo and Lemus’ defense attorneys. Two instances of Bibb’s helping hand were adverted to in the Times report. Bibb had located “hard-to-find witnesses” whose testimony would shed doubt on the original conviction Bibb’s cross-examination of defense witnesses with criminal records was much more benign and good-natured than would have been expected of Bibb, a seasoned prosecutor.

Bibb’s newspaper interview put him on the spit to the extent that an ethical grievance was filed against him. The ensuing investigations of his conduct resulted in a decision by the board of review that “there was “no basis for disciplinary action” against Bibb.
More recently it has been reported that Hidalgo was awarded $2.6 million dollars for the 14 years confinement his unjust conviction caused him to suffer. (Weiser, Benjamin, “Settlement for Man Wrongly Convicted in Nightclub Killing,” N.Y. T, 3/31/09 A19) A similar compensatory claim by Lemus is still aborning.

Hollywood Chimes In!
It would not be at all out of place to list the Hollywood movie “Boomerang” as required viewing for all prosecutors and others in law enforcement agencies. The movie, clearly a film noir, demonstrates quite captivatingly one option for the prosecutor who is not only zealous in pursuit of a conviction but is equally or more so for the attainment of justice.

The conduct of D.A. Henry Harvey, played convincingly and masterfully by Dana Andrews goes many steps beyond that of Daniel Bibb in the Palladium nightclub prosecution of Hidalgo and Lemus for murder. Harvey, in this movie which is based on a true story of a still unsolved murder (knowing which should make it eminently more viewable) in a dramatic, nail-biting courtroom encounter proves quite conclusively that the accused murderer John Waldron, played to the hilt by Arthur Kennedy, is innocent.

Waldron’s innocence comes through loud and clear in the resourceful hands of D.A. Harvey who alienates himself from Lee J. Cobb, who plays the bulldogish local Connecticut sheriff (who is a sad reminder of Alabama’s Sheriff Bull Connor) whose one, overweening desire is to get his man, in this case that man is John Waldron, by whatever means possible, legal or illegal.

Prosecutor Harvey, with his eyes set on a political future as the Governor of Connecticut, renounces his political ambitions in order to save the life of an innocent man. And he does so by reinvestigating the street-side, apparently random and wanton killing of Reverend George A. Lambert, out for his post-prandial perambulation Harvey’s coup de grace comes in his courtroom firearms demonstration proving before a hushed audience with mouths agape that Waldron’s confiscated gun could not have killed Reverend Lambert. The “ballistics” may have been flawed in the movie but the drama most decidedly was not.

The movie saves its last and unexpected salvo for the end. Yes, the murder is still unsolved but D.A. Harvey was not unrewarded, for although the Connecticut governorship escaped him, he was confirmed as the Attorney General of the United States. That was the rest and the best of the story.

L’Envoi
So what is to be done to right this imbalance in the criminal justice system toward those with recognizable and long-term pleas of innocence? Clearly such pleas should not be written off out of hand with the cynical brush-off that everyone in prison says he is innocent. Some innocence claims may be and are spurious but not all of them. Knee-jerk viewpoints have only led the justice system into the morass that presently plagues it in this era of the Innocence Project. Decision-making should be without pre-formulated biases against a plea of innocence. Certainly such pleas should not be answered with further humiliation of the accused person by increases in punishment or by a refusal to grant relief by way of parole largesse. Actions at the judicial and administrative levels should be crafted to be individualistic and not formulaic and tailored to recognize the truth that the innocent may well have been wrongly convicted.

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YFSF Kick Off 2010
This year we are starting early. Due to our determined and skilled committee members, much of the planning for next year is already underway. The 2010 Young Forensic Science Forum Special Session promises to be even better than last year! We are constantly raising the bar in the hopes that we can fully meet the needs of the young forensic scientists who attend the meeting. I want to say thank you again to all of those who made our 2009 special session a success and also to those who have already volunteered their time for the 2010 meeting! If anyone is still interested in helping us make the 2010 Special Session a success please contact me at dudleycash@gmail.com.

Arliss I. Dudley-Cash, BA
2010 YFSF President

The 2010 YFSF Officers would like to introduce themselves. We’re very excited to bring you a new and exciting year. If you have any interest in working with the YFSF, please do not hesitate to contact any officer for more information.

YFSF Secretary
I would like to introduce myself; I am Jennifer Mercer, YFSF Secretary, and beginning this year I will be assisted by Kelly Brown, our new Secretary Co-Chair. I am completing my PhD studies at West Virginia University in Chemistry and hope to graduate this year. I attended my first AAFS conference in 2006, and became a part of the Young Forensic Scientists Forum Special Session. I really enjoyed the variety of speakers the session offered, although my favorite part of the session was the resume review at the Breakfast Session. I had the opportunity to have my resume reviewed by a DEA chemist who gave me great feedback. I decided I had to become a part of this group so I could continue meeting professional scientists and helping other students find out more about forensic science. In the past, I worked with the special session and was especially excited to recruit speakers for the topics of Forensic Chemistry and Toxicology. Joining the YFSF Committee has allowed me to meet many enthusiastic new forensic scientists and network with AAFS leadership. As an avid writer, I have found my niche to be writing and editing articles for our group and I am excited to fill the role of Secretary for a second year. If you are interested in writing for our newsletter or in YFSF membership information, you can contact me at Jennifer.W.Mercer@gmail.com.

YFSF Special Session Program Chair and Co-Chair
I would like to introduce myself; I am Tanisha Henson, Program Chair, and I will be assisted by a new Special Session Co-Chair, Rachael Lehr, this year. I was very fortunate to have worked with Rachael last year as the BYOS Chair and am excited to be working with her again. I am currently working on my Masters degree in Forensic Sciences at National University and hope to graduate in 2010. I attended my first AAFS conference in 2006, and became a part of the Young Forensic Scientists Forum Special Session in 2008. I really enjoyed the variety of speakers the session offered because I felt it offered me the opportunity to really hear what the other forensic disciplines had to offer. Joining the YFSF Committee has allowed me to network with new and exciting people from all sections of the AAFS. It is always fascinating to hear what other people are doing and how it can relate to what my job is; it even offers new ways to look at how I am
doing my job so that I can do a better job. Rachael and I look forward to putting together a fabulous program for you in Seattle.

Greetings from the magnificent state of Minnesota! My name is Rachael Lehr, and I am the YFSF Special Session Co-Chair. I will be assisting Tanisha Henson to organize and arrange presenters for the special session at the 2010 AAFS meeting in Seattle. I attended my first AAFS meeting in 2008 when I was a graduate student at the University of Illinois at Chicago in the forensic science program. After attending the YFSF in 2008 and helping in 2009 with the YFSF Bring Your Own Slides event, I’m proud to continue serving in an organization dedicated to the future of forensic science. I currently work as a Forensic Scientist (Biology) for the Hennepin County Sheriff’s Office Crime Laboratory in Minneapolis, MN. Please don’t hesitate to contact Tanisha (T.V.Henson@hotmail.com) and me (Rachael.Lehr@gmail.com) with any questions you have for the YFSF Special Session, or even if you have general questions about forensic science jobs or graduate school. I would love to offer advice, insight, and motivation to other young scientists.

YFSF Contributor Liaison
Hello Everyone! I am Samantha Neal, the YFSF Contributor Liaison. I currently work as the Instructional Coordinator for the West Virginia University Forensic Science Initiative. I attended my first AAFS conference in 2006 and my first YFSF Special Session in 2007. I enjoyed the variety of presentations and events that the Young Forensic Scientists Forum provided throughout the week and I wanted to get involved. This is my second year on the YFSF Committee and it has been a great experience. For more information on how you can help support or to contribute to the YFSF, please contact me at Samantha.Neal@mail.wvu.edu.

YFSF Bring Your Own Slides Chair and Co-Chair
My name is Dade Chisler, and I will be assisting Casandra Hernandez with the YFSF Bring Your Own Slides Session as the Co-Chair. I am a Forensic Science Technician at the West Virginia University Forensic Science Initiative. I attended my first AAFS conference in 2009 in Denver, CO where I was part of the Young Forensic Scientists Forum Special Session and YFSF Breakfast. The speakers were very informative and most were quite entertaining. It was nice to see that those who have been in the field for many years were once in our shoes and can offer some words of wisdom to all of us. I am excited to help with the YFSF in the year to come by assisting Casandra in recruiting speakers to present their research and casework slides. I look forward to the opportunity to interact with new forensic scientists and those who have been in the field for many years. If you are interested in presenting please contact Casandra (Casandra.L.Hernandez@gmail.com) and me (Dade.Chisler@mail.wvu.edu) for more information.

YFSF Poster Session Chair and Co-Chair
My name is Anthony Sutter and I will be serving as the 2010 YFSF Poster Session Chair, with Stephanie Cridier working alongside me as Co-Chair. After being an attendee in 2008 (in my favorite city - Washington, DC), the 2009 meeting was my first meeting where I was involved in the actual planning of the YFSF session. Currently, I am finishing my BS in Chemistry and BA in Archaeology at The George Washington University in Washington, DC. While forensics (specifically firearms and toolmarks) is the area that I plan on entering as a career, I am always very interested in finding new ways to put forensic techniques into use for field archaeology. I hope you are all getting excited for the meeting in Seattle in February and I’m looking forward to seeing all of your research at the poster session! If you are interested in presenting please contact me (ASutter@gwu.edu) and Stephanie (SCridier@lstu.edu) for more information.

YFSF Breakfast Session Chair and Co-Chair
It is a new year for the YFSF Breakfast committee and we thought we would introduce ourselves. My name is Jenna Oakes-Smith and I am this year’s Breakfast Session Chair. I am employed as a Criminalist in the DNA section of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department Crime Lab. I attended my first AAFS meeting and YFSF session two years ago in Washington, DC. I really enjoyed the presentations at that meeting and when the organizers announced that they needed help planning for the next year I gladly volunteered. I became the Co-Chair for the Breakfast Session and helped recruit members for a resume panel. It was an enjoyable experience and gave me the opportunity to network with personnel from other labs and other disciplines. I enjoyed the time so much I am back again this year.

The Breakfast Session Co-Chair is Melissa DeBerry. Melissa works in the Technical Assistance Section of the Mississippi Crime Laboratory accepting items of evidence from different submitting agencies. She attended her first AAFS meeting this last year in Denver and met a member of the YFSF committee. We enthusiastically recruited her to join the YFSF and she volunteered to serve as the Breakfast Session Co-Chair. I think Melissa is still trying to figure out what she has gotten herself into, but she is looking forward to the breakfast session in Seattle, as am I.
Meetings and Conferences

MAY 2009

16-17
National Crime Information Center (NCIC) - Dental Coding Workshop—Sponsored by The Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division—To be held at the Nines Hotel in Portland, OR.
CONTACT: Stacey Davis
(304) 625-2618
Fax: (304) 625-5090

17-22
AusCERT2009—To be held at the Royal Pines resort in Gold Coast, Australia.

18-22
Crime Scene Processing Techniques—Hosted by FoCoSS Forensics. To be at the New Hampshire Technical Institute in Concord, NH.
CONTACT: Marc Dupre
(603) 568-0713

18-22
Detection and Recovery of Human Remains—To be held at Chaminade University of Honolulu.
CONTACT: M. Lee Goff
lgoff@chaminade.edu
www.chaminade.edu/admissions/grad

20-22
ADFSL 2009 Conference on Digital Forensics, Security and Law—To be held at Champlain College in Burlington, VT.
CONTACT: www.digitalforensicsconference.org

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Fourth International Workshop on Systematic Approaches to Digital Forensic Engineering—To be held in Oakland, CA in conjunction with IEEE Security & Privacy Symposium
CONTACT: http://conf.ncku.edu.tw/sadfe/sadfe09/

27-30
Forensic Trends - Psychiatric & Behavioral—To be held in Las Vegas, Nevada.
CONTACT: Info@cforums.com
www.contemporaryforums.com
(800) 377-7707

28-30
XXI Congress of the International Academy of Legal Medicine—To be held at the Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian in Lisbon, Portugal
CONTACT: National Institute of Legal Medicine - Portugal
ialmcongress2009@gmail.com
www.ialm.info
www.inml.mj.pt/ialmcongress2009

JUNE 2009

1-5
6th ISABS Conference on Human Genome Project Based Applications in Forensic Science, Anthropology and Individualized Medicine—To be held at the Hotel Le Méridien Lav, Split in Split, Croatia.
CONTACT: info@isabs.hr
vuk_pavlovic@mayo.com
www.isabs.hr

1-5
AFIP’s 22nd Annual Forensic Anthropology Course—To be held at the National Transportation Safety Board’s Training Center
CONTACT: TSgt. Oscar Molina or Isaac Miller
(202) 782-2637
Fax: (202) 782-5020
came@afip.osd.mil
http://www.askafip.org

1-5
Death Scene Archaeology: Field Methods in the Location, Recovery, and Interpretation of Human Remains from Outdoor Contexts—To be held at Mercyhurst College in Erie, PA.
CONTACT: Dennis C. Dirkmaat, PhD
ddirkmaat@mercyhurst.edu
1-5
Discovery and Recovery: Death Investigation in Natural Environments—To be held NC State University in Raleigh, NC.
CONTACT: Ann H. Ross, PhD
ann_ross@ncsu.edu
www.ncforensics.org

7-12
12th International Conference of the International Neurotoxicology Association—To be held in the Ma’ale Hachamisha Conference Center, Israel.
CONTACT: Secretariat
seminars@isas.co.il
www.isas.co.il/ina-12
www.neurotoxicology.org

8-12
2009 Outdoor Recovery Course—To be held at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, TN.
CONTACT: Rebecca J. Wilson
fac@utk.edu

8-12
Basic Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Course—To be held at Elmira College in Elmira, NY.
CONTACT: Paul Erwin Kish
paulkish@stny.rr.com

8-12
Laboratory Methods in the Identification of Human Skeletal Remains—To be held at Mercyhurst College in Eire, PA.
CONTACT: Dennis C. Dirkmaat, PhD
ddirkmaat@mercyhurst.edu

11-12
National Crime Information Center Dental Coding Workshop—To be held at in Chicago, IL.
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13-17
Basic Medicolegal Death Investigation Forensic Sciences Training Program—Hosted by the NYC Office of Chief Medical Examiner, New York, NY.
CONTACT: (212) 323-1505
forensictraining@ocme.nyc.gov
www.nyc.gov/forensictraining

13-17
2009 Human Identification in Forensic Anthropology—To be held at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, TN.
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15-20
The 2009 Continuing Education for Forensic Professionals Program—To be held at Harrah’s Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, NV.
CONTACT: Forensic Science Institute
fsi@mail.wvu.edu
http://fsi.research.wvu.edu/

17-19
Veterinary Forensic Science: Animal Crime Scenes—University of Florida William R. Maples Center for Forensic Medicine—To be held in Gainesville, FL.
CONTACT: Dr. Jason Byrd
jbyrd@ufl.edu

22-26
Documentation of Human Remains and Physical Evidence at the Terrorism Crime Scene—To be held at Mercyhurst College in Eire, PA.
CONTACT: Dennis C. Dirkmaat, PhD
ddirkmaat@mercyhurst.edu

20-23
Masters Conference—To be held at Saint Louis University School of Medicine
CONTACT: Mary Fran Ernst or Julie Howe
mldi@slu.edu
http://medschoolslu.edu/mldi

20-24
2009 Taphonomy in Forensic Anthropology—To be held at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, TN.
CONTACT: Rebecca J. Wilson
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AUGUST 2009

2-7
Trace Evidence Symposium 2009—To be held in Clearwater, FL.
CONTACT: www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/events/welcome.htm

8-13
The 2009 ASQDE Annual General Meeting—To be held at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Dearborn, MI.
CONTACT: Rigo Vargas
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larry.olson@ci.irs.gov
Tom Riley
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www.asqde.org

10-14
Basic Medicolegal Death Investigation Forensic Sciences Training Program—Hosted by the NYC Office of Chief Medical Examiner, New York, NY.
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10-14
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12-13
Lifeguard Systems: Homicidal Drowning Investigation Program—To be held in Colorado Springs, CO.
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