One of the many significant achievements of Bruce Goldberger during his tenure as AAFS President was establishing a procedure for the Academy to issue position statements on specific matters of national and international importance to forensic science. The AAFS is a unique multidisciplinary group which represents the knowledge, experience, and needs of the many disciplines that comprise the forensic science community. Most professional associations have a mechanism by which such position statements may be issued. Position statements are a means by which to communicate what we, as an organization and representatives of the forensic sciences, do or do not support, and also provide a valuable public education function. These position statements will only be issued on rare occasions after careful consideration and the opportunity for input from the Academy membership.

During Dr. Goldberger’s presidency he appointed a committee, chaired by Betty Layne Des Portes, to draft guidelines for developing Academy position statements on specific issues. These guidelines were presented to the Long Term Planning Committee for discussion and input and then to the Board of Directors, who unanimously approved them. The procedures were published in the 2008 March/April Academy News.

One of the issues that prompted the development of this policy was the Ohio class action regarding retention and disposition of tissue and body parts without notice to the next of kin. This is an issue of great importance which has received extensive coverage in the medical and legal literature, as well as the popular media. The implications of cases like this affect Academy members from almost every section. Due to the type of work we are engaged in, we are sensitive to the concerns of the families and friends of the deceased, as well as the needs of law enforcement to pursue valuable leads presented by forensic evidence that may have to be retained by the coroners or medical examiners’ offices. It is indeed a delicate balance.

We are putting this new policy on position statements into action regarding organ and tissue.

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Future Annual Meeting Dates

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Legislative Corner

On March 13, 2008, several representatives of the Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations visited Congress. The group included Pete Marone (representing ASCLD/LAB), Virginia Department of Forensic Sciences; Ken Martin (representing IAI), Massachusetts State Police; Earl Wells (representing ASCLD), South Carolina Law Enforcement Division laboratory; Irv Litofsky (representing ASCLD), Baltimore County Police Laboratory; Beth Lavach, and Barry Fisher (representing AAFS), Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Laboratory. We visited several members’ offices to discuss future forensic science legislation. On this visit, we focused on members of the House Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security, and spent time speaking with the Majority Chief Counsel to the subcommittee. Peter Marone was subsequently invited to testify before the committee concerning DNA funding. The hearing was held in April.

All of the staffers we spoke to were supportive of our principal message: DNA, while important, is not the only forensic discipline needing more funding from Congress.

The consensus from the staffers we spoke to was that the National Academy of Sciences Study, due out this summer, will become the basis of comprehensive forensic science legislation. Legislation will be prepared for the next session of Congress. Most staffers felt that the present budget may not pass until late in the year (with the possible exception of the Defense Appropriations Bill). Naturally, we are dealing with political considerations. In an election year, members of both parties often want to have something to bring home to constituents.

The National Academies recently released a report on Ballistics Imaging1. The National Institute of Justice asked the National Research Council to consider whether ballistics databases (e.g., NIBIN) would be helpful to track new guns sold in the U.S. The use of the term “Ballistic Imaging” speaks volumes about the National Academies’ limited understanding of firearms and tool marks. Regrettably, not a single person who might remotely be considered a forensic firearms or tool mark examiner served on the committee. The panel was made up mainly of academics with no familiarity with the subject.

The committee’s press release contained the following statement:

“The committee was not charged with issuing a verdict on whether tool marks are unique - that is, whether each gun leaves marks that could not be made by any other firearm. Nor was the committee charged to recommend whether tool mark evidence should be admissible in court. However, it became clear to the committee early on that the assumption that tool marks are unique to each gun has not yet been fully scientifically demonstrated. Much more research would be needed to determine whether tool marks are truly unique, or even to estimate the probability that they are unique.

CFSO members gather on Capitol Hill during their March visit to Washington, DC, seeking more funding for forensic science.
President’s Message cont.

retention. Please let me know if there are other issues that you, as members of the Academy, believe affect the forensic science community and about which we should take a position.

We are moving forward toward our goals of more communication, education, and collaboration. We are making some improvements and additions to the AAFS website – for example, view the Senator Biden video on the site, in case you missed it at the Key Note Session in February. We are continuing with the Forensic Science Educational Conferences (FSECs) started by Past President Mary Fran Ernst. I will be attending the FSEC in May at Florida Gulf Coast University in Ft. Myers, FL, at the invitation of David Lounsbury and Heather Walsh-Haney. Other AAFS members presenting are Richard Bisbing, Jason Byrd, Sue Coticone, Jan Garavaglia, Bruce Goldberger, Barry Lipton, Michelle (Shelly) Merves, and Anjali Swienton. Other FSECs will be held in St. Louis, MO, in July and at Michigan State University in August. Each of these FSECs would not be possible without the generous contributions of energy, time, and support of our members and truTV, as well as the hard work of Nancy Jackson, AAFS Director of Development, and Kimberly Wrasse, Executive Assistant.

The Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission (FEPAC) is also continuing all of its work under the direction of Max Houck and Nancy Jackson. We are also looking forward to some exciting changes in the Student Academy under the direction of Carla Noziglia and Julie Howe. In terms of collaboration, we are working with other professional associations, universities, and organizations on joint projects. For example, I have recently been approached by the American Bar Association Science and Technology Law Section, where I am the vice-chair of the Scientific Evidence Committee and the co-chair of the Future of Evidence Committee, to write a book on the future of evidence. Such a joint project would be an excellent vehicle for both our organizations to speak to many cutting edge issues in science and the law. I have also been invited to address the Department of Forensic Medicine at the University of Helsinki.

The AAFS Executive Committee will be meeting in mid-July. Since many of us will already be attending the IAFS meeting we decided to meet in New Orleans to save the additional costs of going to Denver for the Executive Committee Meeting. I welcome all your comments and concerns regarding AAFS matters or business so I may address them at that time.

2008 IAFS Program Information and Registration Available Online

Don’t miss your chance to attend the 18th Triennial Meeting of the International Association of Forensic Sciences (IAFS), July 21-25, 2008, in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA! Program information and the online registration form are now available at www.IAFS2008.com.

The pre-registration deadline is June 30, 2008.

The IAFS is the only worldwide association to bring together academics and practicing professionals of various forensic science disciplines.

New Orleans is one of the most intriguing cities in the U.S., offering visitors a diverse selection of history, attractions, and cuisine. This is sure to be the largest and most scientifically advanced IAFS meeting ever and we look forward to seeing you there. Please register today!
### 18th MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FORENSIC SCIENCES

The 2008 IAFS Triennial Meeting is scheduled for July 21-25, 2008, in New Orleans, LA, USA. Volunteers are needed to accomplish an array of administrative and gatekeeping tasks throughout the week of the meeting. Volunteers may receive complimentary registration to attend all non-ticketed sessions of the meeting with a minimum of 12 hours of completed volunteer service at the meeting (does not include sessions requiring pre-registration or fees other than the basic meeting registration fee). If you plan to attend these sessions, please contact Tracie McCray (tmccray@aafs.org) for the IAFS Registration Form. Persons accompanying attendees are also welcome to volunteer if they wish.

Below is a list of the various areas where volunteers are needed as well as a Volunteer Information Form. Credit Card information is now required, however, your card will only be charged should you attend the meeting and fail to fulfill your volunteer commitment*. **Volunteer Applications must be received by June 1, 2008.** Incomplete forms will not be accepted.

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#### IAFS 18th Triennial Meeting Volunteer Information Form*

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

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IAFS is authorized to charge up to $475.00 for registration fees should I attend the meeting and not fulfill my volunteer work assignment(s).

I plan to arrive in New Orleans on ____________________ (date) and depart on ____________________ (date).

Please check all dates you are available to volunteer. Mark the time(s) of day you are available (am and/or pm) as well as the maximum number of days for which you are willing to volunteer. Please Note: Every attempt is made to fulfill your request however there is no guarantee your request will match our need.

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*Return completed form by June 1, 2008 to:

**Jo Ann Delaware**  
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Colorado Springs, CO 80904  
Fax: (719) 636-1993

**Email: form to Jo Ann Delaware at jdelaware@aafs.org**

*Form must be filled out completely. Incomplete forms will not be accepted.*
A recent article in The New York Times noted that the annual number of high school graduates in the United States will peak soon at about 2.9 million. This peak will be reached after a 15-year climb in enrollments; after that, the number is then expected to decline until about 2015. What this means for most universities is fewer applications and less selectivity of students. Many admissions offices say that the extent to which they must become less selective of students may depend how they restructure their recruiting. A broader range of students, with a more national and even international approach, will help create a more diverse pool from which to select. The U.S. population is expected to gently decline in the coming years. The number of high school graduates is expected to fall in the Northeast and Midwest but increase in the South and Southwest. The article notes that the number of white high school graduates will decrease, the number of African-American graduates will remain steady, and the number of Hispanic and Asian-American graduates will increase sharply.

What does this mean for accredited forensic science educational programs? I would expect the absolute number of domestic student enrollments to remain steady or dip slightly but the number of international student applicants to increase noticeably. Why? I think there are two main reasons: The push for economic development and the cheap U.S. dollar. Connecting changes in measures of education to economic growth has been ambiguous because the empirical basis for such connections and their related assumptions is weak. A recent article in Science, however, shows consistently positive, statistically significant education effects on economic growth. The authors, in one model, assume 50% of the population achieving at least some secondary schooling. The results indicate that this additional investment in secondary education provides economic growth over five times the level of the baseline. The study also notes that for more industrialized countries, tertiary education is an important determinant of economic growth. Thus, the authors conclude, better education leads to higher individual income and is an important precondition for long-term economic growth. With the dollar at a low level against many international currencies, U.S. educational programs will be a bargain for students outside the U.S., especially graduate degrees.

The story is similar for domestic students, however: Graduate degrees mean more income. Employers are also finding that an undergraduate degree may not be enough, in some cases. Although the median earnings for whites and blacks, adjusted for inflation, were basically flat during 2000-2007, those with advanced degrees made more money. It is sad to note that U.S. students’ SAT math scores have remained about the same since 1972 (and reading results are lower). The U.S. is ranked 13th in international student performance in science; countries that scored better included Russia, Mexico, Turkey, and Argentina. The upshot is the US is average in science education and the employers have noticed. A survey of employer ratings for entry-level positions found that many applicants were woefully unprepared for the position to which they were applying.
Looking at the data, it appears that there is a relationship between education and worker preparedness. In our profession, we have seen the need for increased educational requirements in several disciplines, notably DNA and fingerprints; others will surely follow. As can be seen from the table below, graduate program applications have been growing at the same rate as undergraduate ones:

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Forensic science, in my opinion, can play a role in improving U.S. educational status. Because the FEPAC standards promote a solid science foundation, graduates of FEPAC accredited programs have a better chance of being employed either in the science and technology sector or a forensic science laboratory than graduates with only a science degree.

FEPAC continues to pursue recognition by the Council of Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). Our application has been reviewed by an outside consultant familiar with the process and the Commission is working to incorporate the suggestions that were made. This will undoubtedly strengthen our application and make the process run more smoothly.

I am also beginning to ask questions of the FEPAC program Directors so we can have a better perspective on the programs, their demographics, and their structure.

I look forward to seeing many educators at the IAFS 2008 meeting in New Orleans. Remember, there is a special session on international forensic science education to be held on Friday, July 25 and there is no additional fee to registered attendees.

6. 2009 numbers are for applicant programs only.

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**Legislative Corner cont.**

Consequently, the committee advises against one statement frequently made by firearms experts – that tool marks link bullets or casings to a particular gun “to the exclusion of all other firearms.” Given that uniqueness has not been demonstrated, such statements do not have a firm statistical basis. These claims, which imply an error rate of zero, also don’t reflect the element of subjectivity involved in declaring a match, a determination that’s always made by a firearms examiner.”

This will be the basis of yet another *Daubert* challenge to pattern evidence. Until the Government commits adequate funding for research to demonstrate the reliability of these types of evidence, these issues will continue to be raised in court, without any clear resolution.


Still pending from BJS is a follow-up crime lab census report which is due out later this year. Also, the National Institute of Justice has been funding studies to evaluate the effectiveness of forensic evidence. These reports will provide data about the efficacy of forensic science to police investigations.

A Word From Your 2009 Program Co-Chair

It’s timely that the theme of the 2009 AAFS Annual Meeting is *Forensic Science: Envisioning and Creating the Future*. The officers and senior members of the Engineering Sciences Section have been spending a lot of time and energy discussing one take of that very topic: How do we, as forensic professionals, develop the next generation of Section (and ultimately, Academy) Officers. This is a topic that is worthy of Academy-wide discussion because, to be sure, it’s a mission-critical task.

At the Academy level, the Program Chair is groomed for the task by being appointed Program Co-chair (think: Assistant to the Chair). Giving the Program Chair an assistant is a great idea, mainly because it grooms the next-in-line. How many members are aware of what is being done to groom future officers in sections other than your own, or what is being done at the Academy level? We would like to find out how other sections address this question. Please send your thoughts to: aafsthoughts@gmail.com. All good ideas will be forwarded to the participants and, perhaps will be summarized in a future newsletter article.

Finally, the August 1st abstract deadline is almost here. Everyone is encouraged to complete their papers and submit them as soon as possible.

**ABSTRACT FORM AVAILABLE TO SUBMIT ONLINE**

The Call for Papers deadline is fast approaching! Do you have an interesting and educational topic to present at the AAFS 61st Annual Meeting, February 16-21, 2009, in Denver, CO? The deadline for submission of all abstracts is August 1, 2008. Please submit your abstracts now and keep in mind the meeting theme, *Forensic Science: Envisioning and Creating the Future*. The AAFS Call for Papers form may be found on pages 19-22 of this issue of *Academy News*. HOWEVER, did you know you may also submit an abstract online? The online process is faster, easier, and provides immediate feedback from the AAFS office.

What are the requirements? Only that you have an email address to receive your password and future communications from AAFS headquarters.

What are the advantages? You will receive immediate confirmation of receipt of your abstract, the assurance that your paper has been received at the AAFS headquarters, and best of all, access to your abstract for editing.

Remember, the deadline for receiving your abstract is August 1, so have your abstract and curriculum vitae ready to attach and send electronically. Visit the AAFS website at www.aafs.org, and follow the links to the AAFS Online Abstract Submission Form.
Successful Workshops Require Early Planning

It’s time to start thinking about and planning workshops for the 2009 AAFS Annual Meeting in Denver, CO. We encourage the membership to consider the 2009 meeting theme when planning their workshops, Forensic Science: Envisioning and Creating the Future.

Workshops can be utilized to promote understanding and working relationships between various forensic science disciplines. The ideal workshop will appeal to the members of more than one AAFS section. The goal is to provide a number of high quality workshops meant to advance and reinforce the knowledge of the membership.

Workshops are scheduled for Monday and Tuesday of the meeting week and may be offered as half (four hour) or full day (eight hour) sessions. It is expected that the workshop attendees will receive relevant handout materials, references to relevant publications, and pertinent resources that adequately summarize and reinforce the content of the workshops. Where applicable, workshops should include a hands-on component to reinforce learning.

If you have ideas for workshops that you are interested in presenting, please contact Workshop Chair Peter Alexander or Co-Chair Paul Kish. ALL workshop submissions must go through the AAFS online system. The deadline for workshop submissions is August 1, 2008.

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AAFS Topics of Interest And Continuing Education Needs Identified

The following is a comprehensive list of recommended abstract topics based on the continuing education needs of the 2008 annual meeting attendees:

- Integration of crime scene work
- Broader range of digital/computer forensic topics
- Physical anthropology lab
- The field of friction ridge analysis
- Advanced topics involving biomechanics & biodynamics in the Pathology/Biology Section
- Death in custody/excited delirium & intermediate weapon use
- Case of the Weak
- Legal professionalism & ethics related topics
- Toxicology- Pathology cause of death talks - Drug level
- Genomics
- Mimics of non-accidental child injury
- Congenital heart disease
- Modern concepts on neuropathy
- Testifying in court/expert testimony courses
Correction

In the March/April 2008 issue of the Academy News (Vol. 38 - Issue 2, page 21), the General Section News article included the names and photos of the award recipients at the recent AAFS Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. In doing so, those mentioned as the winners of the General Section’s Achievement Award were incorrect. Please note that Donna Garbacz Bader and L. Sue Gabriel were the recipients of this award for their poster entitled “Nursing for a New Millennium - Forensic Nursing Course (NU 447): A Senior Nursing Baccalaureate Elective.” The Academy apologizes to Donna and Sue for this inadvertent error.

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DID YOU KNOW RALPH TURNER?

RESEARCHER SEeks INFORMATION

Fred Honhart is currently working on a biography of the late Ralph Turner, former Professor of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University and Retired Fellow of the AAFS Criminalistics Section. If you have any information about Ralph that you would like to offer, please contact Fred at (517) 256-5876; honhart@msu.edu.
CRIMINALISTICS

Source: Matthew R. Wood, MS  
Section Program Chair

First of all, congratulations to the Criminalistics Section’s own Barry A. J. Fisher for receiving the R.B.H. Gradwohl Award. John Lentini, recipient of the section’s 2008 Meritorious Service Award and Bruce McCord, recipient of the section’s 2008 Paul L. Kirk Award, were also honored for their contributions to forensic science at the annual meeting in February. Also, the Program Committee would like to send a special “Thank You” to everyone who presented or moderated at the 2008 Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. Approximately 175 papers and posters were presented by the Criminalistics Section, in addition to many great workshops and breakfast and luncheon seminars. The meeting was a tremendous success in no small part due to all of your efforts.

The Criminalistics Section is looking forward to the 2009 AAFS Annual Meeting in Denver, CO, with the same enthusiasm. The theme for the 2009 meeting is Forensic Science: Envisioning and Creating the Future. AAFS President Carol Henderson has requested particular emphasis in the areas of education, communication, and collaboration. Please consider contributing to this meeting by submitting an abstract for a poster or oral presentation by the August 1st deadline. Presenters should be prepared to submit an electronic copy of their presentation to the session moderator prior to the meeting. By submitting the presentations in advance, each presenter can make full and efficient use of their allotted time. Additionally, the details of the new Commercial Disclosure policy and how this policy will affect abstracts and presentations will be available soon. Moderators for the meeting are always needed and such service counts towards promotion to Fellow. If you are interested in moderating, please contact Section Program Chair Matthew Wood (wood8176@aol.com) or Co-Chair Barbara Llewellyn (barb4n6@sbcglobal.net).

DIGITAL & MULTIMEDIA SCIENCES

Source: Carrie M. Whitcomb, MSFS  
Section Board Representative

It has been 28 years since a new section was formed in AAFS. At that time, it was the Engineering Sciences Section. On February 20, 2008, at 5:20 pm, the AAFS members present at the annual business meeting voted to approve a change to the bylaws. The approved bylaws included the new section, the Digital & Multimedia Sciences (DMS) Section.

The first business meeting of the DMS was held after the AAFS Annual Business Meeting. The first order of business for the new section was the election of officers. The first officers were elected unanimously; they are Carrie Whitcomb, Section Board of Directors Representative; Zeno Geradts, Section Chair; and David Baker, Section Secretary.

Mark Pollitt, the Program Chair for the 2008 meeting, was crucial in facilitating the development of the section. The new section was created with 43 initial members consisting of 6 Fellows, 3 Members, 30 Associate Members, and 4 Trainee Affiliates.

Two days of presentations related to computer and multimedia forensics filled the room and overflowed into the corridor. A topic that was discussed at the meeting was professional certification for digital forensic practitioners. Certification of the professionals is the next step in developing professionalism in this area. Discussions regarding the formation of the Digital Forensic Certification Board (DFCB) began in 2004, and was facilitated by the National Center for Forensic Science and supported by the National Institute of Justice. The community seems to be ready for professional certification and there will be a pilot test for the basic certification for managers and practitioners in computer forensics in the near future.
Section News cont.

ENGINEERING SCIENCES

Source: Kurt D. Weiss, MSME, Section Program Chair

The success of the 2008 Engineering Sciences scientific sessions will long be remembered. Walter Goldstein’s Sick Building Syndrome Interdisciplinary Symposium took Washington, DC, by storm. This day-long session drew enormous interest, and its success is commensurate with Dr. Goldstein’s effort to bring such high quality presentations.

The day-long environmental session had plenty of unique works presented, and this drew high attendance count as well. Both Carol Erikson and Richard Brown share the accolades received during this fulfilling session.

The accident reconstruction sessions had many stimulating presentations related to vehicle and component testing. Several presentations that drew heated debate only serve to attract a call for the future presentation of counter-opinion.

AAFS membership continues to rise, and the Engineering Sciences section has benefitted by way of increased submissions. The 2009 Annual Meeting in beautiful downtown Denver will prove to be another success. Located nearly smack dab in between the East and West Coast, this location features wonderful winter scenery for those adventurous hikers and skiers. This annual meeting is not to be missed.

GENERAL

Source: Robert C. Gaffney, MFS, Section Secretary

It is time to start planning your presentation for the 2009 AAFS Annual Meeting in Denver, CO. Program Committee Chair Joanna Collins and Co-Chair Angela Asaro Geis need you to be completing your research and/or case studies for presentation. The success of the scientific sessions is dependent upon the membership submitting high quality and relevant abstracts in a timely manner. The diversity of General Section members allows for an intellectually stimulating scientific session which not only benefits the section, but the entire Academy. Consider presenting a paper during the 2009 AAFS Annual Meeting. The names of those who volunteered to be session moderators for the Washington meeting have been forwarded to Program Chair Joanna Collins.

Those of you seeking promotion within the section are encouraged to present a paper. If you need more time than typically allotted for a paper presentation, consider proposing a workshop or breakfast seminar to share your knowledge. The deadline for proposals is August 1.

2008 General Section Committee appointments are as follows: Minutes Review Committee: Robert Gaffney (Chair), Edmund Tamburini, Claire Shepard, and Anne-Marie Eschle; Nominating Committee: Robert Freed (Chair), Timothy Palmbach, and Neal Haskell; Scholarship Committee: Steven Gilbert (Chair), Jennifer Steel, William Lucas, David Lounsberry, and Jack Rosette; Awards Committee: Alan Boehm (Chair), James Young, Patricia Speck, Mark Hilts, Joyce Williams, and Michael Bosse; Disciplines Committee: Julie Howe (Chair), Frank Horvath, Claire Shepard, Dan Matticks, Mark Safarik, Carrie Costello, and Jeanmarie Sentell; Regional Representative Ad Hoc Committee: Nancy Cabelus (Chair), Jack Sudimack, David Pauly, Amy Carney, Ian Hanson, and Debbie Spencer; Reception Ad Hoc Committee: Mary Fran Ernst (Chair), Richard Walton, Jane Bock, Frank Ciacco, Mary Ellen O’Toole, Michael Piper, and Natalie Borgan.

Awards Committee Chairman Alan Boehm reminds all members it is not too early to start thinking of nominees for the General Section Awards for 2009. Please contact Allan or another committee member for recommendations.

JURISPRUDENCE

Source: Roderick T. Kennedy, JD, Section Chair

The section’s program committee is hard at work putting together a proposed workshop on expert witnesses’ rights and wrongs in the litigation system for presentation at the 2009 AAFS Annual Meeting in Denver, CO. We have become aware of many abuses perpetrated on expert witnesses from phantom designations of unhired witnesses on witness lists to disputes over the rights to expert reports when the expert is not paid. Ethics of lawyers dealing with experts, and vice versa are things we intend to talk about. Anyone with horror stories, questions we might address, or anecdotes are welcome to email them to the Jurisprudence Section Chair for forwarding to the committee (rkennedy@loquitur.com).

A lot of new members have been asking how they can become involved. Since this year’s emphasis within the section will be to elevate membership status for all members who can stand it, we welcome any contact and any offers of help.

Other programs on familial DNA searches and DWI-related toxicology have been suggested, and are being investigated. Interested parties should likewise get in touch with the program chairs.

ODONTOLOGY

Source: Gary M Berman, DDS, Section Chair

The AAFS 2008 Odontology Section Business Meeting allowed all those in presence to honor two of its members with awards. The Odontology Section Lester Luntz award was presented to David Sweet, and the Reidar Sognnaes Award for Excellence in Forensic Dentistry was presented to Edward Hershaft.

During this Wednesday business meeting Gary Berman was elected to the position of Section Chair, Richard Weems was elected to the position of Section Secretary, and Paula Brumit was elected Program Chair.
The remainder of the meeting focused on committee reports and recommendations. The new membership requirement change to the bylaws for those members seeking entry as an associate member were voted on and passed. If you were not present at the meeting, Section Secretary Dick Weems explained them in the last AAFS newsletter, and they also can be found listed at www.aafs.org.

The scientific program and posters on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday were extremely informative. Even though this years meeting has barely ended, the fact of the matter is that there are only 3 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 2009. In other words, it’s not too soon to be thinking about research projects or cases that may be worthwhile for scientific presentation. If you are considering doing research, please be aware that there are research funds available from multiple sources. In addition to the ASFO and ABFO, the Forensic Sciences Foundation (FSF) also has Lucas and Acorn Grants available for forensic science research projects.

The ABFO will be presenting The Art & Science of Expert Witness Testimony workshop next year. It will be held the Friday evening and Saturday following the AAFS Annual Meeting in Denver. The Saturday session will feature “testimony” by the “Expert Witness” candidates in a mock trial format that includes a Judge and Jury. Those whose testimony meets certain standards will be given credit for one of the two Sworn Testimony requirements of the ABFO Examination application. Details of the workshop may be found on the ABFO website www.abfo.org.

PATHOLOGY/BIOLOGY

Source: Craig T. Mallak MD, JD, Section Secretary

It seems like the Washington meeting just finished and its time to start thinking about issues for next year. One of the biggest priorities of Section Chair Scott Denton is to get someone to take our money and do a research project. Whether it is something you’ve always wanted to explore a little more or if you have residents/fellows that may want to have some funding for a project, this is an excellent opportunity. If the process is too difficult or restrictive and this is preventing members from submitting proposals, please let us know and we’ll address them at the meeting in 2009.

The requirements are outlined below, and Keith Pinkard is ready to accept proposals.

Proposal for Pathology/Biology Section Research Grant

Grants typically range from $2,000-$3,000, and do NOT include funding for indirect costs. Please write and submit a formal proposal discussing your research project. The proposal should include:

I. Title for your project.
II. List of the participants in the project, each with position and address.
III. Hypothesis.
IV. Discussion of the specific aims of the study (what will study accomplish).
V. Discussion of the background and significance of the study (why is study necessary).
VI. Description of the research design and methods.
VII. Time table for doing the project.
VIII. Discussion of the facilities available for the project (are space and equipment necessary for study available?).
IX. Itemized budget.
X. Bibliography for the references cited in your proposal.
XI. Copy of the references cited in your proposal.
XII. Curriculum vitae for each of the participants in the study.

Proposals typically range from 5-8 pages. Applications must be received by December 1. The decisions and announcements will be made in February at the AAFS Annual Meeting. Please mail the proposal and associated materials to: Dr. J. Keith Pinckard, Chairman, Pathology/Biology Research Committee, Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences, 5230 Medical Center Drive, Dallas, TX 75235; email: drkpinckard@yahoo.com.

PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Source: Thomas D. Holland, PhD, Section Secretary

The J. Lawrence Angel Student Paper Competition Committee, composed of Peer H. Moore-Jansen, Leslie Eisenberg, and Tony Falsetti, are pleased to announce that Heather J. Brand is the winner of the 2008 Angel Award. Ms. Brand’s presentation was entitled, The Effect of Carcass Weight on the Decomposition of Pigs (Sus scrofa). She is a student of Tal Simmons at the Department of Forensic and Investigative Science, University of Central Lancashire.

Diane France, President of the American Board of Forensic Anthropology, has announced the two newest diplomats: Bradley Adams, of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in New York City, and Alexander Christensen, of the DoD Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii. That brings the total number of ABFA diplomas earned to date to 79.

Section Program Chair Brad Adams wants to reiterate that the deadline for submissions to next year’s meeting will be here sooner than you realize. Don’t put the writing off until the last minute—or we all suffer.

The Scientific Working Group for Forensic Anthropology (SWGANTH) will hold its second formal meeting May 28 - 30, at the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory in Rockville, MD. If you have issues that you would like the group to consider, contact Secretary Angi Christensen prior to the meeting at: secretary@swganth.org. Visit the website, www.SWGANTH.org, for updates and additional information.

Laura Fulginiti would like everyone to begin thinking about nominations for the T. Dale Stewart Award. The Call for Nominations will appear in the next newsletter.
It’s been a record slow news period. Your secretary has two remedial suggestions for you all to consider.

First, at the business meeting in Washington, Richard Rosner suggested that forensic humor might be good fun and even helpful, so with an invitation from such an esteemed source, we look forward to your contribution(s).

A second suggestion: why not share your writings with your colleagues through this column? It would be a pleasure to facilitate communication among us about another’s current publications.

As a starter, a year ago this column reported on Robert Weinstock’s co-authorship of Forensic Ethics and the Expert Witness, published by Springer. This is your invitation to read your secretary’s review of it in the current issue of Psychiatric Services. Also, the active clinicians among you might enjoy a paper co-authored by your secretary with Marc Hillbrand, on instilling hope in forensic treatment. It is in the current Journal of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law.

It’s your column. Please utilize it through jlmyoung@pol.net where your contributions are awaited.

Source: John L. Young, MD, Section Secretary

PSYCHIATRY & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

QUESTIONED DOCUMENTS

Source: Carl R. McClary, BA, Section Secretary

Happy Spring to everyone! For those who were not able to attend the Washington, DC meeting, it was a great success in terms of quality of the program and attendance, thanks to the efforts of Ted Burkes and Bridgette Frost. Jane Lewis was elected Section Chair and Carl McClary was elected Secretary. John Sang remains as the section’s representative to the AAFS Board of Directors. Again, thanks to Bill Riordan for all of his fine service to the section!

We learned at the business meeting that the section is in sound financial position and that we currently have 76 Associate Members, 44 Fellows, 52 Full Members, 26 Retired Fellows, 2 Retired Members, 8 Trainee Affiliates, and 1 Student Affiliate. For those members considering a promotion to Fellow, you may want to consider submitting your work for presentation at the Denver meeting. That having been said, the Questioned Documents Section is beginning its early stages of preparation for next year’s program.

The 2009 Section Program Co-Chairs are Carolyn Bayer-Broring (703-285-2482; carolyn.bayerbroring@dhs.gov), Chet Ubowski (303-239-4303; chet.ubowski@cdps.state.co.us), and Greg Dalzell (703-285-2482; gregory.dalzell@dhs.gov). Please contact them with any questions you may have or instructions for submitting papers.

The section is also now soliciting nominations for the Ordway Hilton Award. Should you know of a deserving member, please contact Carl McClary (404-417-2706; carl.mcclary@atf.gov).

Source: Carl McClary, BA, Section Secretary

TOXICOLOGY

Source: Peter R. Stout, PhD, Section Chair

Hopefully everyone has been enjoying their spring since the meeting. We had a well attended meeting this year and thank you again to all who volunteered and worked with the meeting.

It was indicated at this year’s business meeting that an ad hoc committee would be formed to evaluate the membership within the section, and specifically, to work with the Academy to contact those members who are eligible for promotion and to assist them with the process. Many positions in the Academy from workshop chair to section officers have requirements for “Member” or “Fellow” status to serve in those functions. Also, voting member status (member or fellow) is important to the section for the representation in the Academy at large. Bob Bost, Henry Nipper, John Soper, Christopher Boden, and Audra Bown have agreed to help with this effort this year. Please consider where you are at in your membership status and if you are eligible, please apply for promotion. While the section is not losing membership, in fact we rose to 500 total members as of the meeting making us the 4th largest section, there appears to have been a trend of a decline in members and fellows for the past few years. We currently (as of the meeting) have 126 Fellows and 127 Members.

Nominations and elections for chairs and committees is a part of every business meeting. Marilyn Huestis we nominated and elected to the Academy Board of Directors to fill the seat of Barry Logan who completed his term. William Anderson was nominated and elected to the Awards and Scholarship Committee. Diana Garside and Loralie Langman were appointed to the Awards and Scholarship Committee, and Nicholas Lemos and Michael Corbett were appointed to the Nominating Committee. Otherwise, committee makeups remain the same. Thank you all who serve on these committees and are willing to provide their time to serve the Academy.

Your Section Officers look forward to working with all of the committees and members this year and thank you for the opportunity to serve the section. If you have comments issues or suggestions please Peter Stout (pstout@rti.org).
**F SF Travel Grants Available**

The Forensic Sciences Foundation (FSF) is pleased to offer up to five (5) Travel Grants this year for students to assist with travel expenses in attending the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) Annual Meeting. A complimentary 2009 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 1st of each year. Please forward a cover letter containing detailed contact information, your letter of recommendation, your essay, and your curriculum vitae to Anne Warren at AAFS, 410 N 21st Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80904. Questions regarding Travel Grants should be addressed to Anne Warren at awarren@aafs.org.

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

The FSF Board of Trustees is able to approve the expenses, not to exceed $800 per student, for up to five (5) students this year. A complimentary 2009 meeting registration is also awarded to the grant winners. Good luck!

**FSF Lucas Grants Available**

The FSF Lucas Grants ($501-$5,000) 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.

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

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

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

Note: FSF Lucas and Acorn Grant proposals on the same subject, differing only in scope and budget, may not be submitted by the same investigators in the same year.
FSF Acorn Grants Available

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

Proposals (original and two copies) should be sent to the FSF headquarters (410 North 21st Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80904, Attention: Nancy Jackson) by June 15 in order to be considered by the FSF Research Committee. The deadline is firm with no extension.

Note: FSF Lucas and Acorn Grant proposals on the same subject, differing only in scope and budget, may not be submitted by the same investigators in the same year.

FSF Jan S. Bashinski Criminalistics Graduate Thesis Assistance Grant Available

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

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

Grant Amount: The Jan Grant Award amount for this year will be $500, with an allocation of no more than $1,200 to attend the 2009 AAFS Annual Meeting in Denver, CO. 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.


Please forward your application (found on page 17) and required supporting documentation to the Forensic Sciences Foundation office in care of FSF Executive Director Anne Warren, 410 North 21st Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80904, no later than the submission deadline.
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 ____________________ 

Academy News
10th 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 **10th 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, 2008**, 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 2010 Academy Business Meeting in Seattle, WA.

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 2009. 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, 2008**.

THE AWARD: The award will cover the expense of the recipient’s attendance at the 2010 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 2010 AAFS Annual Meeting in Seattle, WA.

**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 ___________________________

E-mail _________________________________________________________________________________________

Send this form by **August 1, 2008**, to: AAFS 2009 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 61st Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) will be held February 16-21, 2009, in Denver, Colorado.

The Program Committee solicits the submission of abstracts on topics of interest to the forensic science community. **August 1, 2008**, 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, 2008 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, 2008. Meeting registration materials will be sent to presenting authors.

**Oral Presentations**

**Content**

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

**Time**

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

**General Information**

**Key Words**

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

**Oral Presentation**

Each scientific session meeting room will be equipped with a lighted pointer, podium, microphone, LCD projector, and screen. 35mm projectors must be requested. A limited number of slide trays will be available. Speakers are encouraged to bring their own slide trays.

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

**Poster Presentation**

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

**Meeting Registration**

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

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

**Preparation**

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

General Instructions

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

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

35mm Slides
35mm slide projectors are not part of the standard AV package and must be reserved. Please indicate your request for a slide projector by checking “other” and stating so on item #8 Audio/Visual Requirements on the next page. Noted below are the official guidelines in preparing 35mm slides for presentation at the 2009 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 in slide lectures. If you need a slide twice, make duplicate slides.
- Slides mounted in plastic mounts are preferable to cardboard or glass.
- Graphics are preferable.
- White on black, white on blue, or blue on yellow project the best. Avoid red and blue or other non-contrasting color combinations. The number of available slide carousels is limited. It is highly recommended that you provide your own.

LCD Projection
Computers may not be provided as part of this package. It is your responsibility to provide the laptop or computer used for your presentation. A LCD projection unit will be available in the Speaker Prep Room. Please make certain your computer is compatible with the projector and that all is in working order and tested before your presentation.
Below are recommended guidelines for preparing your presentation:
- Dark background and light text give good contrast and show up well in the meeting room; however, a background too dark may blacken the room too much. Avoid color combinations such as red and blue, yellow, and green, etc.
- 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, 2008, to:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Crash, Fatal, Investigation
Complete all of the Following Information

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

1. Presentation Choice:  □ Oral  □ Poster  □ Breakfast Seminar  □ Luncheon  □ Workshop  □ Workshort

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

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The Unscience of Catch Words:
A Semantic Divertissement

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Words can be so anachronistic, so incongruous, for they conjure up more than that to which they are necessarily entitled or directed. In common parlance words may have a meaning quite divorced from and even contradictory to that which is ascribed to them by specialists such as scientists. Such a reality of usage does not denigrate from the value of the words themselves but can and does often add to their overall impact. Just because a word with scientific overtones does not have a receptivity in science is no just cause for demeaning or discarding it, but it is good reason to disambiguate it, as will be attempted here with certain catch words with a semblance of scientific flavor.

Biologists/Hematologists: Cold or Hot Blood.
Biologists and hematologists know full well that cold blooded individuals may be reptilian only in a metaphorical sense and not according to the actual state of the temperature of their blood. Persons who are cold blooded are said to be calculating and sinisterly deliberate, but their conduct representative of such a dispassionate, read cold, temperament does not mirror the scientific fact of their blood temperature, just as hot blooded people do not have blood that comes to a boil when they are provoked.

Truman Capote was right to title his 1966 non-fiction novel, as it has been termed, In Cold Blood for it faithfully tells the grisliness of the quadruple murders of Herbert Clutter and his family committed in Kansas by two parolees, Richard “Dick” Hickock and Perry Smith. In all the many commentaries on this book, with Tom Wolfe’s essay “Pornoviolence” in the forefront, and its later appearances in Hollywood movies no one has been seen to pan it for the scientific inaccuracy of the characterization of the killers as acting in cold blood. Those catch words are quite understandable in the public forum, even though they may make some scientists cringe.

Astronomy: Cloud Nine
One would not instantly think of a person who is cold blooded as also being simultaneously on “cloud nine.” But it is not inconceivable that cold bloodedness, in the layman’s sense, may lead to a state of euphoria, equivalent to one’s being on “cloud nine.”

What cold bloodedness is to the hematologist, being on “cloud nine” is to an astronomer – a linguistic anachronism. Nevertheless, these are words perfectly suited to their usage. So to sloganize ephedra in the drug trade as putting its users on “cloud nine” is apt and to the point.

There have been efforts by sky-high scientific folk to give “cloud nine” a place in the firmament of science, but such efforts have been short-lived and lacking in scientific rectitude. In the 1950s the U.S. Weather Bureau defined a “cloud nine” as of the fluffy cumulonimbus variety, which personifies the most beauteous of skies, giving such skies a lo and behold visage. And yet why is “cloud nine” given such grandiose stature when cloud classifications can be seen legitimately and scientifically to have ten levels? Is it going toward unhappiness to leave “cloud nine” for cloud ten? That would certainly be a most quixotic up-cloud-slide.

One of the earliest uses for cloud numerology, according to the 1960 edition of The Dictionary of American Slang, trumpeted “cloud seven” as befitting a person in a state of transcendent happiness, with “cloud nine” not even receiving honorable mention. It may be that that “cloud seven” appellation was an offshoot of the well-
received phrase “seventh heaven.” But neither “cloud seven” nor “cloud nine” has been uplifted by scientific acceptance.

Without gilding a cloud it may be well to recognize “cloud nine,” albeit without an established scientific provenance, as singularly indicative of the epitome of happiness. What is good for George Harrison as well as “The Temptations” in musicology should be satisfactory for the run of the mill scientist. Otherwise it might be perceived that scientists are intransigent folk, with their heads in the clouds, obscuring their vision of the reality of the commonplace usage of “cloud nine.”

**Meteorology: Thunderstruck**
The sky can be the source of much distress, as witnessed by tornadoes, hurricanes, and the like natural phenomena. Both thunder and lightning also are explosive atmospheric eruptions, but it is only lightning that can cause physical harm, not thunder, except for the nervous reaction it may evoke.

Yet we speak of persons confronted by extravagant events or startling images as being thunderstruck when lightning-struck might seem to be more scientifically apt. Only thunder, which may exist without accompanying flashes of lightning, is considered to fit the semantics of surprise or astonishment when lightning can provoke even more fear and trembling and devastating or even fatal injury. Why this should be so is an enigma that language mavens have not yet probed in depth, nor have meteorologists who issue warnings of stormy times. Such a deficit leaves one thunderstruck.

**Anthropology/Neurology: Funny Bone**
Anthropology has been the focus of much pallid and stale humor, certainly not of the rollicking sort. And I make no bones about saying so. Gary Larson, as might have been expected, has weighed in on the subject with an anthropology, rather paleoanthropology, inspired cartoon demonstrating even that in the stubby and straight-jacketed realm of the portrayal of the skeletal refinements over time to the hominid anatomy there can still be humor.

In one such cartoon, Larson, in his inimitable fashion, captures the stages of hominid development with four separate skeletons, each standing on its own platform and with its own distinctive scientific (?) name. First there is the Java Man, standing unadorned as if “waiting for Godot.” Next is the skeletal figure of Peking Man pictured brandishing a club. On a bottom panel hominid developments are revealed in the Cro-Magnon Man, typified by the spear he is seen to be holding. Then, bringing his skeletal imagery down to date, Larson gives us Jazz Man, seen to be ever so energetically strumming on a cello, a cigar prominently protruding from his mouth. Larson’s humor is not here, nor even elsewhere in his oeuvre, of the belly-thumping, fall in the aisle type, but it does touch the viewer’s non-existent funny bone.

Whatever the source of the funny bone allusion, the funny bone is most certainly an illusion for it is neither funny nor a bone. Of course, do not mention this fact to the baseball pitcher who is concerned that an injury to his funny bone might become disablingly chronic.

Hitting the elbow can give rise to a painful, although most often a transient reaction which physiological response is the exact opposite of funny or, in the vernacular “tickly.” Indeed, even though striking one’s elbow can trigger a sharp and momentarily painful funny bone attack, still it is not bone that brings about the unpleasantness but the impact on the ulnar nerve which runs behind the distal end of the humerus (upper arm long bone) at the elbow in its travels down the arm. The fact that the humerus is a homophone for the word humorous may explain the origin of the funny bone catch words. At least such a possibility has linguistic merit.

The connection between humor and the so-called funny bone is so deep-rooted and pervasive that at least one neuroscientist has investigated whether humor precipitates a reaction from “The Brain’s Funny Bone...” (Science News, Nov. 16, 2002, Vol. 162 (20). That study involved a Seinfeld program sequence (devoid of the recorded laughs) played to an audience where a magnetic resonance imaging reading was obtained. The author of that study now proposes that regions of the brain’s left hemisphere showed a distinctive response to the humorous episode. That region has already been associated with “resolving ambiguities,” proclaimed William M. Kelley, a neuroscientist and the study’s lead author.

If that be so, then resolving ambiguities is what the effort at disambiguation reflected in this essay is all about. So maybe the funny bone serves a purpose after all.

**Barnyard Biology/Henpecked**
Socrates is thought to have been afflicted by a shrewish mate. Washington Irving let it be known in no uncertain terms that Rip Van Winkle took to the hills to escape a wife who was more a termagant than a loving wife. Both Socrates and Rip Van Winkle can be said to have been the unwilling victims of henpecking.

Wives have been characterized as henpecking their husbands literally from time immemorial. In the 1920s, in reporting on his studying the social behavior of domestic fowl, biologist W. C Allee proved that the pecking order in the barnyard does not extend to hens pecking those roosters who are cocks of the walk. Hens will peck other hens and even roosters who are below them in the social strata but it would be at least inappropriate to apply the word henpecked to describe husbands saddled with shrewish, even hoydenish wives. To do so would be bad science, if not also bad grammar and maybe even bad manners.

**Musicology/G-String**
One of the most singular incongruities in the English language is that of the usage of the term G (or gee)-string. On the one hand the G-string is known to refer to a skimpy manner of dress. But on the other hand the G-string can provide a melodious musical moment as in the Air on the G String adapted from the music of Johann Sebastian Bach.

How to differentiate one from the other was task that Charles Earle Funk and Funk, Jr. set for themselves in Horse Feathers and Other Curious Words, Harper & Row, N.Y., 1986.

The finding of the Funks ascribe the G-string (as well as the or gee string) in both music and wearing apparel to the same source, viz. the custom among “plainsmen” of the frontier days to replace the broken G string of their fiddles with the sturdy G-string worn as part

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of the loincloth which, as a condescension to modesty, customarily attired the Native Americans whom they encountered in their travels. In offering this explanation the Funks, however, are cautious in stating that their view is only “a conjecture.” One might say that it hangs by a string. Yet their view does have the merit of disambiguating the term G-string.

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These catch words are not the sum and substance of those that one might find expressed in everyday speech. Not by a long shot, one might say. Reference might also be made to the usage of the acid and the litmus paper tests as having a happier home among chemists than in speech or writing, even in the opinions of the courts. Any exacting trial has come to be known as an acid or litmus paper test when it is well known that such tests are not conclusive. (Garrison W., Why You Say It? Tn., Rutledge Hill Press, 1992.) These words, as explained herein, and others as well have largely escaped critical notice literally by “the skin of their teeth.”

Now on to the matter of unscientific catch phrases like “space – the final frontier” or “leave no worm unturned,” or “snores like a pig.”

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The 2009 YFSF Committee has already begun planning for the AAFS Annual Meeting to be held February 16 - 21 in Denver, CO. Some of our past topics have included Ethics in Forensic Science and Forensic Science in the Public Eye. For next year’s meeting, we have discussed moving the focus more toward our membership and featuring events to discuss professional behaviors for forensic scientists. We are always looking for new forensic scientists who would like to be involved with planning and hosting our events. If you are interested please contact one of our officers, listed below:

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YFSF events center around a day-long Special Session featuring well-known forensic speakers from all areas of forensic science and a catered lunch. The Special Session seeks to offer students a well-rounded discussion of the forensic professions and consistently yields full attendance. We hope to find a larger session space for 2009, as our waiting lists are consistently high. The Special Session is followed in the evening by a Poster Session featuring student research and interesting casework from new forensic scientists in a relaxed, informative atmosphere. Generally the Bring Your Own Slides session is scheduled later in the week and is another excellent source of forensic research and casework. The YFSF events end with a Breakfast Session featuring a more intimate opportunity to hear renowned forensic speakers and even find some excellent career advice. Serving on the YFSF Committee is an excellent opportunity to meet forensic scientists at your career level and make connections within the forensic community. Please contact us if you are interested in this opportunity.

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**YFSF Special Session Update**

We are very excited about planning the 2009 Young Forensic Science Forum Special Session. The focus will be on giving the attendees a broad overview of what forensics has to offer. We hope to have speakers from every section alongside international speakers. We want the participants to get excited about all forms of forensics, not just the ones that are popularized in the media.

We hope that by attending the YFSF Special Session new scientists will find new and interesting areas of forensic science that they would not have been exposed to otherwise. You never know who or what may inspire you. All fields of forensic science need fresh ideas and young scientists to further their fields.

We are in the beginning stages of planning but want to make the 2009 Special Session one of the best parts of the 2009 AAFS Annual Meeting. This session is not to be missed by young forensic scientists. Especially those unsure about their areas of interest. Stay tuned for more updates, and please contact us with any suggestions. You can contact Arliss Dudley-Cash at dudleycash@gmail.com and Erica Blais at erica.blais@pol.state.ma.us.

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YFSF members are encouraged to apply for the various Forensic Sciences Foundation (FSF) Grants and Awards being offered.

The FSF is offering up to five (5) Travel Grants this year for students to assist with travel expenses in attending the AAFS Annual Meeting. A complimentary 2009 meeting registration is also included with this award.

The FSF Lucas Grants ($501-$5,000) 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 AAFS.

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

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.

Finally, the purpose of the FSF Emerging Forensic Scientist Award is to nurture a productive dialogue between emerging judicial and forensic standards of reliability and validity. 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.

Please see pages 15-18 of this issue of the Academy News for complete guidelines and deadlines.

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**Word Scramble**

Test your skills at unscrambling these famous *fictional* forensic scientists! (All are 2 words unless otherwise stated.)

1. CEEHKLLOORSS
2. AAACEKPRSTTY
3. AADEMPSS
4. AEHIILLMPPORW
5. EEHIIKLLMNNOSY
6. CEEHILOOPRRTU
7. ACDENNRWY
8. BEEGNOORRT
9. ACCEEEFHIIJLRSST
10. AACCEGHILLNRRST
11. GGIILMOSSR
12. ABCIKLLLMOT
13. ABCCDEEILNNOOPRWW
14. AEILMMPRSS
15. ABDEHHORSTYY (3 words)
16. CINUQY (1 word)
17. AABCEEEEMNNNNPRRT
18. AEEHILMNPPSTU
19. ADEGINPSTUUU
20. AAGHMMMMNOSTU
21. AADIKMNNOR
22. BCEEEEILNNOS

See page 39 for answers.
Meetings and Conferences

MAY 2008

12-14
Reconstruction of Violent Crimes—To be held at the East Texas Police Academy in Kilgore, TX.
CONTACT: Ed Hueske
(940) 383-8668
xptwta@aol.com
www.edhueske.com

12-14
Fourth Annual Cyber Security and Information Intelligence Research Workshop—To be held at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Oak Ridge, TN.
CONTACT: Cyberspace Sciences and Information Intelligence Research Group
Computational Sciences and Engineering
Oak Ridge National Laboratory
PO Box 2008
One Bethel Valley Road
Building 5300, MS-6418
Oak Ridge, TN 37831
(865) 576-5170
Fax: (865) 576-5943
http://www.ioc.ornl.gov/csiirw/

12-16
Fire and Arson Investigation Course—To be held at the Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Science in West Haven, CT.
CONTACT: Peter Massey
Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Science
300 Boston Post Road
West Haven, CT 06516
(203) 479-4596
pmassey@newhaven.edu
www.henryleeinstitute.com

19-22
Crime Scene Digital Photography—To be held at the Institute for Forensic Imaging in Indianapolis, IN.
CONTACT: Kristy Trumpey
Institute for Forensic Imaging
338 S. Arlington Suite 111
Indianapolis, IN 46219
(317) 356-0245
www.aifi-indy.org

19-23
Discovery and Recovery: Death Investigation in Natural Environments Workshop—To be held at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, NC.
CONTACT: Ann H. Ross, PhD
NC State University
(919) 515-9021
ann_ross@ncsu.edu
www.ncforensics.org

19-23
Shooting Incident Reconstruction/Officer-Involved Shootings—To be held at Northwestern University Center for Public Safety in Evanston, IL.
CONTACT: Ruthy Delgado
(847) 467-7516
r-delgado@northwestern.edu

19-23
Outdoor Recovery in Forensic Anthropology for Law Enforcement Course—To be held at the University of Tennessee’s Forensic Anthropology Center in Knoxville, TN.
CONTACT: Rebecca Wilson
(865) 974-4408
fac@utk.edu

22
3rd International Workshop on Systematic Approaches to Digital Forensic Engineering—To be held in Oakland, CA.
CONTACT: http://conf.ncku.edu.tw/sadfe/sadfe08/

27-30
Alternate Light Sources Course—To be held at the Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Science in West Haven, CT.
CONTACT: Peter Massey
Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Science
300 Boston Post Road
West Haven, CT 06516
(203) 479-4596
pmassey@newhaven.edu
www.henryleeinstitute.com

28-30
The Reid Technique of Interviewing and Interrogation—To be held at the Marriott in Albuquerque, NM.
CONTACT: Toni Overman
John E. Reid and Associates, Inc.
209 West Jackson Blvd, Suite 400
Chicago, IL 60606
(800) 255-5747, ext 23
www.reid.com

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28-31
Forensic Trends: Psychiatric and Behavioral Issues Training Course—To be held at the Las Vegas Hilton in Las Vegas, NV.
CONTACT: Contemporary Forums
(800) 377-7707
info@cforsums.com
www.contemporaryforums.com

36
6th International Conference on Applied Cryptography and Network Security—To be held at Columbia University in New York, NY.
CONTACT: Angelos Keromytis
Department of Computer Science
Columbia University
1214 Amsterdam Ave, MC 0401
New York, NY 10027-7003
(212) 939-7095

36
Advanced Bugs, Bones & Botany Laboratory Analysis Course—Presented by the University of Florida William R. Maples Center for Forensic Medicine and Virginia Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine. To be held at the University of Florida in Gainesville, FL.
CONTACT: Virginia Institute of Forensic Science & Medicine
700 N 5th Street
Richmond, VA 23219
(804) 786-8073
info@vifsm.org
www.vifsm.org

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Post-Symposium Workshop in Forensic Anthropology—Folllows 18th Southwest Symposium on Forensic Dentistry—To be held at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA) in San Antonio, TX.
CONTACT: UTHSCSA
Continuing Dental Education
(210) 567-3177
sem@uthscsa.edu
www.uthscsa.org

9-13
Detection and Recovery of Human Remains Workshop—To be held at Chaminade University of Honolulu in Honolulu, HI.
CONTACT: M. Lee Goff
Forensic Sciences Program
Chaminade University of Honolulu
3140 Waialae Avenue
Honolulu, HI 96816-1578
(808) 440-4289
Fax: (808) 440-4278
lgoff@chaminade.edu

9-13
Laboratory Methods in the Identification of Human Skeletal Remains Short Course—To be held at Mercyhurst College in Erie, PA.
CONTACT: Dennis Dirkmaat, PhD
Dept of Applied Forensic Sciences
Mercyhurst College
501 E. 38th Street
Erie, PA 16546
(814) 824-2150
ddirkmaat@mercyhurst.edu
www.mercyhurst.edu

9-13
Video Capture, Enhancement & Analysis—To be held at the Institute for Forensic Imaging in Indianapolis, IN.
CONTACT: Kristy Trumpey
Institute for Forensic Imaging
338 S. Arlington Suite 111
Indianapolis, IN 46219
(317) 356-0245
www.if-iindy.org

36
21st Annual Forensic Anthropology Course—To be held at the National Transportation Training Center in Ashburn, VA.
CONTACT: Mr. Mark Hovland
Armed Forces Institute of Pathology
Department of Medical Education
Washington, DC 20306-6000
(202) 782-2637
Fax: (202) 782-5020
came@afip.osd.mil
http://www.askafip.org

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2-6
Discovery of Human Remains—To be held at the Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Science in West Haven, CT.
CONTACT: Peter Massey
Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Science
300 Boston Post Road
West Haven, CT 06516
(203) 429-4596
pmassey@newhaven.edu
www.henryleeinstitute.com

2-6
Death Scene Archaeology Short Course: 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 Dirkmaat, PhD
Dept of Applied Forensic Sciences
Mercyhurst College
501 E. 38th Street
Erie, PA 16546
(814) 824-2150
ddirkmaat@mercyhurst.edu
www.mercyhurst.edu

2-6
18th Southwest Symposium on Forensic Dentistry—To be held at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA) in San Antonio, TX.
CONTACT: UTHSCSA
Continuing Dental Education
(210) 567-3177
sem@uthscsa.edu
www.uthscsa.org

7-9
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Continuing Dental Education
(210) 567-3177
sem@uthscsa.edu
www.uthscsa.org

9-13
Basic Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Course—To be held at Elmira College in Elmira, NY.
CONTACT: Paul Erwin Kish
Forensic Consultant & Associates
PO Box 814
Corning, NY 14830
(607) 962-8092
paulkish@stny.rr.com

16-20
Analysis of Bone Trauma and Pseudo-Trauma in Suspected Violent Deaths Short Course—To be held at Mercyhurst College in Erie, PA.
CONTACT: Dennis Dirkmaat, PhD
Dept of Applied Forensic Sciences
Mercyhurst College
501 E. 38th Street
Erie, PA 16546
(814) 824-2150
ddirkmaat@mercyhurst.edu
www.mercyhurst.edu

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(607) 962-8092
paulkish@stny.rr.com

16-20
Shooting Incident Reconstruction Officer-Involved Shooting Investigation—To be held at the Police Standards and Training Council in Concord, NH.
CONTACT: Marc Dupre or Steve Ostrowski
(603) 340-0675

16-20
Introduction to Shooting Incident Reconstruction—To be held at FoCoSS Forensics in Concord, NH.
CONTACT: Steve Ostrowski
(603) 340-0675
soostrowski@foocosforensics.com
Detection, Recovery and Examination of Footwear Impression Evidence Course—To be held at the Baltimore County Police Department in Towson, MD.
CONTACT: Bill Bodziak
38 Sabal Bend
Palm Coast, FL 32137
(386) 447-3567
Fax: (386) 447-3568
wbodziak@earthlink.net
www.bodziak.com

JULY 2008

21-22 National Crime Information Center Dental Coding Workshop—Sponsored by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Criminal Justice Information Services Division. To be held at the Westin Tabor Center in Denver, CO.
CONTACT: Stacey Davis
Management and Program Analyst
FBI - CJIS Division
Module C3
1000 Custer Hollow Road
Clarksburg, WV 26306
(304) 625-2618
stdavis@leo.gov

23-27 Blood Stain Pattern Analysis Course—To be held at the Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Science in West Haven, CT.
CONTACT: Peter Massey
Henry C. Lee Institute of Forensic Science
300 Boston Post Road
West Haven, CT 06516
(203) 479-4396
pmassey@newhaven.edu
www.henryleecinstitute.com

23-26 Forensic Science Educators Conference—Presented by the American Academy of Forensic Sciences in partnership with Saint Louis University and the Saigh Foundation. To be held at Saint Louis University in St. Louis, MO.
CONTACT: Julie Howe
(314) 977-3970, ext. 2
Fax: (314) 977-3655
howe@slu.edu

23-25 Advanced Shooting Reconstruction—To be held at the Police Standards and Training Council in Concord, NH.
CONTACT: Steve Ostrowski
(603) 340-0675
sostrowski@focossforensics.com

23-27 Documentation of Human Remains and Physical Evidence at the Terrorism Crime Scene Short Course—To be held at Mercyhurst College in Erie, PA.
CONTACT: Dennis Dirkmaat, PhD
Dept of Applied Forensic Sciences
Mercyhurst College
501 E. 38th Street
Erie, PA 16546
(814) 824-2150
dirkmaat@mercyhurst.edu
www.mercyhurst.edu

21-23 Reconstruction of Violent Crimes—To be held at the St. Louis County & Municipal Police Academy in Wellston, MO.
CONTACT: Becky Murphy
(314) 889-8600
bamurphy@slouisco.com

AUGUST 2008

4-8 Forensic Shooting Scene Reconstruction Course—To be held at the Fire and Police Training Center in Eugene, OR.
CONTACT: Trent Spradling
777 Pearl Street, Room 107
Eugene, OR 97401
www.forensicfirearms.com

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6-8
Advanced Shooting Incident Reconstruction—To be held at the Texas Department of Public Safety Training Academy in Austin, TX.
CONTACT: Lt. Erwin Ballarta
(512) 788-0113
erwin.ballarta@txdps.state.tx.us

7-8
2nd International Workshop on Computational Forensics—To be held at the National Academy of Sciences, Keck Center, in Washington, DC.
CONTACT: iwcf08@arsforensica.org
http://iwcf08.arsforensica.org

11-13
Basic Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Course—To be held in London, England.
CONTACT: Tony Larkin
Metropolitan Police Service
London, England
anthony.larkin@met.police.uk
Tel: 00 44 (0) 207 230 0342

11-13
Digital Forensic Research Workshop—To be held in Baltimore, MD
CONTACT: DFRWS
33 Thornwood Drive, Suite 500
Ithaca, NY 14850
dfrws@dfrws.org
http://www.dfrws.org

15-17
International Workshop on Digital Crime and Forensics—To be held in Harbin, China.
CONTACT: Chang-Tsun Li
Department of Computer Science
University of Warwick
Coventry CV4 7AL, UK
cfl@dcs.warwick.ac.uk
http://www.dcs.warwick.ac.uk/~cfl/CFP_IWDCF2008.html

20-23
7th International Conference on Forensic Inference and Statistics—To be held at the Lausanne University Campus in Lausanne, Switzerland.
CONTACT: Franco Tarotii, PhD
Ecole des Sciences Criminelles
Institut de Police Scientifique
Université de Lausanne
Batolome
1015 Lausanne
Switzerland
icfis@unil.ch
http://www.unil.ch/icfis

25-27
4th Virtopsy Basic Course—To be held at the Institute of Forensic Medicine at the University of Bern, Switzerland.
CONTACT: Prof. Dr. med. Michael Thali, MD
Centre Forensic Imaging / Virtopsy at the University of Bern
Institute of Forensic Medicine
Buehlstrasse 20
CH-3012 Bern
Switzerland
Tel: +41 31 631 8458
sandra.salzmann@irm.unibe.ch
www.virtopsy.com

SEPTEMBER 2008

8-12
Basic Facial Reconstruction Sculpture Workshop—To be held at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, OK.
CONTACT: Betty Pat. Gatilff
SKULLpture Lab
1026 Leslie Lane
Norman, OK 73069-4501
(405) 321-8706

15-17
11th International Symposium on Recent Advances in Intrusion Detection—To be held at the Wong Auditorium in the Tang Center at MIT in Cambridge, MA.
CONTACT: raid-08@ll.mit.edu
http://www.ll.mit.edu/IST/RAID2008/

15-19
Advanced Facial Reconstruction Sculpture Workshop—To be held at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, OK.
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(405) 321-8706

OCTOBER 2008

2-5
Making Sense of the Sixties: A National Symposium on the Political Assassinations and Legacies of Martin Luther King Jr., Robert F. Kennedy, and John F. Kennedy—To be held in Pittsburgh, PA.
CONTACT: The Cyril H. Wecht Institute of Forensic Science and Law
Duquesne Univ School of Law
Edward J. Hanley Hall
900 Locust Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15282-0700
(412) 396-1330
Fax: (412) 396-1331
wechtinstitute@duq.edu
www.forensics.duq.edu

22-26
The Southern Association of Forensic Scientists (SAFS) Fall Meeting—To be held at Sam’s Town Hotel and Casino in Shreveport, LA.
CONTACT: Randall Robillard
General Program Chair
(318) 227-2889
Fax: (318) 227-9013
rrobillard@nlcl.org
www.southernforensic.org
www.nlcl.org/safs2008info.html

23-25
4th International Conference on IT Incident Management & IT Forensics—To be held in Mannheim, Germany.
CONTACT: imf2008@gi-fgsidar.de
http://www.imf-conference.org/

28-Oct 2
Federation of Analytical Chemistry and Spectroscopy Societies (FACSS) Annual Conference—To be held in Reno, NV.
CONTACT: Cindi Lilly
FACSS International Office
2019 Galisteo Street, Bldg I-1
Santa Fe, NM 87505
(505) 820-1648
www.facss.org

30-Oct 6
Australia and New Zealand Forensic Science Society 19th International Symposium on the Forensic Sciences—To be held at the Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Center in Melbourne, Australia.
CONTACT: Bryan Found
bryan@anzfss2008.org.au
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**JANUARY 2009**

**24-30**

U.S. Department of Defense Cyber Crime Conference—To be held at the Renaissance Grand Hotel in St. Louis, MO.

CONTACT: 1-877-4IT-EXPO (448-3976)

Info@TechnologyForums.com

http://www.dodcybercrime.com/

**FEBRUARY 2009**

**20-21**

The Art & Science of Expert Witness Testimony Workshop—Presented by the ABFO Civil Litigation Committee. To be held in conjunction with the AAFS Annual Meeting in Denver, CO.

CONTACT: Dr. Tom David

(770) 977-0364

(770) 565-2320

tjd214@bellsouth.net

**16-21**

AAFS 61st Annual Scientific Meeting—To be held at the Denver Convention Center in Denver, CO.

CONTACT: Sondra Doolittle

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410 N. 21st Street

Colorado Springs, CO 80904

(719) 636-1100

Fax: (719) 636-1993

sdoolittle@aafs.org

www.aafs.org

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**DECEMBER 2008**

**1-5**

Basic Bloodstain Analysis Workshop—Presented by the Specialized Training Unit at the Metropolitan Police Institute of the Miami-Dade Police Department in Doral, FL.

CONTACT: Toby L. Wolson

Miami-Dade Police Department

Crime Laboratory Bureau

9105 NW 24th Street

Doral, FL 33172

(305) 471-2052

twolson@mdpd.com

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**YFSF Word Scramble Answers:**

1. Sherlock Holmes
2. Kay Scarpetta
3. Sam Spade
4. Philip Marlowe
5. Kinsey Millhone
6. Hercule Poirot
7. Nancy Drew
8. Robert Goren
9. Jessica Fletcher
10. Clarice Starling
11. Gil Grissom
12. Bill Matlock
13. Encyclopedia Brown
14. Miss Marple
15. The Hardy Boys
16. Quincy
17. Temperance Brennan
18. Stephanie Plum
19. Auguste Dupin
20. Thomas Magnum
21. Adrian Monk
22. Lennie Briscoe
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Address: _____________________________________________________________________

City: _______________________________________________________________________

State: ___________________________ Zip: ___________________________

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Your name: ___________________________________________________________________

For more information:
Phone: (719) 636-1100
Fax: (719) 636-1993

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