With only 3½ months until the 60th Anniversary Meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, now is the time to plan your trip to Washington, DC. The pre-registration deadline is Wednesday, January 23, 2008. After this date, your registration will be processed as “on-site” and will cost at least $125 more. In addition, you will not be able to register for special functions such as workshops and breakfast seminars. Also note that a “First Time” AAFS Annual Meeting Attendee Guidelines document has been posted on the Academy’s website to assist individuals attending the AAFS annual meeting for the first time.

With an anticipated record attendance this year, I encourage everyone to make their hotel reservations now in order to ensure the availability of a hotel room at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel. Although the Wardman is the largest convention hotel in Washington, DC, we expect a rapid sell-out. In order to receive the special room rate, you must book your room online by January 21, 2008. A link to the registration site is available on the Academy’s website at www.aafs.org.

The AAFS Program Committee, with the assistance of Nancy Jackson and her staff, has been very busy processing abstract and workshop submissions. The meeting will be jam-packed with more than 700 platform/poster presentations, 23 workshops, and 8 breakfast seminars.

As many are aware, this year’s Plenary Session has been replaced by a Keynote Session. I am pleased to report that U.S. Senators Jeff Sessions from Alabama and Joseph Biden, Jr., from Delaware have agreed to speak. Senators Sessions and Biden have been long-time advocates for forensic science and have supported federal funding increases in our field.

AAFS President-Elect Carol Henderson and I have been working closely this year to ensure a smooth transition. Most importantly, Carol has committed to continue activity in many areas including Milestone documentation and the Code of Ethics. Recently, we have prepared a Mission and Vision Statement Proposal for consideration by the AAFS Board of Directors and membership next year.

In January, pursuant to the Academy’s Bylaws, the voting membership will receive the proposed bylaws changes for consideration, discussion, and vote at the Annual Business Meeting. Please review them thoroughly, and if you have any questions or issues with what has been proposed, please let me know. There will be a great deal of business to conduct and I would like to plan accordingly.

I am always available to discuss AAFS business and may be reached by phone at (352) 265-0680, ext. 72001, or by e-mail at bruce-goldberger@ufl.edu.

ATTENTION ALL MEETING REGISTRANTS!

The 2008 AAFS Anniversary Meeting Pre-Registration Form is provided in this issue of Academy News, on page 23. 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 23, 2008. The deadline is firm.

Pre-registration forms received after January 23, 2008, 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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Washington, DC  Denver, CO  & Trade Center

Seattle, WA

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Over the past several years, funding for forensic science has seen a dramatic increase primarily due to the advent of DNA technology. To many, this seemed to be something that just happened overnight. However, it took many years along with broad-based support for this to occur, plus a great deal of work on the part of policy-makers to bring it about. In order to arrive at sound policy, the government often relies on studies or “blue ribbon” commissions to back up their belief that something has to change. This is exactly what occurred with DNA.

Many of us recognized early on that this technology had promise and could open up a whole new world of crime-solving capabilities for the criminal justice community. But to persuade the government to fund the research or the actual application of DNA technology in crime labs, it took a commission sponsored by the National Institute in Justice. Once complete, the doors were opened, the possibilities were endless, and the funding flowed.

Where has that left the other traditional forensic science disciplines such as fingerprints, drug analysis, toxicology, firearms, question documents, etc.? It has, to some extent, relegated them to the shadows, even having their science and validity questioned. Moreover, it has been a struggle to get funding for the full spectrum of forensic technologies. That is about to change!

As many of you know, the United States Congress sponsored a study by the National Academies of Science to examine forensic science. This is a comprehensive analysis of the needs and requirements as well as the practices. It is expected that the resulting report from the National Academies will result in public policy legislation affecting the profession in a positive way.

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, is also conducting several other studies within the Bureau of Justice Statistics and the National Institute of Justice. All of these are bound to have a positive impact on the continued efforts to have Congress and the Administration recognize not only the importance of forensic science to the Criminal Justice System, but also the particular needs.

The focus of some of these current efforts has been to quantify the needs. Congress often asks for metrics as opposed to anecdotal stories. The fundamental question is: what is the payoff for expending hundreds of millions of dollars on forensic science? We anticipate that once the data becomes available that it will be obvious that money spent on forensic science is an excellent investment in crime solving and the administration of justice.
World’s Leading Toxicologist Alan Curry Dies

It is with great sadness the AAFS reports the death of world renowned toxicologist Alan S. Curry, PhD, following a stroke in August.

Dr. Curry was the director of the forensic sciences research establishment at Aldermaston where new technology essential to forensic scientists throughout the world was developed. The center also served as a training facility for selected scientists receiving Rhodes and other scholarships.

During his career Dr. Curry wrote and edited a number of useful books including Advances in Forensic and Clinical Toxicology, Analytical Methods in Human Toxicology, Methods in Forensic Sciences (multiple volumes), and Poison Detection in Human Organs, now in its 4th edition. Dr. Curry is best known for the latter which was considered essential in all forensic toxicology laboratories. He also contributed numerous chapters to textbooks edited by others and numerous articles in the scientific journals including the Journal of Forensic Sciences.

The first conviction of a murderer who had used insulin as the toxicant occurred in the 1950s, and was due to the extraordinary work of Dr. Curry and his staff. Dr. Curry developed methods for the extraction of insulin from the tissue, chromatographic methods for the separation of insulin from the body proteins, and that, together with complex animal tests, provided evidence for conviction. Other important research by Curry et al. involved information on the production of cyanide in postmortem tissues, methods for the analysis of the vast number of new pharmaceuticals hitting the market from the 1960s on, and methods for thallium and other heavy metals. Interpretation of findings in both fatal and non-fatal cases led to much of the research at the Center. Dr. Curry even went so far as to ingest arsenic in small doses and growing a beard for use in analysis and interpretation at one time! This was at the time instrumentation was available for the analysis of heavy metals from hair, and his methods and findings were of much value to criminalists and toxicologists among others in the forensic sciences.

Recognizing the need for sharing information on an international scale, in the early 1960s, Dr. Curry met with several other forensic toxicologists and founded "The International Association of Forensic Toxicologists" and the TIAFT Bulletin. The Bulletin was to be published monthly, and TIAFT has grown to several thousand members.

In 2002 Dr. Curry was presented with the AAFS Douglas M. Lucas Medallion for his vast contributions to the field of forensic toxicology.

IAFS 2008 Update

Source: Ronald L. Singer, MS, IAFS President

It’s hard to believe, but the next meeting of the International Association of Forensic Sciences is less than a year away. The 18th Triennial International Meeting of the IAFS will be held July 21–26, 2008, at the New Orleans Marriott Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana. I had an opportunity to visit New Orleans in August, and I am pleased to report that the city is recovering quite well from the effects of Hurricane Katrina. If it were not for the “devastation” tours offered by all of the major sightseeing companies, visitors to the French Quarter today would have no idea that anything had happened to the city. All of the major restaurants, bars, and music venues are open for business and the major attractions, such as the World War II Museum and the Aquarium, are going strong. The Marriott Hotel has just completed a major renovation and is looking forward to providing attendees to the IAFS meeting with a spectacular venue.

In the fifty years since the founding of the IAFS, the world has become increasingly smaller. Forensic issues that might once have been peculiar to a particular area of the world, or even within a particular region of a single country, are now seen everywhere, and the rise of the Internet has created an entirely new set of problems that affect forensic scientists globally. With this in mind, I have chosen “Forensic Science in an Instant Access World” as the theme for the upcoming meeting. While presentations, posters, and workshops covering all topics of forensic interest are welcome, we are particularly interested in showcasing those topics that address global issues – identity theft, cyber crime, methods and techniques related to international terrorism, and the like. Please go to the IAFS2008 website (www.iafs2008.com) to submit your abstracts.

In June, AAFS Secretary Joseph Bono, AAFS members Susan Ballou, Peter De Forest, David Epstein, Richard Tanton and AAFS Past President Haskell Pitluck and I traveled to Porto, Portugal in order to promote the upcoming IAFS meeting by presenting a four-hour block of papers on various topics of international interest at the Third Mediterranean Academy of Forensic Sciences Congress. The presentations were very well received and generated a great deal of interest in both the IAFS and the upcoming AAFS meeting. I want to thank everyone who participated for spending their time (and money) to help promote the IAFS. Special thanks are also due to AAFS Executive Director Anne Warren for serving as the Moderator for the block of presentations, and to MAFS President (and AAFS member) Duarte Vieira for serving as our host while in Portugal.
FEPAC News

What Would a PhD in Forensic Science Look Like?

FEPAC Commissioner meetings are exciting and challenging. You have a room of forensic practitioners and educators addressing, discussing, arguing, and questioning key issues in our discipline. These spirited exchanges have helped FEPAC members to better understand the fundamentals and subtleties of forensic education and the profession. However, we do not have all the answers, and many questions persist without satisfactory answers. One of these is, what would be the curriculum for a forensic science PhD? Other than dismissing the question outright — which some in our profession do — a bit of reflection on the question reveals a good deal about where forensic science is in its development.

When I speak with forensic science laboratory directors about FEPAC, the following question invariably is asked: “Are all of those graduates going to get a job in a crime lab?” That question misses the point; educational programs, especially those which are accredited, are not vocational programs intended to place a student with specific skills in a specific job. FEPAC graduates work at non-forensic but scientific jobs or law enforcement, apply to professional education (medical, law, dentistry, or business schools, for example), or apply to graduate education in the sciences. This last outcome is a key issue for forensic science.

The degree stream for many academic professions in the U.S. is a bachelor’s degree, master’s degree, and culminates in a doctorate. For forensic science, again in the U.S., the stream terminates at the master’s degree level. Laboratory directors might agree that a bachelor’s degree is sufficient for some employment while a master’s is required for certain positions (a DNA technical leader, for example). This satisfaction skirts what I consider a critical question: Is the master’s degree the terminal degree for a forensic scientist — not just a laboratory employee, but a professional member of our discipline? The discussion regarding basic and applied sciences is a common one and into which category forensic science fits (I firmly come down on the side of basic), but regardless of how one sees this dichotomy, the terminal degree question remains. It forces us to discuss what is science, what is forensic science, what is scientific about our discipline, and what needs to be achieved to reach our goals. What do we share with other scientific disciplines and how are we distinctive? How do we blend the academic and the professional so that both benefit? These are not questions to be considered lightly or answered unadvisedly.

Master’s degrees may well be required education for certain positions, but another question lingers: What about research? Given the intense interest in the scientific strengths and weaknesses of our profession, and one only needs be aware of the National Academies study to grasp this, research would seem to be an essential (sufficient and necessary) component of graduate education.

As a discipline, if we become unconcerned about what constitutes a graduate degree, we can hardly expect undergraduate students to learn the practical aspects of our science that leads them to robust results. A purely four-year degree mindset concentrates on credits and costs rather than quality, and runs the risk of truncating the development of our science.

If the expectations for graduate education are lowered, there are real consequences for research. In the U.S., we need to capitalize on the strength of our graduate training across the sciences and push for more and better research. Collating a handful of published papers — some contributed — is certainly easier for students than writing a

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thesis on the basis of a concrete, rigorous body of work but at what
cost to our future? We should ask what a PhD in forensic science
really means. How was the candidate evaluated, who sat on the
committee, and what comprises practical preparation? PhDs should
not be “the union card” for academia or proof that the student can
survive in a research laboratory; it is the recognition that a student is
an expert and has proven his or her scientific worth to the
professional community.

Although these are my opinions and do not reflect those of FEPAC,
I wish to provoke further discussion on the broader issues of
forensic science education. At the International Association of
Forensic Sciences meeting in New Orleans next July, I will moderate
a special session on forensic science education. I encourage you to
attend the IAFS meeting and this important session.

Au Revoir, Jim!

Everyone will want to join the AAFS staff in saying good-bye to Director of Development & Accreditation,
Jim Hurley, as he leaves AAFS to embark on a new chapter in life. Jim joined the AAFS staff in August 2001 as the
Director of Development and was known for his notable bi-monthly newsletter columns regarding a variety of
ongoing AAFS activities. He dutifully served as the staff organizer for the FSECs (Forensic Science Educational
Conferences) as well as the wonderful international tours to South America, Northern Europe, Israel, and the
upcoming tour to Italy in June 2008. Jim will also be warmly remembered by those who worked closely with him in
his role as the Director of Accreditation to FEPAC (Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation
Commission).

Thank you for your dedication to excellence on behalf of the AAFS, Jim; we wish you all the best in the years ahead!

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

The AAFS 60th Anniversary 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
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A Word From Your 2008 Program Co-Chair

The year has gone by very quickly and it’s hard to believe that in three months we will be back together for the AAFS 60th Anniversary Meeting in Washington, DC. In preparation for this meeting, your Program Co-Chairs have been working with the entire 2008 Annual Meeting Program Committee and the dedicated administrative staff of the AAFS to ensure that you will experience the usual high quality, challenging, and educational program you have come to expect from AAFS. We are extremely grateful to each of the section members, officers, and program chairs who have worked so hard to plan presentations and who managed to meet the August 1 deadline.

We have a varied and topical program, and many of the sessions have found interesting and educational ways to address the general meeting theme of “Forensic Science: An International Treasure” chosen by AAFS President Bruce Goldberger. With Washington, DC as a backdrop, we are delighted to focus attention on many of the positive aspects of forensic science – public service, innovation, justice, and state of the art science. The planned program will be of record size and will offer educational opportunities at a variety of levels. The accepted program includes 23 workshops, 1 workshort, 8 breakfast seminars, 2 luncheons, 2 special sessions, 2 evening sessions and 736 poster and platform presentations. 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 Washington, DC early in the week if you plan to attend the Monday and/or Tuesday workshops. Mark your calendars for February 18-23, 2007, and make your hotel reservation early. See you in February!

Attend the 2008 AAFS Annual Business Meeting and Enter to Win a Complimentary Meeting Registration!

The Annual Business Meeting of the Fellows and Members of AAFS will be held Wednesday, February 20, at 4:15 p.m., at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, DC. It is essential for all Fellows and Members to attend this very important meeting in order to reach a quorum for the voting process. Agenda items include the election of 2008-09 Officers and recognition of all Members being promoted to Fellow status. You will also be briefed on AAFS activities during the past year and plans for the future.

As an incentive to attend, all Fellows and Members present will automatically be entered to receive a complimentary meeting registration to attend the 2009 AAFS Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado.

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Annual Meeting Employment Forum

The AAFS will be hosting its sixth annual Employment Forum at the upcoming meeting in Washington, DC. 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 19, 2008, 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 contact Nancy Jackson at the AAFS office by email: 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!

Make Your Hotel Reservations Early!

The 2008 AAFS Anniversary Meeting will be held February 18-23, 2008, at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, DC. A block of rooms has been reserved, but will fill up quickly. For best availability, make your reservations now via Internet. The direct Hotel Reservations link is: http://cwp.marriott.com/wasdt/aafs/. Attendees will receive a special group rate for this event! Rooms start at $155.00. You must book by 01/21/2008 to receive this special rate! To make reservations by phone, call 1-800-228-9290 in the U.S. and Canada and refer to code: AAFAAFA.

Official Airline and Car Rental Agency Selected

The American Academy of Forensic Sciences has selected United Airlines as the official airline for its 60th Anniversary Scientific Meeting in Washington, DC, February 18-23, 2008.

The meeting ID number is 577FY and should be used when booking travel on United, United Express, TED by United, or United code share flights (UA*) operated by US Airways, US Airways Express and Air Canada. The same code is to be used by international travelers on United, United Express, or Lufthansa.

Reservations may be made through United or a travel professional. In the U.S. or Canada, contact United’s MeetingsPlus reservation service at (800) 521-4041. For international travel, contact your local reservation office. As a bonus, you can earn Mileage Plus® miles and receive specials discounts on car rentals with the Hertz Corporation (www.hertz.com).

Need to Share a Room in Washington, DC?

If you would like to have more spending money to take in some of the “must see” sights while in Washington, DC during the AAFS 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.

Special Accommodations

If you have a disability that may impact your participation at the 60th AAFS Anniversary Meeting, please check the appropriate box on the AAFS Pre-Registration Form (page 23), 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.

Badge Alert!

It is the policy at AAFS annual meetings for attendees to have name badges in order to enter special sessions, workshops, breakfasts, and scientific sessions. In the past, attendees and guests have been allowed to enter the Exhibit Hall without a badge. Please note, this year ALL functions will require a name badge in order to enter. Attendees, guests, the press, anyone will not be allowed entrance to any function without a badge. This policy will be strictly enforced, so please come prepared.
# 2008 Workshops Announced

Twenty-three workshops and one workshort have been accepted for the 2008 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 23 today!

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| #14| 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Postmortem Toxicology: Interpretation of Drug Concentrations in Hair | Christine Moore, PhD         | Timothy P. Rohrig, PhD                  |
| #15| 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. | Measurements, Statistics, Terminology, and Quantitative Methods: Uses and Interpretations in Physical/Forensic Anthropology | Anthony B. Falsetti, PhD     | John E. Byrd, PhD; Joseph T. Hefner, PhD; Stephen D. Ousley, PhD; Ann H. Ross, PhD; Shanna Williams, MA |
| #16| 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | DNA Mixture Interpretation: Principles and Practice in Component Deconvolution and Statistical Analysis | Gary G. Shutter, PhD        | John M. Butler, PhD; Ann Marie Gross, MS |
| #17| 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Documentation, Collection, and Examination of Fabric Impressions | Ted R. Schwartz, MS          | Clyde A. Wells, MFS                    |
#18 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Truth and Deception: An Overview of the Theoretical Basis for and the Empirical Support of Emerging Technologies and New Approaches in the Research of the Defense Academy for Credibility Assessment  
Chair: Frank Horvath, PhD; Co-Chair: John R. Schwartz, MPA

#19 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. “The Devil is in the Details,” Homicide Investigations, Trial Preparation, and Testimony  
Chair: Rod Englert, BS; Co-Chairs: Dayle L. Hinman, BS; Stacy Running Rodriguez, JD; James P. Subjack, JD

#20 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The Healthcare Serial Killer: Prevention, Investigation, and Prosecution Strategies  
Chair: Mary K. Sullivan, MSN; Co-Chair: Janet Barber Duval, MSN

#21 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The Impact of Confirmational Bias and Context Effect on Report Writing in the Forensic Science Laboratory  
Chair: Joseph P. Bono, MA; Co-Chair: Ronald L. Singer, MS

#22 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Don’t Bomb in Court: How Arson and Bomb Scene Investigators and Laboratory Personnel Can Survive a Daubert or Frye Scientific Evidence Hearing in Court  
Chair: Bernard A. Raum, JD, MFS; Co-Chair: Joseph J. Maltese, JD

#23 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Marijuana Induced Psychosis  
Chair: Vina R. Spiehler, PhD; Co-Chair: Stephen Bates Billick, MD

Tuesday Morning Workshort Scheduled

TUESDAY – FEBRUARY 19
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
WS1 Tool Shed Murders: A Workshort on Injury Characteristics in Blunt Trauma Homicides Involving Common Tools  
Chair: Leah L.E. Bush, MD; Co-Chair: Wendy M. Gunther, MD

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.
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.
2008 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 Carl McClary. 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 19**

B1  Cracking the Zodiac Cipher  
*Daniel B. Olson, MS*

B2  Managing in the Forensic Sciences: Practicalities & Politics  
*Elizabeth A. Laposata, MD*

**WEDNESDAY — FEBRUARY 20**

B3  Human Identification in a Post 9/11 World: Attack on American Airlines Flight 77 and the Pentagon Identification and Pathology  
*Craig T. Mallak, JD, MD*

B4  Maximizing Forensics Advocacy: Making “I’m From the Government and I’m Here to Help...” Work  
*Barry A.J. Fisher, MS, MBA; Peter M. Marone, MS; Beth Lavach*

**THURSDAY — FEBRUARY 21**

B5  Bringing Forensic Science to the Battlefield: An Exploration of the Emergence of Forensic Techniques in Evaluating Evidence in Iraq and Afghanistan  
*Paul Shannon, MS*

B6  Memorial Hospital Deaths (Hurricane Katrina) — Forensic, Medical, Legal, Ethical and Societal Perspectives  
*Cyril H. Wecht, MD, JD*

**FRIDAY — FEBRUARY 22**

B7  The Parachute Case  
*Frederick H. Panhorst, MSM; David A. Flohr, MSFS*

B8  Tom Krauss Memorial Bite Mark Breakfast: 2008 — Current Developments in Photographic Technology for Bite Mark Documentation  
*Gregory S. Golden, DDS; Franklin D. Wright, DMD*

Luncheon Seminars

An educational venue is being offered again at the 2008 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 21**

#1  “Crime Scene” Inside the World of Real CSIs  
*Connie M. Fletcher, PhD*

**FRIDAY — FEBRUARY 22**

#2  Prospective Risk Analysis of Health Care Serial Killers  
*Katherine Ramsland, PhD; Zachary R. Lysek, BA*

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: Nancy Jackson, AAFS, 410 North 21st Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80904. Submissions must be received by December 31, 2007.

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 to the AAFS Annual Scientific Meeting
- Acceptance of the paper for presentation at the Psychiatry & Behavioral Science Section of the AAFS Annual Scientific 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
BRING YOUR OWN SLIDES (PowerPoint)  
BYOS.ppt
Wednesday Evening: 8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

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 2008 AAFS Annual Meeting in Washington, DC:

- To present at BYOS.ppt presentations must be in PowerPoint format. 35mm slides are no longer be accepted.
- Proposals must be 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 per 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: _____________________
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE 2008 AAFS ANNUAL MEETING

The 2008 AAFS Annual Meeting is scheduled for February 18-23, 2008, in Washington, DC. 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. This 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 Nancy Jackson for the AAFS Registration Form. Please note: Individuals receiving complimentary registration are not eligible for continuing education credit.

Although AAFS Members do not receive complimentary registration for volunteering, the Academy needs 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 an information form. Credit Card information is now required, however, your card will only be charged should you attend the meeting for free and fail to fulfill your volunteer commitment*. Volunteer Applications must be received no later than December 1, 2007, and are accepted on a first come, first served basis. Incomplete forms will not be accepted.

AAFS Office Administration  Luncheons  Plenary Session  Registration Desk
Breakfast Seminars  Special Sessions  2009 Meeting Promotion Booth  Scientific Sessions
Workshops/Workshops  Student Academy  Local Information Booth  Section Business Meetings

AAFS 60th 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 [ ] Member #__________
The best way to contact me during the meeting is: [ ] Phone [ ] Email [ ] Other ______________
Ex. 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 Washington, DC on ________________________ and depart on ________________________
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 requests however there is no guarantee your requests will match our needs.

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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, 2007 to:

Nancy Jackson
AAFS
410 North 21st St.
Colorado Springs, CO 80904-2798
Fax: (719) 636-1993
Email: njackson@aafs.org

*Form must be filled out completely. Incomplete forms will not be accepted.
Autumn is a time for reflection and preparation for the coming winter. After reviewing the Policies and Procedure Manual one fine fall day it was discovered that there are inactive standing committees - still on the books - that should be reinvigorated. Two of these committees are the Regional Association and Member Relations Committees. The Regional Association Committee is made up of representatives from each of the regional forensic science associations. The Committee’s purpose is to unite the regional societies by bringing together representatives from each - NEAFS, MAAFS, SAFS, MAFS, SWAFS, NWAFS, and CAC - as well as others who are interested; AFTE and IAI, for example. The Regional Association Committee’s goals are to provide a conduit for communication, exchange ideas, collaborate, and to discourage duplication of effort among and between the regional associations. The regional association presidents have been contacted to coordinate these organizations and their participation on the Committee. The other committee needing to be reactivated - the Member Relations Committee - is designed to encourage interaction between members at the annual meeting and to attract qualified new members and acquaint them with the functions and programs of the Criminalistics Section and the Academy. Thank you to all the members who volunteered to serve on committees and serve the Criminalistics Section.

Additionally, there are some committees that may have outlived their usefulness. We will discuss these and other important issues at the Criminalistics Section Business meeting at the annual meeting in February in Washington, DC. All voting members are encouraged to attend the meeting on Wednesday, February 20, 2008, at 1:30pm. We will have a lunch prior to the meeting; the lunch starts at 12:30. Active members mean a strong and successful Criminalistics Section. Plan to attend the business meeting and help direct the future of the Criminalistics Section.

The preliminary program is complete, and the diversity of interesting topics for this year’s annual meeting will likely fill two rooms to their capacity for two days. Here’s a preview of the 2008 Engineering Sciences Program.

Walter Goldstein has organized a one day, Multidisciplinary Session between the Engineering Sciences, Jurisprudence, and Psychiatry & Behavioral Science Sections called the Sick Building Syndrome Symposium. This symposium will address microbial contamination, mold, moisture, and airborne microorganisms as they relate to human exposure in buildings and work environments. Many presentations address testing for contamination as well as the introduction of new diagnostic techniques. Be sure not to miss this session.

The Environmental section fills one day of presentations dedicated to such topics as the credibility of testing techniques, automobile shredder residue, and ground water plume investigations. Many fascinating presentations will be found here for sure.

The number of Accident Reconstruction, Forensic Testing, and Biomedical submissions were so overwhelming that this year’s program provides two full days of these presentations.
Many new authors have contributed to the program. Authors will share the results of their testing with regard to automobile fuel systems, seat belts and seat backs. Several presentations will provide recently acquired information from automobile bumper-to-bumper and bumper-to-barrier testing, as well as vehicle tow dolly testing. These and many other diverse topics will keep you in your seats.

From here, the 2008 AAFS program looks like a grand success, so be sure and plan your travel itinerary well in advance.

**GENERAL**

*Source: Robert C. Gaffney, MFS, MBA, Section Secretary*

General Section Chair Paul Kish and Secretary Robert Gaffney are in the process of reviewing applications for membership, as well as for promotion within the General Section. Two avenues to insure promotion are attendance at the General Section Business meeting and volunteering as a committee member or moderator which is done at the business meeting. Please plan to attend and support the General Section. Last year we had a tremendous turnout! Thank you for your support. Bring a friend and colleague for another large turnout in the Nation’s Capital.

Program Committee Chair Joanna Collins and Co-Chair Ron Meyers have reviewed the submitted abstracts and are putting together the General Section Program schedule. They have accepted 69 presentations and 16 posters for the program in Washington, DC. The program will have two scientific sessions covering two days (Thursday and Friday). Thanks to all who have taken the time to submit their abstracts for presentation. Your submissions make the General Section’s Scientific Program a success. Special thanks to Joanna and Ron for their efforts in this difficult task.

Awards Committee Chair Alan Boehm is pleased to announce that they have selected the recipients of the General Section’s Awards. The Awards Committee has also reviewed several applicants’ abstracts 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 Washington, DC. All of the award winners will be announced and awards presented during the General Section Business Meeting.

**General Section Student Scholarship**

The General Section Scholarship Committee is offering two $500.00 Scholarships to be awarded in 2008. 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 Steven Gilbert 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, 2007.

**JURISPRUDENCE**

*Source: Joseph J. Maltese, JD, Section Secretary*

The Jurisprudence Section will sponsor a joint program on Sick Buildings at the 2008 AAFS Annual Meeting in Washington, DC in February. The Jurisprudence and Criminalistics Sections will also co-sponsor a very productive workshop entitled Angst to Ecstasy: Consulting/Expert Witness Compensation.

The Jurisprudence Section Program Co-Chairs, Robert Forrest (robertforrest@mac.com) and Paul Singer (paul.singer@oag.state.tx.us) are seeking moderators and participants for the various programs. Please contact them as soon as possible if you are interested in participating.

Criminal defense attorney Michael Tighe will be the guest speaker at the Jurisprudence Section luncheon Wednesday, February 20, 2008.

Make reservations early for the conference. Information about the sponsoring hotels is located on the AAFS website: www.aafs.org. Please contact your Section Secretary at: jmaltese@courts.state.ny.us with any interesting bits of news you would like to share with the section.

**ODONTOLOGY**

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

The cooler weather and football here in the Midwest reminds us that winter is just around the corner. This, of course, means that it is time to make your plans to attend the 60th Anniversary Meeting in Washington DC.

Section Program Chair Richard Weems has put together an interesting scientific program for Thursday and Friday. Dr. Weems reports that there will be 53 presentations and posters. The subject material will be diverse, including research in Forensic Odontology, bite marks, unusual individual identification, and dental team response to mass disaster situations.

At the Odontology Section Business Meeting on Wednesday a proposed by-law will be discussed and voted on regarding Continuing Education requirements for membership within the section. Also at this meeting an election will be held for the new section officers. The nomination committee has submitted the following slate of candidates for the elections: Odontology Section Chair – Gary Berman; Odontology Secretary – Richard Weems; Odontology Program Co-Chairs – Paula Brumit and Barry Lipton. Also join us at the section business meeting for the presentation of the Reidar Sognnaes Award to Edward Herschat and the presentation of the Lester Luntz Award to David Sweet. Congratulations to both of these award recipients.

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Committee be without him?!

The year is turning quickly as the leaves change colors and fall away, the Cubs choke again in the postseason, and winter is on its way. This means that the 2008 AAFS Annual Meeting Program in Washington, DC is nearing completion as the AAFS Staff, section officers, and program committee are working hard to finalize plans. It looks to be a full, informative, and excellent meeting. You are strongly encouraged to make your plans now for hotel accommodations as the rooms will fill very quickly. From early workshops to the business meetings, through the scientific sessions, there are too many reasons not to arrive early and stay late.

Section Program Chair Kim Collins has organized the scientific program after reviewing over 130 abstracts and selecting the best for platform and poster presentations. It will be a full program extending to Saturday noon, as usual. Notices of acceptance for presentation are mailed the first week in November. Thank you to all who submitted abstracts.

Prior to the scientific sessions, the Pathology/Biology Section Business Meeting will be conducted and all are encouraged to attend. A special guest surprise speaker arranged by Section Chair Andrew Baker will address the meeting during our 2nd Annual Luncheon. During the meeting we will receive an update on the Ohio Organ Retention Litigation currently being reviewed by the Ohio Supreme Court. AAFS Pathology/Biology Section Board Representative Tracey Corey has spearheaded the initiative to draft a supportive statement for the need to retain and arrange for the disposition of certain organs and tissues for extended examination after autopsy. Past Section Chair Victor Weedn continues to monitor the situation. Hopefully, the AAFS Board will pass this important supportive resolution essential to the practice of forensic pathology. This year, two distinguished Fellows of the section will be recognized for their service to forensic pathology and forensic biology.

All who wish to become more active in the Pathology/Biology Section are encouraged to contact Section Chair Andrew Baker, Secretary Scott Denton, or Past Program Chair Craig Mallak at the meeting. There are numerous committees and it is an outstanding way to impact the future of the profession. Serving on committees, and workshop and scientific session presentations are the paths to promotion to Member and to Fellow and ultimately to leadership within the Pathology/Biology Section and the Academy. It is an interesting time in the forensic sciences and this is our future. Become involved.

Finally, the section officers and section as a whole continue to wish Jack Frost a speedy ongoing recovery and want to let him know that he is in all our thoughts. What would the Academy Student Academy Program and Pathology/Biology Best Resident Paper Committee be without him?!!
Our ever faithful colleague Richard Rosner has begun following up his Isaac Ray Award from the American Psychiatric Association. He spoke on September 18 to the Association’s Genesse County District Branch in Rochester, N., at their Steinberg Dinner held in the elegant facilities of the Strong Memorial Art Museum. His presentation was entitled Professional Ethical Codes: What Makes Them Right? He spoke the next morning to the University of Rochester Medical Center’s grand rounds in psychiatry. We look forward to his even finer revised offering at the upcoming annual meeting.

Finally, a sad piece of news must be shared with all. It is the death of our colleague Michael Rivard. Dr. Rivard was the winner of the 2001 AAFS Psychiatry and Behavioral Science Section’s Rosner Award, given as you know for the best paper by a fellow in forensic psychiatry. He was respected and well liked by his colleagues and mentors.

Please send any news to jlmyoung@pol.net.

QUESTIONED DOCUMENTS

Source: Jane A. Lewis, MFS, Section Secretary

The 2008 meeting in Washington, DC, is fast approaching. Although October 1 was the deadline for membership or promotion applications, members should encourage any colleague who meets the requirements for membership to apply for membership in the Questioned Documents Section. Please inquire at www.aafs.org for information regarding applications, requirements, membership classifications, and benefits.

Bridgette Frost and Ted Burkes have arranged tours of the National Postal Museum and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Joseph Stephens, Danna Bicknell, and Gerry LaPorte of the USSS are developing a workshop on The Application of Color Analysis and Light Theory in the Examination of Documents. A special thanks to Foster and Freeman for donating the use of equipment for the color and light workshop. Highlights from a developing agenda include a presentation from a historical paper curator from the U.S. Holocaust Museum on the preservation of a charred World War II diary and a presentation from a government code-breaker on codes or ciphers in documents.

Please contact the Section Program Co-Chairs Ted Burkes (Ted.Burkes@ic.fbi.gov; (703) 632-7313) or Bridgette Frost (Bridgette.Frost@ic.fbi.gov; (703)632-7303) with any questions regarding the upcoming meeting.

TOXICOLOGY

Source: Robert A. Middleberg, PhD, Section Chair

Let’s see, football season is in full throttle, the leaves are changing (at least on the east coast) and ... and ... and ... the upcoming AAFS meeting in Washington, DC, is closer to reality than just a thought. The deadlines for abstract submission and section promotion requests have long passed. So, what’s left to do? Within the Toxicology Section, due to the wonderful work of Section Program Chair Jeri Roper-Miller and Workshop Chair Ken Perslew, the section is in good readiness for the meeting. Further guaranteeing that the section will have a stimulating meeting is the support of our vendors. The following organizations have once again pledged support: Aegis Sciences; Agilent; Cerilliant; Immunalysis; NMS Labs; Neogen; Shamrock Glass; United Chemical Technologies; and Waters.

In respect to the program, in addition to the special sessions on Drugs and Driving and Pediatric Toxicology, as well as the joint session with the Pathology/Biology Section focusing on medical devices, there will be over 65 oral and poster presentations. The Toxicology Section will have four workshops in addition to the others put forward by other sections. As usual, the program will have tremendous scientific strength accompanied by the usual entertainment interludes.

As you know, this meeting will mark the completion of Toxicology Section Fellow Bruce Goldberger’s term as President of the AAFS. He has had an exciting year and will leave a positive impact on the Academy. As a matter thanks for his efforts, each of you should plan on attending the meeting to share in our appreciation for his time and devotion.

Lastly, as I finish out my tenure as section Chair, there is one particular observation I’d like to share. When assuming responsibility as Chair, I inquired of past chairs as to what I should be doing. Almost across the board the facetious answer was “nothing.” I knew that that couldn’t be true, and in reality it is not. Certainly there are such mundane duties as section budget and newsletter entries, but then there are more significant responsibilities like selecting the potential chair of the section three years removed and AAFS committee meetings and actions; but what I thought would be most significant would be the disposition of section members’ questions, complaints, etc.

Remarkably, I have received no such items. It would be disingenuous for me to believe that none exist and my sincere hope is that apathy is not at the root cause. I urge all section members to be active and ask how the section leadership and the Academy can help you individually or the cause of forensic toxicology. For the incoming chair, I hope this plea makes you busier than you can imagine, certainly not for the benefit of your health, but for the health of the section and the AAFS.

In Memoriam

Howard Doulader, Retired Fellow of the Questioned Documents Section, August 2004
James Hicks, MD, PhD, JD, LLM, Retired Fellow of the Pathology/Biology Section, May 2007
After lengthy review of many research proposals, the Forensic Sciences Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients of the Lucas and Acorn Grants for this year. As in previous years, the competition was keen for the limited pool of research funds. Each of the proposals submitted was well-prepared and sought to answer questions of value to the forensic sciences. It is exciting to see that more people are participating in the grant proposal process. As with previous years, several excellent proposals were submitted from nearly all sections of the Academy.

The FSF Lucas Grant recipients are:
- **Ruth Waddell, PhD** - $2,400 for *Detection of Gunshot Residue From Larvae and Decomposing Tissue Samples Using Inductively Coupled Plasma-Mass Spectrometry (ICP-MS)*
- **Chris Coleman** - $2,400 for *Synthetic Tissue Simulants*
- **Daniele Podini** - $4,000 for *Design and Development of a New Forensic DNA Kit for Somatic Traits and Geographical Origin Inference of Individuals*

The FSF Acorn Grant Recipients are:
- **Daniele Podini** - $500 for *The Molecular Basis of Microvariant STR Allele at the D21S11 Locus Using Forensic DNA Identification*
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- **Cheryl A. Johnston, PhD** - $250 for *A Wear Analysis of Cutting Tools: Implications for Dismemberment Cases*

To each of the awardees, congratulations are extended from the Foundation for your outstanding proposals. To those applicants who did not receive funding this year, please consider submitting another proposal in the future. A special thank you goes out to the members of the grant proposal review committee for their contributions to the awards process. Without the review committee donating many hours to the review process, the job would simply not get done.

The American Academy of Forensic Sciences 60th Anniversary Meeting is rapidly approaching. This meeting is a fantastic opportunity to increase your knowledge in the various areas of forensic expertise. Each of you has received notification to pay the annual dues necessary to maintain membership in the most prestigious and highly respected forensic organization in the world. Please note that with your dues statement, you have the opportunity to contribute to the Forensic Sciences Foundation.

I don’t need to remind anyone about the importance of each contribution to the Foundation and how critical your contributions are to the ongoing operations of the Foundation. Having said that, please read and respond to the following reminder (with an attached challenge to the sections) to make a contribution to the Foundation.

During the last year, “I Gave an Hour” program has been very well received with many Academy members contributing that amount (or more) to the Foundation. Although several Academy members have chosen to participate in the “I Gave an Hour” program, in order to continue the Foundation’s work, the Foundation needs every Academy member’s support — no matter how small. Contributions in the $30 to $50 range continue to mean so very much to the Foundation. It is my opinion that giving an hour’s income to the Foundation is not too much to ask from those who have received so much from the forensic sciences. A true perspective of our request for commitment to the “I Gave an Hour” program can be appreciated by understanding that the financial equivalent of one hour of your time represents about 1/2000th (0.005%) of your annual income. This would appear to be a modest financial request of the general membership.

**John D. McDowell, DDS, MS**
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The Forensic Sciences Foundation (FSF) is proud to announce that Julie Lesniak, BS, is the recipient of the 2nd Annual FSF Jan S. Bashinski Criminalistics Graduate Thesis Assistance Grant. Julie received her bachelor’s degree from Purdue University in West Lafayette, IN, and is currently pursuing a master’s degree in analytical chemistry at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis under the direction of Dr. Jay Siegel, the Director of Forensic & Investigative Sciences. Julie’s master’s thesis project, entitled “Forensic Characterization of Hair Dyes,” is a comprehensive study of red hair dyes that involves using a battery of analytical instrumentation to differentiate between dyes on hair samples. After completing her thesis work, Julie plans to pursue a career as an analytical chemist.

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.

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AAFS Chronicles — Do You Remember When?

Source: Ken Field, Academy Historian

In 1947 . . .

. . . planning for the first Academy meeting (to be held in 1948) was no easy task. R.B.H. Gradwohl and his friends Sidney Kaye (Toxicology) and Orville Richardson (Jurisprudence) were not too sure which disciplines were properly called forensic sciences and definitely did not know who the individual scientists were. After much research, they agreed that they would seek out scientists who performed forensic duties in immunology, jurisprudence, pathology, police science, psychiatry, questioned documents, and toxicology. The final list of those notified of the pending meeting was purely a product of friends telling friends about the meeting. It must have worked because 150 scientists registered for the very successful 1948 meeting.

In 1957 . . .

. . . the annual meeting experienced a very lively and sometimes heated discussion period following a Plenary presentation, entitled “Confessions of a Cross-Examiner.” The presenter was Erle Stanley Gardner, Fellow of the Jurisprudence Section.

In 1967 . . .

. . . it wasn’t all fun and games at the 1967 Annual Meeting held in Honolulu. The Executive Committee pondered several serious issues. It tabled a resolution wherein the Academy would declare itself in favor of re-opening the Warren Commission Report covering the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. At the Annual Business Meeting the membership approved a motion to allow the membership to override Executive Committee “membership decisions” by a 3/4 vote of those in attendance and eligible to vote. This abolished a long standing practice of interviewing each applicant for membership within the AAFS.

In 1977 . . .

. . . the first Student Academy Program (then called the Junior Academy) was held at the annual meeting in San Diego. Conceived by Clyde Snow and assisted by Art Goldman, it was designed to acquaint selected high school students and children of meeting attendees with the role of forensic science in the legal system. It was such a resounding success it became a permanent feature of Academy meetings.

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In the first week, beginning October 1, of its 2007 term the United States Supreme Court heard argument (United States v. Santos, 461 F. 3d 886 (7th Cir. 2006)) on the intention of Congress in enacting the federal money laundering law. The specific point at issue is whether the word “proceeds” in the statute (18 U.S.C. 1956(a)(1)) includes all the money garnered from illegal activities, (gross income) as the government contends, or only the profits, (the net) as defendant Santos argues.

One word, loosely placed without definition in a federal statute, will now draw the attention of the highest court in the land where words predominate as the backdrop or more in the court’s decision-making.

Take the word evanescent which had its law enforcement genesis in an opinion of Justice Stewart in Cupp v. Murphy (412 U.S. 291 (1993)) where fingernail scrapings were authorized to be taken without the preliminary of a search warrant since the trace evidence to be disclosed by such scrapings was said to be evanescent. By evanescent, the high court meant that the evidence was so changeable that its presence could be negated in the blink of a gnat’s eye (not the phrasing of the Supreme Court). Consequently evidence whose availability is dependent on an abbreviated span of time, like the ethanol content of blood, gives law enforcement the latitude to bypass the constitutional constraints of the Fourth Amendment’s search warrant requirement in order to capture the evidence before its disappearance or dissolution.

Forensic scientists are fully cognizant that some evidence has the quality of evanescence, terming it, instead, liability due to its unstable nature or its being subject to time-programmed change. Many chemical compounds are of this order. However, to amateur philologists (word mavens), such fleeting or transitory or time-dependent evidence might more generally and properly be called fugacious. Once again, England’s Chief Justice Mansfield had his eye on the prize when he stated “Most of the disputes in the world arise from words.” (Morgan v. Jones (1773) Lofft 160, 176)

It would be a lawyer’s paradise if “all words have a fixed, precisely ascertained meaning” exclaimed James Bradley Thayer in his 1898 Preliminary Treatise on Evidence at the Common Law 428 (1898). But such is not the case in or out of the law.

Every jurisdiction from California and beyond has its own vision of what to call a traffic calming device which device forces vehicular traffic to decelerate to a slower pace. In Los Angeles the signings warn the motorist of a speed “bump” in the offing whereas in Virginia such signs telegraph either the imminence of a speed “hump” or a traffic “table.” But in Sacramento, California the signs, speaking presumptively to a more linguistically educated motoring public, give warning of “undulations” ahead.

In striking contrast to the multiplicity of words to explain to the dumfounded motoring public what lies ahead on the roadway, some words have a multiplicity and diversity of meanings. And that is true of even some one letter words like “B.” B in science could denote the chemical element boron or it might signify a blood type, not to forget its presence on the shelves of natural food stores as a vitamin. But, contrariwise, in musicology it would signify a scale having B as the keynote. Lest we forget, B is also less than A in terms of academic grading.

The Equivocal Criminality of Grooming

Other words abounding in law enforcement also have a significance in more than one context. One such word is “grooming.” Let us here attend to that word.

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The Words We Use cont.

To some persons who hear the word grooming, the thought that immediately springs to mind centers on haberdashery, especially to persons who are either well-groomed or of the other kind. In a more limited compass grooming, to equestrians, signifies that a horse is being well cared for. However, in law enforcement circles to speak of grooming is not to suggest that the subject is well-prepared for a legitimate employment, as in the case of being groomed for public office.

In the patois of law enforcement, grooming is a term of opprobrium, connoting the ensnarement or exploitation of a young and immature person by one bent on sexual gratification, generally of the pedophilic type. Such persons could be aptly described, after the classification of Lewis Carroll, as pedophilic snarks or unimaginably beastly even though Bob McLachlan, the former head of the Metropolitan Police Pedophile Unit in London, was want to say with regularity that “monsters do not get children, nice men do.” (Long, B. and McLachlan, B., The Hunt for Britain’s Pedophiles, 2002).

State v. Jacobson, a decision from the Connecticut Supreme Court, (2007 WL 2301904) on August 21, 2007, is illustrative of the snarkish scenario of pedophilic grooming. Scott Jacobson coached a hockey team providing him with a sinister opportunity to befriend young boys. In his dual roles as coach and seducer he found himself convicted on nine counts of sexual misconduct with two children - one being seven and his friend who was nine.

Jacobson met the younger boy (“A”) in 1995 when he was the coach of A’s older brother’s hockey team. A’s mother was at the time in distress over her marital situation and Jacobson came to her aid by ferrying A’s older brother as well as A to and from hockey team practices. Things went from the seemingly innocuous to the glaringly odious which is a principal problem definitionally with criminal grooming. When is an innocent but suggestively intimate relationship transformed into a deliberately criminal one, where the sexual consummation has not yet provably occurred?

Jacobson worked his way into the good graces of A by assisting him with his homework while at the same time he became so well received by A’s mother that he was invited to become A’s godfather. That status enabled him to have A sleep at his house a number of times each week. Jacobson’s attachment to A included his signing him up to play on a youth football team where Jacobson met nine year old B, with whom he quickly developed a close relationship. In large part Jacobson’s connection with B, as it was with A, was predicated on the fact that B’s mother needed support after her divorce and Jacobson readily stepped in as part of the mother’s “support system.”

As it was with A, Jacobson was there to help B with his homework and to take B into his home for overnights on a frequent basis. Even when miles separated Jacobson the had moved in 1999 to Florida) from A and B he still kept close to them via a cell phone he purchased for B, calling him regularly to check on B’s progress at school. But Jacobson’s living in Florida did not prevent him from visiting A and B during his periodic visits to Connecticut. On occasion Jacobson’s visits would include his staying overnight with A and B, sleeping in a connected bed with B where B alleged Jacobson had engaged in oral sex under the covers with him.

At Jacobson’s state trial the prosecution introduced the testimony of Lisa Radigan, a licensed clinical social worker and former child abuse services coordinator for a local agency. Without objection Radigan explained the grooming process by which adults seduce children for sexual purposes. Radigan detailed four stages in the grooming process starting with seeking out a child to be exploited, then learning about the child, continuing to securing the child’s unblushing trust and then “engaging in inappropriate conduct with the child,” not rising to the level of actual sexual abuse, so as to assess whether the child will report the behavior to adult authorities, including the child’s mother. Radigan termed this fourth stage “pushing the line ...” since the reaction of the child will either lead to sexual abuse by the groomer or the groomer will back off.

Alistair A. Gillespie, another knowledgeable commentator on the insidious working of the groomer, has identified five possible stages in the gradual process of grooming a child with illegitimate sexual intent. They are:

- the friendship stage which will be entirely innocent of wrongdoing;
- the relationship stage in which the friendship becomes “special”, albeit not yet sexual;
- the exclusivity stage in which the child comes to depend on the groomer even in preference to parental oversight;
- the sexual stage during which either sexual contact occurs or sexual fantasies are explored;
- the contact stage when the child and the adult have sexual relations either consensually or surreptitiously (without contemporaneous objection by the child as happened in Jacobson)

It is to be noted that both Radigan, the state’s expert in State v. Jacobson and Gillespie, in his extended essay, have chosen the word “stages” to elucidate the gradual process of grooming. They might just as readily and correctly have characterized the stages as phases or levels. In current fingerprint comparisons the word “level” has become the preferred word to describe the technique that is utilized by fingerprint examiners. As in speed “humps” and elsewhere there are many competing terms to encompass the same subject matter. Why one is chosen over another could be the subject of another essay, by another writer.

Jacobson had not been charged with grooming as an offense but, rather, with the sexual misconduct to which it ineluctably culminated. Grooming in the absence of the sexual contact to which it is directed would not be a criminal offense unless such inchoate behavior were either punishable as such or as being sufficiently proximate to the completed sex act to constitute an attempt to commit it.

However, in Canada grooming a child is designated as “luring a child” under Section 172.1 of the Criminal Code making it an offense to communicate with a child through the agency of a computer with a demonstrated intent to perpetrate a sexual offense.

Whereas in England, Wales, and Scotland, grooming is named as a separate punishable offense even where the victim is a pretender, like a police officer playing the part of a juvenile, and no crime beyond a meeting between the offender and the child with proof of the criminal
intent of the adult occurs. (See R v. T, (2005) EWCA Crim 2681 where a nine year old girl was approached by the 43 year old accused. The girl notified the authorities and the accused, considered to be “a relentless, predatory pedophile” because of his prior criminal conduct, was sentenced to an extended term which was confirmed by England’s Court of Appeal.)

Furthermore, it is clear that grooming a child can occur both offline and online or even in a combination of the two, even though the current statutory emphasis seems to be to extirpate it by criminalization when it occurs online. See chapter 11 of the Maine Criminal Code. (Title 17-A Maine Revised Statutes section 259 (2007) which characterizes it to be a criminal act for a person to solicit “a child by a computer to commit a prohibited act.”

Probably the most extensive media and law enforcement coverage to online grooming occurred recently in the international arena over a 35 year old former Marine from Michigan, one Toby Studabaker, who conducted an active online seduction of a 12-year-old English girl from the Wigan area (within the environs of Manchester) in England over the period of a year until in July 2003 he traveled to England to meet with her. Studabaker, a Bible college graduate with service in the Marines in Afghanistan, met the girl on neopets.com, a children’s website.

After having taken the girl to a hotel in Paris, France where he had sex with her, the girl was returned to her home, while Studabaker traveled to Germany where he was apprehended and extradited to England. Studabaker pleaded guilty in Manchester Crown Court and was sentenced in April 2004 to four years imprisonment.

After serving three years of his sentence, Studabaker was deported from England back to the United States where he has been indicted in federal court in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on numerous counts concerning his Internet emails, instant messaging, and text messaging through cellular telephones with the English 12-year-old girl.

Studabaker has drawn the close attention of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide program to protect children from on line exploitation. The project can be visited at www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

The Problem with Words
The problem with words, like the word grooming, is, in a word, one of fit. The word chosen must suit that which is to be envisioned by it.

Grooming is too genteel to image such a base course of conduct as the sexual targeting of a child, whether on or off the computer. Consequently misunderstandings can and do occur.

Even to preface grooming with the qualifier “child”, so that it would, as child grooming, be distinguishable from other forms of acceptable grooming would not, in my view, suffice for clarification. The word grooming just does not immediately signify criminal wrongdoing. The word is just not coarse enough. But other words could be called to that task. My selection would be “suckering,” even more precisely “child sexual suckering”

If no new term is found we are left with the word “grooming” which is as misleading and elusive in its undifferentiated meaning as the word “profits” in the federal money laundering statute, now under interpretive review in the United States Supreme Court. Litigation is not a ready yellow brick road to comprehension unless the facts proved establish more than the grooming from which alone a criminal intent is perceived to exist. And grooming, after the view of T.S. Eliot in another context, is as “a way of putting it – not very satisfactory: ... Leaving one still with the intolerable wrestle with words and meanings.”

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http://www.vachss.com/guest_dispatches/grooming.html

AAFS Seeks Your Assistance

The AAFS has been trying to re-establish contact with retired members for whom we no longer have current addresses. Unfortunately, some have been identified as deceased. Please contact AAFS Membership Coordinator Cheryl Hunter (chunter@aafs.org) if you have any information regarding the following members.

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Academy News
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Knoxville, TN

Bock, Sarah B., AB
Erie, PA

Brand, Heather J., BA
Victoria, Canada

Brandt, Elizabeth T., BA
San Marcos, TX

Brotherton, Keri L., BA
San Marcos, TX

Brown, Carrie A., BA
Clack, CA

Bruckner, Mandy, BA
San Marcos, TX

Bynes, Jennifer F., BS
Rochester, NY
Forensic Science in the Public Eye

Greetings from your YFSF program committee! We are excited to announce our final line-up of speakers for the 2008 YFSF Special Session! Planning for the DC meeting has been underway for several months now, and we are excited to see a session full of interesting and exciting topics. This year’s theme is Forensic Science in the Public Eye. Throughout the day we will hear from a variety of different speakers from a wide range of forensic science disciplines.

• Dr. Michael Baden, *Death is My Teacher*
• Ms. Linda Kenny Baden, *Searching for Justice*
• Dr. Henry Lee, *Lessons Learned From High Profile Cases*
• Dr. Kathy Reichs, *Forensic Anthropology: From Crime Lab to Crime Fiction*
• Ms. Natalie Shirley, *Re-evaluating Methods in Forensic Anthropology: Age Determination From the Clavicular Epiphyses*
• Ms. Dayle Hinman, *Criminal Profiling*
• Dr. Robert Powers, *Forensic Toxicology*
• Dr. Lynn Kimsey, *Forensic Entomology in the Public Eye: The Vincent Brother’s Case.*
• Dr. Allison Curran, *Canine Forensics*

Our nationwide lineup of speakers is sure to catch your interest with the fascinating work they have accomplished in their fields. The presenters are eager to share their memorable forensic experiences as well as touch on how they do their jobs when the world is watching. Register now for the YFSF Special Session and please note that admission includes one free lunch, one free breakfast session, a poster session, and a bring your own slides event! So, mark your calendars for February’s meeting, stay tuned for more updates, and get ready for another great YFSF Special Session in Washington, DC!

— Jennifer W. Mercer, BS
YFSF Program Chair

YFSF Poster Session

The YFSF would like to invite new forensic scientists and students to present their research at the 2008 Poster Session. The YFSF strives to bring new and exciting aspects of forensic science to students. At the YFSF session, students will learn about the different sections of AAFS and the specialties within the forensic community. The Poster Session occurs during the AAFS annual meeting, which is in Washington, DC. Along with the YFSF Poster Session, there are many other events that will exhibit research and casework of new forensic scientists. The goal is to bridge the gap between students or new scientists and professionals. These events include the Bring Your Own Slides Session and the YFSF Breakfast.

In the past, there has been a large turnout for both the YFSF Poster Session and Bring Your Own Slides Session. The poster session is scheduled to occur on February 19th. The poster session is an opportunity for undergraduate and graduate students to present their research or casework. If you have already decided to present in one of the AAFS poster sessions, take the opportunity to present with the YFSF as well.

To participate in the poster session please register by January 1, 2008. You can register by submitting your curriculum vitae and a 1-2 paragraph abstract to YFSFPoster@gmail.com. Please feel free to also submit any questions you may have. The poster session strives to represent many different aspects of forensic sciences and many institutions. All types of research are welcome so please don’t hesitate to submit your abstract. There are limited boards available so submit your abstract soon!

— Arliss Dudley-Cash
YFSF Poster Session Chair
2008 YFSF Annual Breakfast

There has been serious brainstorming within the Young Forensic Scientist Forum as we prepare to bring another session worthy of your attendance. In the past the YFSF Annual Breakfast has traditionally covered what happens during the interview process, how to apply for forensic scientist positions, what education is necessary, as well as a resume review. That has been well received and is always useful to aspiring forensic scientists. Wanting to take it to another level we decided to ask what would motivate you to get out of bed early? A mock testimony complete with critique? A panel of scientist discussing their careers in forensic science? If you have an ideas, questions, or suggestions please feel free to email Jeannette Perr at: AgtSpdr@aol.com.

YFSF Website

The YFSF website is being revamped under the leadership of Amy Richmond Aylor. Amy is looking for help and suggestions, so if you are interested in participating please feel free to email her at amyaylor@gmail.com.

YFSF Website Co-Chair

— Amy Aylor

About the YFSF

The YFSF is dedicated to the education, enrichment, and professional development of young forensic scientists. 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 scientists 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. Outside the Academy meeting 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 Marrah Lachowicz (Gradpath@aol.com) and YFSF Secretary Jeannette Perr (jeannette.perr@fiu.edu) can answer any questions about the YFSF and are looking to many different levels of young forensic scientists participating at next year’s session.

— Jeannette Perr, PhD

YFSF Secretary

the presenters of the YFSF
Bring Your Own Slides are...

You are invited to present during the AAFS 60th Anniversary Scientific Meeting at the Young Forensic Scientists Forum (YFSF) Bring Your Own Slides (BYOS Program)!

The festivities will be held at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, DC, amongst friends, students, and co-workers.

And in case you didn’t know... the “Young” in Young Forensic Scientists includes all students - those who are new to the field, and those who have been in the field for five years or less!

Those who wish to present an interesting case, a research project, or a new technology used at your lab, please RSVP to Erica Blais at Erica.blais@pol.state.ma.us or Missy Smith at msmith@ocme.nyc.gov.

— Amy Aylor

YFSF Website Co-Chair

— Jeannette Perr, PhD

YFSF Secretary

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Internships Revisited

With a new academic year underway, now is an ideal time to look for a summer internships. If you are an undergraduate curious about pursuing a career in forensics or a graduate student requiring some local networking, a summer internship is ideal. Check with your academic advisor and professors for tips on the application process and local intern programs. Do not forget to update your resume or CV before applying. Also, with the advent of modern technology email tends to be the preferred method of communication.

However, do not forget that not all people prefer email. To improve your chances of selection in a competitive market remember a name associated with a face or a phone call may make you stand out from other applicants.

Here are a few interesting internships with corresponding application information. Contacting your local agencies for similar positions is also strongly encouraged. (Please note that the YFSF has no affiliation with these groups nor does the YFSF endorse said entities.)

The Orange County Sheriff-Coroner Department, Forensic Science Services Division
http://www.oc.ca.gov/hr/volunteer/lssdesc.asp
Accepting applications for 2008 summer internships. For earliest consideration, application should be submitted by March 1st. All intern positions with the Forensic Science Services Division are unpaid. Applicants are generally expected to have, or be close to obtaining, a baccalaureate degree (BS) in a natural science or a closely related field. Once an application is made, the selection process includes a review of application materials, an interview, and a thorough background investigation.

Orange County Sheriff-Coroner Department
Forensic Science Services Division
320 North Flower Street
Santa Ana, CA 92703

Minnesota Department of Public Safety
http://www.dps.state.mn.us/bca/lab/documents/Page-03.html
Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, Forensic Science Laboratory, Epstein-Rhoads Intern Program
To provide experience for university and college students who are seriously interested in entering the field of forensic science. This internship program offers the students opportunity for observation of forensic scientists at their work, as well as involvement in working on an assigned laboratory project.

Application Information must be received by:
Spring Internship - Last Friday in September
Summer Internship - Last Friday in February
Fall Internship - Last Friday in May

Judy Novotny, DPS Internship Coordinator
MN Department of Public Safety, Human Resources Division
444 Cedar Street, Suite 135
St. Paul, MN 55101-5135
Office: (651) 201-7379
Fax: (651) 296-5173
Email: judy.novotny@state.mn.us

Westchester County Forensic Laboratory
http://www.westchestergov.com/labsresearch/ForensicandTox/intern.htm
Applications ongoing throughout the academic year and during the summer.

Westchester County Forensic Laboratory
c/o Internship Coordinator
10 Dana Road
Valhalla, NY 10595

Hennepin Sheriff's Crime Lab
http://www.co.hennepin.mn.us/portal/site/HCInternet/search “internship”
The Hennepin County Sheriff’s Office is committed to advancing the training and education of students pursing careers in forensic science. Internships are available with the Hennepin County Sheriff’s Office - Crime Lab Unit that will provide students the opportunity to observe several disciplines in forensic science and give them practical, hands on experience conducting an assigned research project. Internships at the crime lab are unpaid.

Hennepin County Sheriff’s Office
Crime Laboratory Unit
531 Park Ave. South
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415
Attention: Internship Coordinator

Dublin Internship Program
http://www.international-internships.com/dublin.php
The professional practice internship, working 40 hours per week, begins with a one-week orientation designed to acclimate you to the city before beginning the work placement. It will include some social activities, an orientation to the city, and an interview with the internship sponsor. Placements are based on the skills, interests, experience and professional goals of each student, and the project needs and work cycles of the internship sponsors. On-site staff is available 24/7 to assist you as you adjust to your new surroundings.

Dublin is the capital and largest city of the Republic of Ireland where you can work with internationally recognized companies and yet still experience the warmth of a small, vibrant metropolis. Originally founded as a center for the Viking slave trade, the city’s growing economy is an ideal backdrop to experience the rich heritage of Ireland. See website for application information.

FBI Honors Internship Program
http://www.fbijobs.gov/251.asp
Each summer, a special group of outstanding undergraduate and graduate students is selected to participate in the FBI Honors Internship Program in Washington, DC, or at a Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory located throughout the U.S. (www.rcfl.gov).
Meetings and Conferences

NOVEMBER 2007

12-14
International Forensic Science and Forensic Medicine Conference—To be held at the College of Forensic Sciences, Naif Arab University for Security Sciences, in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
CONTACT: Omer Elassam
drarch1954@yahoo.com
www.nauss.edu.sa

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Computer Forensics (First Responder)—To be held at the Institute for Forensic Imaging in Indianapolis, IN. This course is accredited by the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy for .8 Continuing Education Training Units.
CONTACT: Kristy Trumpey
Institute for Forensic Imaging
338 S. Arlington Suite 111
Indianapolis, IN 46219
(317) 336-9245
www.ifi-indy.org

19-20
Property and Evidence Management Training Course—To be held at the Dallas PA Police Department (Luzerne County).
CONTACT: Law Enforcement Training Consultants
(609) 330-9825
www.cop-train.com

28-29
The Computer Forensics Show—To be held in Washington, DC.
CONTACT: Frank Manley
fmanleycs@optonline.net

29-Dec. 1
PRACTICUM 2007 - A Three-Day Seminar on Forensic Odontology—To be held at the Miami Dade Medical Examiner Department in Miami, FL.
CONTACT: Marie Alexander
Course Coordinator
malex@miamidade.gov

DECEMBER 2007

2-3
ASTM International Committee E52 on Forensic Psychophysiology—To be held in at the Tampa Marriott Waterside in Tampa, FL.
CONTACT: Joe Koury
(610) 832-9804
jkoury@astm.org
http://www.astm.org/commit/E52.htm

2-7
The Robert F. Borkenstein Course on Alcohol and Highway Safety: Testing, Research and Litigation—To be held at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN.
CONTACT: Sue Frederickson
Center for Law in Action
Indiana University
Sycamore Hall 302
Bloomington, IN 47405
(812) 855-1783
Fax: (812) 855-7542
slfreder@indiana.edu
www.indiana.edu/~lawactn

5-7
Medicolegal Investigation of Death Conference—To be held at the Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas, NV.
CONTACT: Wayne State University
School of Medicine
101 E. Alexandrine, Garden Level
Detroit, MI 48201
(313) 577-1180
Fax (313) 577-7554
dcme@med.wayne.edu

8
The Winter Meeting of the American Academy of Psychoanalysis and Dynamic Psychiatry—To be held in Tempe, AZ.
CONTACT: AAPDP Executive Office
PO Box 30
Bloomfield, CT 06002
(888) 691-8281
Fax: (860) 286-0787
info@aapdp.org
www.aapdp.org

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10-12
Digital Images Camera to the Courtroom—To be held at the Institute for Forensic Imaging in Indianapolis, IN. This course is accredited by the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy for 2.4 Continuing Education Training Units.
CONTACT: Kristy Trumpey
Institute for Forensic Imaging
338 S. Arlington Suite 111
Indianapolis, IN 46219
(317) 356-0245
www.ifi-indy.org

10-14
Basic Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Workshop—To be held at the Metropolitan Police Institute of the Miami-Dade Police Department in Miami, FL.
CONTACT: Tony L. Wobson, MS
Miami-Dade Police Department
9103 N.W. 25th St.
Doral, FL 33172
(305) 471-3111
Fax: (305) 471-2052
Twolson@mdpd.com

10-14
Outdoor Crime Scene: Forensic Archaeology and Geophysics Course—To be held at the University of South Florida in Tampa, FL.
CONTACT: Erin Kimmerle
University of South Florida
College of Arts and Sciences
4202 E. Fowler Avenue, CPR107
Tampa, FL 33620
(813) 974-2804
kimmerle@cas.usf.edu

17-21
Advanced Bugs, Bones & Botany Course—To be held Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers, FL.
CONTACT: Heather Walsh-Haney
Florida Gulf Coast University
10501 FGCU Blvd. S.
Fort Myers, FL 33965-6565
(239) 590-7693
hwalsh@fgcu.edu

18-19
Good Clinical Practices - A Global Approach Course & Workshop—To be held at the AAPS Training Center in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
CONTACT: AAPS Training Center
200 Consumers Road, Suite 200
Toronto, Ontario, M2J 4R4
Canada
(416) 592-2277
http://www.aaps.ca/

**JANUARY 2008**

7-11
Introduction to Shooting Incident Reconstruction/Officer Involved Shootings—To be held at the Vancouver Police Department in Vancouver, WA.
CONTACT: Scott Creager
(360) 696-8226

8-10
Forensic Digital Imaging, Phase III—To be held at the Institute for Forensic Imaging in Indianapolis, IN. This course is accredited by the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy for 2.4 Continuing Education Training Units.
CONTACT: Kristy Trumpey
Institute for Forensic Imaging
338 S. Arlington Suite 111
Indianapolis, IN 46219
(317) 356-0245
www.ifi-indy.org

14-15
Crime Scene Reconstruction Seminar: Shooting Incident Reconstruction and Cold Case Investigations—To be held at George Mason University in Manassas, VA.
CONTACT: Lynn Ryan
George Mason University
Office of Continuing Professional Education
10900 University Blvd, MS 4F2
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 993-8335
lynnryan@gmu.edu
www.ocpe.gmu.edu

21-25
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; R512
St. Louis, MO 63104
(314) 977-3070
Fax: (314) 977-3095
mldi@slu.edu
http://medschool.slu.edu/mldi/

21-25
Sexual Assault Examiner Training Course—To be held at the Eisenhower Medical Center in Rancho Mirage, CA.
CONTACT: Jill Crum
(760) 773-1302
jilcrum@msn.com or
psilver@emc.org

**FEBRUARY 2008**

4-5
Digital Imaging for Managers—To be held at the Institute for Forensic Imaging in Indianapolis, IN. This course is accredited by the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy for 1.6 Continuing Education Training Units.
CONTACT: Kristy Trumpey
Institute for Forensic Imaging
338 S. Arlington Suite 111
Indianapolis, IN 46219
(317) 356-0245
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5-6
The Computer Forensics Show—To be held at the Washington DC Convention Center in Washington, DC.
CONTACT: Frank Manley
The Computer Forensics Show
94 Field Point Circle
Greenwich, CT 06830
(203) 661-4312
Fax: (203) 869-0283
fmanley@computerforensicshow.com
www.computerforensicshow.com

6-7
Preparing Courtroom Presentations—To be held at the Institute for Forensic Imaging in Indianapolis, IN. This course is accredited by the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy for 1.6 Continuing Education Training Units.
CONTACT: Kristy Trumpey
Institute for Forensic Imaging
338 S. Arlington Suite 111
Indianapolis, IN 46219
(317) 356-0245
www.ifi-indy.org

25-28
Crime Scene Digital Photography—To be held at the Institute for Forensic Imaging in Indianapolis, IN. This course is accredited by the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy for 3.2 Continuing Education Training Units.
CONTACT: Kristy Trumpey
Institute for Forensic Imaging
338 S. Arlington Suite 111
Indianapolis, IN 46219
(317) 356-0245
www.ifi-indy.org
MARCH 2008

10-13
Forensic Digital Imaging, Phase II—To be held at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, OK. This course is accredited by the Oklahoma State Department of Public Safety (Oklahoma State Police). It is sponsored by the Oklahoma State Police Academy and the Oklahoma State Medical Examiner’s Office.

CONTACT: Betty Pat. Gatiff
Skullture Lab
1026 Leslie Lane
Norman, OK 73069-4501
(405) 321-8706
www.outreach.ou.edu/forensic

10-14
Forensic Imaging Techniques Course—To be held at the University of South Florida in Tampa, FL.

CONTACT: Ron Smith & Associates, Inc.
PO Box 670
Collinsville, MS 39325
1-866-TEAM RSA (832-6772)
www.ronsmithandassociates.com/

10-18
Courtroom Testimony Techniques: Success Instead of Survival Training Course—To be held at the University of Rhode Island in Kingston, RI.

CONTACT: Ron Smith & Associates, Inc.
Attention: Training Division
PO Box 670
Collinsville, MS 39325
1-866-TEAM RSA (832-6772)
www.ronsmithandassociates.com/CTT.htm

17-18
Basic Facial Reconstruction Sculpture Workshop—To be held at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, OK.

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25-27
Video Capture, Enhancement & Analysis—To be held at the Institute for Forensic Imaging in Indianapolis, IN. This course is accredited by the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy for 2.4 Continuing Education Training Units.

CONTACT: Kristy Trumpey
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Indianapolis, IN 46219
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31-April 2
International Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, and Stalking—To be held at the Crown Plaza Astor in New Orleans, LA.

CONTACT: www.evawintl.org/houston07.htm

31-April 4
Detection, Recovery and Examination of Footwear Impression Evidence Course—To be held at the Ramada Inn in Jacksonville, FL.

CONTACT: Bill Bodziak
38 Sabal Bend
Palm Coast, FL 32137
(386) 447-3567
Fax: (386) 447-3568
wbodziak@earthlink.net
www.bodziak.com

APRIL 2008

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CONTACT: The Cyril H. Wecht Institute of Forensic Science and Law
Duquesne University School of Law
Edward J. Hanley Hall
900 Locust Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15282-0700
(412) 396-1331
Fax: (412) 396-1330
www.forensics.duq.edu

7-10
Forensic Digital Imaging, Phase I—To be held at the Institute for Forensic Imaging in Indianapolis, IN. This course is accredited by the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy for 3.2 Continuing Education Training Units.

CONTACT: Kristy Trumpey
Institute for Forensic Imaging
338 S. Arlington Suite 111
Indianapolis, IN 46219
(317) 356-0245
www.ifi-indy.org

4-9
Spring Bloodstain Evidence Institute—To be held in Corning, NY.

CONTACT: Dr. Herbert Leon MacDonell
Bloodstain Evidence Institute
PO Box 111
Corning, NY 14830
(607) 962-6581
Fax: (607) 936-6936
forensiclab@stny.rr.com

MAY 2008

1-4
52nd Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Psychoanalysis and Dynamic Psychiatry—To be held in Washington, DC.

CONTACT: Executive Office
American Academy of Psychoanalysis and Dynamic Psychiatry
PO Box 30
Bloomfield, CT 06002
(888) 691-8281
Fax: (860) 286-0787
info@aapdp.org
www.aapdp.org

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5-6
Digital Imaging for Managers—To be held at the Institute for Forensic Imaging in Indianapolis, IN. This course is accredited by the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy for 1.6 Continuing Education Training Units.
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338 S. Arlington Suite 111
Indianapolis, IN 46219
(317) 356-0245
www.found.org

5-9
Basic Facial Reconstruction Sculpture Workshop—To be held at the Scottsdale Artists School in Scottsdale, AZ.
CONTACT: Betty Pat. Gatiff
SKULLpture Lab
1026 Leslie Lane
Norman, OK 73069-1501
(405) 321-8706

7-8
Preparing Courtroom Presentations—To be held at the Institute for Forensic Imaging in Indianapolis, IN. This course is accredited by the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy for 1.6 Continuing Education Training Units.
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(317) 356-0245
www.found.org

8-10
National Symposium on the 40th Anniversaries of the Robert F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr. Assasinations—To be held 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 Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15282-0700
(412) 396-1330
Fax: (412) 396-1331
www.forensics.duq.edu

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

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

19-22
Crime Scene Digital Photography—To be held at the Institute for Forensic Imaging in Indianapolis, IN. This course is accredited by the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy for 3.2 Continuing Education Training Units.
CONTACT: Kristy Trumpey
Institute for Forensic Imaging
338 S. Arlington Suite 111
Indianapolis, IN 46219
(317) 356-0245
www.ifi-indy.org

19-23
Shooting Incident Reconstruction/Officer-Involved Shootings—To be held at Northwestern University Center for Public Safety in Evanston, IL.
CONTACT: Ruthy Delgado
(847) 467-7546
r-delgado@northwestern.edu

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

JUNE 2008

3-5
Video Capture, Enhancement & Analysis—To be held at the Institute for Forensic Imaging in Indianapolis, IN. This course is accredited by the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy for 2.4 Continuing Education Training Units.
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9-11
Introduction to Shooting Incident Reconstruction—To be held at the Texas Department of Public Safety Training Academy in Austin, TX.
CONTACT: Lt. Ervin Ballarta
(512) 788-0113
erwin.ballarta@txdps.state.tx.us

16-20
Advanced Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Course—To be held at Elmlia College in Elmlia, NY.
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paulkish@stny.rr.com

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16-20
Advanced Military and Law Enforcement Intelligence—To be held at FoCoSS Forensics in Concord, NH.
CONTACT: Steve Ostrowski
(603) 340-0675
sostrowski@foconsforensics.com

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

23-26
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Indianapolis, IN 46219
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21-23
Reconstruction of Violent Crimes—To be held at the St. Louis County & Municipal Police Academy in Wellston, MO.
CONTACT: Becky Murphy
(314) 899-8600
bamurphy@stlouis.com

24-25
Fracture Match Identification: The Scientific Basis—To be held at the St. Louis County & Municipal Police Academy in Wellston, MO.
CONTACT: Becky Murphy
(314) 899-8600
bamurphy@stlouis.com

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

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

SEPTEMBER 2008

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(405) 321-8706

OCTOBER 2008

6-10
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Saint Louis University
School of Medicine
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