President’s Message

The Academy excursion to Israel in mid-June, including visits to Jerusalem, Tiberias, Akko, and Tel Aviv, was remarkably successful and enjoyed by those who participated. My personal highlights included the Old City of Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, the Sea of Galilee, and the helicopter tour of central Israel. I am very grateful for the invaluable tour assistance provided by the UJA Federation of Greater Toronto. Please see Jim Hurley’s article for more highlights of this wonderful trip.

More recently, I returned from the AAFS Executive Committee Meeting and must say that I thoroughly enjoyed my stay at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel. The Wardman Park is located in the prestigious Washington neighborhood of Woodley Park, just minutes from the National Zoo, the National Cathedral, and the Red Line Woodley Park Metro stop. The Wardman Park is the largest convention and business hotel in the Capital and offers many on-site amenities. It is within walking distance or a short cab ride of many fine restaurants, museums, and other sites of interest. I’d recommend reserving a room now as I am certain that the Wardman Park will sell-out quickly. See page 15 for details on making hotel reservations.

Meeting attendees should also be aware of the “No badge - no entry” policy that will be in affect during the upcoming annual meeting. Attendees will not be allowed into any session without their badge. This includes entrance to the Exhibit Hall.

In my summer message to the membership, I reported on the Board of Directors’ action regarding the new section devoted to forensic examination of digital and multi-media evidence such as digital device examinations, network analysis, and examination and comparison of digitized numerals, images, analog and digital audio and video. After additional discussion by the Executive Committee and consultation with Carrie Whitcomb, it was decided that the most appropriate name for the new section is “Digital Evidence Section.” Proposed bylaws changes have been prepared and will be circulated to the Academy membership. A vote to create the new section will take place at the 2008 Annual Business Meeting.

The Executive Committee reviewed the Code of Ethics report prepared by the Ethics and Long Term Planning Committees and recommended that the proposed changes to the Academy bylaws and Academy Policy and Procedure Manual be forwarded continued on page 4

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The following is an article by lobbyist Beth Lavach about forensic science appropriations legislation:

Turning the Corner?
For well over a decade, the Congress has given off-again-on-again support to the forensic sciences. Support that is in the form of funding for labs, equipment, personnel, training, and new technology. The recognition of the need for such funding resulted in large part by the Coverdell Act and subsequent renewals. It is perhaps no coincidence that peaks of support for forensic funding came after a few celebrity trials featuring DNA technology and other aspects of forensic science. The appearance of popular TV shows, principal among them CSI and the various spin-offs, created a new wave of interest - popularly referred to as the “CSI Effect.” The famous trials are a memory and the TV shows are making way for a new genre. So, what happens to funding for the forensic sciences?

A few champions have stepped up to the plate. This year, Senators Mikulski of Maryland and Shelby of Alabama have requested $40 million for the Coverdell Act and $151m for DNA in the Senate Commerce, Justice and Science appropriations bill.

In addition, Senator Joseph Biden of Delaware, a key member of the Judiciary Committee, is working with Senators Mikulski and Shelby and Senator Sessions to pass language authorizing up to $1.50 million a year for five years for continuance of Coverdell legislation. That is a major increase and would go a long way in securing much needed funding to bring forensic science capabilities into the 21st century. Stay tuned!

On the broader front of Washington activities, specifically budgets, Congress has a long way to go before it completes its spending bills for FY 2008. While the House has pushed through all its versions of the eleven spending bills except for Agriculture, the Senate has managed to approve just one - Homeland Security. There will be no further action in the Senate until Congress returns from its August vacation.

What are the chances of passage post-August? Since the government’s fiscal year begins on October 1, all appropriations bills must be passed by both the House and Senate and go through the “conference” process to iron out differences before they can be sent to the President for signing into law. With the clock ticking, that may not happen and Congress will revert to passing one or more “continuing resolutions” (CRs) to fund government operations. The other option is to bundle several bills together in one large package, an “omnibus bill,” and push that through with little discussion or debate.

AAFS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE
All completed applications - including any additional requirements - for membership and promotion must be received at the AAFS Office by OCTOBER 1, 2007, in order to be considered for approval at the 2008 Annual Meeting.
President’s Message cont.

to the membership for consideration. The general recommendations of the joint committee include:

• The original criteria for inclusion of provisions in the Code remain valid and the generic expression of the provisions should be continued.

• The Ethics Committee, as constituted by the bylaws, should serve the Academy as a whole and no section should have a separate ethics committee.

• Decisions of the Academy Ethics Committee should be published in the Academy News. When the decision is that there has been a violation of the Code and the Board of Directors has imposed a sanction, the name of the accused should be included in the publication.

• The Ethics Committee should present a brief report of its activities to the membership at each annual meeting.

• A summary of Ethics Committee decisions should be developed and published on the Academy’s website.

• Members and affiliates should be required to reaffirm their acceptance of the provisions of the Academy Code of Ethics annually with their dues renewal.

• The Board should encourage the preparation of articles on ethics for inclusion in Academy publications.

• The Rules and Procedures of the Ethics Committee approved by the Board of Directors should be made available to the membership and the public by publishing them on the Academy’s website.

The full Committee report will be published in the next issue of the Academy News and, if ratified by the full Board of Directors, the proposed bylaws changes will be prepared and circulated to the Academy voting membership in January.

Finally, this is your last chance to participate in the compilation of noteworthy forensic science milestones. Carla Nozia, with the help of her committee, is working on the Forensic Science Disciplines Milestones Committee report which I plan to present in an upcoming editorial in the Journal of Forensic Sciences. Again, I must emphasize that this is your opportunity to showcase your discipline’s accomplishments.

I am available to discuss the actions of the Executive Committee or other Academy business and may be reached most easily by e-mail at bruce-goldberger@ufl.edu.

FSF Announces Design Contest for Career Booklet Cover

For years, the Forensic Sciences Foundation’s career booklet, So You Want to Be a Forensic Scientist!, has been one of the most requested documents from the AAFS office. The book was updated in 2001, but with forensic science advancing as quickly as it has, the publication is once again in need of revisions. To that end, Carla Nozia and Gil Brogden have been busily compiling new information and plans are underway to have the latest version available by Spring 2008.

The Foundation would also like the career booklet’s cover to have a new look. If you are interested in submitting a new cover design, please contact Anne Warren at the Academy office (awarren@aafs.org) by November 1, 2007. The artist of the chosen design will be awarded a cash prize as well as a complimentary meeting registration to the AAFS 60th Anniversary Meeting in Washington, DC, February 18-23, 2008.
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To date, we have 68 Academy members/spouses who have expressed interest in participating in the AAFS 2008 Italy Tour. Yes, the number in the previous sentence is correct. What can I say? “It is Rome; it is Tuscany; it is Florence; and, it is Italy!” Many of you have asked for more details and I provide the following as preliminary information, with specifics and tour application to be disseminated and posted to the AAFS web by the end of September.

• The dates of the tour are set: June 6-15, 2008. Many of you will travel on Friday, June 6 from a U.S. gateway city and arrive Rome on Saturday, June 7. We will meet you at the 

Rome Marriott Grand Flora on that day and assist you with your luggage and other logistics. If rooms are available (official check-in begins at 2:00 p.m.), you may get settled; otherwise, we will make certain that your suitcases are stored and delivered to your room when your room is ready. Our tour begins on June 7 around 1:00 p.m. with ½ day of sightseeing.

• The itinerary calls for three nights in Rome beginning June 7, with departure on Tuesday, June 10.

• We will travel to Siena for two nights and stay at the Grand Hotel Continental (June 10 & 11, departing on June 12).

• From there, we travel to Florence for three nights and stay at the Westin Excelsior Florence Hotel (June 12, 13 & 14, with check-out on June 15).

• The tour will end in Florence at noon on June 15.

• You may want to “surf the web” to learn more about the three hotels cited in the preceding bullets; they are truly outstanding properties. Please note: Since the AAFS is booking the hotel rooms at the group rate, much less expensive than the individual rate, the hotels will not provide reward stay points.

• The tour package will be exclusive of travel to Rome and from Florence. AAFS members who have participated in the three tours to date have requested that the air portion not be included. In that way, each traveler may choose the preferred airline and take advantage of mileage options and upgrades; moreover, many of you may want to begin your tour earlier than June 6 and others may wish to stay beyond June 15 to visit other cities in Italy or to travel to other countries in Europe.

• All hotel stays will include full breakfasts each morning.

• The following are the costs for the AAFS 2008 Italy Tour: $3,095 per person based upon double occupancy ($6,190 per couple) and $4,795 based upon single occupancy. These rates include full breakfast each morning at each hotel, luxury motor coaches + guides, sightseeing, porterage, and logistics relating to the forensic science meetings and visits. Over the next several months, AAFS President-Elect Carol Henderson, Secretary Joseph Bono, and Peter Ausili will be working with AAFS Italian members Luciano Garofano and Paolo Garofano to identify forensic science components of the tour. As noted earlier in this article, an itinerary and application packet will be posted to the AAFS web by the end of September.
• We will be offering all participants the following as payment options: (1) You may make payments by check (payable to AAFS) or with a credit card (MasterCard, Visa, or American Express); (2) We will allow for one, two, or three installments (the first installment included with the application).

Finally, the AAFS international travel protocol, established by Past-President Edmund Donoghue in 2005 and endorsed by Past-President James Young and President Bruce Goldberger, has held true to its mission to promote cultural exchange and to provide opportunities for professional growth in the forensic sciences. Please let me know as soon as possible (jthurley@aafs.org) if you wish to be added to the list.

AAFS 2007 Israel Tour
I am sure that each person who participated in the tour to Israel on June 9-17 will agree that it was the “trip of a lifetime.” The United Jewish Appeal of Greater Toronto, our hosts throughout—from initial meetings in November 2006 until the very last person boarded an airplane at the Ben Gurion International Airport in Tel Aviv on June 18—most certainly exceeded our wishes and our expectations. Sincere gratitude is extended (1) to Morris Zbar, UJA Vice-President for Operations and Corporate Relations, who invited the AAFS to travel to Israel under the sponsorship of the UJA (Canada) and who participated with us on every leg of our journey; (2) to Adam Minsky, Director, Israel and Overseas and Senior Developer, who assisted me with every component of the planning and coordination of the tour; (3) to Victor Yagoda, Deputy Director General on site in Israel, and his knowledgeable and skillful team, who made certain that all activities relating to both the cultural and historical segments as well as the forensic science meetings and visits were in place; and, (4) to Brig-Gen Elazar “Azi” Zadok, Director (ret) of the Division of Identification and Forensic Science of the Israel Police, who, with Yossi Almog (Crim), arranged and participated in the forensic science meetings and site visits throughout the ten days.

The following photos will, I hope, allow you to be the “accidental tourist” and may even “whet your appetite” to visit Israel. As I have said to so many of my friends upon my return, I would go back to Israel, in a moment’s notice. What a fascinating country and what warm and friendly people who live there!
Peter Ausili at Capernaum in the Galilee.

Bruce Goldberger and wonderful guide, Dafna Furst, toast to a "trip of a lifetime."

"Repentant souls," Cecilia Bohan, Morris Zbar, Jim Hurley, and Peter Ausili, give thanks in the Jordan River.

Michele Merves and Bruce Goldberger "ankle deep" in the Jordan River.

Tom Bohan, Bruce Goldberger, Doug Ubelaker, Bob Barskey, and Haskell Pitluck cleanse themselves in the Jordan River.

Rod Englert examines the mosaic walls of the stairwell inside the synagogue.

Bruce Goldberger thanks Morris Zbar of the UJA of Greater Toronto on behalf of the AAFS 2007 Israel delegation.

Arthur Burns "preaching to his people" at the Church of the Beatitudes (the Galilee).

Six "appropriately dressed" men ready to enter the synagogue: Bruce Goldberger, Haskell Pitluck, Bob Barsley, Phil Levine, Arthur Burns, and Karl Verebey.
Forensic Science Educational Conferences

Positive and appreciative reports have been coming in from teachers who attended the FSEC/MSP at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota in June. Four key persons deserve the “lion’s share” of credit for the success of this AAFS outreach initiative: Andrew Baker (Path), Susan Myster (Anth), Katie Baustian (special assistant to Dr. Myster), and Sondra Doolittle, AAFS Assistant Meetings Manager. Moreover, a good number of AAFS members took time from their own busy schedules to acquaint teachers with the various forensic science disciplines included in the program. Each one of the following is thanked for his or her contributions to FSEC/MSP: Barton Epstein (Crim), Angela Erickson (Crim), Valerie Cervenko (Gen), Glenn Hardin (Tox), Katherine Igowsky (Crim), Kurt Moline (Crim), Ann Norlander (Odont), Karen Runyon (QD), Suzanne Weston-Kirkegaard (Crim), and Lindsey Seida (Tox).

The following is just a sampling of the messages of thanks from the conference participants:

“Sondra [Doolittle], I want to thank you again for organizing the conference at Hamline University. The conference was GREAT!!! I learned much that I can bring back and incorporate into my class. I will definitely share my information with my colleagues and encourage them to attend a conference. THANKS AGAIN!”

— Jeanie Robert, Red Wing High School [MN]

“I am so appreciative of the time and effort that went into the event. I took a lot away from the conference that I will share with my students; and I had fun in the process!”

— Stacy Calvert, Wayzata Central Middle School [MN]

“As promised, I wanted to thank you, Sue [Myster], and the rest of the folks at Hamline for hosting such a fantastic conference. It exceeded all my expectations and I felt it was one of the most worthwhile things I have attended in my 10 years of teaching. You all were very organized, had great guest speakers, and put together some really useful resources and activities. I’m not sure how much feedback you all get, but I think my opinion was shared by many.”

— Laura Brun, Whitney High School, Roseville [CA]

As previously mentioned, Sondra Doolittle represented the AAFS office at the FSEC/MSP. The following is an excerpt from the report she submitted shortly upon her return from St. Paul:

“The MSP Conference went extremely well. The course really reminded me of a program I did for teachers in forestry (Project Learning Tree) in the 1990s — using forestry and nature to assist teachers in teaching science incorporating lessons for science, chemistry, math, and English.

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I feel like I’ve come full circle. In South Carolina, I taught the bulk of the Columbia metropolitan area teachers these similar concepts except it related to nature and trees (measuring the height using angles and degrees), relating geometry (area of a cylinder), sampling techniques, population studies (statistics), and forest descriptions. At Hamline, I saw the same correlations to math, science, biology, chemistry, math, and English and the enthusiasm teachers have in being able to make learning exciting with real world stuff for students using forensics. In my forestry days, teaching about science and nature was the trend and now forensics is the field that generates interest in students. I heard often this past week that ‘forensics’ is ‘sexy’—students want to learn about it, and the FSEC conferences are where the purpose and needs meet. Because I once taught teachers about science, with each faculty member, I would ask myself how the discipline could be taught in school and found that many were direct fits for what the teachers were looking for in the conference.

“I met some wonderful people and found the experience invaluable. Terry Aharon, a teacher from NYC, was so excited about just the first day information that I actually saw tears in her eyes as she talked about how she was finally receiving information she had been looking for over the last two years. I truly get the sense that the FSECs are really meeting a need that is there for involvement of the forensic science community with secondary education in the United States. We need to be the source educators are looking to for help in teaching science vs. the media, as well as not removing the misconceptions about how forensics really work (primetime television). I often hear of how shows like CSI erroneously document forensics. Students should be taught that life is not instantaneous and fun. Sometimes it is the methodical perseverance of the day to day that can be just as rewarding when the outcome is helping someone find closure in tragedy. This is where I sense we need to help students learn as much as multiplication tables, formulas, and spelling.”

Virginia Commonwealth University was the site for the FSEC/VCU that took place on July 19-21. William B. Eggleston, (Crim), Chair of the Department of Forensic Science, welcomed more than 80 teachers from that state and 18 other U.S. states for the three-day conference on the VCU campus. Kimberly Wrasse, AAFS Executive Assistant, assisted Dr. Eggleston in the final preparations of the conference and then traveled to Richmond to provide additional support and to participate with teachers in the various activities conducted by the following AAFS specialists: AAFS President Bruce Goldberger, Past-President Kenneth Melson, Vice-President Douglas Ubelaker, Marcella Fierro (Path), Wayne Lord (Path), Richard Horton (QD), Alphonse Poklis (Tox), Brion Smith (Odon), and, representing the Criminalistics Section, Marilyn Miller, Peter Marone, Tracey Dawson Cruz, Jay Siegel, Samantha Glass, Scott Glass, Linda Jackson, Katherine Butler, Susan Greenspoon, Shelley Johnson, Brian Shannon, Kristin Van Italie, Brenda Christy, Eric Hazelrigg, and Paul Ferrara.
Additional AAFS members who contributed to the success of the meeting include: Mark Bennett, Gina Blackwell, Briana Blinn, Jarrod Champagne, Kellie Garcia, Laura Gaydosh, Leslie Guion, and Colleen Moore.

Finally, for the sixth year in a row, Linda Finney, Vice-President of Marketing of Court TV, has been an advocate for the AAFS mission by securing financial support from the network for teacher scholarships and conference logistics for the 2007 events. Lisa Alston, Court TV Marketing Manager, and Geoff Mitchell, Washington (DC) International High School chemistry teacher, were on hand at both the FSEC/MSP and the FSEC/VCU to help welcome participants and to make presentations on the Forensics in the Classroom lessons.

As I have stated in earlier “Planning & Development” articles, Court TV has demonstrated a strong commitment to education by providing forensics to high school science classrooms nationwide. The Forensics in the Classroom series, free to all teachers who subscribe, is a set of five lessons that were developed as part of a continuing educational partnership with the AAFS. Over the past several years, many thousands of teachers have downloaded the lessons to use in secondary school science classrooms and laboratories. The collaboration between Court TV and the Academy in hosting the FSECs has been a true “win/win” partnership.

Three Forensic Science Educational Conferences are in the early planning stages for 2008: For the fourth time, Past-President Mary Fran Ernst (Gen) has been successful in obtaining funding from The Saigh Foundation to host the FSEC/STL IV on the campus of Saint Louis University School of Medicine in July 2008. Moreover, Heather Walsh-Haney (Anth) and David Lounsbury (Gen) at Florida Gulf Coast University have asked for options to host the second FSEC/FGCU on their campus in 2008. And finally, David Foran (Crim) is already well on his way in preparations for the FSEC/MSU at Michigan State University projected for August 2008.
Forensic science did not necessarily originate from a culture of research; academicians and medical specialists applied their knowledge of science to questions of criminal activity. It had its practical origins as proven methodologies instead of a distinct science. This has led to those involved in non-forensic academic circles to sometimes view forensic science as “only an applied science” or a lesser area of study. In these academicians’ view, because forensic science is not a basic science—seeking knowledge for the sake of knowledge alone—they fail to see its value as discipline. On the forensic side, some practitioners feel that academicians misunderstand and misapply forensic science because they have not worked in a forensic laboratory (“Those who can, do; those who can’t, teach”). We, along with many others, think these two viewpoints must change.

For example, assume that someone asks, “What is the error rate for fingerprints?” The answer from certain quarters is, “The error rate of the method is zero.” Any scientist knows that no method in science that has a zero error rate—it is simply not possible. Every measurement has some inherent error; that is the entire reason for statistics. In any series of measurements, each of those measurements will be off by some amount. Knowing how much they are off and in what direction they are off gives a better sense of what the true measurement is. By saying, “There is no error in this,” you are willfully blinding yourself to the nature of science and to what needs to be done for that discipline. “No error,” is not an empirically provable answer and therefore outside the realm of science: That is a legal mindset, not a scientific one. Undoubtedly, forensic fingerprinting can be conducted as a science and an error rate can be deduced, as several research efforts suggest.

When a forensic expert says to an academic, “You could not possibly understand the subtleties or what I do,” a red flag should fly. If a method is scientific, it has be able to be learned, communicated, and replicated. These are some of the hallmarks of science.

Conversely, when academicians look down their noses at an applied science, they ignore the potential that forensic science offers to research and teaching. Forensic scientists historically have been too busy working cases to conduct research—that has not been their jurisdictional mandate. The fundamental principles and theories that allow forensic scientists to do what they do have not been made explicit. This, however, does not mean they do not exist. Indeed, our discipline’s philosophy is inherent in every measurement we take. The physicist P. W. Bridgman, stated: If you take a measurement, you have to have a theory of some sort, otherwise how would you know what to do? For example, if you are measuring length, some reason or some principle tells you length is important. And if that length is measured in millimeters, then scale is important, as opposed to doing it in inches or yards or miles.

There is definitely theory in forensic science and the principles underlying it. We have not had the time or the leisure to tease them out and make them apparent; concepts, such as individualization (a set with one and only one member as a source) and exchange (when two objects come into contact, information is exchanged) point the way. Academia has done this with their theories, but that is part of what they do: knowledge for the sake of knowledge. Forensic scientists need to be more open about examining their discipline and their methods. They should allow academicians to point out a few holes that could be patched. By the same token, academicians need to roam out of their
If they do not cross that line themselves, they will be dragged across it. The pressures on the profession will be so great from the legal side that the forensic scientists will have no choice but to go to the academicians to adopt more scientific processes. Just saying you are a scientist does not make it so. Regurgitating what has been handed down from forensic generation to forensic generation is not instruction—it is indoctrination. Likewise, academic programs will not be perceived as valid unless what is being taught is what happens in a forensic laboratory. Academicians who have never worked in a forensic laboratory will be at a disadvantage unless they have spent time with forensic professionals. Instructors who are one chapter ahead of the students in the textbook do not serve the students or the forensic community very well. I have often thought a sabbatical program, where academicians spend six months in a forensic laboratory and forensic bench workers spend that time doing research at a university, would serve a huge benefit. Laboratory directors, however, often say they cannot spare an employee for that long—how can they afford not to? As a discipline, forensic science would seem to have ignored its professional mandate and drifted more toward “forensic” than staying anchored in “science”.

The Forensic Science Educational Program Accreditation Commission (FEPAC) has addressed some problems in forensic science education9 but other, more subtle issues persist. The FEPAC accredited programs have curricula based on the FEPAC standards. Within those standards are individual items, such as a class on “forensic chemistry” or “evidence processing.” What do those classes mean? Who is instructing that class? Is it an academician with no professional experience or a forensic expert who is lecturing received dogma? Programs must have a valid, verified curriculum in order for the students to really learn. And if you don’t have practitioners—with or without PhDs—involved in the program, you’re not going to have a valid curriculum. For instance, can a program in trace evidence, those items of evidence that because of their size or texture are readily transferred, be really viable if it does not have forensic scientists to explain fiber identification as well as the chemist who can explain polymer chemistry? The reluctance of colleges and universities to put non-PhD forensic scientists on tenure tracks or even to hire non-PhDs at all impedes the legitimacy and development of forensic programs. Institutions that see forensic science as a “fad” major and do not invest in their programs as they would any other discipline are only cheating themselves and their students.

There is a difference between training and education, between technique and science, between a positive set of methods and an open scientific discipline. We have to remember those points as we move forward. If we do not, both academicians and professionals are going to be missing out on some excellent opportunities to improve. Merging the theoretical and the practical, which works only when both academics and forensic scientists cross the boundary of professional culture, is key towards re-creating the profession and science of Forensic Science.


National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Museum Seeks Donations for Forensic Lab Exhibit

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Museum is seeking assistance from the forensic community to obtain items, articles, and artifacts of a forensic nature for its Forensic Lab Exhibit. If you have an item you would be willing to loan or donate, please contact the Museum directly by calling (202) 737-3400 or e-mailing museum@nleomf.com. More information about the Museum and the exhibit’s “Wish List” may be found at: http://www.nleomf.com/TheMuseum/acquisitions.htm. Thank you in advance for helping make this Museum a fitting, appropriate, and lasting tribute to law enforcement. Your interest and generosity is greatly appreciated.
A Word From Your 2008 Program Co-Chair

Have you have marked your calendar for the AAFS 60th Anniversary Meeting, February 18 – 23, 2008, in Washington, DC? As you already know, the conference will be held at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, a world class hotel conveniently located near the Metro-rail underground subway system, your key to the many historical sites and world-famous museums our Capital has to offer.

Many thanks go to all those who have timely submitted their research articles, abstracts, and workshops for presentation at the conference. We are planning to have several members of Congress, who are strong advocates for the advancement of the forensic sciences, speak at the Plenary Session to inspire us to even greater scientific achievements. The Section Program Chairs are “fine-tuning” their section’s presentation and we will be seeing updates in future newsletters as the final programs come together. It is going to be another exciting and informative experience for all members of our forensic community. You will not want to miss this one!

FSF Travel Grant Application Deadline Fast Approaching

The Forensic Science Foundation (FSF) is proud to offer five (5) Travel Grants this year for Students to assist with travel expenses in attending the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) Annual Meeting. This is a wonderful opportunity, and members are encouraged to promote it.

Travel Grant Guidelines:
• The applicant must be a fourth year undergraduate or a graduate student at an accredited four-year college, university, or professional school whose accreditation is acceptable to the FSF Board of Trustees.
• The applicant must have a letter of recommendation from his/her advisor or professor.
• The applicant must submit a 400-600 word essay explaining how attendance at an AAFS meeting will impact his/her career decision.
• The applicant must submit a curriculum vitae including information such as forensic science areas of academic study and practice, academic record, forensic science activities, membership and participation in professional organizations (such as the AAFS), presentations at professional and academic meetings, as well as any publications and other pertinent data related to his/her forensic background.
• The deadline for submission of the completed applications is October 1st. Please forward a cover letter of application containing detailed contact information, your letter of recommendation, your essay, and your curriculum vitae to Anne Warren at AAFS, 410 N 21st Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80904.

Applications are judged by the FSF Student Travel Grant Award Subcommittee. Selection of Grant recipients is based solely on the information provided in submitted documents. The successful grant recipients are notified by November 15, and will be acknowledged in the January issue of Academy News. The FSF Board of Trustees is able to approve the expenses, not to exceed $600 per student, for up to five (5) students this year. It is hoped more student support will become available in the future. Good luck!
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/aaafs/. 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.

See the Sites While in DC!

For those of you who plan to take in some of the sites during the AAFS annual meeting in February, the Washington, DC Convention & Tourism Corporation has a wealth of information on their website: http://www.washington.org. You will find information about how to get around town, all of must-see sites, places to shop, where to eat, etc. You may also request a copy of the official Washington, DC Visitor's Guide directly from their website.

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.

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
Section News

CRIMINALISTICS

Source: Hiram K. Evans, MSc, Section Secretary

Program Chair Anjali Swenton and her committee are busily combing through the hordes of abstracts and have already been working on a special session regarding Daubert.

If you have not already done so, NOW is the time to prepare and submit your application for promotion and encourage your colleagues to submit applications for membership in the Academy; the deadline is October 1 for action at the February 2008 meeting.

As a reminder, applicants for Student Affiliate or Trainee Affiliate require one letter of reference from an academic advisor or immediate supervisor. Applicants for Associate Membership require two letters of reference in addition to an earned baccalaureate degree and two years of experience.

Applicants for Promotion from Associate Member to Member generally must have attended one meeting of the AAFS and applicants for promotion from Member to Fellow must generally have attended two meetings of the AAFS or substitute service to the forensic sciences, forensic science research, or forensic science education. Full requirements are easily accessible at www.aafs.org.

The AAFS offers a unique opportunity to interact with practitioners, researchers, and educators across the entire spectrum of the forensic sciences and serves as a venue for the development of standards through ASTM and accrediting bodies such as the American Board of Criminalistics and FEPAC. Encourage your colleagues to join in both the serious business of our unique profession, as well as the fun.

Plan now to attend the 60th Anniversary Meeting of the AAFS, February 18-23, 2008, at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, DC!

ENGINEERING SCIENCES

Source: Harold Franck, MSEE, PE, Section Secretary

The 2007 meeting of the Engineering Sciences Section took place on February 21, 2007, with 30 members of the section present. The main thrust of the meeting was to nominate and elect new officers for the 2007-08 year. Peter Alexander succeeded Laura Liptai as Chair and Harold Franck was elected as Secretary. Kurt Weiss was appointed as the 2008 Program Chair.

It is recognized that the Program Chair is the most intense of the offices held in the section. With that consideration in mind, Chair Laura Liptai specially recognized the performance of Anastasia Michaels in her efforts as the preceding Program Chair. All members present applauded Anastasia for her efforts and for a very successful 2007 meeting.

Engineering Sciences is one of the smallest sections within the Academy. It is also a section with a distinctly older membership. Considerable effort needs to be made in order to increase the membership. All members of the Engineering Sciences Section are asked to introduce forensic engineers or scientists that they are acquainted with to the Academy.

Tom Bohan is heading a committee to recommend a new name for the Engineering Sciences Section. Some members of the section are of the opinion that a name change may better reflect the thrust and work of forensic investigators who are scientists but may not be engineers. A name change may also attract forensic scientists to the section who may otherwise not join because of the section name. In this vein, Scott Batterman reported that there is a movement to create a new section on Digital Evidence.
Thanks to everyone who has submitted an abstract for the upcoming meeting in February 2008, in Washington, D.C. Joanna Collins and Ron Meyer have gone through the abstracts to develop next year’s program. The success of the section’s scientific sessions depends upon your willingness to present papers.

For those of you seeking membership or promotion, the deadline for applications is October 1, 2007. Prior to submitting an application for promotion, you should carefully read not only the Academy requirements, but also those of the General Section. This will significantly reduce the workload of the section officers and assist in expediting the review of the applications for promotion with the section.

The Reception Committee is working hard on the 2nd Annual General Section Reception. Chair Mary Fran Ernst asks for your support to identify reception sponsors. Sponsor contributions help to defray the cost from the General Section budget. Please contact Mary Fran (ernstmf@slu.edu) or any member of the committee with information on potential sponsors.

Several of you have made inquiries regarding committee appointments and scientific session moderator positions. The session moderators and committee positions are typically filled from a list of volunteers which is created during the section’s annual business meeting. Members are selected as needed from the list with consideration being given to those who need participation for membership promotion. This is another reason to attend the General Section Business Meeting each year. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon during the AAFS annual meeting in February.

Julie Howe reports that the Discipline Committee is still trying to contact members who have not responded to the Discipline Survey. The committee received responses from 75% of the members. We need your help to get each member counted. Please respond or contact Julie (howe@slu.edu).

Julie Howe is also trying to gather information for the Academy-wide Milestone Project. Because the General Section is so diverse, she is seeking your help in identifying milestones which have revolutionized forensics since 1948, the year that the AAFS started. Please submit your milestones to Julie.

The General Section offices of Chair, Secretary, and Board of Directors’ representative are open for election this year. Nominating Committee members Robert Freed (Chair), Catherine Daughtery, and Neal Haskell will identify one candidate for each of these positions. In addition to floor nominations at the February 2008 meeting, any Fellow in the General Section may be placed on the ballot for any of these positions by petition. Petitions must be supported in writing by a minimum of three Members or Fellows of the General Section to be valid. Petitions must be received no later than October 15, 2007. Candidates nominated by the Committee or placed on the ballot by petition will be asked to provide the Committee with a one-page resume no later than December 15, 2007. The Committee will publish a list of the candidates for General Section offices in the January Academy News.
for research should help to eliminate lack of funds as a rationale for not conducting worthwhile research. Finally, please be aware that the ABFO will hold a Bitemark Workshop this year. The Workshop normally takes place on the Sunday that precedes the AAFS meeting opening. This workshop is intended for those working toward completion of the ABFO application requirements. Those who successfully challenge the Bitemark Workshop will obtain credit toward one of the two bitemark requirements for the ABFO examination application. For information please go to the ABFO website (www.abfo.org) or contact Gary Bell who is coordinating the workshop.

PATHOLOGY/BIOLOGY

Source: J. Scott Denton, MD, Section Secretary

The deadline for abstract submission for the 2008 AAFS Anniversary Meeting has passed and Section Program Chair Kim Collins is certainly very busy reviewing the over one hundred presentation proposals. As past program chairs can attest, it takes a tremendous amount of time and work to review, edit, and organize the accepted presentations from our section alone. Also, Section Chair Andrew Baker is organizing the Section Business Meeting and Luncheon, continuing the event initiated last year by Past Chair Victor Weedn.

If you would like to nominate a section member for The Milton Helpern Award, presented to a worthy fellow of the section, please contact the Awards Committee Chair Marie Herrmann (docmah@aol.com). To see the list of past esteemed Award Recipients go to: www.aafs.org/pdf/Path-BioAwards.pdf.

If you have remained as one of the 319 Associate Members for too long and wish to become a Fellow, submit your Application for Promotion by the October 1st deadline. Requirements may be found at the following link: http://www.aafs.org/default.asp?section_id=membership&page_id=promotion_requirements.

Start making plans now to attend the AAFS 60th Anniversary Meeting in Washington, D.C. It will be an excellent and informative meeting.

PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Source: Laura C. Fulginiti, PhD, Section Secretary

The Physical Anthropology Section was well represented at this year’s International Association for Identification Meeting in San Diego (July 22-28). We had members presenting in both workshops and in the lectures. Other members were spotted in the hallways and enjoying the beautiful weather. Michael Finnegan chaired the new Forensic Anthropology Subcommittee meeting on Wednesday. Section members are encouraged to contact Mike (finnegan@ksu.edu) for more information about the IAI.

The Mountain, Desert and Coastal Anthropology Regional Meeting was held May 30-June 1 in Boulder City, NV, at the luxurious Lake Mead Lodge. Agenda items included skeletal aging techniques, a bone quiz, and a buffalo chip dinner. The Mountain Swamp and Beach meeting will be held Labor Day weekend at the University of Knoxville, TN. Please contact Lee Meadows-Jantz (ljantz@utk.edu) for more information.

The Maxwell Museum will be reprinting The Skeletal Attribution of Race (George Gill and Stan Rhine, eds). Information about ordering may be obtained from the UNM Press (unmpress@unm.edu).

A prestigious award in literature was conferred upon Kathy Reichs (kreichs@aol.com) by the Italians. The Grinzane Cavour Prize is given in recognition of lifetime achievement. Kathy writes that she will likely travel to Italy in November to receive the actual award.

Those who have submitted abstracts for the upcoming annual meeting are encouraged to complete your on-line paperwork, including CV attachments, financial disclosures, and any other last minute items requested by the hard-working staff at the Academy Office. They work very hard to ensure top-quality Proceedings and we should recognize their efforts.

PSYCHIATRY & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

Source: John L. Young, MD, Section Secretary

Congratulations to current Section Chair Stephen Billick for being presented recently with two awards. He received the William A. Schonfeld Award from the American Society for Adolescent Psychiatry “for outstanding achievement, excellence, and dedication throughout his career in psychiatry” last March, and in June the Wilfred C. Hulse Award from the New York Council on Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. This award recognized his outstanding contributions to the field of child and adolescent psychiatry.

It is now time to register for the 38th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law (AAPL) in Miami Beach at the Loews Miami Beach Hotel, October 18-24. The advance program is available at www.AAPL.org and registration may be done online. A special attraction is the traditional forensic sampler, this time a discussion of the sick building syndrome. We will be treated to an opportunity to integrate our expertise with contributions from other relevant disciplines including two AAFS members from other sections. Other meeting highlights include interesting research in progress, diverse poster sessions and – quite seriously – a debate on selling guns to the mentally ill. The hotel rate is likely to prove a pleasant surprise. Advance registration ends September 24.

Also keep in mind the AAPL Tri-State Chapter Meeting in New York City on Saturday, January 26, 2008. Program information will be included in the next newsletter.

News for this column from members is always welcome at jlmyoung@pol.net.
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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On another note, AAFS Historian Ken Field has been asked to research who is the oldest forensic scientist in the Academy still providing expert testimony. If you are older than 85 and continue to provide testimony services, please contact Ken at the AAFS office.

In Memoriam

Herman Davis, BS, Retired Fellow of the Criminalistics Section, January 2004
Susanne Liles, BS, Member of the General Section, May 2007
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FSF Trustee Gil Brogdon came up with a great idea for Academy members with advanced degrees. The idea was for everyone to consider contributing to the FSF the equivalent of one hour of their annual salary or the equivalent of the fee charged for one hour of consultation. The forensic sciences have been good to all of us. If you make a lot, consider contributing a lot! For salaried persons, one hour represents about 1/2000th of annual income. For those who receive consulting fees, please consider contributing an amount consistent with one hour (or more) of what you charge for consultation. Below is a list of the “I Gave an Hour” contributors thus far. The fund’s balance through 0801/07 was $3,302.00. For those of you who would like to contribute, please complete the form below and return to the AAFS office. Please consider digging deeper than you ever have before to support the Forensic Sciences Foundation’s grant and research fund.

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The human condition is beset by many unpleasantries, not the least of which is unchanneled curiosity – for prying eyes can oftentimes carry worrisome outcomes.

Everywhere one looks, it seems, curiosity qua prying eyes is at work. The disabled vehicle on the roadside is a prime example of the ubiquity and unwelcomeness of prying eyes. Espying a vehicle stopped on the verge of the road is cause for an instinctive braking action by the approaching traffic. Sometimes such sudden deceleration will result in a massive slowdown with a consequent traffic jam or, worse yet, a bumper to bumper vehicular pile-up. Motorists will fret over such occurrences, but fretting does not put blinders on their prying eyes.

In both law and science prying eyes can sometimes play a pivotal role - sometimes for good and at other times for ill.

In Science: Research Experimentation

Being a scientist can be a risky business, that is if you follow the lead of biologist Lewis Thomas. Thomas was a devout believer that prying eyes must be the leitmotif of true scientists and others as well. As he put it:

“if there is any single attribute of human beings ... which distinguishes them from all other creatures on earth, it is their insatiable, uncontrollable drive to learn things and then to exchange the information with others of the species.”

There are examples galore of scientists exercising their learning muscles for the good of mankind, sometimes acting in total disregard of the untoward consequences to themselves. Albert Sabin, who introduced the “sugar lump” (live virus) vaccine against polio, proved the efficacy of his vaccine by first trying it “on himself, his family and numerous volunteers.” Nevertheless, a faulty batch which caused paralytic polio in some children was only a temporary setback.

Like Sabin’s self-experimentation, Stuart Craddock, one of Alexander Fleming’s assistants cultured some *penicillium notatum* in milk and ate the cheese-like concoction without ill effect. Fortunately for him the penicillin, first serendipitously discovered by Fleming, did him no harm.

Matters could have taken a turn for the worse for Sabin and Craddock in their self-experimentation if in putting themselves to the test they had suffered the fatal outcome for Major Walter Reed’s medical staff members Jesse William Lazear and Clara Maas. They allowed themselves to be willingly infected by the yellow fever virus carried by mosquitoes of the genus, *aedes*, and they died of the fell disease of prying eyes. Withal, they had, as Carlos Finlay had previously, proved that yellow fever, carried by mosquitoes, was the yellow fever culprit.

If there is danger in self-experimentation in science, there may be an additional risk of a legal nature in experimenting on another person, even with that person's consent. Louis Pasteur chanced his legal fate in 1885 when he inoculated nine-year-old Joseph Meister with the rabies vaccine developed by Pasteur’s colleague, Emile Roux. He also risked the life of the nine-year-old, but the child’s having been mauled by a rabid dog almost certainly insured his death from rabies in any event. However, the vaccine was spectacularly successful in thwarting the onset of the disease. As a consequence Pasteur, not a licensed physician, avoided tangling with the law over his treating the boy.

In this, the age of genetic engineering, experimentation with gene therapy even with the patient’s consent has had some well publicized failures. In 1999 it was 18-year-old Jesse Gelsinger, suffering from a treatable genetic disease of the liver, who died just days after being injected with a gene that was supposed to correct his abnormality. The lead researcher at the University of Pennsylvania was said to have neglected to inform the Gelsingers of untoward events in his prior testing. Jesse’s parents
received a settlement from the University of Pennsylvania which maintained its lack of wrongdoing.

Lately (Wash. Post, July 27, 2007) another person became the fatal victim of gene therapy, where a different virus from that used to treat Jesse Gelsinger, was involved. Under the unassuming headline “Targeted Genetics Provides Update on Inflammatory Arthritis Phase I/II Trial” it was reported that a testee in a gene therapy program involving inflammatory arthritis had died. To what extent this death, the details of which have not yet been fully disclosed, will constitute a setback for the prying eyes of geneticists remains to be seen.

The moral, as Joseph Conrad pointedly put it: “It’s only those who do nothing that make no mistakes, I suppose.”

In law: the attorney’s duty to investigate

Lawyers are charged by their governing code of ethics (sometimes termed professional responsibility) to investigate the underlying facts which they are called upon to support. They must conscientiously avoid bringing frivolous litigation, whether in the criminal or the civil sphere. And defense attorneys in criminal cases are especially charged with an ethical mandate to do their investigative homework, whether in preparing for trial or for a post-trial capital punishment hearing. (Strickland v. Washington, 104 S.Ct. 2052 (1984) and Wiggins v. Smith, 123 S.Ct. 2527 (2003)) But that ukase requires investigation not inveiglement, the doing of which upended Australia’s defense advocate, Richard Denis Meagher in the matter of George Dean.

The 1895 trial in Sydney, Australia of George Dean on a charge of attempting to poison his wife, Mary, brought to the fore Richard Denis Meagher, a junior partner in the Sydney law firm of Crick & Meagher. Meagher was no Oscar Wilde who, as it happened, was on trial at the same time as Dean at the Old Bailey in London. Meagher was, however, a wily one whose wiliness was born of his curiosity, a curiosity with a distinctly worrisome outcome.

It was not enough for Meagher to be Dean’s defense counsel. His prying eyes demanded more. He ached to know for himself whether his client was genuinely guilty of the charge preferred against him and on which he was convicted after a jury trial. His curiosity on this score was not his alone. Many defense attorneys would like to know the truth of their client’s criminal plight. But few, it is hoped, went to the vulpine extremes of Meagher in his defense of Dean.

Let it be known at the outset that Richard Denis Meagher was no Horace Rumpole, the dumpy barrister created by John Mortimer and acted so superbly by Leo McKern in the television series “Rumpole of the Bailey.” In one story Rumpole takes on the defense of the law and order stalwart, police commander Bob Durden, who was tried for hiring a hit-man to kill the husband of the woman of his misguided dreams. Rumpole is at his cross-examiner’s best at Durden’s trial, so much so that Durden is acquitted.

At a post-trial meeting with his now freed client the acquitted police officer asks Rumpole in a querulous voice, “You did not believe in my innocence?”

Rumpole’s reply should be emblazoned on the walls of the offices of all criminal defense attorneys, as it clearly was not in the Sydney chambers of Crick and Meagher.

“My belief (in your innocence or guilt) is suspended,” Rumpole began. “It’s been left hanging up in the robbing room for years. It’s not my job to find you innocent or guilty. That’s up the jury. All I can do is put your case as well as you would if you had ... anything approaching my ability.”

Rumpole’s position as a defense attorney was stated even more eloquently by Sir Carleton Kemp Allen in his volume Aspects of Justice. The defense advocate, he maintained, “is under an imperative duty to present his client’s case, by any legitimate means, to the best advantage, and also to guard jealously any confidences which have been reposed in him in his professional capacity.”

And Rumpole and Allen’s assessment of the duties of defense counsel was ineluctably correct. But Meagher was not of a similar frame of mind. His curiosity knew no bounds. And so he worked his cunning to find out whether Dean was guilty or not. But not until Dean had first been tried.

At his trial all the evidentiary cards seemed to be stacked against George Dean, except one very signal one. He had a public persona as a hero, attained by his rescuing persons on four occasions who had been in threat of drowning in Sydney Harbor. The rescues resulted from Dean’s being the “captain” of a steam ferry-boat plying its way between Sydney and its residential outskirts. His reputation was as a person with an impeccable work record over a span of eleven years. Clearly he was the kind of person deemed unlikely to be guilty of attempting to murder anyone, certainly not his wife.

Mary Dean, at twenty-four was three years younger than her husband, They had been married a mere longer than one year with a child having entered the young family which also included Mrs. Dean’s mother, Mary Seymour, There was no visible happiness within this family, with Dean having evicted his mother-in-law and his being in incessant quarrels with his wife, quarrels that were loud and violence-threatening.

The prosecution’s case relied entirely on the credibility of the testimony of Mary Dean and her mother, Mrs. Seymour. Mary Dean held up well under Meagher’s fierce cross-examination, but her mother did not fare so well. Mrs. Seymour’s sordid past was exposed and paraded before the jury. She had been convicted of larceny. She had been a procurer of prostitutes as well as a partial owner of a busy brothel. But Mary Dean, her daughter, did not suffer any of those reputational infirmities.

The prosecution, through the testimony of Mary Dean, sought to establish that she had been made ill, sometimes seriously, from a combination of arsenic and strychnine on six separate occasions. Mrs. Dean had apparently been saved from an agonizing death due to her having found the arsenic and strychnine laced materials to be bitter to the taste after a first bite. Further, Dean had been the only person present at the scene of five of the six poisonings, other than the victim. At the other time Mrs. Seymour had also been at the scene.

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Meagher’s task to convince the jury that there was a reasonable doubt of Dean’s guilt seemed to be Herculean. Yet his previous defense of members of the underworld of Sydney’s back streets proved him to be a skilful advocate, almost it would appear as formidable as Rumpole’s defense of the members of the Timson family against various and frequent criminal charges.

Meagher’s defense options were quite limited. He could not dispute the key facts: Mrs. Dean had been poisoned; George Dean had been present at the relevant times and had handled the food in which the poisons were discovered. In dire defense strats Meagher, with the testimony of Dean in its support, presented the jury with a most improbable scenario, to wit that Mary Dean and her mother had conspired to present false charges of poisoning against George Dean so as to be rid of him.

The trial judge, in his bluntly encapsulating the evidence for the jury, put the question of Dean’s guilt to the jury quite prosaically. “Was it rational to think that Mrs. Seymour would go and poison her only daughter, or induce her to take poison in quantities sufficient to kill many people, just to revenge herself on a man who had quarreled with her?”

On the third day of the trial, after the jury had deliberated some eight hours, the trial judge gave the jury an additional charge in which he urged them to agree upon a verdict. Shortly afterward the jury returned a verdict of guilty which would automatically trigger a death sentence in spite of the jury’s strong recommendation of mercy.

In sentencing Dean the trial judge added a personal note. He said he had never seen “a clearer case” of guilt than this. He was as sure of Dean’s guilt “as if he had seen him put in the poison” himself. But he did grudgingly agree to pass along to the executive the jury’s recommendation of mercy, saying however he would endorse it with his own view of “the horrible crime” Dean had committed.

With the publication of the verdict a pro-Dean “storm of protest” burst out. The trial judge was burned in effigy and both Mary Dean and her mother were booed as they traveled in the streets, with Mrs. Seymour being castigated as the “old poisoner.” “Never had there been such a hubbub about any criminal trial” in Australia up to that time.

To quell the swelling tide of public discontent a Royal Commission was appointed to take testimony and review the matter of the fairness of the trial in a thorough-going and impartial manner. Sir Julian Salomons, Q.C., an outstanding and even leading member of the bar, appeared for the government while Richard Denis Meagher was replaced by attorney Pilcher, a man of considerable legal prowess, but not as finely honed as Sir Salomons.

The post-trial proceedings from start to finish were a farce with Mrs. Seymour’s disgraceful past being dredged up with a heavy dose of scorn and obloquy. She had been a shoplifter and pickpocket who had been transported to Tasmania from London for her crimes. Her marriage had been a fiercely troubled one with an “aged vagrant’s” worthless testimony being introduced that Mrs. Seymour had attempted to kill her husband first with poison and later with a knife from ambush. With the rules of strict evidence being non-existent Mary Dean was impugned as “a confirmed arsenic-eater” without a scintilla of evidence to support such a trumped up charge.

The outcome was inevitable. By a vote of two to one, the Commission reported that Dean’s guilt had not been proven. He was at once granted a Royal Pardon amidst the joyful clamor of his supporters, prominent among whom was Meagher. Dean was returned to his ferry boat with the admiration of his ardent supporters buoying him up and with Mary Dean, her baby and her mother, being cast aside like flotsam and jetsam. But it was not long, still in 1895, until the floodgates of truth were forced open.

Meagher, shortly after Dean’s release, announced his candidacy for the Legislative Assembly. A newspaper challenged him with claims he was an incompetent for his mishandling of Dean’s case leading to the conviction of an innocent man. Meagher gave serious thought to suing the newspaper for libel but before doing so he consulted the dean of local lawyers, Sir Julian Salomons for his opinion on the libel he felt the newspaper had inflicted on him.

Sir Salomons, however, was critical of the merit of such an action since Meagher would have to agree that Dean was in fact guilty of poisoning his wife. “Oh,” said Meagher with “a smile of vanity” he “was guilty all right.” With that statement leaving Sir Salomons aghast, Meagher went on to explain more fully.

Prior to the Royal Commission’s having been appointed he visited Dean in jail to obtain any further details on the crimes, so he said, but events proved it was with roguery foremost in mind. That visit was a trap Meagher purposefully set for Dean. Knowing that at Dean’s trial no one had come forward to say that they had sold arsenic or strychnine to Dean, Meagher lied to Dean in saying “It’s all up, Dean. The police have found the man who sold you the poison.” Dean completely fell for the ruse and admitted his guilt.

With that knowledge in hand Meagher did not back off from his support of Dean but, on the contrary, “redoubled his agitation for a Royal Commission to reopen the whole case.” He also did his utmost to assist in the Commission’s hearings in order to sway it to grant Dean a pardon, meantime “fixing the guilt on two unoffending women, one of whom was to his knowledge the victim of the crime.” He had been caught up in the lawcuying which Ambrose Bierce had railed against.

With his usual heavy dose of sarcasm Bierce proclaimed that “the utmost atonement (the lawyer) ever makes for acquitting a man whom he knows to be guilty is to convict a man (or woman) whom he knows to be innocent.”

Hearing of Meagher’s base shenanigans, Sir Salomons was confronted with a monstrous dilemma. Should he go public with the knowledge he had gained from the confidential disclosures he had received from Meagher or should he observe the secrecy of the confidential communications he had obtained under the attorney-client relation he had had with Dean?

While Sir Salomons wrestled with this perplexity the newspapers again went on the attack, suggesting that Dean was really a guilty man. Dean decided to answer fire with fire and petitioned Parliament “for an inquiry to clear” his name of these unjust, as he saw it, insinuations. That petition was seen by Sir Salomons as the opening wedge for him
to go public with his knowledge of Dean’s foul deeds, gleaned from the
lips of Meagher. That Sir Salomons breach of the confidentiality he
had with Meagher as a client seemed patent did not cause him to be
brought up short for it, although arguably he should have been.

From that point forward in these convoluted proceedings, matters
moved quickly. Meagher’s assertion that Sir Saloman’s disclosures
were just “the concoction of a diseased brain” was deemed
preposterous. The chemist who had supplied Dean with the poison
came forward and owned up to his involvement. Meagher issued a
lengthy statement (he always spoke at great length) admitting he had
“committed a great error of judgment” and resigned his seat in
Parliament. His and Dean’s trial for conspiracy was forthcoming with
both being convicted.

But Meagher’s days of chance vainglory were not yet done. The New
South Wales high court set aside his conviction on technical legal
grounds giving him the opportunity to be elected once again to
Parliament where he served in various exalted positions, ultimately
stepping down as Speaker in 1913. His political career, however, did
not end until he had served as Lord Mayor of Sydney from 1916 to
1917. The public surely did not find his conniving to be politically
unpalatable.

Notwithstanding these claims to fame with the populace, Meagher lost
his license to practice law and had numerous applications for
reinstatement rejected over the years. Meagher’s resourcefulness and
intrepidity finally carried the day when in 1920 by an Act of Parliament
he was reinstated to the practice of law. For the remaining eleven years
of his life, Meagher practiced law successfully and without incident.

His prying eyes had neither helped him nor Dean whereas both had
been afflicted with the worrisome outcome of such prying eyes. The
moral of the story seems to be the unsavory one that a lawyer’s success
in the political arena is the anodyne for his misdeeds in the practice
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As you plan to attend the annual AAFS meeting in Washington D.C. do not forget to take advantage of the events the AAFS holds each year. Attending the section sessions is a good way to meet people in your field and provides opportunity for continuing education. At an additional cost the AAFS also holds many workshops, workshorts, special sessions and breakfasts targeting relevant, interesting and pertinent continuing education topics each year. If you plan to attend any of these events, do not forget the AAFS has a continuing education program.

With this program you can receive general education credits as well as continuing education credits for other organizations to which you may already be a member. Please review all upcoming registration materials carefully ensuring you make the most of your meeting experience.

The 2008 YFSF Special Session planning is well underway. We plan to hold our scientific session on Tuesday February 19, 2008 from 8:00-5:00 pm. We will also continue the tradition of the annual YFSF Poster and Slides Sessions to be held on Tuesday February 19, 2008 from 7:00-8:30 pm and Wednesday February 20, 2008 from 5:30-7:00 pm, respectively. If you would like to present a poster or brief slides presentation please contact the chairs for these sessions with a title and brief abstract for your submission. Finally, we will hold our breakfast session on Thursday February 21, 2008 from 7:00-9:30 am. If you are interested in participating in the breakfast session events please contact Jeannette Perr, the YFSF Secretary. All of these events are included with registration for the YFSF Special Session.

To keep the cost of these events low for our target audience, students and forensic sciences professionals new in their careers, we ask for donations and sponsorships each year to supplement the cost of our events. The AAFS works with us and potential sponsors to keep registration to our session at a reasonable cost to attendees. With a low cost to the YFSF Special Session we hope this will allow meeting registrants to attend other events at the AAFS meeting. If your group or organization is interested in donating to the YFSF please contact the YFSF Sponsorship Chair Robin Bowen at robin.bowen@mail.wvu.edu.

Finally, if you are a student please take advantage of the wonderful grant opportunities the Forensic Sciences Foundation has to offer. Each year they offer travel grant funding for students to supplement costs to attend the AAFS meeting. Also, the FSF provides funding for research projects ($500-5000) annually. Please do not hesitate to apply for these grants at any stage of your undergraduate or graduate research. If you would like more information please visit their website at http://www.forensicsciencesfoundation.org/grants/TravelGrant.htm. If you plan to present your research at the AAFS meeting you may also want to consider applying for the Emerging Forensic Scientist award. Your poster or slide presentation will be reviewed by members of the FSF at the meeting and if selected you will receive an award to cover all expenses to attend the 2009 meeting. For more information please see http://www.forensicsciencesfoundation.org/news/fs_award.htm.

— Marrah E. Lachowicz MFS, GCCP  
YFSF President

Forensic Science in the Public Eye Continues!
Greetings Young Forensic Scientists! By the time you read this article the lineup will be set for the 2008 Young Forensic Scientists Forum! All of your YFSF program co-chairs have been working hard to plan a highly successful session for your education and enjoyment in Washington D.C. In the last newsletter we announced that this year’s theme would be “Forensic Science in the Public Eye” and told you that we wanted to look behind the scenes at the post-CSI, highly publicized, world of forensic science. Our goal was to bring you a group of professionals who could relay their experiences in dealing with the public and the media through
various career aspects such as working high profile cases, hosting television programs and writing fictional novels and non-fictional forensic science books. I am pleased to announce that these goals will be more than fulfilled at the 2008 meeting when we will be joined by an array of extremely successful, talented and hardworking forensic scientists! As of the deadline for submitting this article, the following people have agreed to share their experiences and knowledge with our group:

- Dr. Michael Baden-forensic pathologist, author, lecturer and host of HBO’s Autopsy series
- Ms. Linda Kenny Baden-attorney, author, lecturer and legal commentator for CNN, MSNBC, CNBC and Court TV
- Dr. Henry Lee-forensic scientist, author, lecturer, consultant and host of Court TV’s Trace Evidence: The Case Files of Dr. Henry Lee
- Dr. Kathy Reichs-forensic anthropologist, professor, author and novelist of Deja Dead and the entire series of Temperance Brennan novels upon which FOX’s Bones television series is based
- Ms. Natalie Shirley-winner of the 8th Annual Emerging Forensic Scientist Award for her age determination from the clavicular epiphysis work in forensic anthropology
- Ms. Dayle Hinman-criminal profiler, homicide investigator, lecturer and host of Court TV’s Body of Evidence: From the Case Files of Dayle Hinman
- Dr. Robert Powers-toxicologist for the Connecticut Department of Public Safety
- Dr. Lynn Kimsey-entomologist, professor and expert witness in the Bakersfield, CA trial of Vincent Brothers

And that is just a sampling of the experiences and accomplishments that our various speakers will bring to the 2008 YFSF Special Session! We are still working to bring you a presentation on the DC area sniper shooting cases, the list is almost complete as our August 1st deadline quickly approaches! From the Special Session through the BYOS, Posters and Breakfast Sessions, we hope you are all starting to get excited for another great YFSF year! We’ll keep you posted with more updates as the months move on, as always, feel free to contact us.

YFSF Poster Session

The YFSF would like to invite new forensic scientists and students to present their research at the Poster Session. The YFSF strives to bring new and exciting aspects of forensic science to students. At the YFSF 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. 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!

— Arillis Dudley-Cash
YFSF Poster Session Chair

2008 YFSF Bring Your Own Slides

It’s that time to begin planning for the YFSF Bring Your Own Slides and presenters are needed! YFSF Bring Your Own Slides is a great opportunity to share with the forensic community case studies, research, or future interests. These presentations are short and casual providing a great way to build your resume and hone communication skills. Last year was filled with great research topics ranging from paints/dyes to an animal hair database and numerous case study evaluations. If you are interested in presenting please contact Missy Smith at mssmith@ocme.nyc.gov or Erica Blais Erica.Blais@state.ma.us. See you in DC!

— Missy Smith
YFSF Program Co-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 in the past and is always useful to aspiring forensic scientists. This year we are having actual young forensic scientist discuss their careers as well as some scientist that have advanced into management and others that have become seasoned on the bench discuss their thoughts. There will also be a resume review with follow up after the discussion. If you have an idea, question, or suggestion please feel free to email Jeannette Perr at: Jeannette.Perr@gmail.com.

YFSF Website

The YFSF website is just starting to be revamped under the leadership of Amy Richmond Aylor (amaryl@gmail.com). Amy is looking for help and suggestions so if you are interested in participating please feel free to email Amy.

— Amy Aylor
YFSF Website Co-Chair

About the YFSF

The YFSF is dedicated to the education, enrichment, and professional development of young forensic scientist. YFSF participants can be non-AAFS-members while organizers must be AAFS members from any section within the AAFS. The Forum provides a medium to educate and network with young forensic scientist to facilitate their establishment within the forensic science community. The YFSF is composed of a Special Session, a Poster Session, a Bring Your Own Slides Session, and a Breakfast Session during the AAFS Annual Meeting. 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 E. Lachowicz MFS, GCCP (Gradpath@aol.com) and YFSF Secretary Jeannette Perr PhD (jeannette.perr@gmail.com) can answer any questions about the YFSF and are looking to many different levels of young forensic scientist participating this year’s session.

— Jeannette Perr, PhD
YFSF Secretary
Meetings and Conferences

SEPTEMBER 2007

9-14
Southern Association of Forensic Scientists Annual Meeting—To be held at the Westin Peachtree Hotel in Atlanta, GA.
CONTACT: Mary Lynn Henson
USAIC Laboratory
4930 N. 31st. St.
Forest Park, GA 30297-5205
(404) 469-7265
Lynn.Henson@usacil.army.mil
http://www.southernforensic.org

9-14
Forensic Management Academy—To be held at the West Virginia University Campus in Morgantown, WV.
CONTACT: Maria Yester
Director, Center for Executive Education
(304) 293-7963
maria.yester@mail.wvu.edu
www.be.wvu.edu/execed/fma.htm

10-14
Basic Facial Reconstruction Sculpture Workshop—To be held at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, OK.
CONTACT: Betty Pat. Gatilff
SKULLpture Lab
1026 Leslie Lane
Norman, OK 73069-4501
(405) 321-8706
www.outreach.ou.edu/forensic

17-21
Advanced Facial Reconstruction Sculpture Workshop—To be held at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, OK.
CONTACT: Betty Pat. Gatilff
SKULLpture Lab
1026 Leslie Lane
Norman, OK 73069-4501
(405) 321-8706
www.outreach.ou.edu/forensic

17-21
International Forensic Photography Workshop—To be held at the Miami-Dade County Medical Examiner Department, Training Division.
CONTACT: Marie Alexander
Miami-Dade County Medical Examiner Department
(305) 547-5721
Fax: (305) 547-2435
malex@miamidade.gov
http://www.miamidade.gov/med_exam/training_dlp.asp

17-21
Basic Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Course—To be held at the Spokane Police Academy in Spokane, WA.
CONTACT: Marvin Skeen
WA State Attorney General’s Office
HITS Unit
PO Box 21526
Seattle, WA 98111-3526
(206) 389-2021 or (800) 345-2793
marvins@agt.wa.gov

19-21
Genetic Analysis for Human Identification Workshop—To be held at the Shadow Lane Campus at the University of Nevada Las Vegas.
CONTACT: Walter E. Goldstein
UNLV, Shadow Lane Campus
1001 Shadow Lane M/S 7401
Las Vegas, NV 89106-4124
(702) 774-2325
walter.goldstein@unlv.edu
http://shadowlane.unlv.edu

24-28
MAFS 36th Annual Meeting—To be held at the Park Place Hotel in downtown Traverse City, MI.
CONTACT: Cheryl Lozen
MSP-Northville Lab
42145 W. Seven Mile Rd.
Northville, MI 48167
(248) 380-1141
Fax: (248) 380-1005
lozenc@michigan.gov
www.mafs.net

24-28
Fall Bloodstain Evidence Institute—To be held in Corning, NY.
CONTACT: Herbert Leon MacDonell, Director
Bloodstain Evidence Institute
PO Box 1111
Corning, NY 14830
(607) 962-6581
Fax: (607) 936-6936
forensicl@stny.rr.com

24-28
Examination of Tire Impression and Tire Track Evidence Course—Instructed by William Bodziak. To be held in Clackamas, OR.
CONTACT: Rhonda Banks
Oregon State Police
Forensic Services Division
Portland Metro Lab
13009 SE 84th Avenue, Suite 200
Clackamas, OR 97015
(503) 451-2308
rhonda.banks@state.or.us
2-4
Photodocumentation Series Training Course—
To be held at the NTSB Training Center in Ashburn, VA.
CONTACT: NTSB Training Center
43065 Riverside Parkway
Ashburn, VA 20147
(703) 223-3900
TrainingCenter@ntsb.gov
http://www.ntsb.gov/TC/Course
Info/IM300_2007.htm

8-9
2007 Street Survival Seminar—To be held in Las Cruces, NM.
CONTACT: Slavka Younger
Calibre Press
(800) 323-0037, ext. 5314
slavka.younger@practicriugroup.com
www.calibrepress.com

9-12
Good Laboratory Practices in Clinical Research Course & Workshop—To be held at the AAPS Training Center in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
CONTACT: AAPS
200 Consumers Road, Suite 200
Toronto, Ontario M2J 4R4
Canada
(416) 392-2277
http://www.aaps.ca/seminars/clinical.html

15-19
California Association of Criminalists 110th Annual Seminar—To be held at the Doubletree Hotel & Meeting Center in Berkeley, CA.
CONTACT: Meglan Mannion Gray
California Department of Justice
1001 W Cutting Blvd, Suite 110
Richmond, CA 94804
(510) 620-3300
meglan.manniongray@doj.ca.gov
http://www.cacnews.org

23-24
Forensic Digital Photography Training Seminar—
To be held at the San Francisco Hyatt Regency Hotel in San Francisco, CA.
CONTACT: ANITE Group
PO Box 375
Pinole, CA 94564
(510) 724-1003
Fax: (510) 724-0733
digital@projectile.com
http://www.projectile.com/
forensicdigital.htm

29-Nov. 16
Texas Crime Scene Investigation Academy—To be held at Weatherford College in Weatherford, TX.
CONTACT: Kimberly Shue
Forensic Training Services, Inc.
3630 Yellow Bank Road
Dunkirk, MD 20754
(410) 286-5520
forensictrainingus.com

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2nd International Workshop on Criminal and Environmental Soil Forensics—To be held at the James Watt Conference Centre in Edinburgh, UK.
CONTACT: Marianne Stam
California Department of Justice
7125 Mission Boulevard
Riverside, CA 92509
marianne.stam@doj.ca.gov
http://www.soilforensicsinternational.org/
31-Nov 3
Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists (NEAFS) 33rd Annual Meeting—To be held at the Sagamore Resort in Bolton Landing, NY.
CONTACT: Adrian S. Krawczeniuk
PO Box 100
Old Greenwich, CT 06870
(212) 620-9292
adrian.s.krawczeniuk@usdoj.gov
www.neafs.org

NOVEMBER 2007
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Medicolegal Death Investigation 14 14th Annual Forensic Science Seminar—Jointly Sponsored by: Lubbock County Medical Examiners Office, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center; Department of Pathology, Institute for Forensic Sciences, Office of Continuing Medical Education and the Lubbock County Sheriff’s Office. To be held at Holiday Inn Hotel and Towers in Lubbock, TX.
CONTACT: Melinda Steele, Director
Continuing Medical Education
Texas Tech University
Health Sciences Center
3601 4th Street Stop 7113
Lubbock, TX 79430
(806) 743-2934
http://www.ttuhsce.edu/cme

5-9
Basic Forensic Pathology Course—To be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Rockville, MD.
CONTACT: Armed Forced Institute of Pathology
Department of Medical Education
Washington, DC 20306-6000
(202) 782-2637
Fax: (202) 782-5020
sutton@afip.osd.mil
http://www.afip.org/Departments/edu/upcoming.htm

8-10
Bi-Annual Meeting of the Southwest Association of Toxicologists—To be held at the Hilton Island Resort in Galveston, TX.
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8-11
Forensic Medical Investigation Comprehensive Review Course—To be held in Phoenix, AZ.
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mhk@forensicmi.com
www.forensicmi.com

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.
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28-29
The Computer Forensics Show—To be held in Washington, DC.
CONTACT: Frank Manley
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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
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DECEMBER 2007
2-3
ASTM International Committee E52 on Forensic Psychophysiology—To be held in the Tampa Marriott Waterside in Tampa, FL.
CONTACT: Joe Koury
(610) 832-9804
jkoury@astm.org
http://www.astm.org/commit/E52.htm

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

5-7
Medicolegal Investigation of Death Conference—To be held at the Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas, NV.
CONTACT: Wayne State University
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101 E. Alexandrine, Garden Level
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7-12
The Robert F. Borkenstein Course on Alcohol and Highway Safety: Testing, Research and Litigation—To be held at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN.
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Sycamore Hall 302
Bloomington, IN 47405
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7-8
The Winter Meeting of the American Academy of Psychoanalysis and Dynamic Psychiatry—To be held in Temple, AZ.
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PO Box 30
Bloomfield, CT 06002
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Fax: (860) 286-0787
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20-21
Basic Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Workshop—To be held at the Metropolitan Police Institute of the Miami-Dade Police Department in Miami, FL.
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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
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1402 S Grand Blvd; R512
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Fax: (314) 977-3695
mlki@slu.edu
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21-25
Sexual Assault Examiner Training Course—To be held at the Eisenhower Medical Center in Rancho Mirage, CA.
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jilcrum@msn.com or
psilver@cmc.org

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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) 302-2277
http://www.aaps.ca/
semgrp_global.html

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