At this time our thoughts and best wishes are directed toward colleagues and all who have suffered from the recent events in Japan. Largely through Tom Noguchi’s contacts in the Japanese Society of Legal Medicine (JSLM), we have learned that our Japanese colleagues are fully engaged in various forensic related initiatives. Dr. Noguchi reports that the National Disaster Coordinating Center and the National Police Agency believe that they can handle the disaster victim identification efforts without outside assistance. We remain in contact with them and are confident that many AAFS members are poised to provide appropriate assistance if requested to do so.

While we are savoring our recent Chicago experience, it is important to acknowledge once again the tremendous, effective effort of our AAFS staff directed toward making the meeting successful. The seamless integration of the diverse activities of the meeting week represent months of planning and coordination on their part. We are fortunate to work with such a gifted and dedicated staff; they make it happen.

The great Chicago meeting represented the second largest attendance in our history with 3,852 registered, second only to the very popular meeting in Washington, DC, in 2008. The meeting records also revealed a statistic extremely relevant to our Atlanta theme in 2012. International attendees in Chicago totaled a record 512. This is a 14 percent increase from the numbers in 2010 and 36 percent more than attended the 2009 meeting in Denver. These numbers reflect the growing international nature of the forensic sciences and our Academy.

At the Saturday morning meeting of the Board of Directors (BOD) in Chicago, several initiatives were approved and subsequently acted upon. Last year, the Academy considered but declined to file an amicus curiae brief regarding an issue. The President at that time, Joe Bono, discussed with the Board and others the development of a committee that would assist the Academy leadership in monitoring court cases for appeals in which the Academy might consider filing an amicus brief. That committee now has been formed as the Ad Hoc Committee on Amicus Curiae Briefs. I have continued on page 8

President’s Message

Douglas H. Ubelaker, PhD

Nomination Committee Report

The Nominating Committee has announced its list of nominees for 2012-13 officers:

- Barry K. Logan, PhD: President-Elect (Toxicology)
- John E. Gerns, MFS: Vice President (General)
- Danielle D. Rutman, JD: Vice President (Jurisprudence)
- Daniel A. Martell, PhD: Secretary (Psychiatry & Behavioral Science)
- Victor W. Weedn, MD, JD: Treasurer (Pathology/Biology)

The Nominating Committee is composed of three Fellows elected by the Board of Directors — Joseph Bono (Chair), Thomas Bohan, and Carol Henderson, and the immediate past chairs of the following sections: Matthew Wood (Criminalistics), Zeno Geradts (Digital & Multimedia Sciences), Helmut Brosz (Engineering Sciences), Robert Gaffney (General), Roderick Kennedy (Jurisprudence), Gary Berman (Odontology), Kim Collins (Pathology/Biology), Bradley Adams (Physical Anthropology), Stephen Billick (Psychiatry & Behavioral Science), Jane Lewis (Questioned Documents), and Kenneth Ferslew (Toxicology).

In accordance with AAFS Bylaws, nomination for any elected office of the Academy may be made by petition delivered to the Nominating Committee in care of the AAFS headquarters no later than September 1, 2011. Nomination petitions should state the name of the nominee, the office sought, a certificate stating that the candidate is a Fellow in good standing, and the signatures and printed names of 50 Fellows and full Members.
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Future AAFS Annual Meeting Dates

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

February 16-21, 2015  
The Peabody Orlando  
Orlando, FL

February 17-22, 2014  
Washington State Convention & Trade Center  
Seattle, WA

February 15-20, 2016  
Rio Las Vegas Hotel  
Las Vegas, NV

Additional content and resources may be available in this issue of the magazine.
President-Elect’s Message

While it seems like just yesterday that we were together in Chicago, by the time you read this more than two months will have passed. It’s time to turn our thoughts towards the next annual meeting in Atlanta, February 2012. Before you know it the deadlines for abstract submission, promotion within the AAFS, and new member applications will have come and gone. As many of you know, these deadlines are firm. Please do not miss them.

As president-elect I am already engaged in planning for that meeting and for the 2013 Annual Meeting in Washington, DC. One of my duties will be to name chairs and co-chairs for the Washington meeting – Plenary, Workshops, Breakfasts, Interdisciplinary, and numerous other positions. Over the past year the Policy & Procedures Committee chaired by Scott Denton examined, at the AAFS Board’s request, the structure and make-up of committees within the Academy. The report was received at the Monday AAFS Board of Director’s Meeting and preliminary discussion was held. In essence there are nearly 600 committee positions in the Academy; about half are appointed by the individual sections and operate at the section level, approximately 100 are associated with the Journal of Forensic Sciences, a few with the FSF, and about 200 academy-wide positions – one-quarter of these are presidentially appointed and the remainder either board or section appointed. A few individuals (half-dozen or so) approached me in Chicago and asked to be considered for appointment. Please, if you are interested in volunteering to move your Academy forward through service on a committee, let your section officers know. Section officers, please forward names along with your own recommendations to me. Even after 25 years of attending meetings there are literally thousands of members whom I do not know; but, I know that in order to be a member of the Academy each of you must have the qualities needed to move the Academy forward. One of the drawbacks in coming from a relatively small and somewhat insular section (Odontology) is that my path doesn’t cross as often as I would like with other forensic brothers and sisters.

Two other thoughts before I close: The first concerning the Academy’s International Educational Outreach Program. President Ubelaker, the AAFS staff, and the officers of the International Association of Forensic Sciences (IAFS) have fashioned a wonderful trip in September to include the 2011 Triennial Meeting of the IAFS in Funchal on the Atlantic Ocean Island of Madeira (Portugal) with an additional forensic and tour program on the Portuguese mainland to follow. I encourage you to attend. Information is available on the AAFS website (click IEOP under the Meetings tab) as well as in this newsletter beginning on page 21. The IEOP for the summer of 2013 is also beginning to take shape. In all likelihood it will center on the IALM meeting in Istanbul, Turkey, in early July 2013. In addition to attending that meeting, a tour of many of the numerous historical sites near Istanbul and professional interchange with our Turkish forensic brethren will be offered.

Finally, many people over the last several months have called my attention and the attention of many others to “blogs” (web logs) focused on forensics. While the assertions are sometimes intriguing, I am reminded of an old saying – free legal advice is worth exactly what you paid for it. I prefer to receive my continuing forensic education in a more traditional fashion – through presentations at which the author can be questioned and audience members can interact and through the peer-reviewed publication process.

Academy News
Our international forensic science counterparts provide a wealth of knowledge well beyond their areas of expertise. They afford us the opportunity to be exposed to different cultures and legal systems. Their breadth of experience with introducing their forensic analysis into their judicial systems enables us all to learn. Their research and development has benefited the entire forensic science community. In this issue of Academy News, I wanted to put into perspective the number of forensic scientists who reside in the European community. There are 26 European countries represented in the AAFS. Each of the eleven sections is represented with a total of 157 members at various membership levels. Due to the size of Europe and the limited amount of space for this article, only those countries in the European Union (EU) are listed below. Sixteen of the twenty-seven countries in the EU are represented by 115 members in the Academy. The remaining ten non-EU countries and their 42 members will be listed in the same manner in a future article this year. Each country is listed below along with the section and number of its forensic scientists who are members of the AAFS. Throughout my career and during my time with the International Criminal Tribunal for Former Yugoslavia, I worked with many international colleagues whose dedication and professionalism were an inspiration to all who worked beside them. It was an honor and privilege to serve with these experts, and I hope other forensic scientists have the same opportunity to experience this camaraderie.

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Sondra Doolittle, with the Academy since 2000, is our Meetings & Expositions Manager, and is therefore responsible for planning, organizing, and coordinating the more than 350 events held during the Annual Scientific Meeting. Sondra coordinates meeting placement and setup, food & beverage, and audiovisual orders for all AAFS sessions as well as the affiliate groups which meet in conjunction with the Annual Scientific Meeting. Those of you who have chaired any aspect of the annual scientific program know that Sondra oversees the abstract process, workshops and special sessions, as well as all policies related to planning the AAFS meeting. In addition to organizing the meetings, Sondra is responsible for editing the Advanced and Final programs as well as the Proceedings. In addition to organizing the meetings, Sondra is responsible for editing the Advanced and Final programs as well as the Proceedings. She also coordinates mid-year meetings, helps the Board of Directors find future meeting locations, and in 2008, organized the successful International Association of Forensic Sciences (IAFS) Triennial Meeting in New Orleans. All eyes are on Sondra during the annual meeting where you will find her with radio in hand, taking care of last minute emergencies while, incredibly, maintaining a smile. Sondra is mother to Tyler (pictured) and is an avid volleyball player and sports aficionado. In Atlanta, take a moment to smile and say hello as she zooms past to smooth out the wrinkles that may crop up during the meeting.

Assisting Sondra with the meetings since 2008 is Salena Grant, Assistant Meetings Manager. Salena serves as Sondra’s professional right hand in all phases of meeting planning, beginning in August with the processing of over 1,000 submissions for the annual meeting, and ending with the processing of hundreds of meeting surveys, evaluations, and cost analyses of numerous meeting functions. During the year, Salena is responsible for ensuring that each abstract accepted for the program meets length and commercial disclosure requirements. Salena, who produces the ever-growing Program Committee’s Program Planner’s Guide, serves as liaison to the program committee ensuring that the committee members review and make a determination for every successful submission for the program. Salena also assists special session speakers in their travel needs to and from the annual meeting. With all of these responsibilities, you will find a calm and collected Salena at the meeting dashing by to attend to emergencies, ensuring all of the signage in the right place as well as making sure that all of the speaker handouts are where they should be. Salena is the mother of two girls, Paige and Erin, and loves traveling and cooking.

AAFS Topics of Interest and CE Needs Requested

What topics should be addressed at the Academy’s 64th Annual Meeting? AAFS members are asked to send suggestions for topics of interest and continuing education needs for the 2012 AAFS Annual Scientific Meeting to the Academy headquarters. All responses received will be communicated to the program committee members when they commence their review of abstract submissions. Take this opportunity to have a voice on the program content in Atlanta, GA; send your suggestions today. Please contact Sondra Doolittle (sdoolittle@aafs.org) at the AAFS office.
Global Research: The Forensic Science Edge

The Use and Misuse of Global Law and Foreign Experts in American Courts

Source: Joseph J. Maltese, JD, MSFE, Jurisprudence Section Chair

When I was first asked to write on the theme of the 2012 AAFS Annual Meeting, “Global Research: The Forensic Science Edge,” my first impression was that it was not relevant to the attorneys and judges of the Jurisprudence Section. However, upon reflection, there are some very controversial arguments in the legal community concerning what, if any, influence foreign law legal research should have in interpreting American law and the use of expert opinions based upon foreign research and studies published in foreign journals.

Under Rule 44.1 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, a court determining foreign law “may consider any relevant material or source, including testimony, whether or not submitted by a party or admissible under the Federal Rules of Evidence.” The parties to a lawsuit may present citations to foreign law that address relevant statutes or case law. More commonly, law professors or attorneys licensed by the nation in question, are called by the parties to testify, as Foreign Law Experts, about the application of the foreign law at issue.

Recently, Chief Judge Easterbrook of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit in Chicago commented that French law and the law of most other nations that engage in extensive international commerce is widely available in English. Consequently, American judges can conduct their own legal research and analysis. Chief Judge Easterbrook criticized the practice of allowing advocates to present their own Foreign Law Experts in circumstances where the foreign law is readily available in English, claiming it adds an adversarial “spin” to the interpretation of foreign law, which courts should disregard. In those instances where foreign law is not readily available in English, a court appointed more neutral Foreign Law Expert may be more useful.

But this begs the question of whether reading an English translation of a foreign nation’s statutes and its judicial or administrative decisions, without knowing about the foreign legal system and particular cultural nuances of the foreign nation provides a complete and accurate assessment of the foreign law’s true meaning. Once translated, unless the true meaning and context of the foreign law is fully understood, its consideration by American judges in interpreting U.S. laws may result in erroneous conclusions. Hence, in the opinion of this writer, the use of Foreign Law Experts may indeed assist an American court when examining foreign law.

Where the issue involves a treaty or international trade or commerce, a U.S. court reviewing foreign law is rather commonplace. However, there has been considerable controversy over some recent decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court that dealt with interpreting whether a foreign practice, statute, or case law comports with the U.S. Constitution. Justices Anthony Kennedy, Stephen Breyer, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and former Justice Sandra Day O’Connor have cited laws of European nations in deciding controversial issues, such as the application of the death penalty generally, and its application specifically to minors and mentally impaired defendants. In Europe, virtually all nations have outlawed the death penalty. Critics of using foreign law when interpreting the U.S. Constitution argue that a foreign nation’s laws reflect the moral beliefs of the people from that particular nation, and that they therefore should not be used to interpret laws of other nations.

Antonin Scalia, the Senior Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, is perhaps the strongest advocate for not considering foreign law when interpreting the U.S. Constitution. His view is shared by several other present and past Supreme Court Justices, such as Chief Justice John Roberts, Justices Clarence Thomas and Samuel Alito, and former Chief Justice William Rehnquist.

Justice Scalia argues that the U.S. Constitution is the oldest written Constitution in the modern world, and that the foreign law of modern nations that came into existence after the creation of the U.S. Constitution should not be the basis for interpreting the U.S. Constitution. While the founding fathers borrowed much law from England and other nations in formulating its original Constitution, once adopted, the U.S. Constitution did not totally mirror the laws of the nation it overthrew in the American Revolution. Justice Scalia argues that once foreign law is cited to interpret American Constitutional Law, especially the Bill of Rights, many of which deal with criminal or procedural rights, only U.S. legal precedents and American cultural norms should be the guide.

Constitutional Relevance of Foreign Court Decisions

In 2005, Justices Stephen Breyer and Antonin Scalia conducted a televised debate on the “Constitutional Relevance of Foreign Court Decisions” at the Washington College of Law at American University in Washington, D.C. The issue debated was whether foreign court decisions should be considered authoritative, persuasive, or merely rhetorical and informative. At that debate, Justice Breyer...
Our section members have been actively participating in interesting projects collaborating, assisting, and learning from our international colleagues. The following are a compilation of short articles written by some of our members illustrating the efforts made in the globalization of forensic psychiatry and related behavioral sciences.

“Japan Researches How USA Forensic Psychiatrists Assists the Legal System”
Source: Richard Rosner, MD

International research may entail U.S. scientists participating in a project that originates overseas, rather than overseas scientists participating in a project that originates in the U.S.

The government of Japan has recently changed the processing of defendants who offer insanity defenses to charges of criminal offenses. Under the new system, laypersons will participate alongside judges in hearing and evaluating such insanity defense cases. Because this system is new to Japan, the Japanese government has funded judicial officers to come to the U.S. and study how our system operates.


It was explained that U.S. forensic psychiatrists use a four-step process: (1) determining exactly which issue(s) the Court wants assessed, (2) determining exactly what the statutory and case law criteria are for the adjudication of each issue, (3) collecting information relevant to those specific legal criteria, and (4) setting forth our opinion on the issue(s) as logically following from the application of the relevant data to the specific legal criteria.

It was also noted that U.S. forensic psychiatrists avoid the use of professional jargon, preferring every-day English words (e.g., rather than using the jargon “delusion,” a U.S. forensic psychiatrist might refer to “a persistent false belief that is resistant to change in the face of contrary facts and reasoned arguments.”

The Japanese judges also met with forensic psychiatrists and U.S. judges in other cities, including Cleveland, OH and New Haven, CT. It is hoped that this Japanese research into U.S. forensic psychiatric practices will be of future use to judges in the adjudication of insanity defense cases in Japan.

“Globalization of Parental Alienation Syndrome”
Source: William Bernet, MD

I became personally aware of the significance of global research about three years ago when I launched a campaign to have the concept of parental alienation become an official diagnosis in the system of diagnoses that is used by mental health professionals in the U.S. (the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, or the DSM) and the system of diagnoses used by the rest of the world (the International Classification of Diseases, also known as the ICD). Since we were trying to influence both the DSM and the ICD, our effort had to be international. I quickly learned that there are many mental health professionals in other countries who know much more about parental alienation than the average psychologist and psychiatrist in the U.S.!

For readers who may not be familiar with the term, “parental alienation” refers to a mental condition in which a child – usually one whose parents are engaged in a high-conflict divorce – allies himself or herself strongly with one parent (the preferred parent) and rejects a relationship with the other parent (the alienated parent) without legitimate justification. Parental alienation is a mental disorder because it involves an abnormal mental state (the false belief that one of the parents is evil or dangerous) that drives maladaptive behavior (the rejection of a loving parent for years and perhaps a lifetime).

I formed an ad hoc international committee consisting of 70 mental health and legal professionals from twelve countries. My colleagues and I developed a comprehensive global bibliography regarding parental alienation, with references from 30 countries on six continents. We discovered that there has been substantive research regarding parental alienation everywhere from Argentina to Latvia to South Africa to Japan. Although the psychopathology of parental alienation was described in the U.S. in the 1980s, the concept spread and was rapidly recognized by mental health clinicians, attorneys, and judges. Parental alienation has been addressed by courts in many countries and at least one supranational court, the European Court of Human Rights. National and international conferences have occurred in the U.S., Canada, Germany, Spain, and Italy.
asked Vice President Victor Weedn to Chair the committee. Serving with him are Christine Funk, Barry Logan, Sheri Mecklenburg, Ken Melson, and Roger Metcalf. Please contact Dr. Weedn if you know of a potential case that should be considered by the committee.

Based on prior discussions by the Board, a subcommittee has been formed to review the recommendations from the Policy & Procedure Committee regarding term limits for some key AAFS committee and board appointments. The goal is to ensure that as the Academy continues to grow and mature, opportunities for professional development and growth are opened up for junior members. The subcommittee, chaired by Barry Logan, will review the Policy & Procedure Committee’s recommendations and will report to the Executive Committee at the mid-year meeting in late July.

The AAFS is a diverse organization professionally, with many disciplines and scientific areas represented. As such, it is important to examine how we recognize, respect, and treat diversity in age, gender, ethnicity, race, sexual orientation, and in those with disabilities within our organization. A Diversity Exploratory Committee has been established to evaluate through an online survey and member feedback the experience within our Academy of all individuals. The purpose is to evaluate if we are meeting the intent of our policies and procedures that applicants for membership as well as existing members are properly considered without regard to age, race, color, gender, creed, national origin, sexual orientation, or membership in other organizations. The anonymous survey will go out in April, and we encourage all members to respond and/or contact the Chair, Barry Logan.

A Publications Committee has been formed to review AAFS publications and distributed materials of the AAFS. This committee will make recommendations concerning the method of distribution (print or electronic), content, and structure of publications to best meet the needs and interests of membership. Included in the review are the Academy News and the AAFS website. Please contact Chair Betty Layne DesPortes with your comments and suggestions. Other members of the committee include Sonya Byne, Robert Dorion, Zeno Geradts, Nancy Jackson, Laura Liptai, and Jeri Ropero-Miller.

Sue Ballou is chairing the newly formed Ethics Response Committee. This committee will review procedures concerning ethics complaints that are submitted to the membership in order to make recommendations on possible courses of action by the Board of Directors to best reflect the interests of the Academy. Other members of this committee are Joe Bono and Betty Layne DesPortes with input from AAFS Attorney Brian Spano.

Also at the Saturday meeting in Chicago, the BOD discussed the recent AAFS evaluation of the proposed legislation sponsored by Senator Leahy of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary. Given the nature of discussion during the week and the importance of AAFS feedback to the process, the BOD decided our response should be elevated to direct in-person discussion with legislators and staff concerning the pending legislation. Plans are underway for President-Elect Robert Barley, Vice President Victor Weedn, and me to meet with them in the near future.

With BOD approval and input, I have proposed to Wiley-Blackwell the publication of an AAFS-sponsored book tentatively titled “Global Forensic Science: Current Issues – Future Directions.” This edited volume would present comprehensive coverage of central issues throughout the forensic sciences with emphasis on international factors and future directions. If approved by the publishers, authors from all eleven sections will be invited to participate and proceeds hopefully will be directed to the Forensic Sciences Foundation.

As you may have noticed, the format/content of Academy News has changed with recent issues. This year our newsletter will include new contributions from each section discussing theme-related international developments in their fields. Members of our International Affairs Committee will each contribute their perspectives on key global matters. In addition, I have requested contributions highlighting our vital AAFS staff and the role each plays in AAFS functions. While these new additions promise to be exciting and instructive, we will miss the commentary of two long-term contributors Jim Sturs and Barry Fisher. At the Chicago meeting the Board of Directors decided to discontinue these standing columns in order to focus on other initiatives, including those outlined above. In doing so, however, the Board recognized and praised the continuous high-quality of these contributions and the great effort sustained by Jim and Barry over the years to educate and inform our membership.

I am anticipating a year of sustained, productive activity within the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors, and our Academy membership. Thank you for this opportunity to serve the Academy as your President as we move forward.

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**Complimentary Meeting Registrations Awarded**

As an incentive to attend the 2011 AAFS Annual Business Meeting, all Fellows and Members in attendance were automatically entered to receive a complimentary meeting registration to attend the 2012 AAFS Annual Scientific Meeting in Atlanta, GA. Congratulations to Robert Bost, Fellow of the Toxicology Section - this year’s lucky recipient!

The winner of the complimentary meeting registration for completing the 2011 meeting survey is Deborah Johnson, Fellow of the Pathology/Biology Section. Deborah’s name was randomly drawn from the completed meeting surveys as the winner of the complimentary meeting registration for the 2012 AAFS Annual Scientific Meeting in Atlanta, GA.
A Word From Your 2012 Program Co-Chair

The American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) is highlighting the global nature of the forensic sciences at the 2012 Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA. The Academy enjoys membership from all 50 American states and over 60 countries worldwide. Program Chair John Gerns and I would like to encourage our international colleagues to submit their research and activities in the forensic sciences to the program for this exciting and dynamic meeting.

Forensic scientists have been engaged globally in a variety of missions which include human rights, victim identification, and the adjudication of war crimes. Argentina, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Serbia, Croatia, Rwanda, and Iraq are just a few countries that are currently exploring mass grave excavations and the concomitant research to identify thousands of victims. New forensic laboratories are opening around the world including those in Colombia, Mexico, and Israel. International teams have burgeoned since the investigations into missing and disappeared persons in Argentina in the 1980s.

President Ubelaker has provided a forum for experts from around the world (Italy, Africa, Central and South America, Central Mexico, and Eastern Europe) to share the cutting edge research they are conducting and to collaborate with one another in an effort to enlighten the membership of the Academy about their crucial international forensic work. Atlanta provides a warm climate and a friendly atmosphere in which to enjoy spirited conversation and informal debate with colleagues in each of the eleven disciplines.

The AAFS Online Abstract System will be available for submissions in mid-May. Go to www.aafs.org and click on the “AAFS 2012 Annual Meeting” link under “News & Current Events.” For detailed instructions on the abstract submission process, see page 15 of this newsletter. Abstracts outlining research and success stories should be between 500 and 700 words. International authors for whom English is not their first language are encouraged to have someone edit their submission for maximum readability. Abstracts should include an outline of the subject matter to be discussed as well as any pertinent conclusions. The abstracts are considered to be peer-reviewed submissions and will be published in a Proceedings volume. As such, care is encouraged to provide complete research. Posters are a visual and exciting way to demonstrate the important work being conducted internationally. The poster sessions are traditionally very well attended and generate spirited discussion.

Please plan to join us by submitting your abstract for a podium or poster presentation by August 1. We look forward to seeing each of you in February 2012 under the warm Atlanta sun.
FSF Acorn Grants Available

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

Acorn Grant Eligibility Requirements:
- Current curriculum vitae for each applicant
- Brief (approximately one page) description of the project
- 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.

All submissions must be received and completed by June 15. The deadline is firm with no extension. Please submit the aforementioned Acorn Grant Requirements electronically to Kimberly Wrasse at kwrasse@aafs.org, or by mail to: Kimberly Wrasse, FSF, 410 North 21st Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80904.

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

Note: 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.

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Lucas Grant Eligibility Requirements:
- 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

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Lucas Grant recipients will be required to submit a progress report to the Forensic Sciences Foundation by December 15 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.
The FSF Student Affiliate Scholarships is a program that supports the research project of students enrolled in the Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission (FEPAC) accredited program. The mission of FEPAC is to maintain and enhance the quality of forensic science education through a formal evaluation and recognition of college and university academic programs. The primary function of FEPAC is to develop and maintain standards and to administer an accreditation program that recognizes and distinguishes high quality undergraduate and graduate forensic science programs.

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

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

**FSF Jan S. Bashinski Criminalistics Graduate Thesis Assistance Grant**

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

**Jan S. Bashinski Criminalistics Graduate Thesis Assistance Grant Eligibility Requirements:**

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

**Grant Amount:** The Jan Grant Award is $500. In addition, up to $1,200 is available for travel expenses to attend a future AAFS Annual Meeting where the awardee has an approved platform presentation of the completed research. The funding must be used to complete the research project.

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

All submissions must be received and completed by July 31. The deadline is firm with no extension. Please submit the aforementioned Jan S. Bashinski Criminalistics Graduate Thesis Assistance Grant Eligibility Requirements electronically to Kimberly Wrasse at kwrasse@aafs.org, or by mail to: Kimberly Wrasse, FSF, 410 North 21st Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80904.

**FSF Student Affiliate Scholarships**

The Forensic Sciences Foundation (FSF) will fund a limited number of AAFS Student Affiliate registrations for the 2012 American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) Annual Meeting through a “Scholarship Program.”

To qualify for the scholarship, AAFS Student Affiliates must submit an abstract for the AAFS 2012 program through the online submission system or Call For Papers form. In the awards section (5b), check the box indicating “FSF Student Affiliate Scholarship.” The abstract will then be reviewed by the FSF Student Affiliate Scholarship Committee.

The scholarship abstracts need not be selected for presentation at the meeting, though this could be deemed advantageous by the selection committee. The scholarships will be awarded through the committee’s evaluation of the quality and relevance of the abstracts to the advancement of forensic science by AAFS Student Affiliates. The deadline for submission is August 1.
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 ______________________________
13th Annual FSF Emerging Forensic Scientist Award Competition Announced

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 13th 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, 2011, in compliance with AAFS abstract criteria, and indicate that the abstract is submitted for the Emerging Forensic Scientist Award. Initial review and acceptance/rejection of the abstract will be done by the AAFS Program Committee which will focus specifically on the abstract’s treatment of reliability and validity issues. Multiple abstracts may be submitted for the Program Committee’s review; however, once the Program Committee approves abstracts for presentation, one abstract must be designated by the presenter as an EFSA entry. If multiple abstracts are submitted for review and one abstract is not designated by the presenter as an EFSA entry, none of the abstracts will be considered by the EFSA Review Committee.

SELECTION PROCESS: Abstracts accepted by the AAFS Program Committee and the EFSA Program Committee will be scheduled for presentation during the scientific session of the section which accepted the abstract, and evaluated by representatives of the Multidisciplinary Awards Committee appointed by the Forensic Sciences Foundation Board of Trustees. Announcement of the winning entry will be made in the Academy News following determination of the winner by the Awards Committee. The Award will be presented during the 2013 AAFS Annual Business Meeting in Washington, DC.

CRITERIA TO ENTER: An eligible entrant need not be an AAFS member. However, entrants who are AAFS members must be a Student Affiliate or Trainee Affiliate. All entrants must be within three years of completion of formal training (must submit proof from laboratory director or university professor) at the time the paper is presented in 2012. 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, 2011.

THE AWARD: The award will cover the expense of the recipient’s attendance at the 2013 Annual 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 2013 AAFS Annual Business Meeting in Washington, DC.

FSF EMERGING FORENSIC SCIENTIST AWARD ENTRY FORM

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

I entered the field of forensic science in _______.

Name_________________________________________________________ ______________________________

Employer ______________________________________________________________________________________

Street Address __________________________________________________________________________________

City/State/Province ______________________________________________________________________________

Postal/Zip Code ___________________________ Country ____________________________________________

Telephone _____________________________________   Fax __________________________________________

Email _________________________________________________________________________________________

Send this form by August 1, 2011, to: AAFS 2012 Program Committee

410 North 21st Street

Colorado Springs, CO 80904

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

_________________________________________________ ______________________
Signature Date
FSF Travel Grants

The Forensic Sciences Foundation (FSF) is pleased to offer Travel Grants this year for students to assist with travel expenses in attending the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) Annual Meeting in Atlanta. The FSF Board of Trustees was able to approve the expenses, not to exceed $1,000 per student, for up to five (5) students this year, including complimentary meeting registration. This is a wonderful opportunity, and members are encouraged to promote it.

Travel Grant Eligibility Requirements:

- 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.

All submissions must be received and completed by **October 15**. The deadline is firm with no extension. Please submit the aforementioned Travel Grant Requirements electronically to Kimberly Wrasse at kwrasse@aafs.org, or by mail to: Kimberly Wrasse, FSF, 410 North 21st Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80904.

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2011 FSF Emerging Forensic Scientist Award Winner:

**Rolf Bremmer**

The 12th Annual FSF Emerging Forensic Scientist Award paper competition was hosted in Chicago. Rolf Bremmer, MSc, was selected as the 2011 winner by a panel of judges for his oral presentation entitled “Reflectance Spectroscopy of Recognition and Age Determination of Blood Stains.” Congratulations to Mr. Bremmer who will receive all expenses paid to attend the 64th Annual Meeting in Atlanta.

The deadline for paper submission of the 13th Annual FSF Emerging Forensic Scientist Award is August 1. Please see page 13 for submission guidelines.

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AAFS Policy On Abstracts and Presentations:

Presentations at AAFS Annual Scientific Meetings and corresponding abstracts must be formulated to promote education and to elevate accuracy, precision, and specificity in the forensic sciences. Presentations or abstracts which promote a commercial product, company, entity, or service will not be allowed at AAFS Annual Scientific Meetings. Presentations by commercial entities shall be limited to the science and not to an advertisement or promotion of their product over that of a competitor. Any abstract or presentation that is perceived by a section program chair or the Academy Program Chair as a product endorsement will not be approved for presentation at the meeting. A presentation given at a meeting that, in the opinion of the section program chair or the Academy Program Chair, is a product endorsement may result in the presenter and corresponding company being barred from making presentations at future AAFS meetings.

Under the pre-condition that, in the submission process, authors must still disclose any specific references to products with commercial names, presentations and abstracts will be allowed to mention a product by name only in the context of describing a scientific methodology or the source of sample. For example, specimens often have unique physical or chemical properties that are the key to their identification or analysis (e.g., Dacron fibers, Glock rifling, 3M tapes, explosive formulations, coating materials, etc.). It is appropriate for those materials to be specifically identified since they are the relevant to the scientific results or references to specific reagents or instrumentation validated for use in the analytical procedure being presented where the use of a different product may affect the outcome of the analysis (e.g., Identifiler™ Amplification Kit, Agilent 5860 GC, HP-1 column, Olympus BHP microscope, etc.).

AAFS reserves the right to remove commercial references not disclosed by the author.
The 64th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) will be held February 20-25, 2012, in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Program Committee solicits the submission of abstracts on topics of interest to the forensic science community. August 1, 2011, 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, 2011 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, 2011**. Meeting registration materials will be sent to presenting authors.

### Oral Presentations

**Content**

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

**Time**

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

### Poster Presentations

**Content**

A well-designed poster should:

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

**Preparation**

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

AAFS Abstract Policy

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

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General Instructions

Content of Abstract

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

Abstracts should NOT be written in the first person.

Format of Abstract

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

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 the 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, 2011, to:

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

Sample Abstract

Sample abstract does not meet minimum word requirements.

Injury Pattern Analysis in Fatal Traffic Crash Investigation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

3. **Amount of Time Required:**

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

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

   a. If AAFS member/affiliate/applicant, please list section affiliation:

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

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

7. **Has this paper been presented or published before?**
   - [ ] Yes
   - [ ] No

   If yes, where and when?

8. **Audio/Visual Requirements:** Each room will be equipped with a screen, electronic pointer, lectern microphone, and an LCD projector. All additional equipment must be requested and is subject to approval by the Section Chair.
   - [ ] Other Equipment Requested: __________________

9. **AAFS Policy on Full Disclosure of Faculty Financial Interests or Relationships**

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

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

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

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

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

10. **Complete the following:**
    a. I hereby acknowledge that my abstract will be published in the AAFS Proceedings if accepted for presentation.   
      - [ ] Yes
      - [ ] No
    b. I hereby acknowledge by submission of this form that the *Journal of Forensic Sciences* reserves the right of first publication of this paper if it is accepted for presentation at the AAFS Annual Meeting.   
      - [ ] Yes
      - [ ] No
      The *Journal of Forensic Sciences*’ right of this publication is limited to six months from the date of presentation.
    c. Representatives of the media are allowed to record my presentation.   
      - [ ] Yes
      - [ ] No
    d. I will comply with the AAFS guidelines for legible 35mm slides, LCD projection, and that structured abstracts are required.   
      - [ ] Yes
      - [ ] No
    e. I acknowledge that all authors contributing on this paper have been properly cited. I understand that only the authors listed on this form and in the online system will appear in the printed materials (e.g., *Programs, Proceedings*).   
      - [ ] Yes
      - [ ] No
    f. I acknowledge that images to be presented have not been falsified or misrepresent the outcome of treatment.   
      - [ ] Yes
      - [ ] No

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

______________________________
Signature

______________________________
Date

(Abstract Form on Next Page)
COMPLETE FORM AND RETURN ORIGINAL, WITH ATTACHED C.V., ONE PHOTOCOPY, AND A COPY ON DISK BY AUGUST 1, 2011.

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

- Type abstract, single spaced, 10 point size (or on attached separate page following format provided in Sample Abstract).
- Do not type in all capital letters. Type copy, including title, author names, and addresses in upper and lower case; capitalize and punctuate exactly as you wish the abstract to appear.
- A single spaced, one-half page length document (minimum 500 to 700 words) is required. Please attach an additional sheet if required.

**TITLE**

**AUTHORS**
Name(s) and Address(es):

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

**OUTCOME**

**IMPACT STATEMENT**
Please state how your presentation will impact the attendees in terms of: knowledge, competence (ability), or performance (competence put into "action").

**TEXT**

**THREE KEY WORDS**

Attach Additional Pages as Needed
Planning & Development

Forensic Science Educational Conferences
AAFS is pleased to present two 2011 Forensic Science Education Conferences (FSEC) for middle- and high school teachers. With today’s explosion of television programs and media coverage of the latest advancements in the forensic sciences, students have become fascinated with anything relating to the work of the forensic scientist. The goal of the conferences is to increase science teachers’ knowledge of the forensic sciences and to assist them as they enrich and/or develop challenging and innovative curricula.

A limited number of scholarships are available to middle- and high school teachers of the host state for each FSEC.

For additional information and registration, visit the AAFS web site (www.aafs.org). Hover over the “Meetings” tab and click on the “Forensic Science Educational Conferences” link, or contact Nancy Jackson (njackson@aafs.org) or Kimberly Wrasse (kwrasse@aafs.org) at the AAFS office (719-636-1100).

Purdue University - West Lafayette, IN
July 11-13, 2011

A full schedule of exciting hands-on learning will be provided at the July 11-13 FSEC at the Purdue University campus in West Lafayette, IN. An array of forensic investigative science topics will be presented. Included will be an overview of basic crime scene procedures, laboratory exercises and instruction on fingerprint recovery, blood spatter analysis, digital imaging techniques, and cyber crime/computer forensics, along with current trends in profiling. A field exercise will also be included involving the collection and preservation of forensic entomological (insect) evidence and associated taphonomy at the death scene. In addition, attendees will be instructed on preparing and conducting forensic related laboratory experiments from Crime Scene Processing and Laboratory Workbook published in 2009 by CRC Press and written by Patrick Jones and Ralph Williams, two of the workshop instructors. Attendees will take with them a wealth of information and hands-on training experience for use in their own classrooms and laboratories. Workshop breakouts will include:

- Crime Scene Procedures
- The Forensic Laboratory
- Cyber Crime/Computer Forensics
- Fingerprint Recovery Techniques
- Blood Spatter/Serology
- Forensic Entomology & Outdoor Scene Photography

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Dr. Chris R. Price
AAFS Director of Development & Accreditation

Academy News
AAFS and San Jose State University (SJSU) College of Applied Sciences and Arts, Forensic Science Program in Justice Studies will host a FSEC on the campus of SJSU in San Jose, CA, July 14-16. This three-day conference will include state-of-the-art presentations from forensic scientists and practitioners covering a variety of AAFS disciplines, with hands-on activities and demos with access to take-home modules, and evening educator/expert think-tank roundtables on forensic science discipline specific activities. Steven Lee, Professor and Director of Forensic Science in Justice Studies, College of Applied Sciences and Arts, and Fellow of the AAFS Criminalistics Section, serves as the Conference Director.

- Topics to be discussed include:
  - Crime Scene Investigation, Processing, and Courtroom Testimony
  - Chemistry of Controlled Substances and Toxicology
  - Ethics and Confirmation Bias
  - Explosives, Fire Debris, and Arson Analysis
  - Firearms and Toolmark Analysis
  - Forensic Anthropology, Osteology, and Human Skeletal Analysis
  - Forensic Biology, DNA Analysis, and DNA Statistics
  - Homicide and Medicolegal Death Investigation
  - Canine Forensics
  - Forensic Facial Reconstruction
  - Forensic Mathematics
  - Forensic Facial Reconstruction
  - The Future of Forensic Science Education and Research

Included will be an overview of crime scene procedures, arson, explosives and fire debris analysis, firearms and toolmarks, homicide and death investigation, along with laboratory exercises and instruction on a variety of forensic science disciplines. Attendees will be provided information on preparing and conducting critical thinking forensic science field and laboratory activities. Access to web-based resources in forensic science along with an annotated, co-developed, expert approved bibliography/webliography of resources will be compiled and distributed, and think tanks on forensic science discipline-specific hands-on laboratories/activities will also be held each evening over receptions and dinners. In addition, a special session sponsored by the Santa Clara County Biotechnology Partnership housed in the Chemistry Department at SJSU will provide access to exciting hands-on forensic science biotechnology curriculum, laboratory equipment, and technical resources. Attendees will take with them a wealth of information, knowledge, hands-on training experience, and modules for use in their own classrooms and laboratories.

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AAFS 2011 International Educational Outreach Program (IEOP)
September 14-25, 2011 (includes IAFS meeting dates)
September 18-25, 2011 (official IEOP dates)

President Douglas Ubelaker and Mrs. Maruja Ubelaker invite you to join them in the IEOP of Portugal. The itinerary will include stays in Madeira, Lisbon, Coimbra, and Porto. Following the design of previous tours, AAFS members will have opportunities to meet with forensic science colleagues in Portugal, and, at the same time, take advantage of the cultural and historical riches of the wonderful cities to be visited.

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

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IEOP Package Details

The cost of the AAFS 2011 International Educational Outreach Program (IEOP) to Portugal is €2,187 per person, based upon double occupancy at all hotels. The single occupancy rate is €2,687. NOTE: attendees joining the program on Sunday, September 18 in Lisbon and not participating in the IAFS, the rate is €1,438 per person, double occupancy and €2,038 single occupancy.

The €2,187 per person (€2,687 single) tour package includes the following:

Hotels (11 Nights):
- Madeira Island: September 14 – 17 (four nights - IAFS Triennial Meeting)
- Lisbon: September 18 – 19 (two nights)
- Coimbra: September 20 – 21 (two nights)
- Porto: September 22 – 24 (three nights)

Meals:
- Breakfast: A full buffet breakfast each morning is included
- Lunch: Three lunches on Madeira Island
- Dinner: One dinner on Madeira Island, 7 dinners on continental Portugal

Other (as indicated in Itinerary):
- IAFS registration fee
- Coach transportation throughout the tour
- Local sightseeing tours as indicated with guide and entrance fees
- Douro river cruise with lunch OR Douro Valley Tour with Dinner
- Multilingual tour guide during time in Continental Portugal
- Local taxes associated with the package

Items not included:
- Round-trip airfare to Portugal
- Air transfer from Madeira Island to Lisbon (Sunday, September 18)
- Entrance fees when on own
- Meals not specified in itinerary
- Personal expenses (laundry, fax, phone, etc.)
- Personal & Travel Insurance
- Optional excursions
- Room service

Payments of €2,187 (€4,374 per couple), or €2,687 single rate, may be made by check to the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS). Exchange conversion as of February 23, 2011 = $3,006.79 ($6,013.58 per couple) and $3,694.29 single. Mainland only program attendees, €1,438 (€2,876 per couple) or €2,038 single rate. MasterCard, American Express, and VISA credit cards are also accepted. A cancellation policy applies. Please see page 23 for cancellation policy details.

Payment Schedule: Tour participants may remit payments per the following schedule: (1) one payment with application for the full amount; or (2) a deposit of 50% of total cost with application and the second 50% on or before June 30, 2011.

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The quoted price in euro is good through May 20, 2011, based upon the limit of the tour group at 50 persons.

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

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Independent student research is a FEPAC standard for graduate programs. The standard itself (Standard 5.3.2.4) states that “...research shall be conducted in an environment conducive to research and scholarly inquiry, and shall provide the opportunity for faculty and students to contribute to the knowledge base of forensic science...” Since my involvement in FEPAC, I have had discussions with practitioners and academicians about our insistence on a research requirement for graduate programs. Many have stated that since most graduates of forensic science programs will never become researchers, why bother? Aren’t resources better spent on training them for careers in a crime lab? Isn’t that what lab directors prefer?

I believe the answer to this is two-fold. First, we believe that research is training them for careers in a crime lab. If students retain anything from their course of academic study, it is the lessons learned troubleshooting experiments, analyzing data, and making sound scientific interpretations. Research is the best way to teach science, to obtain an expertise, enhance critical thinking skills, and is an excellent preparation for the professional life of a scientist. After all, isn’t it the ability to design new experiments and solve novel problems what makes someone a forensic scientist and not a technician? Many of the professional skills described in the TWGED report as essential for an effective forensic science professional (such as decision making, observation, and attention to detail) are natural by-products of a good research program.

The language of the standard about contributing to the knowledge base of forensic science is the second part of our justification. I believe that academic forensic science research is not given its due by our profession. Even though students and faculty have greatly contributed to the knowledge base of forensic science through presentations of original work at professional forensic science meetings and have published papers in journals, the impact of this work on the actual practice of forensic science is often minimal. The strongest recommendation that I can make to increase the impact of academic research on forensic science is by forging a stronger connection between academia and the various Scientific Working Groups (SWGs). I am heartened that several SWGs are working to improve this collaboration (for example, SWGGUN and SWGTREAD) and often faculty are invited to SWG meetings to discuss their research efforts. However, the role of the academic researcher (or educator) in SWGs remains very limited. Although academicians are members of some working groups, this typically consists of only one individual and even subcommittees on education and training often lack representation from academia.

Some great research is happening in forensic science academic programs and it should not be relegated to journal articles or performed simply as an academic exercise. Although forensic science was not derived from a culture of research, the advancement of forensic science as a science (and not simply as an “applied” science) can only occur if academicians take a larger role.

FEPAC Notes: FEPAC wishes to welcome Michael “Jeff” Salyards from the U.S. Army Criminal Investigations Laboratory as a new Commissioner.
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CRIMINALISTICS

Source: Ken Williams, MS, JD, Section Secretary

How quickly time flies! By the time this issue of the Academy News is available, many have just recovered from the 2011 Annual Meeting, yet plans are well underway for the 2012 meeting in Atlanta. It may justifiably appear to be a never ending cycle to many. However, it is a cycle that benefitted over 3,800 attendees at the 2011 meeting, 495 of which were members of the Criminalistics Section. In order to maintain the high quality that has been associated with the AAFS annual meetings and the resulting value to its members, it is necessary to evaluate feedback received during and after the meeting. The meeting evaluations will be available shortly, but several of the concerns raised during the 2011 Annual Meeting can be addressed now.

Presentation Confidentiality: The Criminalistics Section began collecting the presentations and loading them onto one computer for each room a few years ago. This process allows for a smooth transition between the talks and reduces both the need to switch computers and for the walk-up loading of presentations. Although the presentations are gathered to make the process more efficient, concerns have been raised in the past regarding the confidentiality of sensitive data and proprietary information. Rest assured. Files were deleted from both laptops following the Saturday session. It was also discovered that the laptops are “ghosted,” a procedure that wipes everything from the hard drive and restores it to its default settings, upon their return to the A/V company. Hopefully this will alleviate some of the confidentiality concerns.

Mixture Workshop: DNA workshops are typically a big draw at the annual meeting and this year was no different. The full-day DNA Mixture Workshop had over 220 registrants. This number could serve as a good indicator for the interest in and the need for workshops of this nature. However, attendees have expressed a need for a highly technical workshop that deals with complex mixture interpretations geared towards those with an advanced knowledge base. Section Program Chair Jennifer Mihalovich and Section Program Co-Chair Larry Quarino are aware of this particular concern and are actively taking steps towards addressing the needs of the membership. If there are additional workshops that you would like to see offered at future AAFS annual meetings, please be sure to contact them.

Quality of Abstracts/Presentations: As the past Section Program Chair, the good is taken with the bad. Eighty-eight percent of the oral abstracts and 83% of the poster abstracts were scheduled for presentation. Many of the abstracts were of high quality, but a few did not rise to the standards desired, which ultimately led to the abstract being rejected. Please do not take the abstract submission process lightly! You are urged to review the abstract requirements before submission and pay particular attention to the requirement for a minimum of 500 words. This is required by the Continuing Education Policy, but a detailed abstract also aids the Program Committee in predicting the quality of the future presentation. Here is where it gets tricky. Keep in mind that the Program Committee only has an abstract on which to base its decision. A wonderfully written abstract may have been submitted, but the actual presentation could leave a lot to be desired when it comes to content and
delivery. This is where you, as members and attendees of the sessions, join the process. If a presentation does not rise to the level of quality expected, make use of the evaluation forms located in the rear of the rooms. Better yet, ask questions during the discussion period that follows each talk. This should effectively place the presenters on notice. If the work is redundant or the research is insufficient, question it. It may be a little late for scheduled presenters, but future presenters and academic advisors should then recognize the need for adequate research and preparation. It is a self-correcting system: The Program Committee is able to screen the abstracts, but you are needed to help maintain the quality of your scientific sessions.

These are a few of the concerns raised during the previous meeting. Keep these in mind as preparations continue for the 2012 Annual Meeting as well as the August 1 deadline for abstracts. The AAFS Online Abstract System (www.aafs.org) will be accessible mid-May.

DIGITAL & MULTIMEDIA SCIENCES

Source: David W. Baker, MFS, Section Chair

We had an excellent showing at this year’s meeting in Chicago with full-house presentations and two workshops. I’d like to thank all of our presenters, volunteers, and attendees who made it happen. Believe it or not, it’s already time to start thinking about presentations and workshop proposals for next year. The August 1 deadline is fast approaching so don’t procrastinate. The AAFS Online Abstract System will be accessible mid-May at www.aafs.org.

We would like to continue to have representations from all the disciplines that comprise the Digital & Multimedia Sciences Section. We would like to see not only scientific presentations, but we encourage members to consider new workshop ideas, poster submissions, or even a breakfast talk. There has been strong interest in what our section does, as evident by the full rooms at the Scientific Sessions. Continued success of our section depends on the strong participation of our members.

The overarching theme of the 2012 annual meeting is “Global Research: The Forensic Science Edge.” We would like to see many more papers with topics that cover research in our disciplines; however, all relevant papers will be considered. Topics of interest include:

- Recent scientific advances in digital forensics;
- Developments in processes and practices;
- What will digital forensics look like in five years;
- Case studies demonstrating novel solutions;
- How to deal with large data sets in any forensic discipline;
- How digital forensics can support other forensic disciplines;
- Quality assurance and control in digital forensics; and
- Management of digital forensic units/labs.

Papers can be specialized and highly technical, since these are directed at your peers. Workshops, on the other hand, are aimed at the entire AAFS membership, and the AAFS Program Committee will only select one or two workshops targeted for our section. The AAFS Program Committee generally looks for workshops that will benefit the most people, so workshops should have broad appeal not just to practitioners in digital forensics, but other forensic disciplines as well. Be sure to submit papers for the upcoming annual meeting by the August 1 deadline, and encourage your colleagues to participate as well.

ENGINEERING SCIENCES

Source: Anastasia Micheals, MS, Section Chair

Over the past few years, we have had excellent interest in and feedback from the joint sessions with the Jurisprudence Section. We would like to continue these joint sessions at the 2012 AAFS Annual Meeting in Atlanta.

Previously well-attended joint sessions have covered themes including Daubert/Frye and attorney/expert/court interactions. At the Chicago meeting, Jurisprudence Section members expressed interest in the areas of science to which expert engineers and scientists may be asked to testify. As experts, learning about the legal principles and issues underlying case subject matter is of interest as well.

One paper presented in the Engineering Sciences Section in Chicago was “Legal Issues in a Metallurgical Failure Resulting in Death,” presented by Robert Anderson, and Kevin Lancaster. Dr. Anderson was an expert witness and Mr. Lancaster was the lead attorney in a case involving a four-wheeled motorized scooter that had a steering mechanism tie-rod fracture, rendering the scooter unsteerable. It went out of control on a downhill street, and overturned, killing the operator. The presentation addressed the human factor in the legal and scientific team approach.

We are soliciting joint presentations (e.g., expert and attorney presenters) for the 2012 meeting in Atlanta. Talks will be given in a joint session and co-listed in the Jurisprudence Section Scientific Sessions. For each presentation (e.g., case study), the experts speak to the science and engineering, and the attorneys speak to the jurisprudence. We would like to have four to six presentations; two slots are already committed. This is a great opportunity to introduce your clients to AAFS, and to create, build, and strengthen relationships.

Please contact Anastasia Micheals at anastasia@forensicmaterials.com if you are interested or have questions. Feel free to forward this announcement to any appropriate parties.

GENERAL

Sources: Julie A. Howe, MBA, Section Chair
Alan F. Boehm, MFS, Section Secretary

During the past year, several members of the section expressed interest in a more descriptive scientific-based name for the section. As a result, an ad-hoc committee was established to survey section members and explore possible names. A survey was deployed to 171 Fellows and Members along with documentation explaining the

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long-standing difficulty of satisfying all the disparate interests and disciplines within the section. Fifty-one responses were returned with 45 respondents (26%) addressing a possible name change. Sixty-seven percent of respondents were not in favor of changing the section name. Therefore, the ad-hoc committee chaired by Gil Brogdon was discharged.

Committee appointments are currently being made by Chair Julie Howe and Secretary Alan Boehm.

Anyone interested in becoming a “Friend of the General Section” (FOGS) to assist in annual support of the section reception should contact Joanna Collins at Joanna.L.collins@gmail.com. You will be recognized at the annual meeting with a much coveted “blinking” pin.

Many of you are aware of the current activities being conducted by the Subcommittee on Forensic Science (SoFS), but after talking to attendees of the Chicago meeting we realize that not everyone is aware of what’s going on. SoFS is tasked with identifying current trends and assessing practical challenges of implementing recommendations in the NAS Report. This includes ensuring that regional, state, and local entities adopt best practices in forensic sciences.

SoFS oversees five inter-agency working groups whose purpose is to exchange views, information, and advice relating to the management and implementation of Federal programs relating to forensic science. For further information about each group, see www.forensicscience.gov.

In addition, several Technology Working Groups (TWGs) and Scientific Working Groups (SWGs) have been established to address specific forensic needs. A TWG is a practitioner-based committee sponsored by the NIJ whose members participate in peer-reviewed panels to identify and evaluate technical needs of the criminal justice community and programs that the NIJ should fund to achieve solutions. There are currently 18 TWGs in existence with a handful specifically addressing forensic science disciplines. SWGs are sponsored by the FBI and are made up of practitioners within each focus area. SWG members are tasked to improve discipline practices and create mutual agreements in forensic partners. There are currently 19 SWGs working in the forensic arena.

This is an exciting time for forensic sciences and a perfect opportunity for you to share your experiences or expertise by presenting a scientific paper, workshop, or breakfast in 2012. The success of the scientific session is dependent upon your contribution. Start working on your abstract before summer vacations arrive.

There are several grant opportunities available through the Forensic Sciences Foundation (FSF). Take advantage of these offerings to further your research or supplement student travel expenses. The section has historically been underrepresented in grant submissions. See pages 10 through 14 of this newsletter for additional information.

JURISPRUDENCE

Source: Joseph J. Maltese, JD, MSFE, Section Chair

The Jurisprudence Section is proud to announce that Fellow Ted Vosk, who has degrees in both physics and mathematics, has been appointed to the Faculty Advisory Board of The BAC Tracker International, Inc. Ted Vosk joins A. Robert Forrest, another Jurisprudence Fellow from the United Kingdom, who also sits on The BAC Tracker International faculty.

The Jurisprudence Section Board of Directors Representative, Betty Layne DesPortes (bldesportes@aol.com), is serving on three new AAFS board committees. She would appreciate Jurisprudence Section member suggestions and comments on the topics under review by each of the following committees:

Ethics Response Committee, chaired by Susan Ballou (Criminalistics) is tasked with reviewing procedures concerning ethics complaints submitted to the membership, and making recommendations on possible courses of action by the Board of Directors to best reflect the interests of the Academy. This committee was created in response to several concerns that were raised following the settlement in the case of James A. Blanco v. AAFS. Some members, including several Jurisprudence Section members, questioned whether it was appropriate for the Board to rescind the Academy’s expulsion of James Blanco pursuant to settlement terms after the membership had voted to uphold the expulsion. If any members have suggestions on how the Board should respond in future cases that involve litigation following a vote of the membership, please submit your suggestions to this committee.

Publications Committee, chaired by Betty Layne DesPortes, is tasked with reviewing all publications and distributed materials of AAFS to ensure that the publications best meet the needs and interests of the membership. Included in the review are the Academy News newsletter and the AAFS website. Any comments or suggestions concerning the content, structure, or method of distribution of any AAFS publications are welcome.

Policy & Procedures Subcommittee, chaired by Barry Logan (Toxicology) is tasked with reviewing the Policy & Procedures Committee Report discussing the committee structure, including terms designated by the Bylaws and PPM to increase member participation opportunities.

If you are interested in creating or participating in a joint program or workshop with the Jurisprudence Section for the 2012 AAFS Annual Meeting in Atlanta, please contact our Section Program Co-Chairs: Stephanie Domitrovich (sdomitrovich@eriecountygov.org), or Melissa Mourgés (mourgés@dana.nyc.gov).

Members are encouraged to send any news or accomplishments they would like published to Joseph Maltese, Section Chair, at jmaltese@nycourts.gov, and to Andrew Sulner, Section Secretary, at andysulner@aol.com.
ODONTOLOGY

Source: Paula C. Brumit, DDS, Section Secretary

The AAFS 2011 Odontology Section meeting in Chicago allowed all those present to acknowledge two of its members with awards. The Odontology Section’s Lester Luntz Award was presented to, Karen Campbell in honor of her late husband, Homer Campbell. The Reidar Sognnaes Award for Excellence in Forensic Dentistry was presented to Jerry Vale. We can only hope to achieve some of the accomplishments in our forensic careers as these two men. They have been mentors to so many of us.

Several Academy members recently passed the ABFO Certification Process. Congratulations to new diplomates: Chuck Berner, Denise Murmann, Raymond Johansen, and Ned Turner.

During the Wednesday business meeting Richard Weems was re-elected to the position of Section Chair. Paula Brumit was re-elected the position of Section Secretary, and Iain Pretty was re-elected Section Program Chair.

Peter Loomis announced at the business meeting that the ABFO will be presenting a “Dental Identification Workshop” on Sunday, February 19, preceding the 2012 AAFS Annual Meeting in Atlanta. The workshop will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Those participating in the workshop may earn up to five human identification credits toward challenging the ABFO Certification Exam. Also announced in the business meeting was that the ABFO will be presenting, “The Art and Science of Expert Witness Testimony” workshop to be held Friday evening, February 24, and Saturday, February 25. Candidates participating as expert witnesses may earn one testimony toward challenging the ABFO Certification Exam. The class size will be limited in both workshops so those who are interested should go to the ABFO website (www.abfo.org) for more details.

Although it has only been a short time since the meeting in Chicago, the reality is that there are only three months (August 1) until abstracts are due for the meeting in Atlanta. It is not too soon to consider submitting research projects or educational cases for the scientific session this February. Also be aware of the research funds available from the ABFO, ASFO, and the Forensic Sciences Foundation’s Lucas and Acorn Grants. For more information on FSF grants, visit the Foundation’s website at www.forensicsciencesfoundation.org.

PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Source: William R. Belcher, PhD, Section Secretary

Franklin Damann reports that the Committee on Missing Persons (CMP) in Cyprus is in its 5th year of recovery and identification operations for about 2,800 persons reported missing or dead as a result of the inter-communal fighting of 1963-64 and the events of July 1974 and afterwards. The CMP consists of local teams of Greek-Cypriot and Turkish-Cypriot investigators, archaeologists, anthropologists, and geneticists. Recent changes within the CMP program include a doubling in size of the anthropology facility, and planning is on-going for a CMP/ICRC symposium on post-conflict victim identification to be held in Cyprus this fall. More information about the CMP can be found at the website www.cmp-cyprus.org.

Amy Moorhouse submits that the 2011 Kerley International Travel Award winner is Kundisai Dembetembe and the 2011 Kerley Scholarship Winner is Cate Bird. These awardees were announced during the Ellis R. Kerley Foundation’s reception at the 2011 AAFS Annual Meeting. Congratulations to both!

The 2010-11 Physical Anthropology Section Program Committee met and developed recommendations for the submission of PowerPoint presentations for next year’s Physical Anthropology Section Scientific Sessions. These instructions were developed to assist moderators in keeping within time limits set for each session and to provide oversight on the submission of presentations that include pictures and/or video files. The instructions will be emailed to Physical Anthropology presenting authors in November after notification letters have been mailed. These instructions will also be posted on the “Annual Meetings” page of the AAFS website (www.aafs.org).

If you have any Academy News items, please email Bill Belcher (wbelcher@msn.com). The next deadlines are June 1 and August 1. We particularly welcome contributions related to international projects and conferences.

PSYCHIATRY & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

Source: Manuel Lopez-Leon, MD, Section Secretary

Happy Spring to everyone! For those who were not able to attend the Chicago meeting it was a great success. The quality of the program and attendance was superb! Thanks to our section members for their efforts to make it happen. It is not too early to start planning to participate by attending or presenting at next year’s meeting in Atlanta, GA! We are planning a very stimulating and interesting program which can only be achieved by your submissions and participations.

During this year’s business meeting it was decided that we would have a reception for our members right after next year’s business meeting. We encourage all section members to participate at next year’s business meeting and to mingle with other members at the reception afterwards. This provides a good opportunity to reconnect with colleagues, make new friends, and expand your professional network! During the recent annual meeting we also had a good number of new members and promotions within our section. We want to encourage our members to remind potential candidates to apply to become part of our section. The application process has never been as simple as it is now because it can be done online through the AAFS website (www.aafs.org). 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 our section for our representation with the Academy at large. Please review your membership status and

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eligibility for promotion, and if you have any questions please contact your section officers to assist you.

We welcome news for this column from members at dllopezleon@mac.com.

**QUESTIONED DOCUMENTS**

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

The 64th Annual Scientific Meeting will be held in Atlanta, GA. **Joe Parker** and **Ted Burkes** are the 2012 QD Section Program Co-Chairs. They are pursuing potential workshop topics and associated arrangements to provide a worthwhile meeting. The 2012 meeting theme is “Global Research: The Forensic Science Edge.” If any of you, your FDE colleagues, or other researchers you know of at home and abroad, are involved with projects or scientific studies relative to Forensic Document Examinations, please consider participating in the 2012 meeting (notify Joe or Ted as soon as you can). Additionally, please keep in mind that August 1st is the deadline for submission of abstracts. If you have any ideas for workshops, for presentations, or you simply would like more information, please contact Joe or Ted. Joe may be contacted at Joseph.L.Parker@US.Amy.Mil, jdiparker@peoplecpc.com, 404-469-7047, or 770-631-1789. Ted may be contacted at 703-632-7313 or ted.burkes@ic.fbi.gov.

On a final note, if you or someone you know is eligible for membership in or promotion within the Academy, applications are available online at www.aafs.org. The deadline by which to apply is October 1.

**TOXICOLOGY**

**Source:** Philip M. Kemp, PhD, Section Chair

The 63rd Annual Scientific Meeting in Chicago proved to be an exciting and informative meeting for the Toxicology Section. Congratulations are in order for **Ruth Winecker** and **Loralie Langman** for amassing a scientific program that was of the highest scientific quality. We learned a great deal about new drugs and methods of detecting them. We learned more about the latest trends in drug abuse such as the K2 craze. We were updated on the involvement of our colleagues in the response to the NAS Report on forensic sciences and how section members are actively participating in the legislative process with work on the Forensic Toxicology Council (FTC) and Scientific Working Group in Toxicology (SWGTOX) groups. Award winners **Kurt Dubowski** (AAFS Gradwohl Laureate), **Dan Anderson** (Ray Abernethy Award) and **Michele Merves** (Irving Sunshine Award) brought the spotlight on our section showing those outside of our group the great work of our section members. The meeting theme of “Relevant, Reliable and Valid Forensic Science…” was certainly evident around the Toxicology Section sessions.

Still, there is much to do. The momentum gained from significant work in 2010 must carry through 2011. The membership grew this year. That is fantastic news as we took Kenneth Ferslew’s “invite one/promote one” idea to heart. But let’s not stop there. Let’s continue the work of encouraging young forensic scientists to join our ranks and increase our forensic science knowledge base as well as our voice in the Academy as more of us get involved. In the business meeting, **Marilyn Huestis** reported on the AAFS Board of Directors’ work on proposed legislation coming out of Congress as a result of the NAS Report. Toxicology Section members were deeply involved in providing input through the FTC, SWGTOX, and other groups so that lawmakers will have the best understanding possible of the field of forensic toxicology.

Work is already underway for the 64th Annual Scientific Meeting (February 20-25, 2012 in Atlanta, GA). This year’s theme, “Global Research: The Forensic Science Edge,” clearly turns the focus of the meeting toward scientific discovery and innovation. There is much still to learn in our ever-changing field and the leadership of the Toxicology Section hopes to enlist your help to meet the challenges of forensic toxicology with new ideas and new discoveries. Loralie Langman and **Ashraf Mozayani**, this year’s Section Program Chair and Co-Chair, will be calling for your participation in the 2012 meeting. Put yourself on the “Forensic Science Edge” by moderating or presenting in a scientific session. Give them as much help as you can!

In the previous AAFS newsletter article, **Ruth Winecker** (Toxicology Section Secretary) did a nice job of outlining our new officers for 2011-2012. Suffice it to say that the troops are in place and already working to make this year a great one for the Toxicology Section. Communication is the key. We are “all ears” for your thoughts and ideas to keep the momentum going for 2012.
Since starting this project, I have been most impressed by scholarly books regarding parental alienation that have been published in many countries. Here are some examples: *Síndrome de Alienación Parental. Proceso de obstrucción del vínculo entre los hijos y uno de sus progenitores* (Argentina); *Incesto e Alienación Parental* (Brazil); *Das Parental Alienation Syndrom: Eine interdisziplinäre Herausforderung für scheidungsbegleitende Berufe* (Germany); *La Sindrome di Alienazione Parentale (PAS): Lavaggio del Cervello e Programmazione dei Fighi in Danno Dell’altro Genitore* (Italy); *S.A.P., Síndrome de Alienación Parental* (Spain); *Parental Alienation Syndrome: How to Understand and Address Parental Alienation Resulting from Acrimonious Divorce or Separation* (United Kingdom); and *The International Handbook of Parental Alienation Syndrome* (United States).

“Forensic Psychotherapy and Other Riches”
Source: John L. Young, MD

The AAFS rightly prides itself on having become a global organization. Not surprisingly, the extent and meaning of this claim varies among the sections. Some of the members of the Psychiatry & Behavioral Science Section have long been involved in a variety of ways with other professional organizations that span the globe. For example, through his American Psychological Association membership, Daniel Martell has encouraged many qualified Italians and some other nationals nearing the end of their training to join AAFS. Several of these have now advanced to Associate Member status and made superb contributions to our Section’s scientific program.

The American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law (AAPL), another worldwide professional organization, enjoys close ties to our Section of the Academy thanks especially to the tireless efforts of Alan Felthous, Neil Kaye, Dr. Martell, Dr. Rosner, Robert Weinstock, and others. A “forensic sampler” combining several different disciplines joined in the elucidation and sometimes the resolution of complex cases has been a regular feature of AAPL’s scientific meetings. The most recent meeting included an opportunity for AAPL members to hear about the import of last year’s AAFS theme and the proposal by the National Academy of Sciences to establish an independent National Institute of Forensic Sciences. AAPL (www.aapl.org) issues the quarterly *Journal of the Academy of Psychiatry and the Law*. Its next meeting is in Boston in October.

Also, through its Tristate Chapter, AAPL – including its AAFS members – enjoys regular transatlantic exchanges with the Royal College of Psychiatrists. In a more academic vein, a few section members are involved with the International Academy of Law and Mental Health (www.ialmh.org) which issues the bi-monthly *International Journal of Law and Psychiatry*. It holds meetings every other year, next in Berlin in July.

On a more clinical note, the International Association for Forensic Psychotherapy (IAFP) has for 20 years provided rich opportunities for section members attending its annual meetings to learn from practitioners of all the therapeutic disciplines including art therapy, music therapy, drama therapy, group and family work, nursing, social work, and public health. This exposure inevitably widens perspectives and at the same time adds significant psychoanalytic depth. Although its meetings draw members principally from the UK, they also include more than a half-dozen other countries and a small representation from AAFS. The next IAFP meeting is in Edinburgh in late April; subsequent information will be available at www.forensicpsychotherapy.com.

Conclusion
The challenge our president has placed before AAFS is for us to advance from being nominally multinational to become interactively international. With this report our section aims to recognize the good that is being accomplished in order to reveal how much more we can do together.
The Use and Misuse of Global Law and Foreign Experts in American Courts cont.

asserted that there was no harm in reviewing global views of issues pending before the High Court in order to ascertain if the U.S. was out-of-step with other nations of the world in its handling of issues such as the death penalty, abortion, and consensual sodomy.

Justice Scalia has no problem with judges researching foreign law to satisfy their curiosity, but believes they ought not cite foreign law as persuasive authority when interpreting U.S. Constitutional issues. He points out that the mischief of selective citation of foreign law to support one’s personal conclusions can be found on almost any side of any issue. While critics of the death penalty, and laws prohibiting abortion, and consensual sodomy generally hail from Europe, their views are vastly different from the rest of the world. For example, in determining whether conduct violates the Eighth Amendment prohibition against “cruel and unusual punishments,” should American courts be guided by the laws and moral compass of nations that still stone unchaste women, or cut off the hands of thieves, or use a cane to whip minor transgressions of drug laws? Scalia points out that only five countries in the world allow abortion on demand at any time prior to viability, and that numerous nations have no problem with the death penalty. Justice Scalia also argues that when you use foreign law, one does not understand the surrounding foreign jurisprudence. Several nations such as the Russian Federation may have rights similar to our Miranda warnings. But only the U.S. has an “exclusionary rule” to enforce police transgressions of the law. Hence, violations of the right to remain silent at custodial interrogations are not enforced in Russia where coerced confessions are admissible in court as are most items of incriminating evidence obtained by searches without warrants. Should these factors be allowed to influence how we interpret or enforce our own laws?

Justice Breyer argues that while reviewing foreign law is informative, ultimately American judges should use U.S. law and principles when interpreting the U.S. Constitution. Justice Scalia confesses that, as an originalist, when researching the original meaning of “due process,” the “right of confrontation,” or other principles taken from Old English law, he does cite to “Old English” law, but not modern English enactments. Justice Scalia asserts that the standards of decency of American society – not the standards of decency of the world – are the guidelines U.S. courts should follow.

Justice Breyer claims that it is relevant to research the decisions of foreign judges who have similar training and who are dealing with similar issues to learn how other learned members of the bench and bar deal with those matters. Justice Breyer further argues that while it is difficult to formulate a jurisprudence based upon non-binding foreign court decisions, it is like analyzing legislative history and the competing arguments that emerge prior to enactment of the legislation. In the end, all that matters is the final statute that emerges from such legislative debates.

Both Justices Breyer and Scalia agree that utilizing foreign law when it involves interpreting a treaty or some other commercial matter may be more relevant and useful in U.S. courts than trying to use foreign law to guide the interpretation of American criminal law.

Foreign Expert Witnesses
Ten years ago, I took a course on French Law at the Ecole Nationale de la Magistrature, the French National Judicial School, sponsored by the National Judicial College in Nevada. As part of the course, the American judges visited the Cour de cassation, the French Supreme Court and two trial courts – one in Paris, a Tribunal de grande instance and one in a smaller town, a Tribunal d'instance, where cases are first investigated by a judge. While passing through the corridors in the court, I noticed a rather large poster containing a list of appointed expert witnesses by specialty. Upon inquiring whether these appointed specialists were similar to our court appointed experts under Rule 706 of the Federal Rules of Evidence, or under our State Codes of Evidence, I was politely told "yes and no."

In cases involving science, technology, or some other specialized knowledge, the judge who investigates the case is free to appoint an expert from the pre-approved list of specialists to assist him or her in determining the particular scientific, technical, or other specialized issue in question. Although this may seem similar to the court appointed expert under Rule 706, there are some differences.

Not all states have adopted Rule 706 of the Federal Rules of Evidence. In the United States, 27 states have completely or substantially adopted Rule 706. Eleven states have not adopted Rule 706, but allow court appointment of experts in specific circumstances. Montana has adopted a rule specifically disallowing court appointed experts, and the remaining 11 states have not published any rule on its usage.

In federal and state courts that allow for court appointed experts, the parties, not the government, pay for the appointed expert. However, court appointed experts are seldom used in the American adversarial system, as litigants generally prefer to use their own privately retained experts. Court appointed experts are used primarily in family court matters to determine custody and visitation rights, and in civil court matters involving valuations of real and personal property.
The process for selecting expert witnesses in the Continental European system is very different from that encountered in the American system. To begin with, the European expert is chosen by the judge and is paid for by the government, not by the parties. Crime laboratories are paid for by the government and are generally under the control of the police or prosecution. The certification of experts and accreditation of crime labs is almost non-existent. The “experience” of the expert who is trusted by the judge is the main criteria used in the expert selection process. Whether experts are current on new developments in their field is not a valued factor in their selection. The investigating judge, prosecutor, and defense counsel all have pre-trial access to all of the evidence contained in the investigating judge’s dossier on the case. While this is helpful, it is analogous to “open file” discovery of a prosecutor’s file in several U.S. jurisdictions absent claims of “attorney work product.”

Where a victim of a crime sustains an economic loss, both criminal and civil proceedings may be combined. In criminal proceedings involving some form of theft or economic loss, not only does a prosecutor present the case to the three judge panel and jury of nine lay jurors, in addition to the attorney representing the accused, there is also an attorney representing the victim of the loss who may examine witnesses and make arguments for a money judgment, a form of restitution, in addition to any criminal penalty that may be imposed.

However, in France, the prosecutor relies on the expert witness report written by the expert appointed by the judge. The defense counsel must also deal with the expert witness report and is not generally permitted to introduce his or her own privately retained expert witness to present contrary evidence and opinions. Experts are not regularly called upon at trial in the Continental European system in civil matters, but may be examined in criminal trials with permission of the court. However, the attorney’s examination is not the same type of blistering cross examination of American courts, where only direct questions of who, what, where, when, why, or how are permitted. Leading questions, which are the essence of American cross examination are generally not allowed by the Continental European judge who appointed the expert in the first place.

This lack of differing expert opinions presented to the jury is most troubling to American attorneys and judges. Competing expert opinions while not always of equal validity, do present some safeguards to an accused who is generally at a disadvantage when facing criminal charges in a court where the judge selected the experts to evaluate the evidence. Even if the judge allows a privately retained expert or another court appointed expert to be presented by the accused, such contrary expert opinion must be extraordinarily convincing to overcome the judge’s initial appointed expert.

American experts frequently cite foreign scientific and technical journals as well as foreign studies when writing an expert witness report or in testifying at a deposition or trial. While all expert opinions are not binding upon an American judge, they are persuasive. The weight and effect that foreign expert opinions have on an American judge should be evaluated in the same manner as an American expert. That is – are the methods and procedures used to reach their opinions valid, reliable, and relevant? The search for scientific and technical truth has no national borders and should be considered by American jurists in evaluating cases before them.

These and other topics will be further addressed at the 2012 AAFS Annual Meeting in Atlanta.

1. Bodum USA Inc. v. LaCafetiere, Inc., 621 F.3d 624 (7th CA, 2010).
The following individuals have submitted applications for Associate Member, Trainee Affiliate, or Student Affiliate. **Applications that are received and completed by October 1, 2011, will be considered for approval at the February 2012 Board of Directors Meeting.** Due to space constraints, AAFS does not list members who are applying for promotion to Fellow or to Member. Comments or concerns regarding an applicant should be submitted in writing to: Cheryl Hunter, Membership Coordinator, AAFS, 410 North 21st Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80904; chunter@aafs.org. **Comments must be received by February 10, 2012.**


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### ISABS Conference in Forensic, Anthropologic and Medical Genetics

This event will feature the latest advances in forensic genetics, molecular medicine and related areas. Just as importantly, it will be a forum for exchange of pertinent information, ideas and technical developments in the form of lectures, technical hands-on workshops, round-table discussions and poster presentations.

### Topics
- Forensic DNA phenotyping
- Forensic DNA databases
- Genetic analysis of forensic non-human material
- Forensic and comparative genetics
- Molecular anthropology
- Analysis of ancient DNA
- DNA analysis in victims of mass disasters
- Genetic basis of disease
- Personalized genomics
- Molecular diagnostics: current technology and applications
- Molecular therapy
- Best practices in translational & personalized medicine
- Genome-based applications in forensic science

### Workshops
- Legislation pertinent to DNA databases
- DNA autopsy in unexplained deaths
- Prenatal diagnostics
- Protein glycosylation in diagnostics and therapy
- Biomathematical Modeling in Clinical Development of Dendritic Cell Cancer Immunotherapy

### Keynote address
The keynote address will be given by Dr. Ada Yonath (2009 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for her studies on the structure and function of the ribosome).

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Young Forensic Scientists Forum Newsletter

History of the YFSF
The Young Forensic Scientist Forum (YFSF) has grown in leaps and bounds since Steven Batten created it while he was AAFS President in 1995. YFSF began as a Breakfast Session where 15 people attended. The first YFSF Special Session was conducted at the 1996 meeting in Nashville; the first Bring Your Own Slides (BYOS) Session was held at the 2000 meeting in Reno; and the first Bring Your Own Poster (BYOP) Session was held at the 2004 meeting in Dallas. Today, the YFSF annually holds the YFSF Special Session that includes the BYOP, BYOS, and a breakfast.

When the YFSF was originally formed, it operated with only a President and a Secretary. Today, because of the amazing growth and interest in YFSF, additional offices have been established to support the growing activities. In 2003, in addition to the offices of President and Secretary, the office of Program Chair was established and session chairs were named for each of the special events. Shortly thereafter, the YFSF incorporated the offices of the Bring Your Own Slides Chair and the Bring Your Own Posters Chair, as well as the Financial Liaison who originally carried the title of Treasurer. Today, because of the growth and success the YFSF has had, we have added co-chairs to several of these offices in order to assist in all of the hard work it takes to put on these programs.

Purpose of the YFSF
The original concept was and still is for the YFSF to be a helpful starting place for those who are in the beginning stages of their forensic career and those who know they have a passion for forensics but are not sure where to go or how to get started. The special session is an amazing eight hour session held on Tuesday of the AAFS Annual Scientific Meeting, with information and advice from individuals who are established in their chosen profession and are excited to share their experience and knowledge with newcomers, as well as answering questions from them. While the title and theme of the special session changes from year to year, the heart of the special session remains the same. And that is to showcase the wide variety of fields not only within the forensics community but also within the AAFS.

The YFSF, Present and Future
The participants of the YFSF are drawn from all 11 sections and membership statuses of the AAFS. The YFSF plans to continue to provide an avenue for new forensic scientists to interact with and become a part of the established forensic science community and an active member of the AAFS. This is accomplished through the Special Sessions at the AAFS Annual Meeting via a bi-monthly newsletter, through informational databases, and the website. Drawing on advice and inspiration from Past President Joe Bono, today is when you start making an impact. Get involved with the YFSF committee and other committees within AAFS. The YFSF currently has officer positions open, so please contact Tanisha Henson (tanisha.henson@yahoo.com) if you are interested in serving as an officer.
Meetings & Conferences

MAY 2011

9-13
Detection, Recovery and Examination of Footwear Impression Evidence—Hosted by the Fort Collins, CO Police Department.
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www.bodziak.com

11-12
Advances in Forensic Medicine and Pathology—To be held at the Inn at St. John’s in Plymouth, MI.
CONTACT: www.pathology.med.umich.edu/Forensics/

12-14
55th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Psychoanalysis and Dynamic Psychiatry—To be held in Honolulu, HI.
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15-20
Alcohol & Highway Safety: Testing, Research & Litigation—To be held at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN.
CONTACT: www.borkensteincourse.org

16-20
Detection and Recovery of Human Remains—To be held at Chaminade University in Honolulu, HI.
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23-28
Forensic Anthropology for Law Enforcement—Sponsored by Missouri Western State University and the Southern Institute of Forensic Science—To be held in Saint Joseph, MO.
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International Clarke Conference on Analytical Toxicology—To be held at the Royal Pharmaceutical Society in London.
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25-27
Forensic Entomology Workshop: Bugs Don’t Lie—Sponsored by Penn State University—To be held at Penn State University in State College, PA.
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May 30-Jun 3
Field Methods in Forensic Anthropology—To be held at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, TN.
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Human Remains: Search, Recovery, and Identification—Sponsored by Missouri Western State University and the Southern Institute of Forensic Science—To be held in Saint Joseph, MO.
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Second Annual Prescription for Criminal Justice Forensics—Presented by The ABA Criminal Justice Section and the Louis Stein Center for Law & Ethics—To be held at the Fordham University School of Law in New York City.
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Outdoor Recovery Course—To be held at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, TN.
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www.paulkish.com

20-24
7th ISABS Conference in Forensic, Anthropologic and Medical Genetics—To be held in the Town of Bol, Island of Brac, Croatia.
CONTACT: vskaro@genos.hr or info@isabs.hr
www.isabs.hr

22-24
38th Annual Florida Association of Medical Examiners Educational Conference - Practical Issues in Forensic Pathology—Jointly sponsored by the District 15 Medical Examiner’s Office and the University of Florida College of Medicine—To be held at the PGA National Resort and Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, FL.
CONTACT: http://maples-center.ufl.edu
www.fameonline.org

27-July 1
Basic Bloodstain Pattern Analysis—Hosted by the Spokane (WA) Police Department.
CONTACT: Deputy John Oliphant
Spokane, WA 99260
(509) 477-3211 office
(509) 850-6500 cell
(509) 477-6975 fax
www.spokanecounty.org/sheriff/training

27-July 2
Bloodstain Pattern Analysis in Violent Crimes—Sponsored by Missouri Western State University and the Southern Institute of Forensic Science—To be held in Saint Joseph, MO.
CONTACT: Darcy Groce
Missouri Western University
(816) 271-4207
groce@missouriwestern.edu
www.southernforensics.com

JULY 2011

11-15
Human Identification Course—To be held at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, TN.
CONTACT: Rebecca Taylor
fac@utk.edu
(865) 974-4408
http://web.utk.edu/~fac/

11-15
Inter/Micro: 62nd Annual Applied Microscopy Conference—Hosted by the McCrone Research Institute—To be held in Chicago, IL. Titles & Abstracts due by April 15, 2011.
CONTACT: Therese Newman
intermicro@mcri.org
(312) 842-7100
Fax: 312-842-1078
www.mcri.org

11-16
National Museum of Health and Medicine 24th Annual Forensic Anthropology Course—To be held in Baltimore, MD.
CONTACT: Liz Chipchosky
Echipchosky@hjf.org
(301) 294-1546 (voice)
(240) 314-7314 (fax)
www.hjf.org

17-23
9th Annual Psychology Summer Institute—To be held in Washington, DC.
CONTACT: Kyra Kissam
(202) 336-6127
www.apa.org/pi/mfp

18-22
Advanced Laboratory Methods Course—To be held at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, TN.
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(865) 974-4408
http://web.utk.edu/~fac/
AUGUST 2011

15-19
Medicolegal Death Investigator Training Course—Sponsored by Saint Louis University—To be held in St. Louis, MO
CONTACT: Mary Fran Ernst or Julie Howe
(314) 977-5970
http://medschool.shu.edu/mldi/

24-27
Forensic Medical Investigation: Comprehensive Review and Skills Workshop—To be held in Kansas City, MO.
CONTACT: Dr. Mary Dudley, MD
(316) 204-9107
mdudley2@kc.rr.com
www.forensicMI.com

28-Sept. 3
24th World Congress International Society for Forensic Genetics—Organized by the ISFG—To be held in Vienna, Austria.
CONTACT: Wolfgang Mayr
Medical University of Vienna
pres_isfg2011@meduniwien.ac.at
www.isfg2011.org/

25-30
Techniques in Facial Reconstruction—Sponsored by the University of Northern Colorado and the Southern Institute of Forensic Science—To be held in New Orleans, LA.
CONTACT: Edward B. Waldrip, PhD
(800) 232-1749
esinfo@unco.edu or edwaldrip@msn.com

SEPTEMBER 2011

12-17
19th Triennial Meeting International Association of Forensic Sciences—To be held in Funchal, Madeira, Portugal.

19-23
Advanced Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Course—To be held at the Boone County Sheriff’s Department in Burlington, Kentucky.
CONTACT: Paul Erwin Kish
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19-22
The Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists’ 40th Annual Fall Meeting—To be held in suburban Chicago, IL.
CONTACT: Doug Saul
doug.saul@dupagesheriff.org
(630) 407-2105

26-Oct. 1
8th International Symposium Advances in Legal Medicine—To be held in Frankfurt, Germany.
CONTACT: Conventus Congress Management & Marketing GmbH
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www.isalm2011.de

OCTOBER 2011

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FACSS 2011 - 38th FACSS—To be held at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, NV.
CONTACT: FACSS International Office
(505) 820-1648
Fax: (505) 989-1073
facss@facss.org

10-14
Advance Facial Reconstruction Sculpture—To be held at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, OK.
CONTACT: Betty Pat. Gatilff
(405) 321-8706
www.sculpture.outreach.ou.edu

19-22
2011 American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) Annual Meeting—To be held at the Venetian – Palazzo Resort Hotel Casino in Las Vegas, NV.
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Fax: (312) 541-4472
info@ascp.org
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