I am writing this column from New York City during the American Bar Association Annual Meeting. Science and technology, as well as international issues are at the forefront of the intersection of law and science. As I mentioned in a previous column, I chair and co-chair two committees of the Science and Technology Law (STL) Section of the ABA – The Future of Evidence and Scientific Evidence – very relevant to our work in the Academy. The ABA Annual Meeting program included many interesting interdisciplinary sessions – genetic engineering, concerns regarding virtual worlds, data breaches, clinical trials, and access to experimental treatments, etc. Much productive collaboration occurred here in New York - AAFS and ABA are going to work together on a Future of Evidence book. Topics will include admissibility issues, discovery in the future, presentation of courtroom testimony, jurors of the future, new types of forensic evidence and research resources in science, technology and the law, as well as ethical issues and many other topics. Please let me know if you are interested in contributing a chapter to the book. We will work out an MOU regarding the division of labor, cost and royalties. I would like to see our portion of the royalties go to the Forensic Sciences Foundation to support more forensic science research. Numerous issues were raised during ABA meetings that affect the forensic sciences – for example, there was a resolution to oppose requiring a private investigator’s license to those persons engaged in computer or digital forensic services. Other sections of the ABA wanted to oppose the resolution because they did not know there was certification, accreditation or other competency requirements in place. I am pleased I was here to share with them all the things we are doing in the forensic science community to insure competency – ethics codes, ASCLD/LAB accreditation, ISO, ASTM, individual board certification, the Forensic Specialties Accreditation Board, and Scientific Working Groups and their guidelines. Collaboration between professional associations is essential.

Another issue that is relevant to our work in the Academy is communication. There is no turning back from new forms of communication and electronic interaction like blogs, wikis and social networks. It is an international phenomenon – 45 million people are using virtual worlds/social networks. One survey conducted in Australia found only one percent of those over 35 are using Facebook; 25% of those 25 – 34 years old are using it and 33% of those under 25 are on it. There are entire virtual worlds like Second Life (of course I
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Legislative Corner

I was invited to give a keynote presentation at the 18th Triennial Meeting of the International Association of Forensic Sciences held in New Orleans, Louisiana, July 21 – 25, 2008. The keynote address was in commemoration of an award given by the IAFS 2005 HONG KONG Forensic Foundation. I was honored to be the first recipient.

The title I chose for my presentation was *The Seven Grand Challenges Facing Forensic Science*. I wanted to summarize the key issues facing forensic science in the United States which I and others have been discussing for some time. I started off with some caveats; these issues were from a U.S. perspective and may not apply in all regions of the world. These “challenges” represent my own analysis of forensic science today. The analysis is my own and not those of any organization with which I am affiliated.

The Seven Challenges are:

- The Timeliness Challenge
- The Reliability Challenge
- The Quality Challenge
- The Oversight Challenge
- The Impartiality Challenge
- The Contextual Bias Challenge
- The Fiscal Support Challenge

The Timeliness Challenge

Completing cases and reporting information within a reasonable time continues to plague forensic science laboratories. This fact impacts the quality of justice by impeding police investigations and criminal trials. It also allows wrong-doers to go free and perhaps commit other crimes.

One might well ask, “What is a reasonable turnaround time for cases?” Is 30, 60, or 90 days reasonable? Clearly, six months, a year or even longer is not satisfactory or acceptable in any case.

Timeliness Solutions

More personnel, including forensic scientists and lab technicians, are needed. Laboratory automation and laboratory information management systems (LIMS) have a place to solve the timeliness challenge. Some labs have used process mapping to better understand workflow. Labs regularly triage or prioritize cases to improve efficiency. Police liaison officers assigned to labs also have a place to maximize lab resources.

The Reliability Challenge

We could also call the reliability challenge the *Daubert Challenge*. In a few instances, courts are questioning the reliability of so called “pattern evidence” such as fingerprint evidence, handwriting, firearms evidence, bite marks, etc. Clearly, the defense bar will continue to ask questions like, “How can we demonstrate that our opinions are valid and reliable?”

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The Quality Challenge
How is quality demonstrated in forensic science? The number of convictions is not a measure of quality. Accreditation and certification are an answer and we have to stop the unsupportable statement that there is a “zero error rate.” No one is perfect. No other scientific discipline makes a claim of perfection and forensic science is no different.

Quality Solutions
Laboratories must instill the idea of quality in their staffs and agencies. Along with the notion of quality the idea of integrity must be stressed. There are no shortcuts to quality! Accreditation and certification programs, while not absolute guarantees of quality, help drive the system in that direction and should be adopted throughout the forensic science profession.

The Oversight Challenge
Should oversight be mandatory for forensic science? A few states already have oversight commissions in existence; others are considering it. I do not believe that we as a profession can stop this movement, nor should we. Perhaps it should be embraced in some form. It goes without saying that it is better to be part of a solution than to have others dictate the outcome to you.

Oversight Solutions
The question becomes how should states proceed? Legislation creating study committees is a good first step. Stakeholders get to hash out the nature of the oversight. Several forms are possible such as advisory groups, forensic commissions, and innocence commissions. One size may not fit all. Mandatory accreditation and certification are likely requirements, and possibly licensing.

The Impartiality Challenge
Some claim that public forensic science labs should be outside of police and prosecutor agencies. They argue that this relationship creates the possibility that parent bodies might influence laboratories to report results that mirror the investigator’s or prosecutor’s theory of a case. Naturally, this is conjecture and has not been clearly demonstrated.

Impartiality Solutions
Some will claim this is a problem. The solution is transparency. Labs must find ways to demonstrate that they favor neither side of an investigation. Labs must allow the outside community to view their policies, procedures, quality assurance records, and even embarrassing failures of their operations.

The Contextual Bias Challenge
Some now claim that laboratories know too much about a given investigation and that this knowledge may lead to bias. In some cases, it is claimed that this bias may not even be recognized by examiners in a specific case.

Solutions to Bias:
Bias has been studied in other fields; however, the number of studies within forensic sciences is rather small. Clearly, more research in the forensic science environment is needed to determine the extent of the claim of bias. Major changes in organizations are costly and a demonstration of the scope of the alleged bias is needed to determine what steps are appropriate.

The Fiscal Support Challenge
Most of the challenges described in this report are a direct result of inadequate funding for forensic sciences. The criminal justice system has not valued forensic science adequately and provided the level of funds to allow us to meet a full potential.

Budget Solutions
Stakeholders must be helped to recognize the importance and value of forensic science. Education of police, prosecutors, defenders, courts, crime victims, the media, and the public is a high priority. The forensic science community with a coherent voice must raise this issue. We all need to better market forensic sciences to users and the public to help increase funding and allow us to do our jobs.
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Academy News
A Google search for “forensic degrees” yielded 2.64 million hits; happily, the AAFS website was first. That’s the good news. The bad news, as painfully outlined in a recent *New York Times* article, is that diploma mills are increasing and improving their methods. Diploma mills are businesses that sell fake diplomas and transcripts that seem legitimate. The internet has allowed for an explosion of diploma mills fueled by workers desperate to gain an edge in a competitive job market. Distance learning degrees have made sorting out diploma mills more difficult, noted Tim Dillon in *USA Today*, “because it’s harder to determine whether a degree earned long distance is really legitimate. In addition, many diploma mills adopt names that are similar to bona fide universities or colleges.”

Legitimate online programs suffer the most because of this fraud. Diploma mills charge from $50 to $5,000 for a degree (bachelor’s, master’s, or PhD); some require buyers to write a short essay or similar slight work before sending out the degree. One couple, Dixie and Steven K. Randock, Sr., produced more than 10,000 false degrees from over 120 fictitious universities for customers in 131 countries. From 1999-2005, the Randocks took in more than $7 million dollars. More worrisome is that some diploma mills, like the one run by the Randocks, provide fake degrees that look like they came from real legitimate universities, such as Harvard, Arizona State, or University of Minnesota. High quality color laser printing and holograph technology make this fakery easier than imagined (talk to the Digital & Multimedia and Questioned Document Sections about that). Degrees can be had in any academic area, including criminal justice, engineering, education, medicine, psychology, nursing—even ethics. In a devious twist, some diploma mills start accreditation mills, allowing the bogus universities to be “accredited”; the Randocks, as you might imagine, did that as well.

However, the Randocks are just one diploma mill; the Council of Higher Education Accreditation estimates that 100,000 to 200,000 phony degrees are sold each year. The Government Accounting Office surveyed 2 percent of federal employees and found 463 who had bought degrees from three diploma mills. According to the Society of Human Resource Management (cited in the *USA Today* article), only about 40% of companies regularly verify degrees. The worse news is that many of these bogus degrees are in areas of national security interest, including forensic degrees.

Some characteristics of diploma mills include:

* They often have names similar to well-known colleges or universities, but fail to mention an accrediting agency or name a fake accrediting agency.
* Overemphasis on the speed and brevity with which someone can receive a degree (e.g., “Call now and have your degree shipped to you overnight!”).
* Degrees can be earned in far less time than normal (e.g., 27 days) or the diploma is printed with a specific backdate.
* There is no selectivity in admissions, or any questions about previous test scores or detailed academic history.
* No interaction with professors or faculty (e.g., only two emails are received from a professor).
* Degree requirements are vague or unspecified, lacking class descriptions and without any mention of how many credit hours are required to complete a program.
* Tuition and fees are typically on a per-degree basis.
The Federal Trade Commission offers these suggestions for checking out academic credentials:

- Contact the school. Most college registrars will confirm dates of attendance and graduation, as well as degrees awarded and majors, upon request. If the applicant gives permission, they may provide a certified academic transcript. If you aren’t familiar with the school, don’t stop your research just because someone answers your questions on the phone or responds with a letter. Some diploma mills offer a “verification service” that will send a phony transcript to a prospective employer who calls.

- Check to see if the school is accredited by a recognized agency. You can use the Internet to check if a school is accredited by a legitimate organization at a new database of accredited academic institutions, posted by the U.S. Department of Education at www.ope.ed.gov/accreditation. To find out if an accrediting agency is legitimate, check the list of recognized national and regional accrediting agencies maintained by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) at www.chea.org.

- Ask the applicant for proof of the degree and the school’s accreditation. If you don’t get satisfactory answers from the school itself and the accreditation sites on the Web, ask the applicant for proof of the degree, including a certified transcript, and the school’s accreditation. Ultimately, it’s up to the applicant to show that he earned his credentials from a legitimate institution.

FEPAC is committed to achieving recognition by CHEA and the Department of Education as an accrediting body. The Commission is dedicated to providing the highest possible quality of accreditation it can to the forensic science community.

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President’s Message cont.

have been so busy with my first life I have not had time to get a second life), but we cannot ignore, as a professional association, the new ways in which we can reach out to future members – students, scientists and end users of forensic science, as well as to our existing membership. During the Executive Committee meeting in New Orleans we discussed other ways of communicating with our membership and also getting the word out regarding AAFS. I have appointed Past President Bruce Goldberger as the AAFS Press Liaison to work with various media to tell them about the amazing developments and interesting things we are doing in forensic science.

Last, but not least, I am pursuing our goal of furthering research and education in the forensic sciences. We need to raise more money for forensic science research and show our commitment as a community. Therefore, I am proposing a Five for Forensic Science Research plan to benefit the Forensics Sciences Foundation - see our logo to the right. What I am proposing is that ALL AAFS members give a “high five” (a celebratory gesture) in support of forensic science research. (Note: 5 is a prime number). We can send an important message to the scientific, legal and political communities if ALL of us contribute, no matter how small the donation. 100% membership donations in a professional association demonstrates our commitment to forensic science research. So I am asking every member of AAFS to contribute – give me your “high five” – whether it is $5, $15, $25, $50, $500 or more. Please don’t leave me hanging. I know we are all committed to doing more forensic science research, but we need the money to do it. Show me your high five commitment.

In the next column I will let you know about the Italy conference – at last count 180 of our international colleagues are attending.
A Word From Your 2009 Program Co-Chair

By the time you read this, it will be too, too late to submit an abstract for the 2009 Annual Meeting in Denver, so there’s zero point in my going through that Get-Those-Abstracts-In dance. (You might, however, want to get to work on your 2010 abstracts.)

This is a good time to step back and ask yourself if all of this passes the ‘So what?’ test. That is, what is the importance of the presentations and the Proceedings that form an important part—the most important part, arguably—of any AAFS Annual Meeting. Does the work that is presented at the Academy meetings have more than place-a-checkmark-in-a-box significance?

Here’s my take on it. I strongly believe that the work that leads up to the hundreds of Academy presentations, the presentations themselves, and the ensuing discussions are inherently valuable, with value far beyond any mere requirements-satisfying function.

Here’s why. Progress in the sciences is, for the most part, incremental. Myriads of tiny advances cause the ground to suddenly shift in a field, and the AAFS proceedings and the research that underpins those proceedings each year contains hundreds of these incremental advances. The work serves as (a) a training ground for new scientific talent, (b) a place for the publication and critique of not-yet-ready for peer-reviewed research journal submission, (c) a forum in and out of the meetings for discussion (both formal (during Q&A sessions) and informal (over a pint of spirits)) of hypotheses and experimentation, and (d) a place where research agendas can be discussed and aligned, to eliminate duplication and cover more ground.

I would not have been the Program Chair of the Engineering Sciences Section a few years back (a nail-biting, frustrating, no-good-deed-goes-unpunished experience) or Program Co-Chair now if I did not believe in the intrinsic value of the abstracts and presentations.

So for all of you who have answered the call to submit to the Denver Meeting, thank you. Thank You. THANK YOU!

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International Educational Outreach Program

Source: Thomas L. Bohan, PhD, JD, President-Elect

Arrangements Underway For Forensic Foray Along the Old Silk Road
In New Orleans in July, at the Triennial Meeting of the International Association of Forensic Sciences (IAFS), IAFS President Ron Singer (a recent past president of the Academy) and Academy President-Elect Thomas Bohan continued discussions begun at the AAFS 60th Annual Meeting in Washington, DC, aimed at developing a closer forensic relationship between the Academy and those practicing forensic sciences in central Asia (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Central_Asia). The following is my account of those talks and a description of the consequences that we hope grow out of them.

On each occasion, we met for several hours with Kairat Kalievich Amankulov, Director of the Forensic Laboratories of the Republic of Kazakhstan. In New Orleans, we also spoke with Zaynitdin A. Giyasov, MD, PhD, Chief of the Bureau of Forensic Medical Examination of the Republic of Uzbekistan. The discussions, made possible by excellent interpreters from Uzbekistan in New Orleans and Kazakhstan in Washington, were directed at (1) establishing a Kazakhstan-centered regional forensic association modeled on the AAFS and (2) creating a forensic science research institute, possibly multi-national, in Kazakhstan. The hope is that the regional association—at least in a basic form—will be in place as soon as early 2009. Planning for its inaugural event, a multi-national forensic symposium in Kazakhstan in May 2009, is already underway. The Kazakhs see a crucial aspect of that symposium being participation by the AAFS. This dovetails with the Academy's planned forensic outreach program for 2009, which will have as its centerpiece AAFS participation in the Kazakhstan symposium. At one level, that participation will be similar to our role at the 2005 Buenos Aires symposium. That symposium was organized and held in conjunction with the Academy's 2005 outreach to South America led by AAFS President Edmund Donoghue with the assistance of Academy Fellow Daniel Garner, PhD, and the Department of Justice's International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program (ICTTAP).

By leading an Academy group on a ten-day forensic exploration of Kazakhstan and its neighbors in 2009, I intend to continue the practice established by Dr. Donoghue and intervening Academy presidents aimed at substantially enlarging the Academy's influence in the world beyond North America. It is anticipated that the group will consist of 15 Academy members (up to 30 persons in all), and that its activities will commence in Kazakhstan on May 15. In addition to taking part in the symposium described above, those in the group will meet with their forensic counterparts in the region and visit their laboratories. Although the group's activities will focus strongly on forensic matters, it will also explore other features of the ancient lands it is traversing, ancient lands forming the heart of the old Silk Road of east-west travel and trade. That this region is also the most remote stretch of the Road can be sensed by reciting city names such as Tashkent and Samarkand. Located in modern Uzbekistan, both cities will be on the itinerary.

Lying northwest of China, Kazakhstan is the ninth largest country in the world, and by far the largest land-locked country. Bordering the Caspian Sea on the west, its easternmost tip lies within 30 km of Mongolia. In addition to China and Russia, it is bordered by most of the countries that have come to be labeled as ‘the stans’: Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan. The indigenous languages of all these countries form part of the Turkic language group; however, most of the populations are also fluent in Russian.

The Academy's 2009 International Educational Forensic Outreach program is being scheduled so as not to conflict with the XXI Congress of the International Academy of Legal Medicine set for May 28-30, 2009, in Lisbon, Portugal.
CRIMINALISTICS

Source: Anjali Swenton, MFS, JD, Section Secretary

I am writing this from New Orleans where I have been for the last week attending the IAFS conference. I have enjoyed being able to meet and spend time with many of our international colleagues from numerous countries and am reminded, once again, of how truly universal forensic science is. I encourage each of you to take advantage of the opportunities to forge partnerships with international members as many of them routinely attend the AAFS meetings.

By the time you read this the August 1st deadline for abstract submissions for the 2009 meeting will have come and gone. I know Section Program Chair Matt Wood and Co-Chair Barbara Llewellyn are already working hard to review the submissions and put together another program rich with innovative and informative presentations. Once again, please keep in mind that there are likely to be many presentations scheduled for Saturday, February 21st, and make your travel plans accordingly.

The SAFS/SWAFS/MAFS/MAAFS/ABC joint meeting in Orlando has been awarded monies from the AAFS Criminalistics Section regional association support fund. Other associations are encouraged to apply while there is some funding remaining.

There are still many opportunities for involvement with the Criminalistics section. The Membership Committee has been revived and we are looking for volunteers to assist with the review of new member applications and applications for promotion within the section. If you are interested, please contact Karolyn Tontarski at 4n6evidence@gmail.com. And remember, if you are applying for promotion or sponsoring someone for new membership, the deadline is October 1st.

Lastly, I am also Co-Chair with Sue Ballou for this year’s Plenary Session. We have put together what promises to be an exciting session on the investigation of crime scenes involving weapons of mass destruction (chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive). Please plan to attend the section business meeting afterward to ensure that we have a quorum and can conduct all necessary section business.

Sharpen up those skis and we’ll see you in Denver!

DIGITAL & MULTIMEDIA SCIENCES

Source: David W. Baker, MFS, Section Secretary

Thanks to all who submitted an abstract or workshop proposal for the 61st AAFS meeting, being held February 16-21, 2009, in Denver, Colorado. The program committee, chaired by Mark Pollitt and Eoghan Casey, are working diligently to develop next year’s program. We are excited and looking forward to our first program as the Digital & Multimedia Sciences Section.

If we look around, we see many initiatives on digital evidence, and it attracts more attendees each year. In the last and coming months, there were several events in the field of digital evidence, such as the Digital Forensic Research Workshop, the Workshop on Computational Forensics, and sessions at the IAFS meeting in New Orleans and at the ANZFSS in Melbourne. Most of the efforts in digital evidence take much research and development, and for that reason it is good to see that papers get accepted in the Journal of Forensic Sciences. The American Academy of Forensic Sciences is working together with Elsevier asking them (we asked as well) to consider including the journal Digital Investigation in the forensic meeting package.

All members of our new group are asked to introduce colleagues to the membership of our section. If you have not already done so, it is the time to prepare and submit your application for promotion to the Academy. The deadline is October 1st for the 2009 meeting.

ENGINEERING SCIENCES

Source: Harold Franck, MSEE, PE, Section Chair

The time for submission of articles for the annual meeting has come and gone. It is hoped that many members have submitted abstracts by the deadline of August 1, 2008, for the annual meeting in Denver. However, the deadline for membership and promotion application, October 1, 2008, is still in the future. I encourage all members to apply for promotion as soon as they become eligible. I also encourage those readers who have not attended a section meeting in the past or those who have never attended to make plans to attend the 2009 meeting. Your input at the meetings, whether you have attained voting privileges or not, are always encouraged. The meeting is a great opportunity to meet your colleagues and to forge strong friendships.
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The members of the Academy can be a powerful recruiting asset. Members meeting other experts involved in cases, whether they are on the same side or not, should encourage them to join the Academy. In these situations, members have a prime opportunity to observe these experts in action and to ascertain the quality of their credentials. Members should take the opportunity to promote the advantages of joining AAFS.

The Yahoo group is an excellent forum for discussing issues concerning the engineering sciences. Members may also answer pertinent questions posted at the Yahoo group by young people, thereby promoting the field of forensic engineering at: http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/AAFSESS/.

People involved in engineering forensics are encouraged to join our section and the Yahoo group. I look forward to a successful meeting with vigorous debate and excellent presentations by the participants. By the next newsletter we will know the presentations that have been accepted for the meeting.

GENERAL

Source: Robert C. Gaffney, MPS, Section Secretary

I would like to thank everyone who has submitted an abstract for the upcoming meeting in February 2009 in Denver, CO. Joanna Collins and Angela Asaro Geis are going through the abstracts to develop next year’s program. The success of our section’s scientific sessions depends upon your willingness to present papers.

Membership

For those of you seeking membership or promotion, the deadline for applications is October 1, 2008. Prior to submitting a request for promotion, Paul Kish and I request that you carefully read not only the Academy requirements but also those of the General Section prior to submitting an application. This will significantly reduce our work and assist us in expediting our review of the applications for promotion with our section.

Reception Committee

The Reception Committee is working hard on the third 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, your money! Please contact Mary Fran (ernstmf@slu.edu) or any member of the reception committee with information on potential sponsors.

Business Meeting

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 our annual business meeting. Members are selected as needed from the list with consideration being given to those who need participation for membership promotion. Yet another reason to attend the General Section Business Meeting which is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon during the Academy’s 61st Annual Meeting.

Nominating Committee

The General Section offices of Chair and Secretary are open for election this year. Nominating Committee members Robert Freed (Chair), Neal Haskell, and Timothy Palmbach will identify one candidate for each of these positions. In addition to floor nominations at the February 2009 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, 2008. 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, 2008. The Committee will publish a list of the candidates for General Section offices in the January Academy News.

Awards Committee

The General Section has two prestigious awards, the John R. Hunt and Paul W. Kehres Awards. Please provide your nominations to Alan Boehm. We would like to give these away every year. Do not wait for someone else to nominate!

General Section Student Scholarship

The General Section Scholarship Committee is offering two (2) $500 Scholarships to be awarded annually. Applicants must be an immediate family member, defined as a spouse or dependent child, of a General Section Fellow or full member, who is enrolled full-time in a nationally-accredited college or university, with a declared major in a discipline that is accepted by the General Section for membership. If you and your “student” fit these criteria, consider contacting General Section Scholarship Chair Steve Gilbert (gilberts@canton.edu) 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, 2008.

Lastly, we need photos! Please submit any photos of your accomplishments or photos from the annual meeting. They will be included as space is available in the newsletter.

JURISPRUDENCE

Source: Roderick T. Kennedy, JD, Section Chair

There has been a lot of frenzied activity centered around submitting abstracts and programs this last month. From the contact I had with a number of our members, we should have some programs that will prove interesting to the entire Academy.

Our President, Carol Henderson, is heading off late this month for Italy. We are proud she’s both the Academy’s and the section’s ambassador.

The Membership Committee will begin to contact lagging members, asking them to either up their membership status, or help out the section with its program in Denver.

Thanks to program co-chairs Paul Messner and Alan Black, and to the Academy’s program chair Cynthia Windsor for her hard work.

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With the start of football here in the Midwest, we are reminded to start making plans to attend the 61st Annual Meeting of the AAFS in Denver, Colorado, February 16-21, 2009. I know that program chair Paula Brumit has been hard at work reviewing the abstracts that everyone submitted. She promises an exceptional meeting, and don’t forget to sign up for the Thomas Krauss Memorial Bite Mark Breakfast on Friday morning. Hotel registration is currently available via a link on the AAFS website. Don’t wait until the hotel sells out, like I did last year. Register early!

Drs. Gary Bell, Barry Lipton and Warren Tewes along with Stacey Davis and Harry Carlile from the FBI CJIS will be offering another National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Dental Coding Workshop, September 20-21, 2008, in San Antonio, Texas, this being the most recent of several presented throughout the United States. The previous one was held in Denver on June 21-22, 2008.

The International Association of Forensic Sciences meeting was held July 21-25, 2008, in New Orleans, LA. Our Odontology Section was well represented at this conference. The American Board of Forensic Odontology will be presenting a workshop entitled The Art & Science of Expert Witness Testimony on February 20-21, 2009, after the AAFS meeting. More information is available on the ABFO website (www.abfo.org).

The Forensic Sciences Foundation (FSF) has both Acorn and Lucas Grants available for research funding. Plan to apply for an FSF grant after the meeting but before June 1, 2009. Also, the ASFO and ABFO have funds available through their respective Research Committees. If you are interested, please contact the FSF (www.forensicsciencesfoundation.org), ASFO (www.newasfo.com) or the ABFO (www.abfo.org). Please note that grants may be combined for research that exceeds the $1,000 maximum level of the ASFO grants.

PHYSICAL ANTHROPOLOGY

Source: Thomas D. Holland, PhD, DABFA, Section Secretary

Christopher Grivas from the University of New Mexico is the 2008-2009 winner of the Ellis R. Kerley Forensic Sciences Foundation's graduate student scholarship. His research focuses on interpreting data from inherently biased data sets such as archeological skeletal samples or contemporary forensic reference collections, with the goal of making reference skeletal collections into more cohesive units of study.

The Department of Defense Central Identification Laboratory has initiated a Forensic Science Academy for the purpose of providing training in applied forensic anthropology, laboratory quality assurance and accreditation, and applied field recoveries. Modeled on the “semester abroad” concept, the CIL will accept up to six advanced-level graduate students for the 16-week academy. Training includes a 5-week deployment to Vietnam War era recovery sites in Laos as part of a CIL team. Students from Michigan State University, the University of Florida, and California State University at Chico have already been accepted for the first class that began August 25, 2008. For information on next year’s class, contact Robert Mann, interim Academy Director, at Robert.Mann@JPAC.PACOM.mil.

To reiterate: Now is the time to submit your nominations for the T. Dale Stewart Award. Nominees should be recognized members of the field of forensic anthropology who have made significant contributions to the discipline. Please send your selection to Norm Sauer (nsauer@msu.edu) with a brief bio and your top three reasons for the nomination.

The Scientific Working Group for Forensic Anthropology will hold its third formal meeting in late November 2008 at the Central
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Identification Laboratory in Hawaii. If you have issues that you would like the group to consider, contact the Secretary, Angi Christensen (secretary@swganth.org).

Franklin Damann reports that the National Museum of Health and Medicine in Washington, DC, finally has opened their newest exhibit, Resolved: Advances in the Forensic Identification of War Dead.

If you haven’t submitted your abstract for next year’s meeting to Brad Adams by the time you read this—you’ve blown it.

PSYCHIATRY & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

Source: John L. Young, MD, Section Secretary

Registration is now open for the 39th annual meeting of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law (AAPL) in Seattle at the Westin Seattle Hotel, October 23-26. The advance program is available at www.AAPL.org and registration can be done online.

Once again the meeting will feature a forensic sampler; this time it is entitled “Fires, Firesetters and Investigating Experts.” Once again we will be challenged to integrate our expertise with contributions from other relevant disciplines including presenting AAFS members from other sections. Other meeting highlights include interesting research in progress, dozens of diverse posters, a mock trial exploring implications of the Sell case, interesting luncheon speakers and three courses covering such topics as psychological testing, malpractice, and risk assessment and management.

The hotel rate (available up to September 20) may well prove a pleasant surprise. Advance registration for the meeting itself ends October 6; after that there’s a late fee.

Also keep the Martin Luther King Day weekend open for the 2009 AAPL Tri-State Chapter meeting in New York City.

News for this column from members is always welcome at jlyoung@pol.net. Obviously we continue to have plenty of space available.

QUESTIONED DOCUMENTS

Source: Carl R. McClary, Section Secretary

A warm summer greetings to everyone in the AAFS! I hope you are having a productive season complete with some time left for vacationing. Your program chair persons and executive committee have been busy preparing an informative and interesting meeting that will make your '09 trip to beautiful Denver worth your while.

The program committee is planning a high technology counterfeiting workshop describing the latest document security features, printing technologies, as well as an update on the REAL ID Act of 2005. This should be well attended, so be sure to sign up as soon as possible! In addition, arrangements are being pursued for local area manufacturing tours. Our 2009 Program Co-Chairs are Carolyn Bayer-Boring (703-285-2482, carolyn.bayerboring@dhs.gov), Chet Ubowski (303-239-4303, chet.ubowski@cdps.state.co.us), and Greg Dalzell (703-285-2482, gregory.dalzell@dhs.gov). Please contact them with any questions you may have regarding our program or your submitted workshop or paper abstracts.

The QD Section is still soliciting nominations for the Ordway Hilton Award; however, the deadline is September 15th. Should you know of a deserving member, please contact Carl McClary at (404) 417-2706 or at carl.mcclary@atl.gov.

Please make your hotel and travel arrangements for Denver early!

TOXICOLOGY

Source: Jeri D. Ropero-Miller, PhD, D-ABFT, Section Secretary

As you read this, the deadline for abstract submission will be long past for the 2009 meeting. It is not, however, too late to volunteer at the 2009 meeting in Denver. Section Program Chair and Workshop Chair, Ken Ferslew and Phil Kemp, will need many “helping hands” if you plan to attend the meeting and would like to get involved. Contact them at FERSLEW@mail.etsu.edu and p_kemp@ocmeokc.state.ok.us, respectively.

The program plans are progressing with numerous workshops now in the planning. Again, this year there will be a special session from the Drugs and Driving committee and a Pediatric Toxicology session. This year’s Toxicology Section lecture will feature Dr. Daniele Piomelli, a prominent Professor of Pharmacology at the University of California-Irvine, to speak on his research focusing on the endocannabinoid signaling system.

Adam Negrusz from the Toxicology Section History Committee is happy to report that the second phase of the database preparation, as announced during the last meeting in DC, has been completed. A database CD of all Toxicology Section abstracts from 1991 to 2008 is available to members free of charge. Members can contact Sonya Bynoe (Kathy Reynolds replacement in the Academy office) at sbynoe@aafs.org (719-636-1100, ext 209) to request the disk.

One significant job of the Secretary is to review membership applications with the Section Chair. We also review membership promotions which are vital to the continued health of the section. Promotion to more senior levels of membership requires contribution to the meetings and the organization. This year we have worked specifically with an ad hoc committee to help individuals with the membership status and encourage them to promote their membership if they are eligible. This year, the Toxicology Section has contacted those who are eligible to promote their membership from associate to member and from member to Fellow. So far we have received seven applications for promotion to Fellow, five for promotion to Member, five applications for Associate member and three for Trainee Affiliate.

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So, anyone interested in promotion is encouraged to participate by volunteering to help with the meeting, submitting abstracts for posters or platforms or organizing or speaking in a workshop. Membership and promotion also require submitting an application. All of the Academy and section requirements are detailed on the Academy website (www.AAFS.org) as are all the required forms. Please encourage others in your organization to consider membership and please consider your personal membership and eligibility for promotion. The deadline for receipt of application and promotion materials is October 1.

Last but not least, the American Association of Clinical Chemistry (AACC) presented one of its major awards to Marilyn Huestis at its annual meeting. Marilyn won the AACC Award for Outstanding Contributions in a Selected Area of Research. She is donating the award’s $5,000 honorarium to the AACC’s charitable foundation, the Van Slyke Society, with the request that the funds be used for the sponsorship of scientists from developing countries. Congratulations, Marilyn!

We look forward to seeing everyone in Denver for this year’s AAFS meeting.

AAFS Code of Ethics and Conduct

In early September, members and affiliates will begin to receive their annual dues renewal notice. A recently approved policy - 6.1.4.6. stipulates that by paying your dues you agree to abide by the AAFS Code of Ethics and Conduct in accordance with Article II of the AAFS Bylaws.

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I again want to use this section of the “Academy News” to give a “thank you” from the FSF Trustees to all of the individuals and the sections of the Academy who have previously made contributions to the FSF. I want to especially thank those individuals who have participated in the “I Gave An Hour” campaign. I hope that each of us can find it possible to contribute at least the financial equivalent of one hour of our time to the Foundation. Please know that the Foundation’s trustees will make sure that your contributions are used wisely.

This issue of the newsletter contains meaningful information about the Annual Meeting to be held February 16-21 in Denver, Colorado. As a long term resident of the Denver area, I can tell you that Denver is one of the best American cities for recreation, food and fun—especially in the winter. Although the ski slopes will call to you, please don’t skip the meeting to participate in our winter sports and recreation.

Speaking of fun...I anticipate that the FSF Silent Auction will certainly fall into the “fun” category. It is my additional anticipation that the auction will contribute greatly to the Foundation’s reserves. Fun aside, the auction has historically been one of the most worthwhile and enjoyable activities that occurs during our annual scientific sessions. Many of you have already made contributions of materials to support the 2008 auction and I hope that each Academy member will fully participate (get out your checkbooks and credit cards—we also accept cash) in the annual auction to be held in Denver.

Finally, please remember to get your grant applications in to the FSF. All sections of the Academy should encourage their members to submit Lucas and Acorn grant applications. Remember, your research cannot be funded unless you apply.
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: Sondra Doolittle, AAFS, 410 North 21st Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80904. Submissions must be received by December 31, 2008.

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
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- Recommendation of publication to the Editorial Board of the Journal of Forensic Sciences
- A cash award of $350 to the author

Attend the 2009 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 on Wednesday, February 18, at 4:15 p.m., at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver, CO. 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 the 2009-10 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 in a drawing to receive a complimentary meeting registration to attend the 2010 AAFS Annual Meeting in Seattle, WA.

FSF Needs Your Help With the $ilent Auction!

With your help, the Forensic Sciences Foundation (FSF) Annual Silent Auction can exceed expectations during the 2009 meeting in Denver, CO. Does your agency or department have “logo” gear such as hats, patches, pins, coffee mugs, T-shirts, denim shirts, polos, etc., that you would be willing to donate to the auction? Most of us are collectors of such items for display at work or at home.

Through extensive research, the FSF will obtain a number of fun items, but YOUR donation will make a huge difference. Please forward the items to Kimberly Wrasse at the Academy office by December 1, 2008. You and your agency will be recognized for your donation. Thank you in advance.

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The Forensic Sciences Foundation (FSF) is pleased to offer up to five (5) Travel Grants this year for students to assist with travel expenses in attending the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) Annual Meeting. A complimentary 2009 meeting registration is also included with this award. This is a wonderful opportunity, and members are encouraged to promote it.

Travel Grant Guidelines:
- The applicant must be a fourth year undergraduate or a graduate student at an accredited four-year college, university, or professional school whose accreditation is acceptable to the FSF Board of Trustees.
- The applicant must have a letter of recommendation from his/her advisor or professor.
- The applicant must submit a 400-600 word essay explaining how attendance at an AAFS meeting will impact his/her career decision.
- The applicant must submit a curriculum vitae including information such as forensic science areas of academic study and practice, academic record, forensic science activities, membership and participation in professional organizations (such as the AAFS), presentations at professional and academic meetings, as well as any publications and other pertinent data related to his/her forensic background.

The deadline for submission of the completed applications is October 1st. Please forward a cover letter containing detailed contact information, your letter of recommendation, your essay, and your curriculum vitae to Anne Warren at AAFS, 410 N. 21st Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80904. Questions regarding Travel Grants should be addressed to Anne at awarren@aafs.org.

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

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

After three years of planning, the 18th Triennial Meeting of the International Association of Forensic Sciences was held in New Orleans, Louisiana, July 21 – 26, 2008. I want to personally thank all who contributed to the success of the meeting by either presenting a paper, a poster, or by registering and attending as a delegate. With over 240 scientific sessions and 141 poster presentations, everyone who attended the meeting agreed that it was a resounding success. Attendees also had the opportunity to choose from over fourteen workshops and special sessions covering a variety of current topics in forensic science, and visit booths from 61 exhibitors showcasing the latest forensic equipment.

The Opening Ceremonies were highlighted by presentations from Dr. Clyde Snow, Barry A.J. Fisher and Dr. Henry Lee, and by a meeting of The International Forensic Summit, a global partnership between multiple regional forensic science networks. Two full days of podium and poster presentations followed, encompassing a multitude of forensic topics, from crime scene investigation and police science to the latest developments in DNA research. While the scientific papers and posters were of top quality, the meeting also provided a unique opportunity to meet and network with delegates from all over the world. Almost half of those attending were from one of the 62 countries outside of the United States that were represented.

In general, the weather couldn’t have been better, and much of the free time available to attendees was spent experiencing the sights, sounds and tastes of this truly unique city. Visitors to the French Quarter, which was literally just steps from the hotel’s doors, were surprised to find that portion of the city fully recovered from the devastating effects of Katrina, and were treated to some of the best food and entertainment that America has to offer.

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Finally, I want to mention that the leadership of the IAFS was passed to the next President on Thursday night at the Gala Banquet. The new IAFS President is Dr. Duarte Nuno Vieira of Portugal; the 2011 meeting will be held in Funchal on the Island of Madeira. I hope to see everyone there.
The Portuguese delegation celebrates after being awarded the IAFS 2011 Meeting.

Ron Singer and Dan Isenschmid discuss meeting events at the IAFS President’s Reception.

Dr. Mete Korkut Gulmen, Barry A.J. Fisher, and Kay Pitluck talk during the IAFS President’s Reception.

Gala Banquet attendees (left to right): Eric and Christine Baccino, James and Sharon Ferris, and Doug and Marie Lucas

Ron and Donna Singer at the IAFS 2008 Gala Banquet.

Peter Ausili, Robert and Gwenn Barsley, and Phil Levine are all smiles at the IAFS Gala Banquet Reception.
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A True 19th Century Child Murder

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Surely Truman Capote (In Cold Blood) and William Roughead (Twelve Scots Trials: The Classic Casebook of the Master Criminologist) would give this book a resounding round of ecstatic applause for it does what they have so expertly done in their own works in revealing the depth and the breadth of a most horrendous and complicated murder in all its mysterious and distressing charm.

This true-to-life murder mystery is no penny dreadful to be consigned with other similar extravagant paperbacks to the back shelves of book stores or to the remainder bin. Yes, it does recount, in all its gasping and gory detail, the dreadful murder of three year old Francis Saville Kent, then living with his large family in a comfortable, even mansion-like, three story Georgian house known as Road Hill House (pictured on the book’s dust jacket as emblazoned by the blood red tendrils of attacking tree limbs and interlocking branches) above the village of Road, Great Britain. But that frightfulness is soon subordinated to the solving of the murder.

The gist of the book is centered on the investigatory labors of 45 year old Jonathan Whicher, a detective-inspector among the first eight ever posted to Scotland Yard. Whicher was summoned to the village of Road two weeks after the death of Saville (as he was affectionately called by his family) on Friday, 29 June 1860. The child had gone missing some time during the night from his cot in the nursery where he slept alone but with the door ajar and within earshot of his twenty-two year old nursemaid, Elizabeth Gough.

After a search of the house and grounds Saville was found savagely murdered with his throat cut from ear to ear (recollecting Nicole Simpson Brown) stuffed into the toilet of an outdoor privy on the grounds of Road Hill House. The child’s body was concealed in the privy’s hole by a blanket from his cot which had been placed over his body.

Who could have committed such an atrocious deed? Why would such a person cut short the life of a three year old in such a grisly fashion or, for that matter, in any fashion? The suspects were numerous, both those living in the house and those living elsewhere but employed in various tasks in or about the house.

There was Samuel Kent, 59, Saville’s father who held a governmental position as a sub-inspector of woolen factories to ensure their compliance with governmental regulations. Samuel regularly slept in a room with his second wife, Mary, aged 40, who was then eight months pregnant with her fourth child of her marriage to Samuel, the oldest of her children being two years older than the three year old murder victim, Saville.

In top floor rooms at Road Hill House on 29 June 1860 were the four children of Samuel’s first marriage. Three of them were girls, namely Mary Ann, 29 and Elizabeth, 28 who roomed together and Constance, 16 and William, 14 housed in separate rooms. Also on the upper floor was the bedroom of Sarah Cox, 22, the family’s

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housemaid and Sarah Kerslake, 23, the cook for the household.

Just among the aforementioned were eight possible suspects without even mentioning the six servants who lived elsewhere but performed regular services at and about the house. Quite a daunting task for Mr. Whicher to sort the legitimate from the spurious suspects. Whicher would have to perform this detective’s most astute witchery which had enabled him to rise through the police ranks. Whicher’s successful past investigations are presented by the author as digressions from the main task of solving Saville’s death but they do present the investigative skills of Whicher in a most favorable and promising light.

Whereas the suspects were many, the motives for the murder were few. Rumors circulated about an affair between Samuel, the father, and the nursemaid, Elizabeth, even suggesting their having been bedded down together on the night of the murder. The children of Samuel’s first marriage might also have been culpable, one or the other or more of them. Why? - because of Saville’s having been accorded preferential treatment by Samuel and his wife which generated a sibling rivalry leading to a homicidal anger which burst on the night of 29 June 1860.

Of the live-out servants it was John Alloway, an 18 year old who did odd jobs on the premises, who would be spotlighted as having a revenge motive possibly leading him to commit homicide. The murderous motive might have been rooted in his having been given his walking papers by Samuel Kent after his being daring enough to ask for a pay raise. And, of course, Samuel’s hardnosed and uncompromising attitude toward the less fortunate townsfolk left him susceptible to rebuke and even worse from all sides.

Such was the state of affairs confronting Whicher with two weeks having passed from the occurrence of Saville’s murder. Would vital evidence have been lost or mishandled in that fortnight? Would other criminalistic disciplines were also to be considered. How about fabric analysis - a fragment of flannel having been found with the child in the privy? How about tracing the ripped shred of a newspaper found in the vicinity of the privy to its owner? And the time-dating, the certainty or uncertainty of connections between the tangible evidence and the line-up of suspects would necessarily give Whicher good cause for investigative angst.

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A reviewer of a book exploring a murder investigation many years before has a troubling task. How to give the facts of the investigations without giving away the secret to the who-dun-it? This reviewer can say only that the book is deserving, more than deserving - entitled even - to a close and unhurried reading.

The writing is superb and engaging to boot. The tale is spun in chapters that are enticingly named, creating a lesser sort of a mystery within a mystery. The chapter titles can only be understood upon a reading of the chapters themselves where the titles will appear unexpectedly in the text. Chapter one, for example, is titled “To See What We Have Got To See.” In reading the chapter we learn that this is a statement from one of the persons searching for the missing child when he first saw a pool of blood on the floor of the privy where the child was discovered.

And the captioning of chapter 18 as “Surely Our Real Detective Liveth” is remarkably apt. Those words, the author tells us on p. 272, were excerpted from G.K. Chesterton’s commentary on Charles Dickens unfinished novel The Mystery of Edwin Drood. The “Real Detective,” namely Jonathan Whicher, certainly “Liveth” in this mystery which, unlike Dickens Drood, is not without an ending even though the resolution remains to be rehashed and rehashed, there being so many loose and puzzling strands left untied.

Without giving away the solution tendered by the author, it can be said that the great Charles Dickens got it entirely wrong. Dickens, having published his work Bleak House in 1853, followed the widely reported developments on the investigations into who killed Saville. The press, being then what it continues to be today, publicized everything, even that which was worthless, about this case including Dickens unsupported and speculative views as to the guilty party.

The author references Bleak House on many occasions. One of these relates to the actions of Dickens Mrs. Snagsby whose “jealous curiosity” compels her to keep tabs on her husband by “listening behind doors” and “a general putting of this and that together by the wrong end.” That statement from Dickens serves the author well since it encapsulates the doings in chapter 13, which is entitled “A General Putting of This and That Together by the Wrong End.” (see p. 188)

This book has everything to commend it and nary a word to disparage it. It recalls the seamlessly connected and pulsating narrative of Harper Lee’s To Kill a Mockingbird. It is a unannounced reminder of the kidnapping of Little Lindy, Charles Augustus Lindbergh Jr. where another nurse, similarly named Gough, was the focus of attention as a prime suspect. Furthermore how could one avoid a memory jolt when reading that a nightgown (bloody?) belonging to one of Samuel’s daughters with the child’s (?) blood on it was missing and unaccounted for? The tantalizing reprise is to Lizzie Borden’s missing nightgown, burned to ashes by Lizzie, which held an incriminating aura at the trial of Lizzie for the killing of her stepmother and father in Fall River, Massachusetts.

And, again like Lizzie who generated the ballad of forty whacks to mother and forty-one to father, the killing of Saville was a field day for balladeers. In one, the murderer is heard to say:

His little throat I cut from ear to ear,
Wrapped him in a blanket and away did steer
To the water-closet, which soon I found,
In the dirty soil then I pushed him down

This book and the investigations it spawned, in the technology of this contemporary era, would be an apt subject for an entire seminar in a course in criminology and criminalistics. Such a seminar could well begin with Schwartz, L.L. and Isser, N.K. Child Homicide:
For classroom discussion purposes in such a seminar take note of the exhumation of Saville, occurring only a little more than a month after his death, which states a basis for an exhumation unheard of by this writer in his experience in researching and conducting exhumations. The missing nightdress might have been "hidden inside the coffin," it was argued to justify the exhumation. No mention is offered as to by whom and how this secreting of the nightgown could have occurred unobserved.

Notwithstanding the exhumation took place without producing the night dress but "the foul gases that emanated from the coffin were so powerful that (police) Superintendent Wolfe fell ill and did not recover for several days." One wonders whether this comment is just an editorial gloss by the author since it is unlikely that the foul gases alone, if in truth they were present, would have had such a long-term impact on a seasoned police officer. This observation is but a small challenge to the accuracy of a book otherwise beyond reproach.

This book and the murder and the investigations and trials it details would be a perfect subject for a Hollywood movie. Indeed, my wife tells me it was in fact a basis for such a movie, which I am unable to verify but if my wife says so ... At present I am too busy to take my attention away from the author's voluminous and instructive endnotes (34 pages of them) and comprehensive five page bibliography, coupled with innumerable text and footnote references giving the book the superficial and false impression of being a textbook. Even though it is not, it is better than most.

In short, you could do worse than failing to read this book. You could read it only once.
The following individuals have submitted applications for Associate Member, Trainee Affiliate, or Student Affiliate. Applications that are received and completed by October 1, 2008, will be considered for approval at the February 2009 Board of Directors Meeting. Due to space constraints, AAFS does not list members who are applying for promotion to Fellow or to Member. Comments or concerns regarding an applicant should be submitted in writing to: Cheryl Hunter, Membership Coordinator, AAFS, 410 North 21st Street, Colorado Springs, CO 80904; chunter@aafs.org. Comments must be received by February 13, 2009.

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Greetings Young Forensic Scientists! I am sitting down to write this update just minutes after I had a great sigh of relief from hitting the “submit to AAFS” button for our 2009 Young Forensic Scientists Forum Special Session abstract proposal! I guess I should save the sigh for when the letter of approval comes, but as those who must meet that August 1st deadline know, it’s awfully nice to have everything planned and submitted! What that one little click of the “submit” button represents is months of hard work by the planning committee of the YFSF. Your program chairs have been securing a great line-up of speakers for the 2009 session entitled AAFS at a Glance: Experience the Forensic Sciences. Please check out the articles from your chair and co-chair of each of these sessions to see what they have in store for you in Denver, you won’t want to miss it!

So as not to repeat everything that you will read in the other updates, I will move on to some different topics here, one being membership in the AAFS. By the time you get this letter the October 1st deadline for applying for AAFS membership will be near. Please consider joining the organization as a crucial step in taking an active role in the forensic science field. Application materials and requirements can be found on the AAFS website under the membership tab, we encourage all of you to join the organization and to get involved with the YFSF.

The YFSF is a great way to transition into the Academy, to get involved in planning events, and to do some serious networking with other planners and with distinguished members of the forensic science field who participate in our sessions. As you know, the theme for the overall 2009 AAFS conference is Forensic Science: Envisioning and Creating the Future. Those of you reading this column should realize that this theme is speaking directly to you-you as a young forensic scientist are the future of the forensic science field and of this organization! I recently talked with AAFS president Carol Henderson about the importance of this group and of the students and professionals with 5 years or less experience that it represents. It is inspiring to know that the president, leaders and members of this organization are looking to help you in any way possible! For this year’s breakfast session the AAFS president herself has set up a panel of speakers to teach you exactly what you need to do to get involved in forensic science research and how to obtain grants that are out there just waiting for you to put to good use! Jay Siegel has also volunteered to present to us on the upcoming report from the National Academy of Sciences Committee on the Needs of the Forensic Science Community. This report is being submitted to Congress at the end of the year and will be a huge topic of discussion within the forensic science community-and one of the committee members wants to make sure that you, as a young forensic scientist are not left out of the loop because you are one of the needs of the forensic science community! You are needed to reduce backlogs, you are needed for research, you are needed to contribute to this field, and you are also needed to contribute to this organization! There are doors being opened for you and there are opportunities waiting for you, are you going to take the steps set out in front of you to get into this field and to contribute to this field? Some easy steps to make include applying for membership in the AAFS by the October 1st deadline, attending the YFSF special session, participating in the slides, posters and breakfast sessions and volunteering to help with these events in the future. There will be many difficult steps along your way in this field, why pass up the easy ones?!! We are here for you from the planners of the YFSF all the way up to the president of the Academy, take advantage of it and get involved! Please feel free to contact myself (frohwein@dps.state.ia.us) or any of the...
AAFS at a Glance: Experience the Forensic Sciences Gets Fired Up!

Welcome Young Forensic Scientists! The Schedule has been set for the 2009 Young Forensic Scientists Forum! We have all worked very hard to put together an interesting and informative program in Denver, CO. As you know, this year’s theme is AAFS at a Glance: Experience the Forensic Sciences. This theme was chosen to show just how broad a field forensic science is. Our goal is to bring you a group of professionals who can relay their experience in research and case work to show the depth of the forensic science field. I am pleased to announce that this goal will be fulfilled at the 2009 meeting. We have a lineup of talented and engaging speakers from many different fields in forensic science. Our Speakers will be covering the topics of Anthropology, Pathology/Biology, Toxicology, Criminalistics and Odontology. And that is just a sampling; there will be many other topics covered during the special session. 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 at any time:

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2009 YFSF Program Chair

2009 YFSF Breakfast Session

This year’s Breakfast Session has switched gears from professionalism to research techniques and tools. For many of our attendees, theses or dissertations may be on the forefront of the brain. We have excellent speakers lined up to provide information to help young forensic scientists keep current on the latest research techniques and the technological tools needed to do so.

Jay Siegel, Chair of the Department of Chemistry and Chemical Biology and Director of the Forensic and Investigative Sciences Program at Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) will be speaking about the needs of the Forensic Science Community among other topics.

We have three speakers from The National Clearinghouse for Science, Technology, and the Law, NCSTL: Cynthia Holt, Catherine Bailey and Diana Bottuk. They will introduce us to the NCSTL, the techniques to keep up to date on research in the field of Forensics, and the technological tools to aid in research.

Jenna Oakes-Smith and I are really excited about all of the presentations this year. We believe this will be informative and extremely beneficial. We will also have a resume panel this year. If you would like to have your resume reviewed, please bring it with you to this year’s AAFS meeting! If you have any questions, please contact either Jenna (jloakes-smith@SLMPD.ORG) or myself at msmit@ocme.nyc.gov. Thank you for all your comments and suggestions on issues to be addressed on professionalism. They were all great and will be used next year. See you all in Denver!

Melissa E. Smith
YFSF Breakfast Session Chair

2009 YFSF Poster Session

As an undergrad, graduate student, or new forensic professional are you interested in presenting at the 2009 AAFS conference in Denver? If so, the YFSF Poster Session is the perfect opportunity! Set on a smaller scale than the large AAFS poster sessions, it provides a great way to get your feet wet in presenting research to your professional peers. The posters topics can range from research in any of the forensic disciplines to interesting casework - but all research topics are welcome! With 39 posters presented at the last conference, we are hoping to get even more topics from more institutions at this year’s event.

In order to register for the YFSF Poster Session, please submit your curriculum vitae and a 1-2 page abstract by January 1, 2009 to YFSF Poster Chair Anthony Sutter at yfsfposter@gmail.com. Should you have any questions, feel free to e-mail those as well. We’re looking forward to a great poster session in Denver.

Anthony Sutter
YFSF Poster Session Chair

2009 YFSF Bring Your Own Slides

It’s that time of year to begin planning for the YFSF Bring Your Own Slides and we are looking for great presenters! YFSF Bring Your Own Slides is a wonderful opportunity to share any interesting cases, and research you may have worked on. The presentations are short and casual and are a great way to build your resumes and your communication skills. If you are interested in presenting, please contact Tanisha Henson (t.v.henson@hotmail.com) or Rachael Lehr (rachael.lehr@gmail.com). See you in Denver!

Tanisha Henson, BS
YFSF Bring Your Own Slides Chair
Meetings and Conferences

SEPTEMBER 2008

14-18
American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors 36th Annual Workshop and Symposium—To be held at the Marriott Salt Lake City Downtown in Salt Lake City, UT.
CONTACT: Margaret Black
Workshop & Symposium Coordinator
jmaconsulting1@gmail.com
http://www.ascld.org/visitors/symposium.php

15-18
Mass Fatalities Conference—To be held in conjunction with the Canadian Society of Forensic Science, The Canadian Identification Society, and the Atlantic Canada Death Investigators group. To be held at the Halifax Conference Centre in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.
CONTACT: gary.verett@rcmp-grc.gc.ca

15-19
Advanced Facial Reconstruction Sculpture Workshop—To be held at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, OK.
CONTACT: Betty Pat. Gatliff
SKULLpture Lab
1026 Leslie Lane
Norman, OK 73069-4501
(405) 321-8706

20-21
National Crime Information Center (NCIC), Dental Coding Workshop—To be held at the Hyatt Regency in San Antonio, TX. The workshop is provided free of charge; however, seating is limited. Registration deadline is August 12, 2008.
CONTACT: Stacey Davis
(304) 625-2618
Fax: (304) 625-5090
http://sanantonioregency.hyatt.com/

22-23
Veterinary Forensic Science Bite Mark Analysis Workshop—Sponsored by The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals & the William R. Maples Center for Forensic Medicine. To be held at the University of Florida in Gainesville, FL.
CONTACT: Dr. Jason Byrd
(352) 372-3505
jhbyrd@ufl.edu or Tammy Grosskopf
(352) 494-5114
grosskopf@pathology.ufl.edu
http://www.conferences.dce.ufl.edu/vetforensics

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

23-25
4th International Conference on IT Incident Management & IT Forensics—To be held in Mannheim, Germany.
CONTACT: imf2008@gis4gsidar.de
http://www.imf-conference.org/

23-26
The Reid Technique of Interviewing and Interrogation® A 3-day program and/or 1-day advanced program guaranteed to enhance your interviewing and interrogation skills—To be held at the Embassy Suites in Colorado Springs, CO.
CONTACT: (800) 255-5747
www.reid.com

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

National and International meetings of interest to forensic scientists are included as space permits. For a complete list, go to the AAFS website (www.aafs.org) and click on the “Meetings” link.
OCTOBER 2008

2-3 Annual Forensic Science Seminar—To be held in Brooklyn Center, MN (near Minneapolis).
CONTACT: Joan Jung
Hennepin County
Medical Examiner's Office
530 Chicago Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55415
(612) 215-6320
Fax: (612) 215-6330
http://home.eartlink.net/~m-ldi/id23.htm

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

6-9 Australia and New Zealand Forensic Science Society 19th International Symposium on the Forensic Sciences—To be held at the Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Center in Melbourne, Australia.
CONTACT: Bryan Found
bryan@anzfss2008.org.au

6-10 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; R712
St. Louis, MO 63104
(314) 977-5970
Fax: (314) 977-5695
mldi@slu.edu
http://medschool.slu.edu/mldi/

7-10 9th International Congress on Cell Biology - ICCB
2008—Hosted by the Korean Society for Molecular and Cellular Biology. To be held at the Coex in Seoul, Korea.
CONTACT: ICCB 2008 Secretariat
1F, Hacoreum Bldg
748-5 Yeoksam-dong, Kangnam-gu
Seoul 133-080 Korea
Tel: +82-2-366-6067
Fax: +82-2-366-6087
seoul@iccb2008.org
www.iccb2008.org

7-10 9th Annual Meeting of the Association of Forensic Quality Assurance Managers (AFQAM)—To be held in Virginia Beach, VA.
CONTACT: Zoe M. Smith
Texas Department of Public Safety
Crime Laboratory Service
PO Box 4143 MSC 0460
Austin TX 78765-4143
(512) 424-3934
zoem.smith@tdps.state.tx.us
www.afqam.org

10-12 International Conference of South Asian Congress of Forensic Medicine, Forensic Science & Toxicology—To be held at the Amity Institute of Behavioral Health and Allied Sciences, Amity University, in Gautam Budh Nagar, India.
CONTACT: Tel: 0091-120-4392000 / 310, 311
Fax: 95-120-4392310
safcon2008@amity.edu

17-21 17th World Congress on Medical Law—To be held in Beijing, China.
CONTACT: Organizing Committee
#9 Dong Dan San Tao
Beijing, China 100730
Tel: 010-67644185
Fax: 010-67698931
wuchongqi@2008wcml.com
www.2008wcml.com

20-24 California Association of Criminalists Semi-Annual Seminar—To be held at the Double Tree Hotel in Sacramento, CA.
CONTACT: Cara Gomes
Sacramento County
Laboratory of Forensic Services
4800 Broadway, Suite 200
Sacramento, CA 95820
(916) 874-9236
gomesc@saccounty.net
www.cac.org

22-24 Los Angeles County Department of Coroner West Coast Training Conference—“Forensic Rarities, Resources and Responses”—To be held at the Beverly Garland’s Holiday Inn - Universal Studios in Hollywood, CA.
CONTACT: Adriana Gomez-Romero
(323) 334-0784
agomezromero@coroner.lacounty.gov

22-28 2008 HTCIA International Training Conference—To be held at Atlantic City’s Bally’s Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City, NJ.
CONTACT: Anthony Reyes
(212) 461-2160
Conference@aregroupny.com
http://www.htcia.org/conference.shtml

31 Crime Scene and Death Investigations Involving Forensic Odontology and Anthropology—To be held at the University of Alabama School of dentistry in Birmingham, AL.
CONTACT: Ann Marie Karaki
Continuing Education
UAB School of Dentistry
Birmingham, AL 35294
(205) 996-494
amikaraki@uab.edu
rweems@uab.edu

NOVEMBER 2008

3-7 2008 NWAFS Meeting - To be held at the Owyhee Plaza Hotel in Boise, ID. For more information on the workshops/paper presentations Contact: Rocklan McDowell
Idaho State Police
rocklan.mcdoowell@isp.idaho.gov
www.nwafs.org
Reservations: www.owyheeplaza.com

6-9 MassBay Forensic DNA Scientific Conference on the Identification of Human Remains and DNA Profiling and Civil Liberties —To be held in Wellesley, MA at the Massachusetts Bay Community College.
CONTACT: Dr. Bruce A. Jackson
Chair, Department of Science
Professor, Biotechnology and
Forensic DNA Science
MassBay Community College
50 Oakland Street
Wellesley Hills, MA 02481-5307
(781) 239-2273
bjackson@massbay.edu

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AFIP's Principles of Forensic Pathology—To be held at George Mason University in Manassas, VA.
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Program Coordinator
George Mason University
Office of Continuing Professional Education
Prince William Campus
10900 University Blvd, MS 4F2
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 993-8468
Fax: (703) 993-8336
jroach1@gmu.edu
http://ocpc.gmu.edu/svc3.html

FEBRUARY 2009

20-21
The Art & Science of Expert Witness Testimony Workshop—Presented by the ABFO Civil Litigation Committee. To be held in conjunction with the AAFS Annual Meeting in Denver, CO.
CONTACT: Dr. Tom David
(710) 977-4364
(710) 565-2320
tjd214@bellsouth.net

MARCH 2009

16-20
Basic Facial Reconstruction Sculpture Workshop—To be held in Norman, OK at the University of Oklahoma.
CONTACT: Betty Pat. Gatliff
1026 Leslie Lane
Norman, OK 73069-4501
(405) 321-8706
www.skullpturelab.com

17-21
The Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA) 69th Annual Meeting—To be held at the La Fonda Hotel in Santa Fe, NM.
CONTACT: SfAA
(405) 843-5113
Fax: (405) 843-8533
info@sfaa.net
www.sfaa.net/sfaa2009.html

23
TWGFEX Fire and Explosions Symposium—Sponsored by the National Center for Forensic Sciences (NCFS). To be held at the Florida Hotel and Conference Center in Orlando, FL.
CONTACT: NCFS - Orlando
Fax: (407) 823-3162
www.ncfs.org/training.html

23-24
Fire Dynamics Demonstration Course—Sponsored by the National Center for Forensic Sciences (NCFS). Online component begins January/February 2009. Symposium and face-to-face workshop to be held at the Florida Hotel and Conference Center in Orlando, FL.
CONTACT: NCFS
PO Box 162367
Orlando, FL 32816-2367
Fax: (407) 823-3162
www.ncfs.org/training.html

23-27
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Explosives Debris Analysis Demonstration Course—Sponsored by the National Center for Forensic Sciences (NCFS). Online component begins January/February 2009. Symposium and face-to-face workshop to be held at the Florida Hotel and Conference Center in Orlando, FL.
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Fax: (407) 823-3162
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10-14
AFIP's Principles of Forensic Pathology—To be held at the Hilton Hotel in Rockville, MD.
CONTACT: Ricky Giles, Course Coordinator
Armed Forces Institute of Pathology
Department of Medical Education
6825 16th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20306
(202) 782-2637
(800) 782-5020
came@afip.osd.mil
http://www.askafip.org

DECEMBER 2008

1-5
Basic Bloodstain Analysis Workshop—Presented by the Specialized Training Unit at the Metropolitan Police Institute of the Miami-Dade Police Department in Doral, FL.
CONTACT: Toby L. Wolson
Miami-Dade Police Department
Crime Laboratory Bureau
9105 NW 25th Street
Doral, FL 33172
(305) 471-3041
Fax: (305) 471-2052
twolson@mdpd.com

JANUARY 2009

19-21
e-Forensics 2009 - International Conference on Forensic Applications and Techniques, Information and Multimedia—To be held at the National Wine Centre in Adelaide, Australia
CONTACT: Matthew Sorell
General Conference Chair
matthew.sorell@adelaide.edu.au
www.e-forensics.eu

24-30
U.S. Department of Defense Cyber Crime Conference—To be held at the Renaissance Grand Hotel in St. Louis, MO.
CONTACT: 1-877-4IT-EXPO (448-3976)
Info@TechnologyForums.com
http://www.dodcybercrime.com/
APRIL 2009

9-10
Toxicology and Therapeutic Drug Monitoring Conference—To be held at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN.
CONTACT: CME Registrar
Mayo School of Continuing Medical Education
Fax: (507) 284-0392
cme@mayo.edu
www.mayo.edu/cme/apr2009.html

May 2009

4-8
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To be held at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, OK.
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28-30
XXI Congress of the International Academy of Legal Medicine
To be held at the Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian in Lisbon, Portugal
CONTACT:
National Institute of Legal Medicine - Portugal
Largo da Sé Nova
3000-213 Coimbra
Portugal
Tel. +351 239 854242
Fax +351 239 820549
ialmcongress2009@gmail.com
www.ialm.info
www.inml.mj.pt/ialmcongress2009

AUGUST 2009

10-14
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:
Contact: Mary Fran Ernst or Julie Howe
Saint Louis University
School of Medicine
1402 S Grand Blvd R512
St Louis, MO 63104
(314) 977-3695
Fax: (314) 977-3695
mldi@slu.edu
http://medschool.slu.edu/mldi

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29 - Oct 3
International Forensic Photography Workshop
To be held in Miami, FL. Tuition: $795
CONTACT:
Miami-Dade County Medical Examiner Department, Training Division
Marie Alexander
(305) 547-3721
Fax: (305) 545-2435
malex@miamidadegov
http://www.miamidadegov/medexam/training_ifp.asp
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State: ____________________________ Zip: _________________________________

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