President’s Message

Hopefully you have already made your plans to attend the AAFS Annual Meeting in San Antonio. The 2007 Program Committee, under the direction of Doug Ubelaker and Barry Logan, has been very busy. Over 1000 submissions for papers and posters were received, and of those about 800 were selected. The choice was even tougher for workshops. There were 49 submissions for 24 available spots. The program looks great, offering something for everyone.

Each year the Academy receives paper submissions after the August 1 deadline. The work of processing the papers and the publication deadlines means that the Academy Board of Directors must enforce the deadline just as we must adhere to the October 1 deadline for membership and promotion. All of us tend to work to deadlines, but in these cases, the deadlines are firm.

One of my main goals as AAFS President this year was to undertake a thorough review of the Academy’s Code of Ethics. We all agree that ethics are at the cornerstone of what we do. The American Academy of Forensic Sciences is one of the world’s most prevalent forensic organizations. To maintain the respect that people have for the Academy and the value of membership, it is important that we police ourselves in an aggressive but fair and transparent manner.

The method selected for the review was to combine the Ethics and Long Term Planning Committees for a weekend-long meeting in Chicago in September. Ethics Committee Chair Haskell Pitluck and Long Term Planning Committee member Doug Lucas organized and ran the meeting. The purpose was first to recommend to the Board of Directors the type and scope of the Code of Ethics and then to review the procedural practices to ensure they are transparent and fair.

Six AAFS Past Presidents, President-Elect Bruce Goldberger, and myself, along with senior members of the Executive Committee were all in attendance. The weekend resulted in much lively debate but consensus, ultimately, on the issues. Further work remains to be done during the San Antonio meeting. A report will then be drafted to the Board of Directors and this will likely result in proposed changes to the Academy bylaws and policies and procedures which will be circulated to the membership.

To set the stage for the discussion Doug Lucas prepared a set of slides which helped define the issues. Doug pointed out that ethics is related to professional duties while morals relate to personal behavior. Another slide made the point that "if we are not seen as reacting swiftly and appropriately when unethical conduct has been alleged, the public may properly conclude that such behavior is condoned - or even endorsed." The suggested Code of Ethics criteria include:

- It must be desirable.
- It must be feasible.
- It must be enforceable.
- It must be enforced.

ATTENTION ALL MEETING REGISTRANTS!

The 2007 AAFS Annual Meeting Pre-Registration Form is provided in this issue of Academy News, on page 27. Attendance at all special functions (breakfast seminars, luncheons, special sessions, workshops, and workshorts) is available by pre-registration only.

The deadline for pre-registration is January 24, 2007. The deadline is firm.

Pre-registration forms received after January 24, 2007, will be processed as on-site registrations which will VOID your registration/attendance for all special functions (breakfast seminars, workshops, etc.). To ensure your full participation, don’t delay! Send in your registration form today, or go to the AAFS website (www.aafs.org) and register online!
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Future Annual Meeting Dates

February 19-24, 2007  San Antonio, Texas
February 18-23, 2008  Washington, DC
February 16-21, 2009  Denver, Colorado

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Legislative Corner

It appears that the portion of the federal budget dealing with the Justice Department that we are tracking will be funded through a continuing joint resolution of Congress to provide funding for government agencies, generally at the same rate as the previous year’s appropriation, that have not yet been funded through the enactment of regular appropriations bills. In addition, the long awaited National Academy of Forensic Science Committee has not yet been established at this writing. The wheels of government indeed turn slowly.

Election Day presents an added dimension to our forensic advocacy efforts. Committee chairs in Congressional committees are typically awarded to the party holding the majority in the respective House. We have been able to develop good relationships with key members of Congress which has enabled us to help influence some legislation important to us, particularly in the forensic science funding areas. A change in Congressional leadership will require us to establish new relationships. The idea that the Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations (CFSO) has continuously put forward is that forensic science is a bipartisan issue. Quality forensic science services delivered in a timely manner is neither a Democratic nor a Republican issue. It is everyone’s concern.

If any Academy members have contacts, friends, or colleagues who are members of Congress or work as staffers, it would be helpful to let us know. Much of what we do in the advocacy arena is based on personal relationships. The more avenues we have available to get our message across, the better job we can do.

In a recent development along advocacy lines, the 2008 AAFS meeting will be held in Washington, DC, rather than Atlanta, GA. This gives us some excellent opportunities. President-Elect Bruce Goldberger has scheduled a planning meeting in Washington to consider ways to capitalize on this change. We are hoping to have members of Congress and the administration present and perhaps be able to use the opportunity to make some important announcements.

On other fronts, forensic science has become an issue in a few state elections around the country. In Wisconsin, Oregon, and California, resources for forensic science labs is playing a role in elections. Other states are considering case turn around standards to address the large back logs in some laboratories. We continue to be in the midst of some interesting times.

Register For the AAFS Annual Meeting
Online at www.aafs.org

The AAFS 59th Annual Meeting is just three months away and the AAFS staff is busily preparing the printed materials for the Advance Program, scheduled to be mailed in late November. The same information will be posted to the AAFS website (www.aafs.org) in early November - just follow the meeting link! The program information will be available on the web and AAFS will continue to update the website information weekly, even after the paper copy is mailed, so you’ll want to check www.aafs.org for the most accurate and up-to-date meeting materials. You will be able to view, download, and print the .pdf session descriptions directly from the web. Best of all, you will be able to register online at the same time! Through the secure server, this is a safe and convenient way to register. Don’t forget the pre-registration deadline is January 24, 2007!

Wow!
Registering for the annual meeting online is so easy and convenient!
I am pleased to inform all members that the next international AAFS tour will take place June 8-17, 2007. President-Elect Bruce Goldberger and Arlene Goldberger invite you to join them on a ten-day excursion to Israel. The itinerary will include stays in Jerusalem, Galilee, and Tel Aviv. Following the design of the two previous tours, AAFS members will have opportunities to meet with forensic science colleagues, and at the same time, take advantage of the cultural and historical riches of this ancient, sacred corner of the world.

The application package may be accessed on the home page of the AAFS website. The proposed itinerary is provided for your consideration:

Friday, June 8, 2007: Departure from various gateway cities in the U.S. for Tel Aviv. Overnight air travel with arrival on Saturday, June 9.

Saturday, June 9, 2007: Arrive Tel Aviv. Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv, group members will be met and transferred by luxury coach to their hotel in Jerusalem. After an opportunity to unpack, group members will be taken to the Haas Promenade for a spectacular view of Jerusalem’s Old City followed by an opening dinner where the group will be joined by some of their Israeli colleagues. Dinner at the Taverna in Jerusalem.

Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

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3 Jabotinsky St. 92145
Jerusalem, Israel
Tel. 972-2-675-6666
Fax. 972-2-675-6777
hotel@inbal-hotel.co.il
http://www.inbal-hotel.co.il/

Sunday, June 10, 2007: Following an early Israeli buffet breakfast at the hotel, group members will be treated to a briefing by a leading Israeli commentator about the current political situation in the country. After the briefing, the group will depart for the Old City of Jerusalem.

Monday, June 11, 2007: After an Israeli buffet breakfast at the hotel, group members will depart for the Jerusalem Police Labs where they will spend the day in professional sessions with their Israeli counterparts.

In the evening, group members will have time to explore Jerusalem’s best-known pedestrian shopping areas — the Ben Yehuda Mall. Members of the group will be at their leisure with the options of dining at one of the many restaurants in the pedestrian mall.

Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem

Tuesday, June 12, 2007: Group members will depart the hotel early in the morning and drive
through the Judean Desert to Ein Gedi National Park, an oasis in the middle of the desert. After a hike along side the banks of King David's Stream, the group will continue on to the famous mountaintop fortress of Massada. Massada will be ascended via its cable car and the group will tour remnants of King Herod's desert palace while learning about the Jewish revolt against the Romans.

From Massada, the group will take lunch by the shores of the Dead Sea, the lowest point on the face of the earth. After lunch, group members will have the opportunity to float in the Dead Sea and relax at the Dead Sea Spa. The spa is famous for its therapeutic mud and sulfur pools.

The group will return to Jerusalem in the late afternoon. After a long day in the Judean Desert, group members will have a free evening to explore Jerusalem.

**Overnight: Inbal Hotel, Jerusalem**

Wednesday, June 13, 2007: After an Israeli buffet breakfast at the hotel, group members will check out and depart for the two-and-a-half hour drive to the Galilee via the Jordan Valley. The area of the Sea of Galilee is meaningful to Christians as one of the most important areas where Jesus lived and preached. Group members will explore sites such as Capernaum, Tabgha, the Church of the Beatitudes and the Church of the Multiplication of the Loaves and the Fishes.

In mid-afternoon, group members will be picked-up by jeeps and taken on an off-road tour of the Golan Heights. The tour will provide group members with a blend of the historic importance of the Golan as well as a sense of both its strategic importance to Israel and its natural beauty.

After touring the Golan, group members will check-in to their accommodation in the Galilee. Dinner will be at Decks Restaurant along the shores of the Sea of Galilee. After dinner, group members will have the opportunity to stroll through the ancient city of Tiberias.

**Overnight: Hotel near the Sea of Galilee**

Thursday, June 14, 2007: Following breakfast at the hotel, group members will check-out of their hotel and depart for Nazareth. In Nazareth, group members will visit the Basilica of the Annunciation which, according to the Roman Catholic faith, was the home of the Virgin Mary and the place where she received the Annunciation (the announcement of the imminent birth of Jesus). The large and impressive modern-day church is built above the remains of churches, still visible on the lower level, and dates back to Crusader and Byzantine times. The church is the largest in the Middle East and boasts dozens of pictures donated by Christian communities around the world.

After touring Nazareth, the group will drive to the Druze villages of Dalivat Al Karmel and Ushiya. The Druze are one of many minority groups living in Israel. Group members will be treated to home hospitality with a Druze family and will have the opportunity to learn about their secretive religion. After an opportunity to eat lunch and shop in the local market, the group will depart for Israel's Mediterranean coast where they visit the ancient Roman port city of Caesaria. The guided tour of Caesaria will reveal many of this site's treasures including its ancient Roman amphitheatre, sunken harbor, and Crusader-period fortifications.

Following Caesaria, the group will be driven to Tel Aviv to check-in to their beachfront hotel. After an opportunity to unpack and relax, group members will be treated to an evening tour of the ancient port of Jaffa.

**Overnight: Beachfront Hotel in Tel Aviv**

Friday, June 15, 2007: In the morning, the group will focus on Israel's pre-State history. The first stop will be the Palmach Museum that describes the experience of the Jewish community living in Palestine during the period of the British Mandate. Following the Palmach Museum, the group will travel to the Southern part of Tel Aviv where they will visit the Hall of Independence, the site of the declaration of Israel's independence in 1948.

After lunch in historic South Tel Aviv, group members will be treated to a walking tour focusing on the area's unique architecture. Recently, the United Nations recognized Tel Aviv as a world heritage site for its Bauhaus architecture. The walking tour will end in the area of the Nahal Binyamin artists' market where group members will have the opportunity to explore crafts from around Israel.

In the evening, group members will be treated to a cultural event. The precise event will be determined closer to the time of departure.

**Overnight: Beachfront Hotel in Tel Aviv**

Saturday, June 16, 2007: In the morning, group members will have the opportunity to enjoy Tel Aviv's spectacular beachfront. On Saturday mornings, Israelis flock to the beach and group members will be able to do the same.

After the opportunity to eat lunch at the restaurant of their choosing, the group will meet back at the hotel where they will be taken to a nearby helipad for helicopter tour of central Israel. Israel's security challenges are most easily understood from the air. Group members will be treated to a tour that will provide insight into the key territorial issues faced by both the Israelis and Palestinians.

Upon returning to the hotel, group members will have time to pack and prepare for the flight back home. After checkout, the group will be treated to an early closing dinner at a restaurant in Tel Aviv.

The group will depart for Ben Gurion Airport for overnight flights back to the U.S.

**Sunday, June 17, 2007: Arrive back in the U.S.**

**Tour Package Details**

The cost of the AAFS 2007 Israel Tour is $2,695 per person, based upon double occupancy at all hotels. The single rate is $3,195.

The $2,695 ($3,195 single) tour package includes the following:

**Hotels (7 Nights):**

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**Note:** Hotel can only check in on Saturday night, June 9 around 10:30 p.m.  

**Scots Hotel:** June 13 to 14 (1 Night)  

**Sheraton Tel Aviv:** June 14 to 16 (2 Nights)  

**Meals:**  

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June 12 Lunch at the Dead Sea. No Dinner
June 13 Lunch en route and Dinner at Decks
June 14 Lunch at Daliat El Carmel and dinner in Tel Aviv
June 15 Lunch in Tel Aviv and Dinner in Tel Aviv
June 16 No Lunch. Farewell Dinner in Tel Aviv

Personal Escort at Ben Gurion International Airport arrival hall to ground transportation, entrance fees, hostess, porterage, driver (7 days and transfers) guide (7 days and transfers); mineral water; security (estimation), and helicopter rides, speakers' fees, and private rooms at the hotels

Items not included:
Round trip airfare to Tel Aviv
Tour members will want to arrive Tel Aviv mid- to late afternoon on Saturday, June 9 for transfer to hotel.
The AAFS 2007 Israel Tour will end around 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 16 to allow for overnight return travel to the U.S.
Tips, beverages and wine at meals, meals other than those noted on the itinerary, and personal items

Please contact me for further assistance (e-mail: jhurley@aafs.org; phone: 719-636-1100, Extension 215).

FEPAC
The Fall 2006 Accreditation Cycle of institutional site visits concluded in mid-October; four universities hosted the FEPAC assigned teams to their respective campuses. All phases of the on-site review process are to be completed by December 15. The final Self-Study Reports will be distributed among commissioners who will meet January 6 & 7, 2007, to evaluate the programs and to make decisions about awards of accreditation.

FEPAC policy requires that I inform Academy members and other constituencies of all important details and events relating to accreditation. In meeting this responsibility, I have dedicated space in every Academy News “Planning & Development” article, since January 2002, to chronicle details of the “goings-on” of FEPAC. Moreover, Kathy Reynolds, AAFS Publications Coordinator, and I have worked together to make the FEPAC link on the AAFS website the “go to” electronic address for immediate access to all documents relating to the accreditation process. I invite all members to visit that link and then to contact me with comments about the clarity and coherence of the offerings.

The following four forensic science programs and respective assigned teams were selected by the Commission for the Fall 2006 review cycle:

- Albany State University (Albany, GA) – BS in Forensic Science
  Charles O. Ochie, Sr., PhD, Program Director
  Jason H Byrd, PhD, Academician; Katherine E. Sullivan, BA, Practitioner

- The University of Mississippi (University, MS) – BS in Forensic Chemistry
  Murrell Godfrey, PhD, Program Director
  Robert O. Bost, PhD, Academician; Pamela M. Johnson, MSA, Practitioner

- SUNY at Albany (Albany, NY) – MS in Forensic Molecular Biology
  Donald D. Orokos, PhD, Program Director
  Frederic A. Tulleners, MA, Academician; Lydia M. De Castro, BS, Practitioner

- Virginia Commonwealth University (Richmond, VA) – BS in Forensic Science
  William B. Eggleston, PhD, Program Director
  Brian J. Gestring, MS, Academician; Dwight E. Adams, PhD, Practitioner

A summary of the Minutes from the conference call meeting, convened on September 8, 2006, by FEPAC Chair Max Houck, may be found on the FEPAC link. Specific items which relate to U.S. Department of Education regulations and eventual recognition of the Commission, and, which may be of interest to FEPAC constituencies, are included in the September Minutes.

There will be one vacancy on the Commission beginning in February 2007. The “Call for Applications” from eligible academicians has been posted to the FEPAC link and a letter to all currently accredited institutions of the opening has been sent. Per FEPAC Policies & Procedures, “To serve as a forensic science educator, an individual must be a faculty member or an administrator at a college or university that offers a FEPAC-accredited forensic science program.”

Program directors who plan to submit institutional applications in 2007 and all prospective on-site evaluator candidates are encouraged to attend the one-day FEPAC Training Session on Tuesday, February 20, 2007, at the AAFS Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas. AAFS Members or Fellows who wish to serve as evaluators must attend the training session to be eligible for consideration. Requirements for both institutions and on-site evaluators are cited in FEPAC Policies & Procedures (Section 3.0).

Institutional Applications for the Fall 2007 Accreditation Cycle are due to the Office of Director of Accreditation by March 1, 2007. Please do not hesitate to contact me for assistance and/or clarification regarding the institutional application process.

FSEC 2007
Three Forensic Science Educational Conferences are “on the books” for 2007. This past July, Andrew Baker (Path/Bio), and Susan Myster (Anthr), invited local AAFS forensic scientists and university faculty to an organizational meeting at Hamline University (St. Paul, Minnesota) to begin the process for a three-day conference (FSEC/MSP) set to take place June 21-23, 2007. M. Lee Goff (Path/Bio), has submitted his request to host a conference—his second—on the campus of Chaminade University of Honolulu (FSEC/CUH II) July 9-11, 2007. And, in mid-October, William Eggleston and Marilyn Miller (Crim), assembled a steering committee on the campus of Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond to begin the work necessary in planning and the development of the FSEC/VCU which will take place July 19-21, 2007. Applications for all three conferences are posted on the AAFS website; publicity and tentative schedules for these events will follow in early winter.
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# AAFS 59th Annual Scientific Meeting

## Hotel Reservation Form

**Reservation will not be processed if form is incomplete.** Telephone requests are not accepted. Keep a copy of form for your records. Do not mail after faxing. Acknowledgements are emailed, mailed or faxed only to the email provided or name listed in field #8. Photocopy this form if you need more than one room.

**Select Six Hotels:** Rooms are assigned first come/first served. If choices are not available, a room will be secured at a hotel based on your preference of rate or proximity, and availability. Use code only, not numbers. See AAFS Hotel Codes for codes.

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## Internet Reservations

- Visit [www.aafs.org](http://www.aafs.org) for online reservations.

## Fax/Mailed Reservations

- Fax or mail reservations to AAFS Housing Bureau at 210-207-6702.

## Acknowledgements

The AAFS Housing Bureau will send you an acknowledgement of your reservations. Please review all information for accuracy. Email acknowledgments will be sent within 72 hours of reservation being processed. Faxed and mailed acknowledgments will be sent 10-14 days. If you do not receive your acknowledgement in this time frame, please contact AAFS Housing Bureau by fax at 210-207-6702, or email sahousing@sanantoniovisit.com. You will not receive a written confirmation from the hotel.

## Room Rates/Taxes

To take advantage of the special AAFS rates, please book your reservation by January 28, 2007. After that date, AAFS room blocks will be released and hotels may charge higher rates.

All rates are per room and are subject to an 16.75% occupancy tax, (subject to change). Special requests cannot be guaranteed; however, hotels will do their best to honor all requests. Hotels will assign specific room types upon check-in, based on availability.

## Guarantee

All reservations require a valid credit card or check guarantee at the time of confirming reservations. Requests received without a valid guarantee will be returned and will not be processed. Credit cards may be billed anytime after January 28, 2007, at the discretion of your confirmed hotel.

## Check Deposits

If you choose to mail in a check deposit, it should be made payable to AAFS Housing Bureau and mailed along with your housing request form to the address provided.

## Cancellations

AAFS Housing Bureau must receive all cancellations on or prior to December 28, 2006, to avoid a penalty. Any cancellations received after December 28, 2006, will be assessed a $50 cancellation fee. This fee will be charged seven days after cancellations.

## Hotel Reservation Form

Complete this form in double-sided black ink, and print legibly. Fill all fields. Complete at least one choice, or the reservation will not be processed. Suite requests must be made in writing. If you have a special request, please fill out the Special Request section.

1. **Name:**  
   - First Name:  
   - Middle Initial:  
   - Last Name:  

2. **Affiliation/Company:**  

3. **Street Address or P.O. Box Number:**  

4. **City:**  
   - State:  
   - Country:  
   - Zip Code:  

5. **Daytime Phone Number:**  

6. **Fax Number:**  
   - (If International, indicate Country/Code)

7. **Email Address:**  

8. **Type of Card (i.e. AE, MC, VS):**  
   - Credit Card Number:  
   - Expiration Date:  
   - Name on Credit Card:  

9. **Special Requests:**  
   - Smoking  
   - Non-Smoking  
   - Check here for disability

List special or other needs:
In just three months we will once again assemble for the annual meeting of the AAFS. In preparation for this meeting, Program Co-Chair Barry Logan and I have been working with the entire 2007 Annual Meeting Program Committee and the dedicated administrative staff of the AAFS to ensure that a comprehensive and rewarding program will await you in San Antonio. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all of you who worked so hard to plan presentations and managed to meet the August 1 deadline. Many of the topics relate in interesting and educational ways to the general meeting theme of “Forensic Science in a Global Community: Issues and Advances” chosen by AAFS President Jim Young.

The planned program will be of record size and will offer educational opportunities at a variety of levels. The accepted program includes 24 workshops, 8 breakfast seminars, two luncheons, two special sessions, three evening sessions and 736 poster and platform presentations, including 10 in the Last Word Society session. This represents a 16 percent increase in the poster and platform presentations over last year’s meeting in Seattle with substantial increases in six of the 10 scientific sections. Of the 781 successful abstract submissions, 464 (59 percent) arrived on August 1, the last allowable day of submission!

If you are unsure of what equipment will be provided for your presentation, remember to check the information provided regarding your section and/or contact your Section Program Chair. Also, since we have such a full program this year, it will be important to not exceed the time allotted for your presentation. Schedule your arrival in San Antonio early in the week if you plan to attend the Monday and/or Tuesday workshops. Mark your calendars for San Antonio, February 19-24, 2007, and make your hotel reservation early. See you in San Antonio.

Special Accommodations
If you have a disability that may impact your participation at the 59th AAFS Annual Meeting, please check the appropriate box on the AAFS Pre-Registration Form (page 27), and include a statement regarding your special needs. Someone from the AAFS headquarters will contact you prior to the meeting to discuss accommodations. Availability of appropriate accommodations cannot be ensured without prior notification of need.

Need to Share a Room in San Antonio?
If you would like to have more spending money to take in the “must see” sights while in San Antonio during the AAFS 2007 Annual Meeting, then share a room! The AAFS office is maintaining a list of meeting attendees who would like to share a room with a colleague. For more information, please contact the AAFS office at (719) 636-1100.
2007 Breakfast Seminars — Pre-Register Today!

Prepare yourself for breakfast because you will not want to miss these great seminars (pre-registration only) arranged by Chair Holly Adams. You will enjoy a wonderful breakfast — buffet style — with fresh fruit, muffins, and dry cereal, in addition to ham, bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, hash browns, pastries, juices, coffee, tea, and milk. Breakfast is from 7:00 a.m. to 7:25 a.m., with the special presentation scheduled to conclude at 8:30 a.m., just in time to join your colleagues for the scientific sessions.

TUESDAY — FEBRUARY 20
B1 Medicine, Murder, and Mayhem in Ancient Greece
Richard C. Froede, MD, Richard D. Walter, MA; Albert Leonard, Jr., PhD

B2 Muhammad and Malvo: The Serial Sniper Case of October 2002
Brendan F. Shea, MS

WEDNESDAY — FEBRUARY 21
B3 TV Crime Dramas and Trial Strategy
(The Answers in 60 Minutes Without Messing Your Makeup or Challenging Your Deodorant)
Judith G. Fordham, BSc, LLB; David N. Khey, MS, MA

B4 Anatomy of a Cold Case: How to Revive a Cold Rape Case After 32 Years
Melissa Mourges, JD; Martha S. Bashford, JD

THURSDAY — FEBRUARY 22
B5 Washington, DC Area Serial Arsonist Investigation — The Laboratory Perspective
Raymond J. Kuk, MS

B6 Problems in the Investigation, Prosecution, and Defense of Health Care Practitioners Who Systematically Kill Their Patients
Beatrice C. Yorker, JD; A. Robert W. Forrest, LLM, BSc, ChB

FRIDAY — FEBRUARY 23
B7 Damaged Coral Reefs — A New, Fascinating, and Decidedly Edgy Dimension to CSI
Kenneth W. Goddard, MS

B8 Tom Krauss Memorial Bite Mark Breakfast: New ABFO Bite Mark Guidelines
Jon C. Dailey, DDS

Luncheon Seminars
An educational venue is being offered again at the 2007 AAFS Annual Meeting in the form of Luncheon Seminars. The luncheons will follow the same model of the breakfast seminars, with the presentations focusing on intellectually challenging and stimulating topics. Don’t miss this opportunity to have lunch with colleagues from various disciplines and to listen to the presentations. The luncheons are available by pre-registration only.

THURSDAY — FEBRUARY 22
#1 Trials of the Expert Witness: From Lycanthropy to Locard and the Legacy of Sherlock Holmes
E. J. Wagner, BS; William R. Wagner, BEE

FRIDAY — FEBRUARY 23
#2 Forensic Investigations Into “The Missing: Principles and Guidelines From the International Committee of the Red Cross
Morris Tidball-Binz, MD; Shuala M. Drawdy, MA

Annual Meeting Employment Forum
The AAFS will be hosting its fifth annual Employment Forum at the upcoming annual meeting in San Antonio. The intention is to provide a means for employers and applicants to meet, exchange information, conduct informal interviews, or schedule interviews for later in the week.

This special event will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2007, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., directly adjacent to the AAFS Welcoming Reception.

Space is limited! Employers, to reserve your place at the Employment Forum, please notify Nancy Jackson at the AAFS headquarters by e-mail: njackson@aafs.org, or fax: (719) 636-1993. Nancy will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Plan on joining us for the AAFS Annual Meeting Employment Forum!
2007 Workshops Announced

Twenty-four workshops have been accepted for the 2007 AAFS Annual Meeting, offering a wide range of topics. Workshops are an excellent means to meet your continuing education needs while maintaining and expanding your knowledge of your specific forensic discipline. Many workshops have limited registration, so fill out the pre-registration form on page 27 today!

MONDAY - FEBRUARY 19

# 1 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Pre- and Post-Blase Detection and Analysis: Looking for a Needle in the Haystack
Chair: Allison M. Curran, PhD; Co-Chair: Kenneth G. Furton, PhD; Co-Chair: David R. Kottny

# 2 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Pharmacogenomics as Molecular Autopsy — An Adjunct to Forensic Pathology and Toxicology
Chair: Jeffrey M. Jentzen, MD; Co-Chair: Thomas C. Kupiec, PhD; Co-Chair: Steven H. Wong, PhD

# 3 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Newer Analytical Techniques: Applications in Forensic Toxicology
Chair: Diana G. Wilkins, PhD; Co-Chair: Christine M. Moore, PhD

# 4 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. A Primer and Update on Digital Evidence
Chair: Carrie M. Whitcomb, MSFS; Co-Chair: Mark M. Pollitt, MS

# 5 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Mitochondrial DNA Analysis: The Foundation and the Fundamentals at the Leading Edge
Chair: Michael A. Fasano, BA; Co-Chair: Sani M. Edison, MS

# 6 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Proving a Priest Killed a Nun: The Role of Forensic Science in Successfully Resolving a 26-Year-Old Case
Chair: J. Christopher Anderson, JD; Co-Chair: Diane Scala-Barnett, MD

# 7 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Practical Homicide Investigation: Tactics, Procedures, and Forensic Techniques
Chair: Vernor J. Geberth, MS, MPS; Co-Chair: Robert D. Keppel, PhD

# 8 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Anatomy of a Wrongful Conviction: A Multidisciplinary Examination of the Ray Krone Case
Chair: George J. Schiro, Jr., MS; Co-Chair: Thomas B. Streed, PhD

# 9 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Principles of Forensic DNA for Officers of the Court
Chair: Kevin Lothridge, MS; Co-Chair: Debra A. Figarelli, BS; Co-Chair: Robin W. Jones, BS

#10 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. SWGIT Presents: Guidelines for Acquiring, Processing, Analyzing, and Archiving Video and Image Data
Chair: Richard W. Vorder Bruegge, PhD; Co-Chair: Carl R. Kriigel, BS; Co-Chair: William R. Oliver, MD

#11 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Restorative Dentistry as Evidence: Survival of Dental Materials in Extreme Conditions and Analytical Methods of Detection
Chair: Raymond G. Miller, DDS; Co-Chair: Mary A. Bush, DDS

#12 1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Quality Assurance in Human Identification
Chair: Vincent J. Sava, MA; Co-Chair: Andrew J. Tyrrell, PhD

TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 20

#13 8:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Scientific Research: A Guide to Designing, Conducting, Writing, Presenting, Publishing, and Analyzing Scientific Research
Chair: Amy C. Gruszecki, DO; Co-Chair: Gregory G. Davis, MD, MSPH; Co-Chair: J. Keith Pinckard, MD, PhD

#14 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Doping: The World Anti-Doping Program and the Role of Medical Care Providers in Doping and Anti-Doping Efforts
Chair: Larry D. Bowers, PhD; Co-Chair: Jeri D. Ropero-Miller, PhD

#15 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. DNA 101: Understanding DNA Evidence for the Non-Scientist
Chair: Carll Ladd, PhD; Co-Chair: Greg K. Hampikian, PhD
Guidelines for Poster Presentations

Each poster session presenter will be provided with a 4’ (height) x 8’ (width) poster board and an ample supply of push-pins. The board will be labeled with the presentation title and pre-assigned AAFS presentation number. Presenters are responsible for posting their material at least one hour prior to the opening of the session and removing the material within one-half hour after the session closes. Volunteers will be available to assist the presenters. The AAFS is not responsible for material posted early or left after the session is over. Materials left will be disposed of after presentation hours.

The presenting author and/or co-author is expected to remain with the display during the entire session to be available to discuss their study with the attendees. AAFS or its representatives will verify poster presentations. Authors who display a poster but do not present materials will not get credit for the poster presentations. Authors are also encouraged to bring reprints for distribution during the session and may wish to bring sign-up sheets for attendees who desire additional information.

CONTENT
The poster presentation should cover all key aspects of the work and contain the following items:

- Abstract
- Introduction
- Materials
- Methods
- Results
- Discussion
- Conclusions
- References

PRESENTATION FORMAT

- Extensive narratives are not necessary. Short, “bulleted” statements are preferred.
- Results presented in the form of figures, diagrams, graphs, etc., are preferred, but may be presented in clear, concise tabular format.
- Statistical data should be titled and summarized in a clear, concise format.
- Material should be displayed in a logical sequence from top left to bottom right. Number all poster panels or use arrows so that the sequence of presentation is clear.
- All type should be a minimum of 14 pt and readable from a distance of 3-4 feet. Use standard type styles (e.g., Arial, Helvetica, Times New Roman).
- All poster panels should be printed with a laser or other high quality printer.
- The display does not need to be “arty,” but the overall effectiveness of a poster presentation can be enhanced by using techniques such as mounting poster panels on colored paper or crescent board. Colors may be used to highlight important points.
In order to keep BYOS.ppt informal, fun, and informative for the large and diverse audience, here are a few things to keep in mind for the BYOS.ppt program at the 2007 AAFS Annual Meeting in San Antonio:

- To present at BYOS.ppt presentations must be in PowerPoint format. 35mm slides are no longer be accepted.
- Proposals much submitted on this form accompanied by a “6-slides per page” printout of the presentation and an electronic copy on CD or “flash” drive.
- BYOS is not intended as a forum to present scientific papers. It is designed as a means to present interesting information and/or unusual case(s) that may be educational and blended with humor.
- Speakers should plan on ten minutes in which to present their material.
- Material being presented in other parts of the AAFS scientific program will not be accepted at BYOS.ppt.
- Tables, charts, and graphs should be avoided, making every effort to use slides of scenes, bodily findings, and evidence.

This complete form, a 6-slide page printout, and the electronic presentation copy should be delivered to the on-site AAFS Staff Office by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, sooner if possible. Presentations will be selected and scheduled based on perceived interest to the audience and on the order in which the completed submissions are received. This form and required printout are needed to organize the BYOS.ppt program and to allow appropriate allocation of continuing education credit. A BYOS.ppt Program Form also will be placed in each registrant’s meeting packet.

**BYOS PROGRAM FORM**

Name (include academic degree/s) ____________________________________________________________

Job title ________________________________________________________________________________

Place of employment __________________________________________________________________________

AAFS Section Affiliation (if none, write “none”)? ________________________________________________

The presentation is being offered primarily to:
- Solicit input/advice on a challenging case
- Present interesting information or case(s) for educational purposes
- Entertainment

Presentation is:
- A single case
- A series of cases with a common topic
- Multiple cases with unrelated topics
- Other (please specify):

Briefly describe the material to be present _________________________________________________________________________

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What are the major points to be emphasized? _________________________________________________________________________

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How will the attendees benefit from this presentation? _______________________________________________________________

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Is there financial interest in the material being discussed?  □ No  □ Yes (If yes, please describe)

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How much presentation time is required? _________ minutes  How many ppt slides will be shown? _________

Presenter’s local hotel _________________________________________   Room # _______ Phone # _________________________

The BYOS agenda, scheduled presentation times, and continuing education credit hours will be posted near the BYOS meeting room. If you have any questions, contact Nancy Jackson or Sondra Doolittle at (719) 636-1100, or at the on-site AAFS Staff Office.

AAFS STAFF USE ONLY:  Date Received: _________________________ Time: _________________________
Guidelines For Speakers Using Slide Support

- To present using a slide projector, the projector should have been requested in the abstract submission process and the expense approved by the section in which you are presenting. Notification regarding “other” AV equipment requests will be emailed to the presenting author in December.

- Limit the information on each slide to a single point or idea. Slides should be used to supplement what you have to say, not as notes for you to learn on when giving your talk.

- Keep slides simple with plenty of open space. Space between lines should be at least the height of capital letters.

- Limit messages to seven lines or less. Do not use more than seven words per line.

- You should be able to convey slide information in 10 seconds. Avoid advancing the slide before 10 seconds; however, most slides should not remain on the screen longer than 2 minutes.

- Do not crowd the slide. Two or more simple slides are better than one that is complex and crowded.

- In using illustrative materials, try to use simple graphs with a limited number of captions. A picture is worth a thousand words.

- Never apologize for the quality of a slide. If you don’t like the way it looks, don’t use it.

- A good rule of thumb is if you can read the information on your slide held at arm’s length against a bright background, then it will be readable to your audience. Slides should be clear, with great enough contrast to be seen without turning off the room lights.

- Simplify-Simplify-Simplify: Your entire presentation should not be on the slides. The slides should support your talk and add emphasis to your important points.

- Avoid backing up the slide lectures. If you need a slide twice, make a duplicate slide.

- Audience perception of slides: WORST = text on a slide; BETTER = graphs/tables on a slide; BEST = image on a slide.

Guidelines for LCD Projector Presentations

Computers will not be provided by the AAFS. However, your section may coordinate this effort and have a computer available for your use at the meeting. Otherwise, it will be your responsibility to provide a laptop computer for your presentation. All inquiries should be addressed to your Section Program Chair.

PREPARING YOUR PRESENTATION:

- Microsoft PowerPoint® 97 or later is highly recommended. Other versions of PowerPoint and programs may be difficult to support at the conference.

- Dark background and light text provide acceptable contrast and display well in the darkened meeting rooms. Avoid distracting or otherwise hard to read color combinations such as red and blue, and yellow and green.

- Arial, Times New Roman, or Helvetica are the recommended font styles. Avoid using fonts that project poorly. Unusual or custom fonts may not be available on the host computer.

- Use as large a font as possible and fill the screen. Anything less than 24 pt is too small. Suggested font sizes are Titles: 48-54 pt, Main text titles: 32 pt; Smallest text lines: 24 pt.

- Keep your presentation simple. Do not crowd the frame. Limit the number of text lines per frame to a maximum of seven lines, with no more than 30 characters per line.

- Use simple graphs and illustrations with a minimum of captions. Avoid using thin lines, dots, dashes, or other specialty lines.

- Verify your computer resolution by going to your computer’s control panel, selecting “Display” then “Settings.” The recommended resolution is 1024 x 768.

- Avoid the use of commercial messages (e.g., logo) and video and audio clips unless requested previously in the abstract submission.

- Save your presentation on a 3.5” diskette or CD-ROM. Always test your presentation on another computer to verify file compatibility, layout, and style.

IF YOU PLAN TO USE AN LCD PROJECTOR AT THE MEETING:

- Test your presentation with the LCD projection unit provided in the speaker ready room.

- You must report to your assigned room at least 30 minutes before the session is scheduled to begin (not your scheduled presentation time). Introduce yourself to the session moderators. Bring your presentation on a 3.5” diskette or CD-ROM that is clearly labeled with your name. Please contact your Section Program Chair for these details.

- You will be given instructions on how and when to connect to the LCD projection unit.

- You are encouraged to bring a set of 35mm slides in case of technical difficulties. If technical problems occur, you may be asked to present without visual aids.
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE 2007 AAFS ANNUAL MEETING

The 2007 AAFS Annual Meeting is scheduled for February 19-24, 2007, in San Antonio, TX. Volunteers are needed to accomplish an array of administrative and gate keeping tasks throughout the week of the meeting. Volunteers who are not members of the Academy may receive complimentary registration to attend all non-ticketed sessions of the meeting with a minimum of 8 hours of completed volunteer service at the meeting (does not include sessions requiring pre-registration or fees other than the basic meeting registration fee. If you plan to attend these sessions, please contact Pat Tolle for the AAFS Registration Form.)

Although AAFS Members do not receive complimentary registration for volunteering, the Academy does need its members to volunteer. Your service to the Academy is recognized as instrumental in making the event a success. Persons accompanying attendees are also welcome to volunteer if they wish.

Below is a list of the various areas where volunteers are needed as well as a Volunteer Information Form. Credit Card information is now required, however, your card will only be charged should you attend the meeting and fail to fulfill your volunteer commitment*. Volunteer Applications must be received by December 1, 2006. Incomplete forms will not be accepted.

AAFS Office Administration  Luncheons  Plenary Session  Registration Desk A-V
Breakfast Seminars  Special Sessions  2008 Meeting Promotion Booth  Equipment
Workshops/Workshorts  Student Academy  Local Information Booth  Section Business Meetings

AAFS 59th Annual Meeting Volunteer Information Form*

Name: ________________________________ Title: _______________ Organization: _____________________
Mailing Address: _____________________________________________________________________________
City: ____________________________________________  State/Province: _____________________________
Zip/Postal Code: __________________ Country: __________________ Home Phone: _________________________
Fax: ___________________ Work Phone: ___________________ Cell Phone: ________________________
E-mail: ___________________________________________________________ AAFS Member? Yes [  ] No [ ]
The best way to contact me during the meeting is: [ ] Phone [ ] Email [ ] Other ________________________
Exp. Date: ___________ MC [ ]      Visa [ ]      AE [ ]
Signature:______________________________________  Credit Card #: _______________________________

*AAFS is authorized to charge up to $375.00 for registration fees should I attend the meeting and not fulfill my volunteer work assignment(s).

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

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[ ] I am requesting "complimentary" registration as a non-member with a minimum of 8 hours of volunteer service.

Return completed* form by December 1, 2006 to:

Patricia Tolle
AAFS
410 North 21st St.
Colorado Springs, CO 80904
Fax: (719) 636-1993
Email: ptolle@aafs.org

*Form must be filled out completely. Incomplete forms will not be accepted.
What an exciting time to have a career in forensic science. Of course, we all get that strange feeling (whether pride or revulsion) when a neighbor introduces us as “that person who does the job like those people on TV.” We may sometimes wonder if we really might be a Grissom (or occasionally a Dexter) in our own fashion. However, the most important thing is that we have seen exponential growth in the field over the past ten years, and can expect that to continue. There will be new scientists joining us and we owe it to mentor them in their involvement in the forensic science professional organizations. We need to show them that membership is not only paying dues and occasionally attending meetings; it’s participation on committees, presenting research, or just meeting and discussing the science with other colleagues in the field. Some of the best ideas come not just listening to the presentations at the meetings, but from discussions that occur outside the meeting room, in small groups of new friends. Don’t forget to include the newest members in your discussions and plans at the next meeting. And if February is your first AAFS meeting, step up and introduce yourself, and feel free to meet others rather than sitting in the hotel room just watching CSI.

Speaking of the February meeting, Hiram Evans has worked hard to put together an excellent program. Remember that there will be some outstanding scientific presentations on Saturday. You will not want to miss these speakers’ hard work, so make your plans to stay in San Antonio past noon, on Saturday, February 24, 2007.

An outstanding program has been planned for the upcoming meeting in San Antonio. On Thursday morning a multidisciplinary session on Head and Brain Trauma will be presented jointly by the Engineering Sciences, Jurisprudence, Pathology/Biology, and Psychiatry & Behavioral Science Sections. Presentations will include:

- Biopathology Perspective of Head and Brain Trauma by Mary E.S. Case
- Biomedical Engineering Perspective of Head and Brain Trauma by Laura Lipsi
- Psychiatric Perspective of Head and Brain Trauma by William Bernet and Daniel Martell

Legal Perspective of Head and Brain Trauma by Elaine Whitfield Sharp. The session will be followed by a question and answer period.

Roy Crawford is trying to expand the Engineering Sciences Section membership by recruiting new members. He requests that each of the active members of the section try to recruit a new member. He also plans to contact other professional organizations such as the American Society of Civil Engineers’ Technical Council on Forensic Engineering to invite their members to the AAFS Annual Meeting so that they can learn about us, we can learn about them, and all can enjoy the benefits of networking among a larger sphere of colleagues. Hopefully some members of these organizations will consider joining the AAFS. Any member of the section who would like to recommend a new member or suggest an organization dealing with forensic engineering sciences, contact Roy at climb17@bellsouth.net.

Anastasia Michaels reports that over 50 abstracts were submitted to the section for the 2007 meeting. The various engineering sciences disciplines are well-represented. Full-day sessions are planned for both environmental and accident reconstruction presentations. Additional session topics include digital evidence, failure analysis, materials science, engineering standards, slip and fall, and others. We also expect several poster presentations.

Many excellent papers have been submitted for the February meeting. As outlined in September’s Section News, a variety of exciting topics will be addressed. If you have questions regarding submissions, contact Anastasia Michaels at Anastasia@forensicmaterials.com.

A name change for the section was discussed at the last Engineering Sciences Section Business Meeting. The section’s interests are much broader than just engineering. There is a desire to make the section name more accurately reflect the breadth of these interests. Section members will soon receive a request from Tom Bohan to suggest new names for the section.
assure this as a trend rather than an anomaly would be for those who have attended the business meeting in the past to continue attending, but also bring along a colleague.

Program Committee Chair Julie Lecce and Co-Chair Mary Sullivan have been hard at work reviewing abstracts for oral presentations and posters. They have accepted 30 abstracts for oral presentations and 21 abstracts for poster presentations during the General Sections Scientific Sessions in San Antonio. Given the number of accepted oral presentations, the scientific session will extend into Saturday morning this year. Thanks to all who have taken the time to submit their abstracts for presentation. Your continued contributions are what make the General Section’s Scientific Program a success.

Awards Committee Chair James Bailey is pleased to announce that Neal Haskell will receive the Paul W. Kehres Meritorious Service Award. This award will be presented during the General Section Business Meeting. The Awards Committee has also reviewed several applicants who have submitted abstracts for consideration for the General Section Achievement Award. Those competing for the General Section Achievement Award will be making either oral or poster presentations during the General Section’s Scientific Session in San Antonio.

General Section Student Scholarship
The General Section Scholarship Committee is offering two $500 Scholarships to be awarded annually. Applicants must be an immediate family member, defined as a spouse or dependent child, of a General Section Fellow or full Member, who is enrolled full-time in a nationally-accredited college or university, with a declared major in a discipline that is accepted by the General Section for membership. If you and your “student” fit these criteria, consider contacting General Section Scholarship Chair Robert Gaffney, (robert.gaffney@usacil.army.mil) for a scholarship submission form, which includes the submission of a paper. Keep in mind the deadline for applications and papers for the Scholarships is December 31, 2006.

JURISPRUDENCE
Sources: Margaret L. Tarver, JD, Section Chair
Harry L. Miles, JD, Section Secretary

Congratulations to Bernard Raum who was recently appointed to the position of Adjunct Professor of Forensic Evidence at the University of Florida Levin College of Law.

Steven Babitsky is co-author of a new comprehensive text for expert witnesses entitled The A to Z Guide to Expert Witnessing. Topics covered include civil procedure, evidence, qualifications, CV writing, forming and expressing opinions, report writing, testifying skills, marketing, fee setting, billing, collections, ethics, privileges, discovery, avoiding abuse, and much more. It further features 24 concisely written chapters, 26 appendices, hundreds of examples with easy to read summary head notes, priceless practice pointers, and a detailed index. Additional information may be obtained at www.scak.com.

Michael Perlin is directing an online, distance learning mental disability program at New York law school, which is open to lawyers, mental health professionals, and others with interests in the subject matter. Three courses will be offered Spring 2007: International Human Rights and Mental Disability Law; Lawyering Skills in the Representation of Persons with Mental Disabilities; and Mental Health Issues in Jails and Prisons. Courses last 14 weeks and include lectures on DVDs, reading assignments, live chat rooms, closely monitored asynchronous question-and-answer message boards, and live, on-site seminars. For additional information, contact Liane Bass at lbass@nyls.edu.

Greg Hill, Andrew Northrup, and Paul Singer have planned two and a half days of informative programming for the annual meeting in February, covering a broad range of topics including discovery issues, use of police force, forensic DNA evidence issues, results reporting, forensic experts, accreditation, and many more. You won’t want to miss it! Make your plans now to attend the 2007 annual meeting in San Antonio, and feel free to invite a colleague to attend as well.

ODONTOLOGY
Source: Harvey A. Silverstein, DDS, Section Secretary

Well summer is over and fall is here, and the holidays are not far behind. The AAFS Annual Meeting is on the horizon. The 2007 meeting will be held in San Antonio, TX. Whether you have been to San Antonio before or not, you are in for a good time and a great meeting. The River Walk is a beautiful place to meet old friends and make new ones. The shopping and restaurants are plentiful and the River Walk is located within walking distance of the hotels.

All papers are in and the meeting is in its final scheduling period. As in years past, the papers will be excellent with a wide range of topics. For those of you who want to present the following year, it is not too early to start thinking about a paper for promotion credit or to show members a case that you worked on. Have a nice holiday season and hope to see you at the Alamo.

Section members may be interested in the opening of a forensic dentistry exhibit — Forensics: Solving Mysteries — at the National Museum of Dentistry in Baltimore, MD. The exhibit puts faces and the images of actual scenarios where dentistry aids the community in ways other than primary dental care. All the cases used in the exhibit are from real life instances. The exhibit does a tremendous service to the general public because of its focus on the actual people involved in forensic dentistry, their efforts to accomplish the demanding tasks of human identification, and the effect these efforts may have on the families and loved ones of the victims of crime, accident, and mass disaster.

On a personal note, I had a heart attack this past April two months after the Seattle meeting. I had one completely blocked artery and needed a stent. I am doing fine now, and my cardiologist says that my heart muscle will heal 100%. The reason I’m telling you this as Jack Kenny already knows, this can happen to anyone, so PLEASE get yourself checked and try eating healthier. My symptoms were textbook; crushing chest pain, throat and jaw pain. I had warnings, but did not realize what they were. The pains in my heart area I thought were just rib muscle pain. Be heart healthy and aware!
Greetings to all Pathology/Biology Section members from your section leaders. It’s always hard to believe how quickly the summer passes and autumn is upon us. And autumn means the AAFS staff, program committee, and section officers are well into finalizing the 2007 Annual Meeting program.

Section Program Chair Craig Mallak reports that he has received 136 abstracts for oral and poster presentations. To the extent possible, poster presentations are being offered for those abstracts not selected for a platform talk. Craig has also scheduled two exciting joint sessions: one with the Engineering Sciences, Jurisprudence, and Psychiatry & Behavioral Science Sections, and the other is with the Toxicology Section. There are several new and novel abstracts being presented that will certainly be of interest not only to the Pathology/Biology members, but to the Academy as a whole. The Jay Dix Bonus Day will again take place, to provide an overview of forensic pathology for those not involved in this specialty... and perhaps spark an interest in this field to some of the younger AAFS members.

For the first time, the Pathology/Biology Section will host a luncheon. On Wednesday, February 21, UCLA Sociology Professor Stefan Timmermans will be the luncheon speaker. Dr. Timmermans is the author of the recently published book, Postmortem: How Medical Examiners Explain Suspicious Deaths (Fieldwork Encounters and Discoveries). The book has been reviewed by Pathology/Biology Fellows Victor Weeden (in JAMA) and John Hunsaker (in Science). Professor Timmermans offers an insightful outsider perspective on the role of medical examiners in society. Pathology/Biology Section members will be afforded the opportunity to attend this event for a fee of $36.

Luncheon session chair Andrew Baker is pleased with the two Academy-wide Luncheons scheduled for February 22 and 23. Literature and history buffs should enjoy Trials of the Expert Witness: From Lycanthropy to Locard and the Legacy of Sherlock Holmes, presented by E.J. Wagner (author of The Science of Sherlock Holmes). Those seeking to learn more about the application of forensic science in the international arena will appreciate Forensic Investigations into “The Missing”: Principles and Guidelines from the International Committee of the Red Cross.

It looks like another exciting Annual Meeting for the Pathology/ Biology Section, and we look forward to seeing everyone there.

After years of serving as a consult and medicolegal death investigator in Pima County, Arizona, Bruce Anderson has now been hired as the full-time forensic anthropologist for that office. Jennifer Love was recently hired by the Harris County Office of the Medical Examiner in Texas as their staff anthropologist, thus continuing a trend by larger metropolitan offices to recognize the contributions that anthropologists can make in identification and trauma analysis.

Congratulations to Susan Myster, the newest ABFA Diplomate. The deadline for ABFA applications is December 1. Interested colleagues should contact Beth Murray (murray@mail.msj.edu) for a 2006-07 application.

JPAC is seeking qualified forensic anthropologists and archaeologists at the post-MA and post-PhD levels to fill fellowships administered by the Oak Ridge Institute for Science Education. Interested parties should refer to the JPAC website at www.jpac.pacom.mil.

George Gill will be officially retiring from the University of Wyoming at the end of this semester. He reports that his activity will stay about the same except that he will be paid less for doing it! In associated news, Doug Owsley, his former student has just been named an Outstanding Alumni at the University of Wyoming.

Stephen Owsley will be joining Dennis Dirkmaat and Steve Symes in the Applied Forensic Sciences Program at Mercyhurst College in the fall of 2007.

First the good news: as you may have observed on page 24 of the September issue of the newsletter, the Psychiatry & Behavioral Science Section has enjoyed a particularly large number of new applicants this year! If some hard-driving recruiters are responsible, thank you very much on behalf of the section.

The bad news is that we have also experienced some attrition. The one-page list of the section’s non-renewing members is available from Kimberly Wrasse, AAFS Membership & Continuing Education Coordinator, at kwrasse@aafs.org. Please consider doing the honors for a colleague and the section.

Applications for the Richard Rosner Award are coming due. As you may have seen in the September newsletter, it is given for outstanding writing by forensic fellows in psychiatry or psychology and carries some highly enticing benefits. Deadline is the end of this calendar year, quite manageable with appropriate alacrity. Guidelines for the award may be found on page 20 of this issue of Academy News.

Finally, an attraction not to be missed: the 32nd Annual Conference of the AAPL Tristate Chapter will be held Saturday, January 20, 2007, in New York. The theme is “Civil Forensic Practice: Sex, Work, Trauma and Safety.” Howard Zonana, Marilyn Price, Liza Gold, and Jonathan Silver are scheduled to...
Guidelines for the Richard Rosner Award for the Best Paper

The Psychiatry & Behavioral Science Section of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences announces its annual award, “The Richard Rosner Award for the Best Paper by a Fellow in Forensic Psychiatry or Forensic Psychology.” To qualify: 1) the paper should have been completed as part of the work of the forensic fellowship year, OR within one year of the completion of the forensic fellowship year based upon work or research that took place during that year, 2) the paper must have not been previously published, and 3) submission constitutes permission for publication in the Journal of Forensic Sciences.

To apply for the award: 1) send the original paper, plus six copies, 2) send an original letter, plus six copies, from the director of the forensic fellowship program affirming that the author was a forensic fellow and the year of the author’s forensic fellowship, and 3) send seven copies of the author’s curriculum vitae. All submissions should be sent to: Pat Tolle, AAFS, 410 North 21st Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80904. Submissions must be received by December 31, 2006.

The award consists of:
• Free membership for one year in the Psychiatry & Behavioral Science Section of the AAFS, IF the author meets the requirements and completes the application process
• Free registration for the AAFS Annual Scientific Program
• Acceptance of the paper for presentation at the Psychiatry & Behavioral Science Section of the AAFS Annual Meeting
• Free subscription for one year to the Journal of Forensic Sciences, the official publication of the AAFS
• Recommendation of publication to the Editorial Board of the Journal of Forensic Sciences
• A cash award of $350 to the author
AAFS Chronicles — Do You Remember When?

Source: Ken Field, Academy Historian

In 1956...

...the Academy almost elected its first Honorary Member. After lengthy deliberation, the Executive Committee voted to extend the honor to a distinguished scientist only to find out that the Constitution and Bylaws did not provide for such a membership. Today the Bylaws do provide for Honorary Members and the last one so recognized was Professor Sir Alec Jeffreys at the Academy's 50th Anniversary Meeting held in San Francisco in 1998.

In 1966...

...the Executive Committee voted to limit the upcoming annual meeting to five, half-day sessions! The presentations would begin on Tuesday and end Saturday afternoon. Did I forget to mention that the 1967 annual meeting was to be held at the Princess Kaiulani Hotel on Waikiki Beach, Hawaii? It was wisely reasoned that with only half-day sessions, the rest of the time could be devoted to the "Big S" — sun, surf, sand, sightseeing, and sumptuous suppers.

In 1976...

...the Executive Committee approved the creation of the RBH Gradwohl Medallion — the Academy's highest honor — and appointed the following committee to design the medal: Ed Whittaker, Clyde Snow, and Kurt Dubowski. Their recommended design was approved without change and is still used today. In addition, the committee recommended the recipients of the award be called "Gradwohl Laureates." To date, 10 Academy Fellows have been so honored.

In 1986...

...Have you ever noticed the bold-face paragraph at the end of the Academy's Bylaws in the back of the Membership Directory? It states that the bylaws were enacted at the 1986 Academy meeting and cites years of modification thereafter. The year 1986 is cited because the old bylaws were considered to be significantly out of date and overly detailed. They did not reflect the increased role of the sections in the management of the Academy or the latest government rulings concerning non-profit organizations. An indication of the magnitude of the changes made in 1986 can be judge by the size of the booklet distributed to the memberships — 43 pages!

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Foundation News

It is with great pleasure that the Forensic Sciences Foundation announces the awardees for the Douglas M. Lucas and Acorn Grants for 2006. The Foundation wishes to acknowledge the great effort that went into preparing these projects and extends its congratulations to the following awardees:

Acorn Grants

Derek R. Monthei, BS—$500 for Effects of Oxycodone on the Development of Forensically Important Flies

Sulekha Rao Coticone, PhD—$430 for Differentiation of Biological Fluids on Solid Substrates Using Direct Analysis in Real Time (DART) Technology

Heather A. Walsh-Haney, MA—$495 for Development of Latent Prints Deposited on Human Skeletal Remains

Lucas Grants

Jeffrey D. Wells, PhD—$2800 for Evaluating an RNA – Based Method for Estimating Time Since Death

Sulekha Rao Coticone, PhD—$1475 for Correlating Forensic Anthropological Findings with DNA Profiles Obtained from Cold Cases

Olivia A. Alley, BA—$1300 for Aquatic Decomposition in Chlorinated and Freshwater Environments

David O. Carter, PhD—$1000 for Estimation of Postmortem Interval Using Fatty Acid Methyl Esters and Lipid Phosphate in Soil Associated with Cadaver Decomposition

John J. Schultz, PhD—$2000 for Detecting Buried Firearms: Controlled Research Using Multiple Geophysical Technologies

Each of us is keenly aware that the Foundation’s continuing ability to award these grants is contingent upon having funds available to do so. Although the Foundation is financially strong, the FSF Board of Trustees collectively believe it is our fiduciary responsibility to strengthen our reserve.

In keeping with that responsibility, FSF Trustee Gil Brogdon has come up with a great idea to increase the FSF financial base. Gil has suggested that this year each Academy member consider contributing to the FSF the equivalent of one hour of their annual salary or the equivalent of the fee charged for one hour of consultation. The FSF Board of Trustees recognizes that many of the AAFS membership work for government or other publicly funded agencies and that these members do not receive remuneration that approaches the income that some of our members receive. The forensic sciences have been good to all of us. If you make a lot, consider contributing a lot. I want to emphasize that however small, any contribution to the FSF is appreciated. For salaried persons, one hour represents about 1/2000th of annual income. For those who receive consulting fees, please consider contributing an amount consistent with one hour (or more) of what you charge for consultation. Volunteering to contribute that amount should not be a financial burden to any AAFS member. Please consider digging deeper than you ever have before to support the Forensic Sciences Foundation.

Also, I am pleased to announce the launching of the new FSF website! Please go to www.forensicsciencesfoundation.org to stay current on grant deadlines, Foundation News, and career information.

We look forward to seeing you in San Antonio, and thank you in advance for supporting forensic science research.
First FSF Jan S. Bashinski Criminalistics Graduate Thesis Assistant Grant Awarded

The Forensic Sciences Foundation (FSF) is proud to announce that Heather M. Dotzauer, BS, is the recipient of the first Jan S. Bashinski Criminalistics Graduate Thesis Assistance Grant. The purpose of the Jan Grant Fund is to provide Graduate Students with financial assistance to complete their thesis or independent research project as required for a graduate degree in Criminalistics/Forensic Sciences.

The 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.

The Jan Grant award ranges from $500 to $2,500. Additionally, funds may be available in the Jan Grant Fund to be used for travel and per diem expenses for the grant recipient’s attendance at an American Academy of Forensic Sciences Annual Meeting. The purpose of this travel shall be the presentation of a platform paper pertaining to the completed research for which the grant recipient received his or her grant.

Congratulations to Heather M. Dotzauer, BS, for being the first to receive the Jan Grant.

Heather is a second year MS student in the forensic chemistry concentration of the forensic science program at Michigan State University. She completed her undergraduate degree in Chemistry/Criminalistics at the University of Wisconsin - Platteville in 2005. Heather has had the fortune of completing two internship experiences, both at the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension’s Toxicology Lab in St. Paul, MN, and at the Sparrow Health System Toxicology Testing Center in Lansing, MI. Her current research involves the optimization of solid-phase microextraction for the extraction of organic impurities from ecstasy tablets, with a goal of using the impurity profiles to link tablets of common origin. Heather’s career goals include working for a government crime laboratory or research facility in the area of drug chemistry or toxicology.
The Forensic Sciences Foundation, Inc., gratefully acknowledges the generous contributions made to the Foundation and its Endowment Fund. Please accept our apologies if your name has been inadvertently omitted and contact the AAFS office as soon as possible with the correction. This listing reflects contributions received from 8/01/06 through 10/01/06.

The Fund’s balance through 10/01/06 was $463,167.13. Additionally, the Endowment has provided $80,162.50 in awards and grants since its inception in 1990.

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She was native Irish. He was native to South Africa. She was 16 at her death. He was 22. He had been befriended by her hardscrabble working class Dublin family, the mother being a widow. He was studying at Dublin’s Royal College of Surgeons, courtesy of his affluent parents in Natal, South Africa.

She was a bank clerk and part-time model. He was a part-time chef at the Green Tureen, a restaurant in the basement of 95 Harcourt Street, Dublin. He lived in a rented apartment on the top floor of 95 Harcourt Street, that is when he was not an overnight guest at the girl’s home at a Church of Ireland lodge in Crinken County, Dublin.

They were engaged in an intense romantic interlude, even to the point of his offering to buy her an engagement ring. Her Irish mother scotched that idea, urging them to postpone their engagement until she was 17.

All went well and cozy between the 16-year-old Hazel Mullen (Hazel) and the 22-year-old Shan Mohangi (Mohangi) until Saturday, August 17, 1963, when Hazel took a mind to visiting Mohangi at his lodging at Harcourt Street. Although Hazel was seen to have walked in the early afternoon of that her last day up Grafton Street toward St. Stephen’s Green, she was never seen again, alive that is, and in possession of all her body parts.

The focus now turns to Shan Mohangi and his explanations (self-serving declarations?) for the death of Hazel. Upon her arrival at 95 Harcourt Street he took her to his yet unopened work place in the basement to “show her around.” While alone in the kitchen area they mooned about with hugs and kisses. She interrupted his increasingly romantic passion to tell him that she had taken up with another man.

Mohangi, perceiving the end of their close-knit relationship, was immediately in a state of extreme distress. He “got hold of her and put my hands around her neck,” apparently to shake some sense into her. But before he could do so he knew it “was the end” for Hazel. Upon his having grabbed her she fell like a load of peat to the floor, insensate.

Now Mohangi’s panic knew no bounds. What to do with body, what with the restaurant only hours away from opening for the evening meal?

At first he ran upstairs to his apartment to think or, as James Joyce would say, to play the omphaloskeptic (to contemplate his beginnings (navel)). Shortly he returned to the basement in the hope that Hazel might have revived, but she was as he had left her, motionless on the floor with no sign of life in her. It didn’t take his schooling at the Royal College of Surgeons for him to know Hazel would never again look down at Dublin town from their favorite trysting place high on a hill in Killiney.

The tools of his trade as a chef were at hand and the oven was primed for its use in cooking. Finding himself bereft of other alternatives he proceeded with a fixed purpose to dismember his erstwhile loved one. It has never been revealed whether his training at the College of Surgeons had prepared him for the task of disarticulating and dismembering Hazel Mullen.

However, for all we know she was not dead, but only unconscious, until the dismembering put an end to her. The assumption has always been that Hazel was dismembered after she had been killed. But you never know whether in the frenzy of the moment Mohangi misdiagnosed her condition as being more than temporarily comatose. Mistakes of that kind have been reliably reported, although the instances are infrequent. The occurrence of the Lazarus
phenomenon when persons spontaneously revive after being declared dead even by medical or emergency professionals is a fact of life in the real world.

Mohangi’s deliberate objective was to dispose of Hazel’s remains by burning them in the stove in the kitchen of the restaurant. But he was interrupted when, after removing Hazel’s clothing and putting them to the torch in the oven, the cloud of dense smoke emitted from the chimney drew the concerned attention of “two people who lived upstairs.” One of the two knocked at the basement door, but left with Mohangi pretending to be absent.

Next on the scene where members of the Dublin Fire Brigade but they too were dissuaded from getting to the bottom of the grisly goings-on. Mohangi put them off by saying that the smoke was only from a rag that had accidentally caught fire. Milwaukee, Wisconsin’s Jeffrey Dahmer, it will be recalled, played a similar trick when the police came calling at his flat, the ruse resulting in the death of his then latest victim.

The busy dismembrer then put Hazel’s head in the oven and set the heat on high. At his subsequent murder trial at Dublin’s Four Courts the trial judge interjected to query the prosecutor on whether the stove was gas fired or operated on electricity, explaining that he was concerned about the time it would take to incinerate a disarticulated human head in a gas stove as opposed to an electric one. The relevance of his honor’s questioning on this point is just another of the many quiddities of this remarkable occurrence.

Mohangi spent a frenetic Saturday afternoon hiding some of Hazel’s remains, including her “partially incinerated head,” in the basement of 95 Harcourt Street, in disposing of some of the internal organs in the restaurant’s “refuse bin” and in secreting other portions of Hazel’s body in his own upstairs lodging. Whether, as Wisconsin’s cannibalistic serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer did, he put any body parts in the refrigerator in his apartment is not known.

Mohangi’s next cold and calculating step in his efforts to distance himself from Hazel’s death was to invite Desmond Mullen, Hazel’s brother, and Desmond’s lady friend to dine with him at his apartment that very night. They left about 10:00 p.m. satisfied with the meal hosted by Mohangi, but still without notice of Hazel’s death or whereabouts.

Later still, on that same night Mohangi appeared in his chef’s garb at the Green Tureen restaurant and dutifully and calmly worked his way through his uneventful tasks. He even responded to a telephone call from Hazel’s mother telling her he had no knowledge of Hazel’s whereabouts. He was playing his concealment game to the hilt and so far successfully too.

After work that early Sunday a.m., August 18, Mohangi and Hazel’s brother, Desmond, traveled to the Mullen home. En route they popped into the Shankill Garda (Police) Station to register a missing person’s report for Hazel, nothing being said by Mohangi about his involvement in her disappearance.

At the Mullen’s lodging Mohangi was treated as a most welcome guest with an invitation extended to him to spend the night with the family. He readily accepted the offer and spent that night and the next sleeping peacefully, for all we know, in Hazel’s own bed which he had seen fit to assure by his actions that she never would sleep in again.

It was not until the early morning hours of Tuesday, August 20, that the truth concerning Hazel’s tragic end came to light. And it was due entirely to Mohangi’s own voluntary disclosures.

After work at the restaurant that Tuesday morning Mohangi joined his employer, Mr. Frew, in motoring about Dublin in order, Mr. Frew said, to get “some fresh air” and to seek “the missing girl.” It was during that drive that Mohangi owned up to the fact of Hazel Mullen’s death and the presence of her remains at Mr. Frew’s establishment at 95 Harcourt Street. His dismembering and disposal of Hazel’s body parts was left unsaid as was his later claim that the death was accidental. Nor was it ever explained why after so many and so careful efforts to hide his part in Hazel’s death he would put himself in harm’s way by giving such most damaging statements to his employer. His admissions were not obtained at the Dun Laoghaire Garda Station, as so many voluntary confessions were recorded to have been secured, many times after the suspects had injured themselves in falling down the stone steps of the station while hurriedly seeking to escape.

Mr. Frew returned Mohangi to his room at Harcourt Street and made fast to report his employee’s incriminating revelations to the police. At 5:35 a.m. on that same morning the police responded to Mohangi’s room where he was found only a hen’s kick away from a self-inflicted death.

The near suicide, by an intake of gas and pharmaceuticals, if it had been accomplished would have put an abrupt end to the affair, leaving the history books and the volumes of jurisprudence devoid of the details of Mohangi’s publicity-riven trials and their aftermath. But such a truncated terminus was not to be.

At his first trial for murder, Mohangi argued for the first time that Hazel’s death was fortuitous, due to a fatal syncope resulting in her demise from vagal inhibition when he put his hands around her neck, seeking only to quiet her. Vagal inhibition was defined by Judge Henchy on Mohangi’s appeal from his murder conviction as “apparently a stoppage of the heart due to stimulation of the vagal nerves of the neck, which may be caused by a slight degree of pressure in some cases.”

Of course Mohangi’s decapitation of Hazel and his destruction of her neck tissues and internal organs effectively precluded a medical reassessment of the legitimacy of his defense, even if such a reevaluation were more than theoretically possible, since the signposts of vagal inhibition are minimal or non-existent.

Vagal inhibition, it needs to be said, can be an unexpected cause of death. There is an instance of record where a child riding a tricycle was seen to die after colliding with a curb bringing its head sharply forward, with the neck striking the stationary handlebar. The death was all but instantaneous, leaving no evidence of cardio-vascular anomalies and only an infinitesimaly small possible contusion on the child’s neck. But for the child’s accident having been witnessed it would have been well-nigh impossible medically to assay the cause of the child’s death with any degree of certainty.

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2. REGISTRATION FEES - SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS

To be pre-registered, your registration, change, or replacement must be received at AAFS by January 24, 2007. After this date, all registrations will be processed as on-site registrations at the AAFS Registration Desk. - The deadline is firm -

All requests for cancellation must be made to the AAFS headquarters in writing via FAX, mail, or email. Phone cancellations are not accepted. If a registration is cancelled, fees will be refunded as follows: Prior to Dec. 1 - full rebate less $25 admin. fee; Dec. 1-31/75%; Jan. 1-31/60%; Feb. 1-9/50%.

No refunds after February 9, 2007.

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Ireland’s Own...cont.

To circumvent the medical void at Mohangi’s much hyped media crazed murder trial the prosecution sought to prove that Mohangi was by his prior conduct a violent person who might have killed Hazel in a fit of jealous rage after learning she had jilted him. None of these previous occasions had, however, resulted in serious bodily harm, akin to that sustained by Hazel Mullen.

In addition to the evidence of his exhibiting prior displays of a violent temper, the prosecution made much of the photographs in its possession of the dismembered body parts of Hazel which Mohangi had not had the opportunity discard or destroy. The jury must have wallowed in the emotional frenzy stimulated by their viewing of these graphic photographs, all to the prejudice of Mohangi and to the advantage of the prosecution.

The Dublin newspapers and the courthouse crowds must have breathed a prolonged and welcome sign of relief and resignation when the jury returned its verdict convicting Mohangi of the murder of Hazel Mullen. But the fire of the public fixation was relentless and fully rekindled when the conviction was appealed to Ireland’s Court of Criminal Appeal.

On May 14, 1964, the appellate court announced its decision. The conviction was overturned, causing a stir of dismay and even indignation up and down Grafton Street and other busy streets and thoroughfares in Dublin town and even in the remote cottages and boreens throughout Ireland. One might say a Donnybrook of immense proportions had been ignited, except for one placating fact.

The appeals court had zeroed in on the prosecution’s use of Mohangi’s purported prior evidences of aggressive behavior. The introduction of such testimony was held to render the conviction “unsafe and unsatisfactory,” warranting a reversal. But Mohangi was not thereby set free to continue his medical schooling or otherwise. A retrial was said to be justified in the discretion of the prosecutor.

And a retrial there was, after which Mohangi was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to seven years imprisonment at Mountjoy Prison, the Dublin-based prison where iconic Irish author Brendan Behan had been confined. Mohangi’s prison term was cut short after only four years. Upon his release he was returned to South Africa, where it was thought he would be out of sight and out of mind. Wrong.

The Unexpected Aftermath

And thusly the saga of death and dismemberment at Dublin’s Green Tureen restaurant remained alive and kicking.

Shan Mohangi returned to South Africa but not to ignominy there. Far from it. He gave up his plans to become a medical practitioner, after his own freighted bout with postmortem surgery. He became a very successful, even respected, business man and went on to win a seat in the South African parliament. But there is yet more.

In 1994 the Irish Times reported that Mohangi, now known as Juinuna, was at the center of some considerable political squabbling in Natal, South Africa, over which of the two opposing political parties it was to which he claimed allegiance. It was either the ruling National Party of President F.W. de Klerk or the principally Zulu Inkatha Freedom Party. His loyalty to one or the other of the contending political factions was deemed significant in light of his prominence in the political sphere.

The National Party considered Mohangi as “respected in his community” and possessing an “impressive curriculum vitae.” Seemingly his CV did not reference his years in Mountjoy Prison or the reason for that punitive four year interlude. On the other hand the Inkatha Freedom Party too vouched for Mohangi-Juinuna’s having, appropriately enough, taken out parts membership with them. But a party spokesman, upon hearing of Mohangi-Juinuna’s lurid past remarked that he didn’t “know anything about this individual.” But he did not, in true biblical fashion say it thrice, for emphasis.

Meanwhile, back in Ireland, Mrs. Mullen was informed that her daughter’s killer had made grand strides in politics and business in South Africa. Her response typified the Irish in her. As she put it: “I bear him no grudge and wish him well.” Not be outdone by his mother’s charitable words her son Ian chimed in: “Not only have we forgiven Shan, but in our view God has forgiven him too.”

Shan Mohangi’s name and crimes linger still in Ireland in the public consciousness. The Irish RTE television network resurrected the case as its first episode in a series of sensational Irish murders with programming starting in 1994. Mohangi had a bit part in the program via a telephone interview with him from Natal, South Africa. In that conversation he termed the death of Hazel Mullen “a tragic event” adding that for him “life is good” with his being “lucky” to be in Natal. To say the least he was lucky, very lucky, more so than 16-year-old Hazel Mullen.

The tale draws nearly to a close with the death of Mrs. Bridget Mullen in Dublin in March of 1997.

A frivolous and lightsome snippet, however, remains to recount. In the years of Mohangi’s imprisonment, while the Green Tureen was struggling to stay in business as a restaurant, more than an amused whisper made the rounds in the pubs and the booking places in Dublin, commending the quality of the food at the Green Tureen. It was especially the soup, to which the Irish are devoted, that was said to meet the high standards of Irish cuisine. It was special, it was said, since it had body in it. And thereby hangs the tale.

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Young Forensic Scientists Forum Newsletter

Integrity, Intelligence, & Ingenuity

The statement which I have deemed noteworthy and would like to pass on to young forensic scientists is: "The three I’s of forensic science are: integrity, intelligence, and ingenuity." This proclamation has remained in the back of my mind since it was relayed to me as an undergraduate at the University of New Haven. These three words are not just words; they are fundamental qualities that are essential in a forensic scientist. Integrity is the firm adherence of an individual to a set of moral values. Intelligence demonstrates the ability of an individual to make rational and logical decisions. Ingenuity describes the creativeness and inventiveness of an individual to problem solve. From the beginning, a forensic scientist must possess these qualities and thus practice the values and lifestyle which maintain this level of character. It is essential that young forensic scientists understand not only the meaning of these words but also the practice of these principals in everyday life. Forensic science is not a job; it is a career. Thus, as the focus of the AAFS annual meeting will be on ethics in the field of forensic science, this year’s YFSF Special Session, "Forensic Science in an Age of Advancing Technology: Maintaining Scientific Integrity and Ethics," will focus on a variety topics in the field and the ethical requirements of each area. The program is continually growing and changing in order to provide students and scientists with five years experience or less with the most quality information possible. The 2007 Young Forensic Science Forum Special Session is a must see event for any “young forensic scientist” who will be attending the AAFS meeting in San Antonio, TX. Don’t forget that participation in the YFSF events require pre-registration for the YFSF Special Session. I hope to see some new faces at this year’s session, and look forward to seeing some old ones as well. See you all in San Antonio!

— Allison M. Curran, PhD
YFSF President

2007 YFSF Theme

The theme for the 2007 YFSF Special Session in San Antonio is “Forensic Science in an Age of Advancing Technology: Maintaining Scientific Integrity and Ethics.” The theme also ties well into events planned for the 2007 AAFS Annual Meeting. The theme “Forensic Science in a Global Community: Issues and Advances,” focuses on the globalization of forensic sciences through collaboration, standardization, ethics, certification, accreditation, as well as the sharing of information and resources across borders and between disciplines. The Young Forensic Scientists Forum chose to focus on how we as students and new professionals in the field can contribute to continuing scientific and technical advances while maintaining basic scientific virtues and equitable behavior. We hope that each of us can utilize this knowledge to incorporate the skills and qualities necessary to work in the global forensics community.

On a basic level, we all feel that learning right from wrong is plain common sense. However, there are many controversial issues we face in our respective fields every day — the so called gray areas. As students, we entrust our academic programs to teach us skills we need to be successful in our jobs after graduation. We learn from our first academic experiences. When learning a new skill set it is only natural to question the procedures of the laboratory and new techniques. The academic environment is often about experimentation and active questioning to develop the best procedure for an experiment. When working for an accredited laboratory, the procedures have already been developed and require strict protocols. As new professionals we need to embrace both environments for the valuable educational and training experiences each provide and ensure we follow the guidelines set forth by our work environment ethically and scientifically.

We will learn more and develop our expertise as we gain years of experience. However, we may initially have to learn to rely on our “gut instinct,” and common sense to help us answer difficult questions. Not only will we have to adjust to different working
environments, but we will continually be exposed to issues in which we will question integrity and ethics as the technology in our field moves forward. There are hundreds of examples and situations in which we may rely on our basic knowledge of scientific integrity and ethics in place of experience. The 2007 YFSF Special Session plans to represent a variety of disciplines and expertise to help address many of these ethical issues in the various fields of forensic science as well as provide insight into new techniques relevant to these fields. If you have any questions regarding the 2007 theme or the YFSF Special Session please contact Marrah Lachowicz (gradpath@aol.com) or Amanda Frohwein (a_frohwein@hotmail.com). We look forward to your participation in the YFSF sessions this year.

2007 YFSF Special Session Update
We have an exciting and diverse special session planned for the Young Forensic Scientist Forum in San Antonio! A varied group of speakers will focus on our theme “Forensic Science in an Age of Advancing Technology: Maintaining Scientific Integrity and Ethics.” AAFS President James Young will address the session. From the Physical Anthropology Section, we will hear about new advances in forensic anthropology from Heather Walsh-Haney. From the General Section, we have distinguished member James Adcock speaking on the ethical concerns and challenges for the young forensic scientist. Scott Batterman, the board representative from the Engineering Sciences Section, will provide an overview of forensic engineering and accident reconstruction at the session. We will also have Sini Panicker speak on the global issue of heroin production in third world countries which also ties our session to the 2007 AAFS meeting theme. Once again, we are glad to invite the Emerging Forensic Scientist Award Recipient to speak. Laurel Freas will discuss the presentation she presented at last year’s AAFS meeting for which she received this award — Scanning Electron Microscopy of Saw Marks on Bone: Assessment of War-Related Features of the Kerf Wall. From the Jurisprudence Section we have distinguished member Gregory Hill presenting how law enforcement handles evidence thus maintaining the same standards in different jurisdictions. The Pathology/Biology Section will be represented by Jason Byrd, a Board Certified Forensic Entomologist, to discuss current issues and advancements in forensic entomology. We are happy to invite a representative from the FBI, Scott McMillion, who will address the session on forensics, the FBI, and child abduction investigations. Jeanette Fridie from the Physical Anthropology Section has again been invited to speak at our session. She will provide an insider’s view into the medical examiner’s office and how each department works together to investigate cases. We also have several additional events planned including the poster session and a BYOS presentation session. For our breakfast session, we will have another distinguished AAFS member from the Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences Section, Richard Rosner, speak on the question “are there meta-ethical foundations for the normative ethical guidelines of the AAFS?” We hope you will enjoy the events and learn a great deal from the diverse speakers represented at the YFSF Special Session. If you have any additional questions regarding the session please feel free to contact Marrah Lachowicz (gradpath@aol.com) or Amanda Frohwein (a_frohwein@dps.state.ia.us). We look forward to seeing you all in San Antonio in February.

YFSF BYOS
The 2007 YFSF Bring Your Own Slides presentation is taking shape! We are still in need of a few more 10-minute presentations about casework, research, or issues in forensic science. Although the audience is composed of “young” forensic scientists, everyone is welcome to share experiences. Keep in mind, “young” — in the field for less than five years. We hope that you will consider participating in this excellent program. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Robin Bowen (robin.bowen@mail.wvu.edu) or Melissa Smith (msmith@oczne.nyc.gov). A brief abstract and CV are requested to be turned in by January 12, 2007. What are you waiting for? It is fun and a great experience!

2007 YFSF Annual Breakfast Meeting
Don’t mess with Texas! An approach to getting your first job and keeping it!

The 2007 YFSF Breakfast Session will not only provide techniques for those students looking to obtain their first job, but will also provide skills and tools for those emerging forensic scientists already in the field!

To begin this year’s meeting, we have planned to bring in a number of presenters covering a range of topics. These topics include:

- Resume review, cover letter writing, interview preparation, and techniques to make the best first impression.
- The application process.
- Importance of an internship and the temporary position.
- Laboratory job requirements and salaries and benefits.
- Courtroom testimony skills and how one becomes an expert witness.
- Building your Curriculum Vitae.
- Getting a promotion - avenues on how to get “them” to choose you over someone else.

A resume review panel, consisting of forensic scientists and managers in different disciplines including, serology/DNA, chemistry, criminalistics, toxicology, fingerprints, bomb and arson, and trace analysis will be utilized. Time will also be set aside between bites of Texas Toast for any questions you may have.

In closing, we will present an interesting case study, from crime scene to court room testimony, which we hope you all will enjoy! We look forward to you getting the most out of this session by acquiring new techniques and finding answers to questions in order to apply them to your real-life circumstances.

Any suggestions or comments about what you may want to see at this year’s breakfast session, please feel free Erica Blais (Erica.blais@pol.state.ma.us).

— Marrah E. Lachowicz, MFS
2007 YFSF Program Chair

— Erica Blais, BS
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YFSF Poster Session

On behalf of the Young Forensic Scientists Forum, I would like to invite all students and new forensic scientists to participate in the 2007 YFSF Poster Session. The YFSF is geared toward introducing students and new forensic scientists to the wide and interesting field of forensic science and integrating them into the respective sections of the Academy. This will ideally occur at the American Academy of Forensic Sciences Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas. We are all looking forward to the Texas hospitality.

As part of our goal of introducing you to the field of forensics, we have designed several events focused on bringing your research and casework to the attention of the many meeting participants. Last year, both the YFSF Poster and Bring Your Own Slides Sessions attracted a large crowd interested in meeting the fresh faces of forensic science. In addition, the AAFS President James Young has made one of his primary goals bringing YFSF to a more prominent position in the AAFS organization, recognizing we are where the future of forensic science starts.

This year the YFSF Poster Session is tentatively scheduled for February 20. The Poster Session offers a comfortable and educational environment for students and new forensic scientists to present their work. This session is an appropriate time to present undergraduate or graduate research or to share unique cases encountered in the field. If you are already presenting in another AAFS session, then you may also share your presentation as a poster at the YFSF Poster Session.

The Poster Session requires registration with the program chair at least two weeks before the meeting. A limited number of board spaces are available so submissions received by January 1, 2007, will be given preferential treatment before later submissions. Please send your curriculum vitae and a 1 to 2 paragraph abstract for review to Jennifer Mercer (Jennifer.W.Mercer@gmail.com) or Melissa Ely (MelissaGEly@gmail.com).

The YFSF Poster Session hopes to represent as many institutions and fields as possible, thus students from all academic institutions and laboratory systems are encouraged to submit an abstract.

— Jennifer Mercer, BS and Melissa Ely, BA
YFSF Poster Session Co-Chairs

About the YFSF

The YFSF is dedicated to the education, enrichment, and professional development of young forensic scientist. YFSF participants can be non-AAFS-members while organizers must be AAFS members from any section within the AAFS. The Forum provides a medium to educate and network with young forensic scientist to facilitate their establishment within the forensic science community. The YFSF is composed of a Special Session, a Poster Session, a Bring Your Own Slides Session, and a Breakfast Session during the AAFS Annual Meeting. In order to participate in YFSF events, pre-registration is required! Outside the Academy meetings the YFSF works to further the endeavors of young forensic scientists through the YFSF newsletter and the YFSF website (http://www.aafs.org/yfsf/index.htm). YFSF President Allison Curran (amcurran@gmail.com) and YFSF Secretary Jeannette Perr (jeannette.m.perr@usdoj.gov) can answer any questions about the YFSF and are looking to many different levels of young forensic scientist participating next year’s session.

— Jeannette Perr, PhD
YFSF Secretary

Corrections

The “Eye on Forensic Microscopy” article in the September 2006 YFSF Newsletter was contributed by Missy Smith. The YFSF Special Session update in last month’s newsletter was contributed by Marrah E. Lachowicz, not Amanda Frohwein.

Do you have something to add to the YFSF Website?

The YFSF is giving its website a new look and we want to include you!

We are looking to add the following:

• photos from previous YFSF sessions
• advertisements for internships
• potential forensic science mentors
• any other contributions you feel are interesting or important

Please send all contributions to:
Amy Aylor
amyaylor@gmail.com
Try to find the following words:

INTEGRITY  PROBLEM SOLVING  ANTHROPOLOGY  COMMUNICATION
INTELLIGENCE  RESPONSIBILITY  MORALS  BEHAVIOR
INGENUITY  TRUTH  VALUES  GLOBAL COMMUNITY
ETHICS  RIGHT  INVENTIVENESS  TRANSITIONS
COMMON SENSE  WRONG  SCIENCES  EXPERIENCE
HEROIN  CHALLENGES  STANDARDIZATION  EDUCATION
COLLABORATION  ACCIDENT RECONSTRUCTION  GUT INSTINCT
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SEM  CHILD ABDUCTION  FORENSIC SCIENCE
Employment Opportunities

POLICE IDENTIFICATION SPECIALIST
The City of Hayward (CA) is seeking applicants for the position of Police Identification Specialist. Qualifications include three years of progressively responsible experience in print collection, development, and identification work combined with work in crime scene processing, plus specialized training in the collection and preservation of evidence and certificate of completion of FBI Basic Fingerprint Identification and Advance Latent Print School; or, an equivalent combination of experience, education, and training providing required knowledge and abilities required for the job. Applicant must have a valid Class C California Driver’s License and the ability to obtain and maintain certification as a Latent Fingerprint Examiner and Crime Scene Analyst by the International Association for Identification within two years of appointment date. Under general supervision, responsibilities include planning, organizing, and providing lead direction in the processing of major and large-scale crime scenes; performing laboratory and field examination of physical evidence and latent fingerprints; and preparing fingerprint evidence for courtroom presentation and testifying in court as an expert witness. Additionally, processing evidence, instructing assigned personnel, performing fingerprint identification and comparison, and doing related work as required. The successful candidate will have excellent communication skills, both orally and in writing, and the ability to plan, supervise, and organize the work of the Crime Scene Technicians. Annual Salary: $52,608 - $63,816. To obtain a City of Hayward employment application, go to: www.hayward-ca.gov.

CONTACT: City of Hayward
Human Resources Department
Hayward City Hall
777 B Street
Hayward, CA 94541-5007
(510) 583-4500

ASSISTANT CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER
The Virginia Office of the Chief Medical Examiner is a statewide medical examiner system with four regional district offices encompassing 12 forensic pathologists and a Chief Medical Examiner. The Central District office is seeking a forensic pathologist to assist in operations in the Central Region of Virginia. The pathologist will join three other forensic pathologists in a new forensic facility co-located with a premier forensic science laboratory. Responsibilities include death investigations, postmortem exams, approximately 250 medicolegal autopsies per year, and consultations with interested parties and court testimony. The position advises/ supervises local medical examiners as a part of a 53-year-old statewide medical examiner system. Educational responsibilities include the instruction of fellows, medical students, public safety officers, and others. The pathologist will participate in the educational, training, and research activities of the Virginia Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine. Board Certification or eligibility in anatomic and forensic pathology required with ABP certification in anatomic and forensic pathology achieved within 2 years. Advanced training in cardiovascular pathology, neuropathology, pediatric pathology, law, or public health desirable. Applicants must obtain licensure in Virginia. University appointment is anticipated with rank determined by qualifications. A criminal background check will be required if offered the position. Position open until filled. Base salary starting at $120,000 or commensurate with experience, plus full benefits package. Candidates are encouraged to apply online at http://jobs.virginia.gov/emplJobListing.html for position of Asst Chief Medical Examiner Position # 8796. Only on-line applications will be accepted.

CONTACT: BethA.Plutro@vdh.virginia.gov
FORENSIC TECHNOLOGIST

The DNA Profiling and Forensic Centre, Trent University, is seeking applicants for the position of Forensic Technologist to perform DNA Profiling of evidence for the purpose of enforcement of wildlife statutes. Qualifications include a MSc in forensic science, biology, genetics, or a closely related field, or equivalent experience; the ability to operate and maintain a variety of laboratory equipment including automated DNA sequencers; knowledge of word processing, spread sheets, and data-bases; the ability to communicate in a concise and effective manner both verbally and in writing; the ability to work cooperatively with effective time management skills; and the ability to perform other assigned tasks. Responsibilities include DNA profiling of forensic samples; evaluating and interpreting technical instrumental data; producing accurate technical reports; providing expert opinion and witness testimony regarding scientific findings; participating in routine laboratory quality control measures; performing instrument maintenance and troubleshooting; conducting evaluation and validation of methods and/or instrumentation; and additional duties as required. Send application, CV, and the names and contact information of three references.

CONTACT: Dr. Bradley White
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DNA Building
Trent University
Peterborough, Ontario
K9J 7B8
Canada
Bradley.White@nrdpfpc.ca

CERTIFYING SCIENTIST

AIT Laboratories, a forensic and toxicology testing laboratory, is seeking applicants for the position of Certifying Scientist in the QA Department. Qualifications include one to two years related experience and/or training or equivalent combination of education and experience. A bachelor's degree in a life science from an accredited college or university is preferred. Responsibilities include preparing buffers, quality control materials, internal standards, and calibrator materials; monitoring instrument maintenance program; assisting in writing SOPs and maintaining SOP files; participating in management of proficiency testing programs, including reconstituting PT samples and posting and reporting of PT results in accordance to program requirements; performing charting of QC results and evaluating trends in QC data; reviewing and certifying results of analysis by other analytical chemists and laboratory technicians; evaluating data to determine accurate reporting of specimens; releasing data within LIMS for issuing reports; providing technical support to other analytical chemists and laboratory technicians; and preparing reports that interpret results of laboratory activities for laboratory personnel and management. Annual Salary: depending on experience; generally starts at $37,000. 

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www.aitlabs.com

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR IN ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY

The Department of Chemistry, University at Albany, The State University of New York, invites applications for a tenure-track faculty position at the Assistant Professor level. The search is focused on individuals with a PhD, preferably in analytical chemistry, with an interest in applications of that field to forensic chemistry. The successful applicant for this tenure-track position will be expected to develop an innovative, externally funded research program in analytical/forensic chemistry as well as teach undergraduate and graduate students within the forensic chemistry programs. UAlbany has recently completed the construction of a 1.5 million-dollar, state of the art Forensic Chemistry Laboratory that is used for research and instruction in programs conducted in collaboration with the New York State Police Forensic Investigation Center. Competitive salary and setup package subject to budgetary contingencies. Starting Date: September 2007. Send a cover letter, CV, statement of research and teaching interests, recent reprints, and three letters of reference. Electronic application is encouraged at chemdept@albany.edu.

CONTACT: Analytical Search Committee Chair
Department of Chemistry
University at Albany
1400 Washington Ave.
Albany, NY 12222
http://www.albany.edu/chemistry

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR IN BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

The Department of Biological Sciences, University at Albany, State University of New York, invites applications for 2 tenure-track positions at the level of Assistant Professor. (1) Ecology or Evolution of Infectious Disease. The Department is the focal point for a regional multidisciplinary emphasis on the ecology and evolution of infectious disease providing opportunities for broad collaborations. (2) Forensic Molecular Population Biology. The Department provides graduate training in Forensic Molecular Biology and the successful candidate will be expected to participate in that program and to train doctoral students in evolutionary or molecular biology. Preferred applicants will have postdoctoral experience, an outstanding record of achievement in research and the potential to establish an externally funded research program. All faculty participate in both undergraduate and graduate teaching and in graduate training in research. Applicants must submit by email a curriculum vitae, a summary of research and teaching interests, and should arrange submission of three or more letters of reference. The PhD degree must be from a college or university accredited by the U.S. Department of Education or an internationally recognized accrediting organization. Applicants must address in their applications their abilities to work with and instruct a culturally diverse population. Salaries and set-up packages are competitive. For details, go to: http://www.albany.edu/biology/announcements. For the position in Ecology or Evolution of Infectious Disease, send materials to ecolgy@albany.edu. For the position in Forensic Molecular Population Biology, send materials to forensic@albany.edu.

Review of applications begins November 15, 2006, but applications will be accepted until the positions are filled. Positions are contingent on final budget approval.
ASSISTANT/ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
Long Island University/C.W. Post Campus is seeking applicants for a tenure-track Assistant/Associate Professor of Forensic Science position. Qualifications include a PhD in forensic science, analytical chemistry, or related field. Responsibilities include teaching undergraduate forensic instrumentation and other analytical chemistry courses.

CONTACT: Dr. John E. Shields, Chair
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www.liu.edu/chemistry

LABORATORY MANAGER
Aegis Sciences Corporation, a specialty forensic toxicology laboratory located in Nashville, TN, is currently seeking an experienced Laboratory Manager. Qualifications include a MT, MLT or BS Sciences and previous management experience. Salary is negotiable based upon experience. Responsibilities include the performance of all laboratory technical operations, quality assurance protocols, performance of analytical staff, hiring/firing/training of staff, implementation of new methods, compliance with all state and federal regulations governing laboratory licensing; may be responsible for calibrator, standard and quality control preparation and validation; responsible for quality control documentation and corrective action. Aegis offers an outstanding benefits package. Please forward resume, along with salary history to: lwaterman@aegislabs.com.

CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER
Suffolk County, New York

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Directs staff of 105 persons with a $9 million budget in 70,000 square foot, modern administrative office and state-of-the-art laboratory building. "NAME accredited office."

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Alan G. Schneider,
County Personnel Director,
P.O. Box 5992, Hauppauge, NY 11788-0194

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ASSISTANT PROFESSOR IN FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGY
The Department of Anthropology at Texas State University-San Marcos is seeking applicants for a tenure-track Assistant Professorship in Forensic Anthropology. This appointment will begin August 2007, and the successful candidate will be the second forensic anthropologist in the program. Qualifications include a PhD degree from an accredited institution at time of application; a specialization or extensive experience in forensic anthropology; evidence of a strong commitment to scholarly research, publication and the acquisition of external funding; experience supervising undergraduate and graduate student research; and experience teaching courses in forensic anthropology. An applicant who is a member of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, with either current certification as a Diplomate of the American Board of Forensic Anthropology or commitment to obtain this certification is preferred. A bioarcheologist with extensive forensic experience will be considered. The Anthropology Department currently has 11 faculty members and over 200 undergraduate majors and a growing MA degree program. Integral to the department or two research centers and a Forensic Research Facility. For more information about the department, go to www.txstate.edu/anthropology. Applicants should submit CV, cover letter highlighting teaching experience, research program and external funding, copies of up to three publications representing current research, and contact information of three references. Please clearly distinguish between peer reviewed and non-peer reviewed publications in CV.

Application deadline: November 30, 2006.

CONTACT: Dr. Britt Bousman
Search Committee Chair
Department of Anthropology
Texas State University-San Marcos
San Marcos, TX 78666-4616
(512) 245-8272
Fax: (512) 245-8076

IDENTIFICATION OFFICER
The Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office is seeking applicants for the position of Identification Officer. Qualifications include a high school diploma or GED supplemented by completion of a certified fingerprint course from a law enforcement agency or professional identification association and two years of experience in latent fingerprint comparison, five years experience in fingerprint classification comparison using the full Henry Classification System, or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Responsibilities include collecting, codifying, and maintaining identification information for the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office. Major work functions include identifying and/or registering guns and individuals, developing and comparing latent prints and/or fingerprints, classifying and researching fingerprints and latent prints, maintaining files and records, and performing other duties related to identification. Information handled by incumbents is highly confidential and not typically for public record. Additional job information and applications are available at www.montgomerypersonnel.com, and applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Annual Salary: $33,233 - $47,309.

CONTACT: Cami Hacker
Personnel Analyst
Montgomery City-County Personnel
(334) 241-2344

SENIOR FORENSIC SCIENTIST
The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office is seeking applicants for the position of Senior Forensic Scientist. Qualifications include a bachelor’s degree in chemistry, biology, forensic science, or related field. A minimum of three years experience testifying as an expert in the field of drug analysis for BA/BS candidate, or two years experience for MS or PHD candidate is required. This position requires excellent written and verbal communication skills. Non-Sworn members may apply for any posted non-management position upon the successful completion of their probationary period. Non-Sworn members may apply for any posted management position regardless of their probationary status at the time of the posted position. This position performs chemical and instrumental analysis of exhibits, which are suspected to contain controlled substances from solid dosages, utilizing modern analytical techniques such as GC, UV, GC/MS, and FTIR. Responsibilities include preparing reports and testifying to those reports in court. Annual Salary: $48,192 - $52,620. The selection process will consist of an Oral Board Interview, which will constitute 100% of the final pass/fail selection weight. All offers of employment are also subject to and contingent upon successful completion of CVSA, background investigation, pre-employment physical examination, and drug screening. To download an application, go to www.pbso.org.

CONTACT: Palm Beach County Human Resources
3228 Gun Club Road
West Palm Beach, FL 33406
(561) 688-3000

FORENSIC/ANALYTICAL CHEMIST
The Division of Natural & Health Sciences at Seton Hill University invites applications for a full-time tenure track faculty position in forensic/analytical chemistry for Fall 2007. Qualifications include a PhD in forensic science, analytical chemistry or related field. Experience in the operation and maintenance of a broad range of instrumentation including GC/MS is preferred. Teaching responsibilities will include courses in the BS forensic science program such as criminalistics and forensic biology, and courses in the chemistry program in the instrumental analysis/analytical areas. Seton Hill is a Catholic, liberal arts university located 35 miles east of Pittsburgh, PA. Seton Hill offers 40 undergraduate majors, 8 graduate programs, and serves traditional age and adult student populations. Seton Hill is committed to having its faculty and student body reflect the racial diversity of the global population. Send letter of application, curriculum vitae, 3 letters of recommendation, statement of teaching philosophy, and transcripts.

CONTACT: Susan Yochum, SC, PhD, Chair
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Academy News
DNA LABORATORY ANALYST II

The Harris County Medical Examiner's Office is seeking applicants for the position of DNA Laboratory Analyst II. Qualifications include a bachelor's degree in biology, chemistry, forensic science or related field and three years of experience performing casework in a forensic laboratory using the following techniques: DNA extraction, quantification, PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) amplification of STR (Short Tandem Repeat) fragments, and ABI (Applied Biosystems Incorporated) 310 Genetic Analyzer and/or ABI 3100 Genetic Analyzer. Knowledge of forensic DNA principles, laboratory techniques, procedures and technology; knowledge of the PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction), STR (Short Tandem Repeat) analysis, and capillary electrophoresis methods; knowledge of biological evidence collection and preservation techniques; and knowledge of rules of evidence, forensic serology, basic human anatomy/physiology and laboratory safety preferred. Completed coursework in biochemistry, molecular biology, and genetics along with coursework or training that covers the subject area of statistics and/or population genetics; ABC certification is preferred. Under the direction of the DNA Laboratory Director, the employee will perform scientific examination and analysis of biological evidence collected in connection with death and criminal investigations. Testing may include screening for the presence of biological fluids and DNA analysis using PCR/STR based methods. Findings are presented in a technical report and subsequently verbally in a court of law through expert witness testimony. Follows all established protocols and procedures and may be assigned other tasks as deemed necessary by the Technical Manager. Works with various biological fluids and therefore, the possibility of exposure to blood borne pathogens. Annual Salary: $43,260 - $74,928. Complete transcripts are required with application. Employment is contingent upon passing a criminal background check. For application, go to: http://www.hctx.net/hrrm/JobApplications.aspx.

CONTACT: Harris County Medical Examiner's Office
1885 Old Spanish Trail
Houston, TX 77054
(713) 796-6931

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE & FORENSIC SCIENCE PROFESSIONALS

The State University of New York at Canton is seeking criminal investigative and forensic science professionals to develop online coursework for both criminal justice and criminal investigation degrees. Course development compensation is $1,000. It is anticipated that course developers will present online courses with enrollment of approximately 25 students. Compensation per online course is $2,400. Compensation for courses offered during the college winter break is $2,700. An example of target courses needing online development includes: Survey of Forensic Science, Medicolegal Investigation of Death, Questioned Documents, Crime Prevention, Narcotics Investigations, Arson Investigations, Constitutional Law, Criminal Justice Agency Management, Comparative Justice Systems, and Criminal Investigations. New course development is also encouraged.

CONTACT: Dr. Steve Gilbert
SUNY Canton
34 Cornell Drive
Canton, NY 13617
(315) 386-7922
Gilberts@canton.edu

SENIOR LECTURER

West Virginia University has an opening for a Senior Lecturer position in a FEPAC-accredited forensic science program. The successful candidate will be responsible for teaching core forensic science courses, developing and overseeing laboratory and practical exercises, mentoring students, research, and representing the program at regional and national meetings. The successful candidate will also develop and teach courses in their forensic specialty at the undergraduate and possibly graduate level. The core undergraduate courses include Introduction to Forensic Science, Law and Evidence, Professional Forensic Communications and Presentations, Forensic Quality Assurance, and Courtroom Testimony. Forensic specialties of interest include latent fingerprints, microscopy and trace evidence, firearms and toolmarks, trace evidence, DNA, toxicology, and questioned documents. Qualifications include a PhD in a natural science with experience in a forensic laboratory setting or an MS with at least five years of forensic laboratory experience. Exceptional candidates with a BS degree and significant forensic laboratory experience may be considered based on other qualifications. Desirable qualifications are supervisory and teaching experience, publications in peer-reviewed forensic journals, presentations at national and international meetings, and relevant professional certifications, such as offered by the American Board of Criminalistics. A completed application packet includes a cover letter, a detailed vita/resume, three letters of recommendation, and a 2-4 page summary detailing: 1) the applicant’s qualifications to teach the core forensic courses listed above; 2) the applicant’s area of forensic expertise and qualifications relevant to that area; 3) a description of professional certifications, publications, research, and recognition in forensic science and their area of expertise; 4) a description of the courses that the applicant would develop in their expertise; and 5) a summary of teaching experience. The preferred start date is January 2007; an August 2008 start date is possible.

CONTACT: Dr. Suzanne Bell
Program Director, Forensic and Investigative Science
West Virginia University
2925 University Avenue
PO Box 6121
Morgantown, WV 26506
suzanne.bell@mail.wvu.edu

TOXICOLOGY FORENSIC CHEMIST

The City of Mesa is seeking applicants for the position of Toxicology Forensic Chemist. Qualifications include a bachelor's degree in biology/biochemistry, chemistry, forensic science or related physical or natural science. Successful completion of a background investigation and polygraph examination is required. Applicants must also possess Arizona driver's license by hire date. Responsibilities include performing lab exams of physical evidence. A City of Mesa Application is required. Applications, supplements, and more information about the City of Mesa are available at www.cityofmesa.org. Annual Salary: $44,740 - $60,403.

CONTACT: City of Mesa Personnel
200 S. Center St., Bldg. #1
PO Box 1466
Mesa, AZ 85211-1466
(480) 644-2965
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
Buffalo State College is seeking applicants for a 10-month position as Assistant Professor. Qualifications include a PhD in chemistry, forensic science, or related experience or work experience in major areas of modern analytical chemistry. Preferred experience in forensic analytical research. Responsibilities include teaching analytical chemistry, instrumental analysis, and general chemistry courses; developing and teaching new and existing forensic courses at both the graduate and undergraduate levels; and developing an effective forensic oriented analytical chemistry research program involving both undergraduate and graduate students. Will also be expected to teach one course each semester in support of the college’s intellectual Foundations initiative. Must have the ability to work with faculty and students with diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

CONTACT: M. Scott Goodman, Chair
Chemistry Department
Buffalo State College
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Buffalo, NY 14222
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goodmans@buffalostate.edu
www.buffalostate.edu

FORENSIC PATHOLOGIST
The Kern County Sheriff-Coroner’s Department is seeking a Forensic Pathologist as an independent contractor. The pathologist must be able to perform medicolegal examinations including autopsies and external examinations, provide cause and manner of death of those deaths coming under the jurisdiction of the Coroner, and prepare detailed autopsy and external examination reports. The pathologist must have skills necessary to consult with attorneys, physicians, and law enforcement, as well as be able to respond to death scenes when requested. The pathologist will provide expert testimony before the Grand jury and in criminal proceedings regarding cases performed while employed as the Kern County Coroner Office pathologist. The pathologist may also be asked to conduct or participate in service training as needed for law enforcement and associated agencies and consult from a pathology perspective on emergency response and pandemic issues or assist as a liaison with organ and tissues procurement organizations. Workload: 250-350 cases per year plus administrative duties. Annual Salary: $175,000 - $225,000.

CONTACT: Commander Chris Speer
Kern County Sheriff-Coroner Department
(661) 868-0122
Fax: (661) 868-0149
speer@co.kern.ca.us

FIREARMS TECHNICAL LEADER
The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office Forensic Laboratory is seeking applicants for the position of Firearms Technical Leader. This position will be responsible for ensuring proper quality assurance and quality control measures relevant to firearms. This includes documentation, instrument calibration, and maintenance logs; reviewing relevant casework; maintaining the NIBIN database; continuous evaluation of methods employed including an annual review of Standard Operating Procedures and proposing new and/or modified analytical procedures to be used by the Analysts. In addition, the Firearms Technical Leader is required to perform routine and more difficult firearms case assignments, both in the laboratory and in the field. The ideal candidate will be an experienced firearms examiner dedicated to staying abreast of changes within the industry as well as a sound technical advisor and trainer who fosters teamwork and cooperation. Applicants who are active participants in the Association of Firearms and Toolmarks Examiners (AFTE) and who have pursued or are in the process of pursuing AFTE certification as a firearms examiner are strongly desired. Candidate must have knowledge of current forensic methods and techniques used in the analysis and evaluation of physical evidence likely to be used in a court case; various types of equipment found in a forensic laboratory; courtroom procedures and testimony; recent developments, literature and sources of information relative to criminalistics; and principles of photography. Position requires any combination of education and experience that would likely provide the required knowledge, skills and abilities is qualifying. Annual Salary: $81,468 - $101,856. A supplemental application form must be submitted in addition to our regular employment application form. For additional information and to apply, go to: www.co.sanmateo.ca.us.
FIREARMS EXAMINER
Professional Business Solutions, Inc. is seeking applicants for the position of Firearms Examiner. Qualifications include a bachelor's degree in a natural science or related field; ten years of experience as an examiner/analyst in a forensic laboratory; one year of training or mentoring experience; an extensive background in a broad scope of forensic firearms and tool mark examination types; knowledge of internationally accepted methods of forensic firearms and tool mark examination; knowledge of forensic laboratory accreditation requirements (experience as an ASCLD/LAB and/or ISO 17025 accredited institution is desirable); the ability to work closely with laboratory personnel abroad to enhance their knowledge of forensic fire examinations ranging from basic wet chemistry techniques to advanced instrumental applications; and the ability to work outside the United States in a culturally and ethnically diverse environment. Spanish speaker preferred. This position will be establishing a forensic firearms examination lab in Santo Domingo Dominican Republic. Project length is 12-24 months. Responsibilities include evaluating the technical capabilities of project laboratories; recommending technical assistance required to meet internationally accepted forensic examination standards; establishing procurement lists for capital, non-capital, and equipment, consumable items and reagent chemicals for the firearms and tool mark analysis section; providing technical assistance in designing laboratory space; providing technical assistance in the implementation of wet chemical examination techniques, micro examination techniques, instrumental examination techniques, and quality assurance programs in support of the firearms and tool mark analysis section.

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DNA TECHNICAL LEADER
Professional Business Solutions, Inc. is seeking applicants for the position of DNA Technical Leader. Qualifications include a master's degree in a biology, chemistry, forensic science or related field; meeting the requirements for a DNA technical leader; ten years of experience as an examiner/analyst in a forensic laboratory; three years of experience as a DNA examiner; one year of training or mentoring experience; an extensive background in a broad scope of forensic biology and DNA examination types; knowledge of internationally accepted methods of forensic biology and DNA examination; knowledge of forensic laboratory accreditation requirements (experience as an ASCLD/LAB and/or ISO 17025 accredited institution is desirable); the ability to work closely with laboratory personnel abroad to enhance their knowledge of forensic biology and DNA examinations ranging from basic wet chemistry techniques to advanced instrumental applications; the ability to work outside the United States in a culturally and ethnically diverse environment; and the ability to work in a non-English speaking environment using language assistants. Spanish language skills are preferred. Responsibilities include evaluating the technical capabilities of project laboratories; recommending technical assistance required to meet internationally accepted forensic examination standards; establishing procurement lists for capital, non-capital and equipment, consumable items and reagent chemicals for the forensic biology and DNA examination section; providing technical assistance in designing laboratory space; providing technical assistance in the implementation of forensic biology and DNA analysis section; providing technical assistance required to meet internationally accepted forensic examination standards; establishing procurement lists for capital, non-capital and equipment, consumable items and reagent chemicals for the forensic biology and DNA examination section; providing technical assistance in designing laboratory space; providing technical assistance in the development and implementation of forensic laboratory management, the administrative policies and procedures, health and safety programs, property and evidence policies and procedures, and quality assurance programs in support of the forensic biology and DNA analysis section.

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FORENSIC MANAGEMENT ADVISOR
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FORENSIC MEDICAL EXAMINER INVESTIGATOR I
Travis County is seeking applicants for the position of Forensic Medical Examiner Investigator I. Qualifications include education and experience equivalent to a bachelor’s degree in administration of justice, criminology, criminal justice, medical technology, biological science or a related field and one to two years of directly related increasingly experience in criminal investigation, law enforcement or post mortem examination and investigation. Must possess a valid Texas driver’s license. Preferred qualifications include being bilingual in English/Spanish, medical or nursing experience, and ABMDI Registry Level Certification. A background check will be conducted. Responsibilities include investigating the physical and medical aspects of natural and unnatural death; photographing the scene, body, and evidence; collecting and securing evidence and decedent property, ensuring proper chain-of-custody; compiling initial and supplemental reports, documenting the physical and medical aspects observed at the death scene; conducting interviews eliciting pertinent past and present history from persons associated with the decedent; obtaining and reviewing medical records to include documenting findings; conducting/assuring notification of death to the decedent’s legal next-of-kin; preparing documentation and body for post-mortem examination; assisting the pathologist with examination; and performing other job-related duties as assigned. Dowload the Travis County Employment Application at www.TravisCountyJobs.org and submit with updated CV.

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Austin, TX  78701
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DIRECTOR OF THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF FORENSIC SCIENCES
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FIREARMS EXAMINER
A private company seeks a Firearms Examiner for employment as a civilian contractor supporting U.S. military activity on-base in Iraq. Firearms Examiners trained to competency in a state or federal ASCLD/LAB accredited laboratory, are regular or distinguished members of AFTE (certified by AFTE in Firearms evidence examination and identification a plus) with recent full time firearms examination employment experience are preferred. Qualifications include graduation from an accredited college or university with a bachelor’s degree in criminalistics, forensics, or related field and three to five years of experience in a work unit engaged in firearms identification (a journey-level firearms examiner from ASCLD/LAB accredited laboratory) required. Applicants who do not possess the required education may substitute additional experience as indicated on a year-for-year basis with thirty semester hour credits being equal to one year of experience. Applicants must obtain, within six months of employment with the company, certification from AFTE in the area of firearms evidence examination and identification. Applicants selected will be subject to a government security investigation and must meet and maintain eligibility requirements for access to classified information. Candidates must be able to successfully pass proficiency testing prior to and periodically during employment with the company as directed by the company and/or by the NCIS Laboratory Director. General pre-deployment training of all contract employees is required by the Department of Defense in preparation for working overseas on a U.S. base. Duty rotation is a minimum of two 4-month tours in Iraq with 30-40 days rest and recreation back in the U.S. between tours. This is a good opportunity for a retiree seeking to supplement his or her income and is a temporary position with an estimated time frame of six months to two years. Responsibilities include evaluating, examining, processing, recovering, comparing, researching, and providing information regarding submitted firearms and related evidence in accordance with the rules and regulations governing an ASCLD-LAB accredited forensic firearms laboratory; utilizing various computer programs, especially NIBIN and IBIS systems; providing training to U.S. Forces in the areas of evidence recognition, documentation, collection, packaging, and submission to the laboratory; communicating in a concise and effective manner, both orally and in writing; communicating scientific information to a lay person in an understandable manner; working cooperatively with others; establishing work priorities; and working with minimal supervision; and performing related duties benefiting the evidence collection and preservation for the mission. Annual Salary for well-qualified applicants is $108,000 - $158,400, depending on the number of contract months. Free food, lodging, and transportation are included. If interested, email your resume and contact information to careers@idealinnovations.com. Please note the job title on all submissions.
Meetings and Conferences

NOVEMBER 2006

15-17
5th Annual TWGFEX Symposium: The Integration of Local, State & Federal Resources for Response to Terrorist Incidents—To be held in Orlando, FL.
CONTACT: National Center for Forensic Science University of Central Florida 12354 Research Parkway Orlando, FL 32826 (407) 823-6469 natctr@mail.ucf.edu www.twgfex.org

29 - Dec. 1
Medicolegal Investigation of Death Course To be held at the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino in Las Vegas, NV.
CONTACT: Continuing Medical Education Wayne State University School of Medicine 101 E. Alexandrine Detroit, MI 48201 (313) 577-1180 Fax: (313) 577-7554 www.med.wayne.edu/cme/

DECEMBER 2006

3-8
Robert F. Borkenstein Course on Alcohol and Highway Safety: Testing, Research and Litigation—To be held at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN.
CONTACT: Center for Law in Action Indiana University 1033 E. Third Street Sycamore Hall 302 Bloomington, IN 47405 (812) 855-1783 Fax: (812) 855-7542 www.indiana.edu/~lawactn

4-8
Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Workshop—Hosted by the Miami-Dade Police Department Specialized Training Unit in Miami, FL.
CONTACT: Toby L. Wolson Miami-Dade Police Department 9105 Northwest 25th Street Miami, FL 33172 (305) 471-3041 Fax: (305) 471-3350 twolson@mdpd.com

4-8
Examination of Tire Impression and Tire Track Evidence—To be held at the Miami-Dade Police Department’s Training Bureau in Miami, FL.
CONTACT: William J. Bodziak 38 Sabal Bend Palm Coast, FL 32137 (386) 447-3567 Fax: (386) 447-3568 wbodziak@earthlink.net

7-8
Best Practices in Use of Force Training Seminar—Presented by Ed Nowicki and Randy Means. To be held in Detroit (Belleville), MI.
CONTACT: Cecilia Wagner (704) 543-7228

11-15
Bugs, Bones, and Botany Course—To be held at Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers, FL.
CONTACT: Heather Walsh-Haney (239) 590-7693 hwalsh@fgcu.edu

11-15
Advanced Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Course—To be held at the San Diego Sheriff’s Regional Crime Laboratory in San Diego, CA.
CONTACT: Paul E. Kish Forensic Consultant & Associates PO Box 814 Corning, NY 14830 (607) 962-8092 pkish@localnet.com

National and International meetings of interest to forensic scientists are included as space permits. For a complete list, go to the AAFS website (www.aafs.org) and click on the “Meetings” link.
JANUARY 2007

8-12
Introduction to Shooting Incident Reconstruction/ Officer-Involved Shootings Training Class—
To be held at the Denton Police Department in Denton, TX.
CONTACT: Sgt. Bobby Smith
(940) 349-7987
bobby.smith@cityofdenton.com

10-12
Genetic Analysis for Human Identification Workshop—To be held at the Shadow Lane Campus at the University of Nevada Las Vegas, NV.
CONTACT: Walter E. Goldstein, PhD, PE
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University of Nevada Las Vegas
1001 Shadow Lane M/S 7401
Las Vegas, NV 89106-4124
(702) 774-2325
walter.goldstein@unlv.edu
http://shadowlane.unlv.edu

22-24
Association for Crime Scene Reconstruction 16th Annual Conference—To be held in Tacoma, WA.
CONTACT: Matthew Noedel or ACSR Noedel Scientific
Payneville, WA 98374
(253) 227-3880
mnoedel@att.net
www.acsr.org

22-26
Medicolegal Death Investigator Training Course—Sponsored by Saint Louis University School of Medicine, Division of Forensic Pathology. To be held in St. Louis, MO.
CONTACT: Mary Fran Ernst or Julie Howe Saint Louis University School of Medicine 1402 S Grand Blvd; R312 St. Louis, MO 63104 (314) 977-5970 Fax: (314) 977-5995 mldi@slu.edu
http://medschool.slu.edu/mldi/

25-26
Statistics and Probability Applied to Forensic Casework Workshop—To be held at the Biotechnology Center Shadow Lane Campus at the University of Nevada Las Vegas in Las Vegas, NV.
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29-30
Crime Scene Reconstruction and Cold Case Investigation Seminar—Presented by the George Mason University, Office of Continuing Professional Education. To be held at the Hyatt Fair Lakes in Fairfax, VA.
CONTACT: Lynn Ryan
Office of Continuing Professional Education
George Mason University
10900 University Blvd, MS 4F2
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 993-8335
lryan@aamu.edu
www.ocpe.gmu.edu

FEBRUARY 2007

6-8
Advanced Forensic Science and Medicine Course - 'Covert Burial'—To be held in Gainesville, FL.
CONTACT: Martha M. Allen
Program Support Coordinator
The Virginia Institute of Forensic Science and Medicine
PO Box 12490
Richmond, VA 23241
(804) 786-0073
mallen@vifsm.org
www.vifsm.org

12-16
Detection, Recovery and Examination of Footwear Impression Evidence Course—To be held at the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office in Centennial, CO.
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(386) 447-3567
Fax: (386) 447-3568
wbodziak@earthlink.net

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The American Society of Forensic Odontology's 37th Annual Scientific Session - 'Basic Forensic Odontology: Impact on the Global Stage'—To be held in conjunction with the 2007 AAFS Annual Meeting in San Antonio, TX.
CONTACT: Fax: (250) 426-7282
www.asfo.org

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The American Board of Forensic Odontology Civil Litigation Committee's 'The Art & Science of Expert Witness Testimony' Workshop—To be held in conjunction with the 2007 AAFS Annual Meeting in San Antonio, TX.
CONTACT: Dr. Tom David
(404) 633-9742 or (770) 365-2320
tjd214@bellsouth.net

26-March 1
Basic Forensic Science and Medicine Seminar—To be held at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, VA.
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27-March 2
Cambridge Healthtech Institute's Molecular Medicine Tri-Conference 2007—To be held at the Moscone North Convention Center in San Francisco, CA.
CONTACT: Cambridge Healthtech Institute
250 First Avenue, Suite 300
Needham, MA 02494
(781) 972-5400 or (888) 999-6288
Fax: (781) 972-5425
www.healthtech.com

MARCH 2007

5-8
Basic Forensic Science and Medicine Seminar—To be held at the University of Virginia Zehner Hall in Charlottesville, VA.
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MARCH 2007 cont.

19-20
Serial Murder and Criminal Assault in Hospitals: Investigation and Prevention Colloquium—To be held at California State University, Los Angeles, CA.
CONTACT: Beatrice Yorker, Dean
College of Health & Human Services
California State University - LA
5151 State University Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90032-8160
(323) 343-4739
Fax: (323) 343-5598
byorker@calstatela.edu

19-23
Introduction to Shooting Incident Reconstruction/Officer-Involved Shootings Training Class—To be held at the Garland Police Department in Garland, TX.
CONTACT: James Henderson
(972) 485-4840
henderson@ci.garland.tx.us

19-23
Basic Facial Reconstruction Sculpture Workshop—To be held at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, OK.
CONTACT: Betty Pat. Gatiff
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1026 Leslie Lane
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21-23
Techniques in Forensic Dentistry Workshop—To be held at the Biotechnology Center Shadow Lane Campus at the University of Nevada Las Vegas in Las Vegas, NV.
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26-31
Continuing Education for Forensic Professionals Program—Sponsored by the West Virginia University and the National Institute of Justice. To be held at the Double Tree Hotel in Orlando, FL.
CONTACT: fsi@mail.wvu.edu
www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/events/welcome.html

26-30
Advanced Forensic Dentistry Seminar—To be held at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA.
CONTACT: Martha M. Allen
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29-31
7th Annual Forensic Science and Law Conference: The Science and Law of Investigating Mass Disasters—To be held at the Bayer Learning Center at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, PA.
CONTACT: The Cyril H. Wecht Institute of Forensic Science and Law Duquesne University School of Law Edward J. Hanley Hall 900 Locust St. Pittsburgh, PA 15282-0700 (412) 396-1330 Fax: (412) 396-1331 wechtinstitute@duq.edu
www.forensics.duq.edu

26-31
Extraction of DNA From Aged Skeletal Remains and Forensic Mitochondrial DNA Sequence Analysis International Training Course—To be held at the Armed Forces DNA Identification Lab in Rockville, MD.
CONTACT: Richon E. Tate
Armed Forces DNA ID Lab 1413 Research Blvd, Bldg 101 Rockville, MD 20850-3125 (301) 319-0239 Fax: (301) 295-3932 richon.tate@afip.osd.mil

30-May 4
Detection, Recovery and Examination of Footwear Impression Evidence Course—To be held at the Ramada Inn in Jacksonville, FL.
CONTACT: William J. Bodziak
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APRIL 2007

6-8
Present and Future Technological Advances in Human Identification Seminar—To be held in Virginia Beach, VA.
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MAY 2007

7-11
Examination of Tire Impression and tire Track Evidence Course—To be held at the Ramada Inn in Jacksonville, FL.
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7-11
Basic Facial Reconstruction Sculpture Workshop—To be held at Scottsdale Artists School in Scottsdale, AZ.
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(405) 321-8706

23-25
Penn State's 15th Annual Forensic Entomology Conference—To be held at Penn State University.
CONTACT: Office of Conferences and Short Courses
301B Agricultural Admin. Bldg.
University Park, PA 16802
(814) 865-8301
Fax: (814) 865-7030
shortcourse@psu.edu

28-31
Introduction to Shooting Incident Reconstruction/Officer-Involved Shootings Training Class—To be held at the Texas DPS Academy in Austin, TX.
CONTACT: Sgt. Harry Hoelscher
(512) 424-7236
harry.hoelscher@txdps.state.tx.us

JUNE 2007

18-22
Basic Facial Reconstruction Sculpture Workshop—To be held at Case Western Reserve University Medical School in Cleveland, OH.
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25-29
Advanced Facial Reconstruction Sculpture Workshop—To be held at Case Western Reserve University Medical School in Cleveland, OH.
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JULY 2007

16-20
Detection and Recovery of Human Remains Workshop—To be held at Chaminade University in Honolulu, HI.
CONTACT: M. Lee Goff
Dean, Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
Chaminade University of Honolulu
3140 Waialae Avenue
Honolulu, HI 96816-1578
(808) 440-4209
lgoff@chaminade.edu

23-25
Advanced Shooting Incident Reconstruction Training Class—To be held at the St. Louis County & Municipal Police Academy in Wellston, MO.
CONTACT: Becky Murphy
(314) 889-8600
bamurphy@stlouisco.com

26-27
Fracture Matches for Laboratory Analysts Training Class—To be held at the St. Louis County & Municipal Police Academy in Wellston, MO.
CONTACT: Becky Murphy
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AUGUST 2007

6-10
Introduction to Shooting Incident Reconstruction/Officer-Involved Shootings Training Class—To be held at the Northwestern Center for Public Safety in Evanston, IL.
CONTACT: Chuck Lamb
(847) 467-3478
cwlamb@rochelle.net

SEPTEMBER 2007

3-7
Fifth International Society for Applied Biological Sciences (ISABS) Conference—To be held at the Hotel Le Meridien Lav in Split, Croatia.
CONTACT: ISABS
Planinska 1, HR-10000 Zagreb Croatia
Tel. ++385 1 2352 620
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info@isabs.hr
www.isabs.hr/

10-14
Basic Facial Reconstruction Sculpture Workshop—To be held at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, OK.
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13-15
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21-25
22nd Annual Congress of the International Society for Forensic Genetics—To be held in Copenhagen, Denmark.
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