

35th Annual NEAFS Meeting



November 4-6, 2009
Long Branch, NJ

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President's Message

It is hard to believe that as I write this we are only a little over two months away from this year's annual meeting. I hope that many of you will be able to plan on spending some time with us in November in Long Branch, New Jersey. It is a very extensive agenda with workshops and talks for everyone. Please check www.neafs.org for all meeting information.

Please take a moment and read the statements below:

"The Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists, Inc. (NEAFS) is a professional organization for people employed within the forensic sciences. Our goals are:

- To exchange ideas and information within the field of forensic science and to foster friendship and cooperation among the various laboratory personnel.*
- To encourage a high level of competency among professionals in the field of forensic science.*
- To promote recognition of forensic science as an important component of the criminal justice system.*
- To stimulate increased implementation of existing techniques, along with research and development of new techniques within the field, and to encourage financial support for these efforts."*

These are the stated organizational goals of NEAFS. Each of these is critical in the continuing development of our field, as well as developing and ensuring the integrity of the field and its practitioners. These components are crucial in maintaining the continued vitality, as well as acceptance, of forensic science as a scientific discipline itself. Communication is the key.

Let's break this down a little further:

"To exchange ideas and information within the field of forensic science...." It appears as one of the organization's first stated goals, and it may very well be the most important. This exchange can be in the form of presentations of various case studies, method validations, workshops, and things of the like. Over the last several years the organization has been very fortunate to make available numerous training opportunities at little or no cost to our membership. Whether it is at the annual meeting itself or at some off-site location during the course of the year, we've been able to cover the full gamut of topics. Literally, there has been something for everybody.

As NEAFS moves forward, I want to take this opportunity to remind us that this is what it is all about. Now some may say that this is just my opinion, and that is true. However, I feel that you can't help coming to this conclusion when you take a minute and read what our goals are. Also remember that these goals weren't something whipped up recently; they have been in foundational place since the inception of this organization. The original founders quickly, and correctly, recognized that education is the key. If we as a field were to flourish, we would have to be proactive and find a mechanism to facilitate this dissemination of information; hence the organization you have in front of you.

In an effort to stay current, NEAFS has seen some changes take place over the last couple of years. Understandably, for most people change can be a little disorienting; it can knock us back on our collective heels. I feel that those helping to chart the path of our organization have made sound decisions, in alignment with the organizations' goals.

One such item which might illustrate the apprehension associated with change is the printed newsletter. Some of the membership has expressed concern over not having a printed, tangible newsletter to hold. I understand this. However, I think one needs to consider the economic advantages of having this distributed electronically. We have effectively eliminated the associated printing costs, on the order of approximately \$5,000 to \$8,000 a year. These are funds that can directly be allocated to funding off-site workshops, annual meeting expenses, etc. Under any economic conditions this is a savings not to be taken lightly. The newsletter is not being denied, just morphed into a new distribution format.

The above represents a form of change that warrants being considered as moving in the right direction. One form of change that appears to have taken hold to a degree is the willingness on some member's part to almost absolve themselves from attending to their own professional development. Over the last several years it strikes me as a little too often that I hear that a member is not renewing his/her membership because the workplace isn't paying for it. The workplace has stopped incurring the expenses outright, or the grant didn't come through; regardless, the answer seems to be to let it die on the vine, so to speak. Honestly, when I consider what the organization provides for its members, I am disheartened when it is determined that the more prudent decision is to not pay one's membership dues (currently \$50/year), rather than absorb the cost on one's own. Now let me be clear, I understand extenuating circumstances. When they occur and can not be helped, then decisions must be made. Sometimes they can be rather tough, inconvenient ones. These are not the circumstances that I am referring to. I am talking about those who feel that since work isn't picking it up, the heck with it, I don't want it, I can't be bothered, what does it really do for me anyway?

I would hope in the previous paragraphs I have outlined what it does for you. I would also hope that people maintain awareness to the real possibility that (as with most things in life) you need to take personal responsibility for your actions; in this case your professional development. Reliance on others to safeguard, foster, and promote your development, may be misplaced intentions. The one who ultimately has your best interests at heart is you. That vision or perspective needs to remain crystal clear. Do not let the edges become smudged or fuzzy as the result of inadvertent complacency.

It was due to that sense of personal responsibility the organization began. The desire to educate and improve oneself, thereby doing an even better job, was fostered originally by those individuals back in 1976. For many, these were activities some laboratories were not even necessarily aware of, never mind providing encouragement or funding. As such, the organization took a serious and practical approach establishing a set of by-laws and code of ethics. Each can be easily accessed on www.neafs.org. The point is that the concept of ethical scientific and professional conduct is nothing new to the membership. In most instances, the standards implemented in laboratories very much directly mirrors those found within the organization.

The organization strives to ensure that all of its members meet these standards. After all, as an organization we are only as good as our members, including the breadth of our integrity and ethics. This is an area that no one else can control or account for; only you.

I hope that this long and winding road has helped to illustrate how interlinked these concepts are. The cessation of learning, or when one no longer desires to learn and improve, can only lead to mental stagnancy. This is a slippery slope to be on. Ultimately all things suffer; job performance, integrity, drive, and so on.

The best ways to avoid this are to ultimately take responsibility for your own professional development and growth when necessary, and avail yourself of the educational opportunities that come your way. It is money and time well spent. This is something NEAFS remains committed to. The organization's initial goal statements, along with its current vision, work hand in hand to ensure that this remains so.

Please be well and enjoy the rest of your summer. I look forward to speaking again with you soon and seeing you in November.

Sincerely,

David San Pietro, President

Annual Meeting Update

As the kids head back to school and vacation plans wrap up, I hope this finds you well rested and raring to go... “down the shore”! (Yes, down the shore, not down *to* the shore. It’s a Jersey thing!) NEAFS 35th Annual Meeting will be held at the Oceanplace Resort & Spa in Long Branch, New Jersey on November 4 – 6, 2009. Please check the NEAFS website for updates and information regarding registration forms, the meeting schedule, workshops, the “Last Call” for papers, as well as hotel details. New this year is an option for attendees to register for the meeting and/or workshops and pay online via PayPal! Mail-in registration and payment is also still available.

The Annual Meeting is the perfect opportunity to share something you’ve been working on in your laboratory. Present your research, validation data, or an interesting case that you worked on. Act now! Don’t delay! We need your abstract for publication in the Annual Meeting Program.

Consider taking one of the five workshops offered on Wednesday, November 4th. These workshops pertain to: DNA Mixtures, Fire Debris, Trace Evidence, GC/MS Optimization, and LC/MS. Check the NEAFS website for further details. Register early, seating is limited for these workshops.

In addition to the daytime workshops and scientific sessions, we have some fun events planned for the evenings. We have a *Bonfire on the Beach* scheduled for Wednesday night (weather permitting). Gather for s’mores, listen to the ocean waves, and enjoy the warmth of the fire. Thursday evening includes a “meet and greet” with our exhibitors during the Welcome Reception and Poster Session. The Interesting Case Session follows shortly thereafter with case presentations in a relaxed environment as you enjoy coffee and dessert. This session has proven to be very popular being both highly entertaining as well as educational. The grand finale will come on Friday night with the President’s Reception where we’ll have food, music & dancing, announce the winner of the Collegiate Competition and distribute door prizes. Join us for the fun and frivolities. Hawaiian shirts welcome.

For those of you who want to take advantage of shopping or dining alternatives, the neighboring Pier Village is a very short walk along the boardwalk and features numerous boutiques and restaurants. Casual and elegant dining is available from around the world.

Come enjoy all that the off-season has to offer... join us “down the shore”!

Warm Regards,

Laura Tramontin
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35th Annual NEAFS Meeting November 4th – 6th, 2009



Meeting information
available online at:

www.neafs.org

Ocean Place Resort and Spa
Long Branch, NJ

(800) 411-7321

www.oceanplaceresort.com

NEAFS Group Reservations

(Group Rate not available online)

Room rate: \$149.00*

single/double occupancy (*plus taxes)

Resort fee: \$12 per person/per day (covers use of the fitness center, indoor pool, parking, local and toll free long distance telephone calls, wireless high-speed internet, daily [Mon.-Fri.] newspaper, private beach access, luggage handling, shuttle to Long Branch train station, bellman and housekeeping)

Deadline: October 19, 2009

Guest rooms are only available at the group rate on a space-available basis.



Looking to share a room?

Contact our

Room Share Coordinator, Jennifer Wilson

Email: jenniferwilson@ongov.net

Please include what days you plan on staying.

**Don't miss the President's Reception on Friday
night.**



NEAFS 35th Annual Meeting - Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Workshop: Microscopical Thinking and Trace Evidence
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Workshop: Chemical Aspects of Fire Debris Analysis
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Workshop: LC/MS and LC/MS/MS Redefined
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Workshop: DNA Literature Review & Mixture Interpretation
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Workshop: Advanced GC/MS System Optimization
1:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Educator's Forum
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Board of Directors Meeting
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Exhibitors Setup
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Beach Bonfire (Weather Permitting)

Thursday, November 5, 2009

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Scientific Session: Drug Chemistry
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Scientific Session: Biology, Part I
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Scientific Session: Criminalistics, Part I
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	ABC GKE Exam
10:00 AM - 6:30 PM	Exhibitors
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Scientific Session: Toxicology
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Scientific Session: Biology, Part II
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Scientific Session: Criminalistics, Part II
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Student's Forum
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Poster Session / Welcome Reception
8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Scientific Session: Interesting Cases

Friday, November 6, 2009

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Exhibitors
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	General Session: Notable NJ Cases
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Luncheon
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Plenary Session: The Wrongful Conviction of Forensic Science
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Business Meeting
8:00 PM - 12:00 PM	President's Reception

NEAFS 35th Annual Meeting

November 4th – 6th, 2009

CALL FOR PAPERS – ABSTRACT FORM

LAST CALL: Contact Session Chairs ASAP

Title: _____

Presenting Author: _____

Affiliation: _____ Phone Number: _____

Co-Authors and Affiliation: _____

Scientific Session: ☐ Biology ☐ Criminalistics ☐ Drug Chemistry
☐ Toxicology ☐ Interesting Case Session ☐ Poster ☐ Education Forum

Audio-Visual equipment needed:

☐ PowerPoint ☐ Slide Projector ☐ VHS Video Player and Monitor ☐ Overhead Projector

Time needed for presentation: ☐ 10 min ☐ 20 min ☐ 30 min

Please specify the version of PowerPoint used: _____

Please complete this form online at <http://www.neafs.org/annualmeeting/annmeeting.htm> and email to the Program Chair and appropriate Session Chair.

All speakers need to complete and submit the Registration Form.

ABSTRACT

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November 4th – 7th, 2009

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www.oceanplaceresort.com



POSTER SESSION: THURS., NOV. 5, 2009
5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

Interested in being a Poster Presenter for this year's Poster Session?

Please fill out the Abstract form on the NEAFS website/in this newsletter
and send to Meghan Miller or Peter Diaczuk to reserve your spot!!

Deadline: LAST CALL

Please send abstracts to:
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Call 212-484-1170 with any questions and/or to reserve your spot!!

NORTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FORENSIC SCIENTISTS
35TH ANNUAL MEETING --- November 4 - 6, 2009

I. REGISTRATION INFORMATION (Please print or type all information)

First Name:
Last Name:
Organization:

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Email Questions: neafsdotorg@yahoo.com

Street: City:
State: Zip Code: Phone: Fax:
Email: Spouse name:
Check one: NEAFS - [] MAAFS - []
Member Number: ABC Status: Diplomat: [] Fellow: [] Technical Specialist: [] Affiliate: [] Exam Committee: []

See additional page for informational details. To pre-register for the meeting or workshops, this completed form and full payment must be postmarked no later than (NLT) October 8, 2009. After this date, ALL registrations will be processed as On-Site. There is a \$20 late fee for any registration processed as On-Site.

II. SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS - REGISTRATION FEES

#For Student reduced rate registration, a copy of your FALL 2009 course schedule must be submitted, otherwise, you will be charged the full applicable meeting registration rate.

November 4 - 6, 2009 Wednesday - Friday Sessions

Pre-Registration*
Postmarked NLT 10/08/2009; After add \$20
Member / Active Applicant* \$130.00 - []
Non-Member* \$180.00 - []
#Student Member (no luncheon ticket) \$65.00 - []
#Student Non-Member (no luncheon ticket) \$115.00 - []
Spouse of Member / Non-Member* \$115.00 - []

III. WORKSHOP SESSIONS - REGISTRATION FEES

Workshops are filled on a first-come-first-serve basis. Workshops are subject to cancellation.

Table with 3 columns: Workshop Title, Member, Non-member. Rows include Fire Debris, DNA, Trace Evidence, Multi-Vendor LC/MS, and GC/MS.

Section III Total: \$

Table with 4 columns: DAILY REGISTRATION, Educator's Forum, Thursday Only, Friday Only. Rows include Member / Active Applicant, Non-Member, #Student Member, #Student Non-Member, and Spouse of Member / Non-Member.

SECTION II TOTAL: \$

*Pre-Registration includes one Friday Luncheon Ticket (Select Entrée)
Additional fee to attend Luncheon on Friday

IV. Scientific Session / Event - PLEASE INDICATE ANTICIPATED ATTENDANCE

Table with 3 main columns: Wednesday, November 4th; Thursday, November 5th (AM); Thursday, November 5th (PM); Friday, November 6th. Rows list various sessions and events with checkboxes.

LUNCHEON (Friday): Please indicate your entrée preference if attending Luncheon. One Ticket is included with pre-registration*, (except for those who register at the reduced rate as a Student or for Thursday Only or Educator's Forum Only registrations.)

NOTE: If you have a food allergy, inform your server.

Seared Breast of Chicken - [] ADDITIONAL PURCHASE for Luncheon (Student/Spouse)
Mixed Grill Brochette - [] [Available During Pre-Registration Only]
(skewered beef, chicken sausage, & pork)
of Tickets: X \$50.00 = \$
Mushroom Ravioli - []

PAYMENT: Check - [] Money Order - [] PAYPAL (Oct. 8 Deadline) - []
Check #
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:
(Sum of II, III and Luncheon Tickets) \$

HELPFUL TIPS -- REGISTRATION

(www.neafs.org)

REGISTRATION MAILING ADDRESS: NEAFS Registration, Old Chelsea Station, P.O. Box 1246, New York, NY 10113-1246.

WE MAY NEED TO CONTACT YOU, THEREFORE, PRINT LEGIBLY AND INCLUDE AN EMAIL ADDRESS OR TELEPHONE NUMBER.

ANNUAL MEETING / WORKSHOP Registration: You are considered pre-registered when the Registration Chairperson receives a completed registration form and full payment no later than October 8, 2009. After this date, ALL registrations will be processed as ON-SITE. There is a \$ 20 late fee for any registration process as ON-SITE. Registration is not accepted via email or fax, *unless* Paypal is utilized as form of payment. You will not receive confirmation of your registration status.

If using Paypal, PAYMENT and COMPLETED Registration FORM MUST BE SENT to the following email address: registration@neafs.org.

WORKSHOPS: Workshop attendance requires additional fee. Workshop(s) are ***not*** included with Annual Meeting registration. Workshop space is filled on a first-come-first-serve basis. The President-Elect reserves the right to cancel any workshop if timely registrations are not received for the minimum number of participants. If a workshop is cancelled, notification and full refunds will be made. You may not register for more than one workshop if the workshops are held during the same time frame.

PAYMENT INFORMATION (in U.S. dollars): NEAFS tax identification # 51-0213291
Purchase Order or Vouchers are ***NOT*** accepted unless accompanied by full payment. Accepted forms of payment during Pre-Registration Only are either via Paypal, check or money order. Payment via Paypal may be made on the NEAFS website up until October 8th, 2009 (<http://www.neafs.org/annualmeeting/annmeeting.htm>)

CANCELLATION / REFUNDS: If you cancel your workshop or meeting registration your written, signed and dated request must be mailed to the NEAFS Registration Chairperson at the above mailing address. If you cancel, your registration fees will be refunded, as follows: postmarked no later than October 21, 2009, full refund, less \$ 20 processing fee; postmarked between October 22-28, 2009, 75% refund; postmarked between October 29-November 3, 2009, 50% refund. No refund request honored if postmarked after November 3, 2009.

SPOUSE: Reduced rate registration is available to a spouse (non-forensic scientist) only with a full paying registered forensic scientist. The reduced rate (spousal) registration permits attendance during scientific sessions, all breaks and receptions.

LUNCHEON: Tickets for attendance at the Friday Luncheon are available with PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY. If attending, be sure to select your entrée preference, if no selection is made, chicken will be served. If you have a food allergy, inform your server. If attending the Luncheon, your registration packet will include two separate tickets, one is for entry into the Luncheon room; the entrée selection ticket, is for the food service provider.

OTHER INFORMATION: Any fee is the responsibility of the registrant. There is neither substitution nor transferring of registration.

If you have a concern or question please email the Registration Chairperson at neafsdotorg@yahoo.com.





WORKSHOPS

Chemical Aspects of Fire Debris Analysis Workshop

Instructor:

Carl Chasteen, Florida Division of State Fire Marshal

Moderator:

Vincent Desiderio, New Jersey State Police Office of Forensic Sciences

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Cost: Members - \$100 Non-members - \$150

Attendee Profile:

This workshop is designed for students, new fire debris analysts, and experienced fire debris analysts who might be looking to refresh their knowledge. The topics to be discussed are somewhat advanced; however they will be presented in an easily digestible manner.

Abstract:

For various reasons, interpretation of data during fire debris analysis can be a very difficult task. Some of the more prevalent obstacles include the fact that ignitable liquids are present in numerous household products and can thus make significant contributions to the background, bacterial degradation may drastically alter results, and pyrolysis and combustion products can often overwhelm a chromatogram. Either taken singly or with combined effects these factors can often obfuscate interpretations to the point that it is no longer possible to determine what may have been added and what is inherent to the sample.

In order to sort through what is and is not important, it is critical for fire debris analysts to have a great deal of knowledge about what can be encountered and how it can arise in a sample. With this in mind, this workshop is designed to provide in-depth coverage of several topics that are important for the interpretation of data obtained during the analysis of fire debris. The topics that this workshop will address include: 1) a basic refresher of organic chemistry, 2) a discussion of petroleum refining processes, 3) discussions of extraction methods, chromatography, and mass spectrometry with respect to data interpretation, and 4) a discussion of potential sources of extraneous contributions including but not limited to the occurrence of background petroleum products, pyrolysis and combustion products, and microbial degradation.

NOTE: This workshop will be limited to a maximum of 20 attendees.



DNA Literature Review & Mixture Interpretation Workshop

Instructor:

Dr. John Butler, NIST

Moderator:

David San Pietro, Westchester County Forensic Laboratory

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Cost: Member - \$60 Non-member - \$110

Attendee Profile:

This workshop is specifically geared towards those individuals who are currently DNA practitioners with a minimum of 2 years forensic DNA analysis/interpretation experience.

Abstract:

The workshop is twofold. The first part is intended to introduce the attendees to the numerous DNA literature resources available, and the various means of accessing their information. It will also suggest effective means of reading and assimilating it. This will prove helpful in obtaining information pertaining to the newly revised DNA audit guidelines and their impact on mixture interpretation, as many laboratories will be required to address these changes. Efficient access to information will help laboratories more effectively meet these demands.

Recent revisions to the DNA audit document have focused on mixture interpretation, the deconvolution (component separation) of DNA mixtures, and their statistical analysis. The second part of the workshop is geared towards facilitating discussion on these topics. "Homework" samples will be made available on the STRBase website prior to the workshop for attendees to interpret using their laboratory's standard operating procedures. Often procedural variation may be found not just between different laboratories, but on occasion between analysts within the same lab. Agreement and consensus in approach are necessary to ensure the reliable assessment of mixture samples.

Representatives from attending laboratories will be given the opportunity to evaluate the same samples so as to encourage discussion regarding interpretation protocols. It is also hoped that attendee laboratories will make their various protocols available for discussion purposes. Attendees/laboratories are encouraged to volunteer to present their results to the class in the form of a possible small Power Point presentation for discussion purposes. There will be a quiz at the end covering the various principles discussed.

NOTE: This workshop will be limited to a maximum of 40 attendees.



Advanced GC/MS System Optimization Workshop

Instructors:

John Pellerin, GC/MS Application Engineer, Agilent Technologies

Daron Decker, Chromatography Application Engineer, Agilent Technologies

Moderator:

Kim Gorel, NJSP Office of Forensic Sciences

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Cost: \$20

This workshop is being sponsored by **Agilent Technologies**.

Attendee Profile:

This workshop is designed for analysts with extensive experience with GC/MS.

Abstract:

The intermediate to advanced GC/MS chemist requires an advanced understanding of the theory and operation of both the GC and MS. This course will be team taught by specialists in both GC chromatography and MS detection. Topics to be covered include:

- 1) GC and MS troubleshooting and maintenance - offering real life solutions to chromatographic problems and spectral anomalies
- 2) Chromatographic optimization – covering how and why to choose liners and columns based on application
- 3) Simple macros for data review and reporting
- 4) Fast GC analysis applications especially regarding high molecular weight compounds.

Attendees are encouraged to email the moderator with problems and/or questions they wish to have discussed during the workshop.

NOTE: This workshop will be limited to a maximum of 20 attendees.



Welcome to the Future: LC/MS and LC/MS/MS Redefined

Instructors:

Agilent, Applied Biosystems, Thermofisher Scientific, Shimadzu, and Waters/Micromass.

Moderator:

Andrea Belec, NYSP Police Forensic Investigation Center

Phone: 518 457-0054

FAX: 518 485-8502

Email: abelec@troopers.state.ny.us

Cost: \$20

This workshop is being co-sponsored by **Agilent, Applied Biosystems, Thermofisher Scientific, Shimadzu, and Waters/Micromass.**

Attendee Profile:

This workshop geared toward all individuals interested in the forensic applications of LC/MS and LC/MS/MS.

Abstract:

For many years now, we've been hearing about LC/MS and its plethora of acronyms and abbreviations: MS/MS, MSⁿ, MALDI, TOF, APCI, ESI, quad, ion trap – and the list continues. In an unprecedented collaboration, NEAFS is proud to facilitate this workshop being brought to you by the top names in mass spectrometry.

The day will begin with a brief overview of LC and the various types of mass spectrometry while the balance of the workshop will be dedicated to presentations from leading research scientists. This will NOT be a continuous sales pitch for laboratory equipment, but rather an educational forum. These techniques will be defined and novel applications presented. Some of the topics include:

- When a single quadrupole instrument is just the right fit.

- Basics of LC/MS/MS quantitation for forensic quantitation

- Quantitative determinations using UPLC/MS/MS

- Time-Of-Flight MS

- MALDI

- LC/MS – IT-TOF

- Structural Elucidation

- Accurate Mass

Whether you're a toxicologist, a drug chemist, a trace evidence person or a biologist – if you are interested in mass spectrometry, please join us for this workshop.

NOTE: This workshop will be limited to a maximum of 20 attendees.



Microscopical Thinking and Trace Evidence Workshop

Instructors:

Dr. Peter R. DeForest & Peter Diaczuk

Moderator:

Peter Diaczuk, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Phone: 212 237-8896

FAX: 212 237-8318

Email: pedicote@earthlink.net

Cost: Member - \$100

Non-member - \$150

Attendee Profile:

This workshop is designed to provide the participants with a broad perspective concerning the role of microscopy and that of a generalized microscopical, or trace evidence, approach to the problems of physical evidence assessment and interpretation in complex cases. It is expected that those participating in the workshop will possess a basic theoretical understanding of polarized light microscopy, as well as a modicum of practical experience with the use of the polarized light microscope.

Abstract:

The one-day workshop will have three interwoven components: short lectures, hands-on laboratory exercises, and presentations of illustrative case examples. The lecture portions of the workshop will present several aspects of microscopical theory and trace evidence concepts and philosophy. Two very different meanings of the adjective *trace* will be discussed. Most of the day will be spent on laboratory exercises involving trace evidence on bullets fired into various substrates and case examples. These exercises and case examples will be selected to illustrate the advantages of applying microscopical thinking and problem solving to dealing with complex cases. The point will be made that trace evidence approaches have an extraordinarily wide applicability in Criminalistics. Furthermore, the applications of this approach to casework transcend the dimensional constraints of the microscopic domain, because this process is not limited only to material transfers.

NOTE: This workshop will be limited to a maximum of 24 attendees.

NEAFS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS 2009-2010

New members, Upgrades, Reinstatements and Resignations



**Northeastern Association
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APPLICATION	STATUS	TITLE	NAME	AFFILIATION
Deceased	Emeritus	Mr.	David Innella	NYSP Mid-Hudson Regional Laboratory
New	Associate	Ms.	Victoria Panariello	John Jay College
New	Associate	Ms.	Angela Hui	John Jay College
New	Associate	Mrs.	Lesley Ann Huggins	John Jay College
New	Associate	Ms.	Julia Cohen	John Jay College
New	Associate	Ms.	Habiba Khokhar	John Jay College
New	Associate	Ms.	Alla Tashmukhamedova	John Jay College
New	Associate	Mr.	Timothy Pratt	Zeiss
New	Associate	Ms.	Kathleen Grimley	John Jay College
New	Associate	Mrs.	Rebecca Smith	John Jay College
New	Associate	Ms.	Christina Owen	MSP Crime Lab
New	Associate	Ms.	Michelle Mercer	Monroe County Crime Lab
New	Associate	Ms.	Cassandra Molineaux	NYSP FIC
New	Associate	Mrs.	Stephanie Honeycutt	Monroe County Crime Lab
New	Associate	Mr.	Henry Maynard	NMS Labs
New	Associate	Mr.	Jonathan Kui	NY OCME
New	Associate	Ms.	Jessica Hart	MSP Crime Lab
New	Associate	Ms.	Jennifer Montgomery	MSP Crime Lab
New	Associate	Ms.	Dominika Bielakowska	Drugs of Abuse Labs
New	Associate	Ms.	Heather M. Rice	Monroe County Public Safety Laboratory
New	Associate	Mrs.	Kristin McCann	Monroe County Crime Lab
New	Associate	Ms.	Alice Chung	Boston University
New	Associate	Ms.	Kim A. Bonner	MSP Forensic and Technology Center
New	Associate	Mr.	Joseph C. Kinney	University of Albany
New	Associate	Dr.	Sandra A. Trusa	NY Medical College
New	Associate	Ms.	Marcela I. Velasco	John Jay College
New	Associate	Ms.	Elizabeth M. Collins	Forensic Identification & Profiling Laboratory
New	Associate	Ms.	Daniela Visco	John Jay College
New	Associate	Ms.	Leahana M. Rowehl	University of Albany
New	Associate	Ms.	Jenna Cameron Simons	University of Albany
New	Associate	Ms.	Stephanie A. Mogil	University of Albany
New	Associate	Ms.	Jessica A. Cheperuk	John Jay College
New	Associate	Ms.	Amanda Coons	Forensic Identification & Profiling Laboratory
New	Regular	Mr.	Vadim Astrakhan	DEA Northeast
New	Regular	Ms.	Suzanne Watson	NJSP
New	Regular	Mrs.	Robyn L. Sweeney-Blaise	NHSP Forensic Lab - Toxicology Unit
New	Regular	Mr.	Taylor M. Dickerson, III	NY OCME
New	Regular	Mrs.	Rupal Frank-Slotwinski	NJSP

New	Regular	Ms.	Ada Kong	US Dept of Justice/DEA
New	Regular	Dr.	Marianne E. Staretz	Cedar Crest Collage
New	Regular	Mrs.	Sherry T. Brown	York College of PA
New	Regular	Mr.	Jack Hietpas	Syracuse University
Reinstatement	Associate	Mrs.	Lisa Bochenek	BAE Systems
Reinstatement	Regular	Mr.	Peter Valentin	CT State Police
Reinstatement	Regular	Mr.	John W. Drawec	Western New England College
Reinstatement	Regular	Mr.	Michael Gorn	Boston PD Crime Lab
Resigned	Regular	Mr.	Phillip Langellotti	John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Resigned	Associate	Ms.	Cynthia Boehler-Walsh	ELCO School District
Resigned	Regular	Dr.	Charles R. Kingston	John Jay College - Retired
Resigned	Regular	Mr.	Harvey A. Van Hoven	Monroe County Crime Laboratory
Resigned	Regular	Mr.	Michael R. Krajewski	Erie County CPS Forensic Laboratory
Resigned	Regular	Ms.	Gwen B. Pino	Mass. State Police Crime Lab
Resigned	Regular	Ms.	Meredith M. Angelovich	CT Dept. of Public Safety - Retired
Resigned	Regular	Ms.	Irene Wong	NYC Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
Resigned	Regular	Mrs.	Shawn Dolan-Tavares	Cambridge PD ID Unit
Resigned	Regular	Ms.	Carol Ritter	Penn. State Police Crime Lab
Resigned	Regular	Mr.	Philip Langelloti	John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Upgrade	Emeritus	Mrs.	Erma Hoover	NJSP
Upgrade	Emeritus	Mr.	Garrett Sheehan	Middlesex C.C.
Upgrade	Emeritus	Mrs.	Karin Mandriota	Hudson County Office of the Prosecutor
Upgrade	Regular	Ms.	Cindy Vitale	DEA Northeast
Upgrade	Regular	Mrs.	Martha Sisson	NY State Police FIC
Upgrade	Regular	Mr.	Gerald Hart	CT Dept. of Public Safety Forensic Laboratory
Upgrade	Regular	Mrs.	Amanda Finbar	Erie County Forensic Lab
Upgrade	Regular	Mrs.	Gina Nano	University of Massachusetts Drug Lab
Upgrade	Regular	Ms.	Tiffany Ribadeneyra	WCFL
Upgrade	Regular	Ms.	Jaime Branchold	MSP Forensic and Technology Center
Upgrade	Regular	Dr.	Sandra Haddad	MSP Forensic and Technology Center

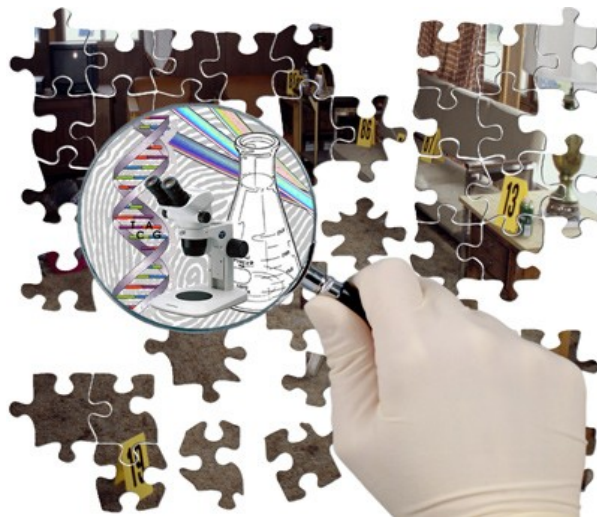


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NEAFS MEMBERS TO BE DROPPED

STATUS	NAME	AFFILIATION
Associate	John R. Mario	Suffolk County Crime Laboratory
Associate	Helen G. Reid	West Chester University
Associate	Karen Sabatini	National Health Laboratories
Associate	Lisa M. Faber	NYPD Crime Lab
Associate	Robert D. Campbell	NY State Police Western Regional Laboratory
Associate	Samia F. Basiliou	NYC Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
Associate	Michael E. Byrnes	Federal Bureau of Investigation
Associate	Sandra L. Meier	Suffolk County Crime Laboratory
Associate	Alan G. Petersen	NYC Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
Associate	Martha Sisson	NY State Police Forensic Investigation Center
Associate	Heather M. Cunningham	The Bode Technology Group
Associate	Beth Habershaw	Brown University/ URI
Associate	Nicholas Mauro	John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Associate	Andrew Guajardo	John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Associate	Amelly Cruz	John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Associate	Amira Badaan	John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Associate	Sarah Ferris	NYPD Crime Lab
Associate	Stephanie Kieper	NY State Police Forensic Investigation Center
Associate	Mandy McGehee	DEA Northeast Laboratory
Associate	Carissa Lucas	Student (John Jay)
Associate	Janee Cusimano	Student
Associate	Erica Conrad	NYC Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
Associate	Erik Tarnok	Student (John Jay)
Emeritus	Ronald Resua	Retired
Regular	Jesse H. Bidanset	Inter-City Testing & Consulting Corp.
Regular	Mary E. McLaughlin	New Jersey State Police
Regular	Warren H. Edmonds	NH State Police Forensic Lab - Retired
Regular	George A. Shelton Jr.	New Haven Police Department
Regular	Nirmal Sawhney	New Jersey State Police
Regular	William E. Adams	Salem State College
Regular	Gail S. Tighe	New Jersey State Police
Regular	Karen E. Vallaro	
Regular	Robert E. Pino	Mass. State Police Crime Lab
Regular	W. Mark Dale	NERFI
Regular	Kathleen R. Sear	Monroe County Public Safety Laboratory
Regular	Michael A. Koval	New Jersey State Police
Regular	David N. Santora	West Hartford Police Department
Regular	Kenneth F. Martin	Mass. State Police Crime Lab
Regular	Peter Piro	MA Department of Public Health RM 361

Regular	Thomas L. Hickey	NY City Police Department Crime Laboratory
Regular	Nivine H. Elsharouny	NY City Police Department Crime Laboratory
Regular	Christine Cusack	Cusack & McCarthy Forensic Document Examiners
Regular	Jane H. Codraro	CT Dept. of Public Safety
Regular	Antoinette L. Pettincki	New Jersey State Police
Regular	John R. Leaver	New Jersey State Police
Regular	Marc Timpano	Nassau County Police Department
Regular	Elisabeth L. O'Brien	Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Regular	Lyndesha B. Polk	New Jersey State Police
Regular	Sherri Menendez	Mass. State Police Crime Lab
Regular	Brian Strasnick	Willow Laboratories & Medical Center
Regular	Gerard Petillo	CT Dept. of Public Safety
Regular	Christy Davis-Thomas	New Jersey State Police
Regular	Brian Murphy	NY State Police Forensic Investigation Center
Regular	Cailin Lally	Mass. State Police Crime Lab



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Proposed By-law Changes

The proposed changes have been voted on by the NEAFS Board of Directors for the consideration of the membership. The changes are below in yellow.

Article VI, Membership:

Section 1. General qualifications: Applicants for membership shall be expected to have previously demonstrated moral and ethical conduct befitting the profession. Any application may be rejected by the Membership Committee with the approval of the Board of Directors for the same reasons as termination of membership. (Article VI, Section 13)

Section 2. Regular Members (also referred to as Members): A Regular member of the Corporation (NEAFS) is one who has met the minimum established standards, has been approved by the Membership Committee, and is elected by a vote of 3/4 of the membership at the Annual Business meeting. A member shall be entitled to receive all publications, to a vote at business meetings, and to hold office.

a. Qualifications for Regular Membership Shall Be:

1. Hold a Doctorate, or Masters Degree, and have completed a minimum of two (2) years experience or
2. Hold a Baccalaureate degree and have completed a minimum of three (3) years experience or
3. Have completed a minimum of ten (10) years experience and be active in the field or
4. Have, in the opinion of the Membership Committee, made such significant contributions to the field and or the Corporation to warrant Regular Membership.

b. Educational degrees, for the purposes of Article VI, section 2.a, are considered only in:

1. Natural Sciences
2. Forensic Science
3. Related Fields at the discretion of the Membership Committee.

c. Experience, for purposes of Article VI, Section 2.a., is considered only in the field of forensic science.

1. Working a minimum of fifteen (15) hours per week doing examinations and interpretation of physical evidence or,
 2. Working a minimum of fifteen (15) hours per week having done examinations and interpretation of physical evidence or,
 3. Working as a full-time professor in forensic science or criminalistics in an undergraduate or graduate program at an accredited college or university.
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Dallas County Human Resources/Civil Service Department

Department: Institute of Forensic Sciences

Forensic Biologist II (IRC6715)

Salary: \$4,602.20/mo.

Dallas County is currently recruiting for a Forensic Biologist II. The successful candidates will perform independent forensic testing of biological samples for the purpose of human identity determination within the Forensic Biology Unit of the Criminal Investigation Laboratory.

Requirements include a Bachelor's degree in Biology, Genetics, Chemistry, Forensic Sciences, or in a job related field of study with subjects providing a basic understanding of forensic DNA analysis. One (1) year of job related experience. Knowledge of the principles of animal and/or human genetics and the common techniques of DNA analysis as they relate to forensic DNA analysis and evidence handling procedures.

Forensic Biologist Supervisor (IRC6753)

Salary: \$5,754.26/mo.

Dallas County is currently recruiting for a Forensic Biologist Supervisor. The successful candidate will oversee and direct the daily operations of the Unit including staff training and development; quality control and quality assurance; casework management; and instrument development, implementation and validation. Evaluates analytical procedures and recommends emerging technology and industry standard changes that impact budgetary planning initiatives. Assists with budget development. Oversees on-call emergency services.

Requires a Ph.D. in Molecular Biology, or a related area of biology or chemistry, or in a related field of study. A minimum of 12 credit hours of graduate or undergraduate coursework in biochemistry, genetics, molecular biology, and statistics and/or population genetics. Three (3) years of work experience in DNA laboratory experience in molecular biology required. Experience in laboratory management preferred. Must be accepted by the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

To apply visit www.dallascounty.org and complete the online application. Starting salary is based on education and experience.

Contact: Elizabeth Todd, Ph.D., Chief, Forensic Chemistry, Dallas County Institute of Forensic Sciences, 5230 Medical Center Drive, Dallas, TX 75235; 214-920-5990 - etodd@dallascounty.org

Posted: 08/26/09

US Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory, Forest Park, GA

Interdisciplinary, YD-1301-03

Announcement #SCDV09372495D

Work as Chief, Forensics Training and Research Division (FTRD), U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory (USACIL).

This is an interdisciplinary position and a selection may be made as a Physical Scientist YD 1301, Chemist YD 1320, Biologist YD 401 or a General Engineer YD 0801.

Closing date: September 4, 2009

For more information please visit <https://cpolwapp.belvoir.army.mil/public/vabSelfNom/getresultsvab>

posted 08/14/09

NMS Labs, Willow Grove, PA

DNA Technical Leader

Salary: Open

Qualifications

This position includes overseeing the technical operation of the Forensic Biology unit with specific emphasis on DNA analysis. This position involves the performance of biological and instrumental testing, and the isolation and identification of biological substances in forensic casework samples, and the technical review of casework. This person is responsible for specimen processing, test performance, reporting of test results, and the quality assurance and documentation of analytical processes.

Ph.D. degree in biology, chemistry or forensic science related area. Forensic DNA laboratory experience, and experience in court testimony are required. Must have successful completion of at least 12 credit hours from a combination of undergraduate and graduate coursework in genetics, biochemistry, statistics and/or population genetics, and molecular biology or other subjects, which provide a comprehensive understanding of the foundation of forensic DNA analysis. Must have experience with Real-time PCR, STRs and Capillary Electrophoresis technology. Must have four years experience of forensic science casework. Supervisory experience preferred. Must be NYS forensic identity testing CofQ eligible.

Application

Apply on-line at http://tbe.taleo.net/NA8/ats/careers/requisition.jsp?org=NMS_LABS&cws=1&rid=59.

Posted: 08/06/09

City of Phoenix

Forensic Science Section Supervisor

Salary \$69,950 - \$104,416 annualized

Qualifications

Six years of progressively responsible experience in a forensic science laboratory, performing laboratory analyses; Two years at a supervisory, acting supervisory, or lead level; and Bachelor's degree in a natural science, criminalistics, or a closely related field. An equivalent combination of relevant experience and education may be considered. Working irregular hours, shifts, weekends, holidays, and evenings may be required. Positions in the Police Department must meet the polygraph and background standards that are appropriate to non-sworn positions.

Duties

Vacancies for this position may open in any section including Evidence Processing, Latent Print Comparative, Forensic Biology, Controlled Substance, Questioned Documents, Toxicology, Trace and Arson, and Firearms. The incumbent must be qualified to appear in court as an expert witness. Supervision is exercised over Forensic Scientists.

Application

Apply at www.phoenix.gov/jobs. In your cover letter or resume, please provide sufficient detail to clarify your qualifications in one or more of the following disciplines INCLUDING your supervisory experience: Controlled Substances, Evidence Processing, Forensic Biology, Latent Print Comparison, Toxicology, Trace Evidence and Arson, Questioned Documents and Firearms Examination.

Posted: 07/02/09

City of Phoenix

Forensic Scientist II

Salary \$22.48 - \$33.63 hourly / \$46,758 - \$69,950 annualized effective July 13, 2009

Qualifications

Completion of the twenty-four month Forensic Scientist I training program in the discipline for which you are currently applying (two years of discipline specific crime laboratory analysis experience may be substituted for the training program). Bachelor's degree in a natural science, criminalistics, or a closely related field. An equivalent combination of relevant experience and education may be considered. Working irregular hours, second and/or third shifts, weekends, holidays, and evenings may be required. Positions in the Police Department must meet the polygraph and background standards that are appropriate to non-sworn positions. The general factors for disqualification are listed at <http://www.phoenix.gov/joinphxpd/civildisq.html>.

Application

Apply on-line at www.phoenix.gov/jobs by completing the required information and attaching your cover letter and resume. Your cover letter and resume, plus any other requested material, must be in one attachment.

Posted: 07/02/09

City of Phoenix
Forensic Scientist III
Salary \$26.15 - \$39.06 hourly / \$54,392 - \$81,245 annualized

Minimum Qualifications

Two years of experience at the level of a Forensic Scientist II performing analyses in a forensic laboratory and a bachelor's degree in a natural science, criminalistics, or a closely related field. Professional certification may be required dependent upon the forensic discipline. An equivalent combination of relevant experience and education may be considered. Working irregular hours, shifts, weekends, holidays, and evenings may be required; and positions in the Police Department must meet the polygraph and background standards that are appropriate to non-sworn positions.

Application

Apply at www.phoenix.gov/jobs. In your cover letter or resume, please describe your experience in: Latent print comparison, Toxicology (providing sufficient detail regarding your laboratory experience and competencies), Trace evidence, Forensic biology (providing sufficient detail regarding your laboratory experience and competencies), Firearms Examination, Evidence Processing, Controlled Substances and Questioned Documents.

Posted: 07/02/09

City of Phoenix
Forensic Scientist IV
Salary \$66,518 - \$99,195 annualized

Qualifications

Two (2) years of experience at the level of Forensic Scientist III in a forensic laboratory performing advanced laboratory analyses; and Bachelor's degree in a natural science, criminalistics, or a closely related field. An equivalent combination of relevant experience and education may be considered. Working irregular hours, shifts, weekends, holidays, and evenings may be required. Positions in the Police Department must meet the polygraph and background standards that are appropriate to non-sworn positions.

Application

Apply on-line at www.phoenix.gov/jobs. In your cover letter or resume, please provide sufficient detail to clarify your qualifications for the education and forensic laboratory experience requirements in one or more of the following disciplines: Controlled Substances, Evidence Processing, Forensic Biology, Latent Print Comparison, Toxicology, Trace Evidence and Arson, Firearms Examination and Questioned Documents.

Posted: 07/02/09

Promega
Field Sales Specialist – Caribbean Territory, Location: Miami, FL

Promega seeks a highly motivated professional to serve as our new Field Sales Specialist covering the Caribbean Territory. This territory consists of Mexico, the Caribbean and Central America. Ideal candidates will be located in Miami, FL. This position will provide technically-based product support to distributors and customers throughout the region.

The successful candidate will possess the following qualifications: Minimum Bachelor's Degree in Molecular Biology, Cell Biology, Protein Biochemistry or closely related discipline, minimum of three years' hands-on lab experience in molecular biology, cell biology, and/or protein biochemistry, technical competency to understand and to clearly discuss fundamental theory and principles of experimental design, techniques and results, fluency in Spanish and English, demonstrated sales-related or business-related experience and proven presentation skills, ability to give technical and sales presentations to a group of 50 people or more.

The position requires strong interpersonal skills and the ability to interact effectively with multiple Latin America cultures and markets, and the ability to travel up to 50% of the time outside the home base country.

For immediate consideration, please apply online at: https://hostedjobs.openhire.com/epostings/submit.cfm?fuseaction=app.jobinfo&jobid=214632&company_id=15945&version=2

Posted: 06/26/09

Washington State Patrol
Forensic Laboratory Services Bureau Director

The Washington State Patrol is currently recruiting for a Forensic Laboratory Services Bureau Director. The Director of Forensic Laboratory Services acts in concert with the Washington State Forensic Investigations Council (FIC) in the development and implementation of statewide policy for forensic services. In addition to staff supervision and budget responsibility, the Director maintains liaison with other departments and agencies, the FIC, Washington Association of County Officials, and other criminal justice agencies to allow customer input, an interchange of goals, policies, procedures, and budgetary considerations. In addition to administering resources and managing people and programs, the Director is responsible for the staffing, budget, accreditation, fiscal policy, legislative requests, policy development, training, technical assistance and human resources for the bureau.

Candidates must have a minimum of a Bachelor of Science degree in forensic science, natural science, or closely related field; however, an advanced degree in science or forensic science is preferred. The ideal candidate must also have ten years or more of increasingly responsible management and leadership experience in a crime laboratory system, with an emphasis on the ability to lead a statewide technical assistance and policy organization.

Click on the link below to see a full version of the job announcement. http://www.wsp.wa.gov/employment/docs/openings/FLSB_Director_Job_Announcement.pdf

Posted: 06/18/09

Rush University Medical Center
Autopsy Room Tech – Pathology Department

The Autopsy Room Tech is responsible to assist the pathologist in the dissection and examination of organs and tissues to determine cause of death or pathological conditions. Set up autopsies and perform eviscerations in accordance with OSHA standards, guidelines, regulations, and infection control policies. Cleans and maintain autopsy instruments, autopsy suite, autopsy conference room, and the Pathology Lab gross stations, keeps them well stocked and organized at all times.

Requirements include: H.S. Diploma or equivalent, 1 year of directly related experience and Formal Autopsy training.

To be considered for this position, please apply online at www.jobsatrush.com, Job Code 2009-0697.

Posted: 06/04/09

If you have a position in the field of forensic science and would like to have it posted on the NEAFS web site, contact the NEAFS webmasters: jobs@neafs.org

Posting Instructions

Please include the following in your submission: position title, location, short description and a direct link to the job posting. Submitted postings must be 200 words or less, we will not be responsible for editing job postings, please use postings on this page as a guide to formatting. If there is no deadline given, postings will be removed from the site after three months.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

September 2009

Fall 2009 Bloodstain Evidence Institute
Corning, New York
September 21-25, 2009

For information on this educational program contact: Dr. Herbert Leon MacDonell, Director, BLOODSTAIN EVIDENCE INSTITUTE, Post Office Box 1111, Corning, New York 14830; (607) 962-6581; forensiclab@stny.rr.com

The 1st International ICST Conference on Digital Forensics & Cyber Crime (ICDF2C)
Albany, NY, USA
September 30 to October 2, 2009
<http://d-forensics.org/>

The aim of ICDF2C is to bring together state of the art research contributions in the development of tools, protocols and techniques which assist in the investigation of potentially illegal activity associated with electronic communication and electronic devices. The conference is poised to attract d-Forensics professionals not only from the research and education community, but also from industrial and commercial organizations, as well as government agencies. The conference schedule is 3 days in length and the program includes a number of tracks that you can find here: <http://d-forensics.org/index.shtml>.

Call for Papers: <http://d-forensics.org/callforpapers.shtml>

October 2009

8th Annual Association of Forensic Quality Assurance Managers Conference
Hosted by the Southern California Quality Assurance Study Group
Crowne Plaza Anaheim Resort, Garden Grove, California
October 5-9, 2009

We will be offering training on several topics of interest for laboratories such as Measurement Uncertainty, Leadership Skills, Root Cause Analysis, and an ISO Roundtable discussion. For more information visit www.afqam.org. Abstracts for presentations are currently being accepted. If you are interested in presenting a paper or other presentation please contact Jasmine Jefferson at N3142@lapd.lacity.org or complete and submit the Call for Papers Form on the AFQAM Website www.afqam.org.

October 2009(continued)

8th Annual Association of Forensic Quality Assurance Managers Conference

2009 Joint Meeting of MAAFS, MAFS, SAFS AND SWAFS

Wyndham Orlando, Orlando, FL

October 18-23, 2009

For more information please visit <http://www.maafs.org/JOINTmtg.htm>

If you plan to present a paper or poster at the 2009 JOINT Meeting, please fill out the Call for Papers and submit it to the appropriate Section Chair. The deadline for Paper and Poster Submissions is August 15, 2009.

If you plan to attend this meeting, please call and make your hotel reservation. The JOINT Meeting Planners would like to get an idea of attendance early for budgeting purposes. There is no charge for reservations and they can be cancelled within 1 day of arrival.

Evidence in the Information Age: A National Symposium on the Collection, Analysis and Legal Application of Digital Evidence

The Cyril H. Wecht Institute of Forensic Science and Law, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA

October 23-24, 2009

Featuring presentations and hands-on workshops by digital forensic examiners, law enforcement officers and criminal attorneys, this two-day program is intended to offer both practical training to crime scene investigators and laboratory analysts, and a broad grounding in the recognition and prevention of cyber-crime to computer and Internet users, parent and teachers. For more information, and to register please visit our conference website at www.duq.edu/digitalevidence.

April 2010

Forensic Management Academy™

Morgantown, WV

April 11 – April 16, 2010

Contemporary business practices can improve the operation of your laboratory, and this week-long training can teach you how to improve your lab's efficiency and your staff's capabilities. The instructors use a mix of interactive projects, case studies, and lecture.

Who should attend: Forensic laboratory managers, law enforcement executives, and aspiring forensic service providers who want to learn better business practices. Attendance is limited to 35 people.

Topics: Leadership, succession planning, team building, business skills, conflict resolution, cost benefit analysis, budgeting, motivation, strategy, and performance and project management.

For more information or to apply, contact Lisa Poling at 304-293-7961 or visit www.be.wvu.edu/execed/fmgmt.htm

October 2010

Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists Annual Meeting
Kansas City, Missouri – Marriott Kansas City Downtown
October 4-8, 2010

Watch www.mafs.net for more information!

If you have training in the field of forensic science and would like to have it posted on the NEAFS web site, contact the NEAFS webmasters: jobs@neafs.org

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NEAFS Quarterly Financial Report

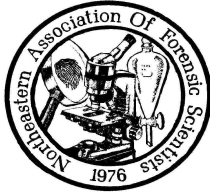
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Board of Directors Meeting August 15, 2009

Balances Forwarded	\$121,655.98
Checking Account	\$7,828.40
Savings Account	\$113,827.58

Membership	2009 Dues	5,817.73
Wood Workshop	Workshop Fee	250.00
2009 Corporate Sponsorship		12,052.40
	Art Gulid Inc (Agilent)	4,750.00
	Thermo	1,500.00
	Spectronics Corporation	750.00
	Lab Corp of America	750.00
	Whatman Inc.	750.00
	Leeds Precision Instruments Inc.	750.00
	Foster & Freeman USA Inc.	850.00
	Abacus Diagnostics	900.00
	Abacus Diagnostics	300.00
	NCBRT	752.40
Interest Income	Savings Interest	71.45
Total Income		18,191.58
Transfers	NEAFS Checking	-10,000.00
NET TOTAL		8,191.58

Respectfully Submitted,
Vincent J. Desiderio
NEAFS Treasurer



NEAFS Quarterly Financial Report

4/1/2009 through 6/30/2009

Board of Directors Meeting August 15, 2009

Balances Forwarded	\$121,655.98
Checking Account	\$7,828.40
Savings Account	\$113,827.58

Membership	Dues Refunds	-90.00
April BOD Meeting Expenses		-334.56
	President Elect Travel (January BOD)	-84.80
	Corporate Liason Travel	-226.98
	Food	-22.78
Business Expenses	B-Coder barcode software	-395.00
2009 Annual Meeting Expnses	Speaker Travel (J. Collins)	-239.20
Website	Yahoo Quarterly Fee	-35.85
Expenses 2nd Quarter 2009		-1,094.61
Checking Inflows		16,270.84
	Transfer From Savings	10,000.00
	Paypal Transfer (Membership)	6,270.84
2nd Quarter Expenses Total		15,176.23

Respectfully Submitted,
Vincent J. Desiderio
NEAFS Treasurer



NEAFS minutes 25-April 2009 **Westchester County Forensic Lab**

Meeting called to order by President San Pietro at 1015 Hrs.

Members present:

David San Pietro, Laura Tramontin, Vincent Desiderio, Kevin MacLaren, Samantha Walters, Erica Blais and Peter Diaczuk

The agenda for today's meeting was reviewed and accepted.

Secretary's report: Secretary Diaczuk presented the minutes from the January Board meeting for review. A motion was made and carried to accept the report with corrections. Secretary Diaczuk to forward corrected version to Ed Kovacs for inclusion in the next Newsletter.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Desiderio presented the quarterly report, from 01-Jan 2009 to 31-Mar 2009. Total income from interest and membership dues was \$13,791.47. Checking account contains \$15,250.87. Savings account contains \$100,036.11. Vinny proposed a longer duration bond account for increased interest for some funds that are not expected to be needed in an emergency, as opposed to the current short-term CDs. The bond representative is willing to explain the fund at a future meeting. The additional interest will be used for the scholarships. The non-profit corporation financial restrictions will be reviewed by Dorothy Reinhart CPA, in case more interest is earned annually than is allowed.

A motion was made and carried to accept the Treasurer's report

Director's reports: no reports

Membership report: Membership Chair Walters presented the membership report.

Only 17 members are not on the "green" list. At the annual meeting, these 17 names will be posted to allow attendees to supply contact info. Listserve will no longer be necessary because of the membership list on excel. Sam will notify Dennis to cancel.

Membership form has been revised for ease of completion. Paypal option costs an extra \$1.50 per person for membership renewal.

Inquiries about membership status are still being received. Even though all member info has been archived, terminations have not. This will have to be entered manually by reviewing old newsletters for the termination lists.

An inquiry was received about the process to apply for membership when the applicant does not know any member to act as a sponsor.

Nine members have resigned formally. This list will be forwarded to Kim for archiving.

Diaczuk asks Walters to use the membership email list to request any photographs taken at the

Membership report(cont.):Annual Meeting to be submitted for posting because of Diaczuk's hard drive failure.

A motion was made and carried to accept the Membership report

Ethics: no report

Publications: President San Pietro presented the publications report for Ed Kovacs. Just awaiting minutes for next Newsletter. Laura will submit any additional Annual Meeting info to Ed. Will need a deadline for June Newsletter. Workshop moderators should submit abstracts to be included in the next Newsletter. Erica: Abacus wants a full page add inside the front cover, but has historically reserved the back cover.

A motion was made and carried to accept the Publications report.

ABC Representative: President San Pietro presented the ABC report for Mike Portzer. Robert Adamo's service was most appreciated. ABC requests list of current members for tabulation / verification of points on renewal forms submitted. In the past, Christine has also sent meeting and workshop attendee information to the ABC representative.

A motion was made and carried to accept the ABC report.

Awards: President San Pietro presented the awards report for Marge LaFond. Only two applications received thus far. Deadline only two weeks away. Marge asks for an increase in the award amount from the current \$750. Because of the downturn in the economy, and expectations for vendors and attendees to be fewer than usual at the Annual Meeting, this suggestion will be tabled for now.

It will be reconsidered after the Annual Meeting.

A motion was made and carried to accept the Awards report

Education: President San Pietro presented the education report for Larry Quarino. Wood workshop was very successful by Dr Hoadley, even though only 5 people took advantage of the opportunity. NEAFS sponsored the 4 members that attended, as originally planned. Several workshops to take place at Cedar Crest College over the summer. These grant-funded opportunities are listed on the NEAFS website.

Possible IR workshop by Dr John Reffner hosted at John Jay College is being coordinated for the Fall of 2009 by Linda Rourke.

Larry is stepping down as Education Chair. Beth Saucier to take chair's position. Linda and Larry will remain as committee members.

A motion was made and carried to accept the Education report

Registration: No report

Corporate liaison: Erica Blais presented the liaison report. She visited many booths at the AAFS meeting and handed out her business card. Info packets to vendors were mailed in February.

Seven have already signed up = \$5250. Labcorp will be a new vendor.

Agilent has committed \$4000 to support the welcome reception; Thermo and Abacus will sponsor half-breaks @ \$750 each = \$5500.

Foster Freeman and Abacus paid for add upgrades in Program Booklet = \$250. Promega regrets

Corporate liaison(cont.):that they will not be a vendor this year, but will send representatives to the meeting.

\$11,300 in checks given to Treasurer today.

Forensic Magazine has offered complimentary copies for the meeting again.

Erica will contact Ed Kovacs to change the zip code on the address for responding.

Barcoding and lead retrieval system will be implemented at this year's meeting. Thumb drives will be necessary. Vendors will be asked to bring their own to avoid rental fee. On-site registrants will need to be barcoded at the registration booth. The appropriate software to run the program will thus be necessary at the booth.

Diaczuk requests that Leica be recognized for their contribution of microscopes to the trace evidence workshop.

Walk-through of hotel will be planned to coordinate with the August Board meeting.

A motion was made and carried to accept the Corporate Liaison report.

Site Chair: President San Pietro presented the site report for Kevin McMahon.

2009 meeting – revised contract has been signed to reflect expected low registration. Menus will be sought in early May to be reviewed with Meeting Chair Tramontin. Diaczuk inquires about easels for posters from hotel. Laura has poster foam backer boards from last meeting.

2010 meeting- possible collaboration for joint meeting with New England IAI in Vermont, or other locations in case the joint meeting does not materialize. Must have decision for publication in October Newsletter.

2011 meeting- Locations have been considered, but none chosen yet.

Erica-two hotels contacted her for future meeting sites.

Diaczuk-new owners of Sagamore resort made contact as possible site. Checked out hotel in Syracuse in March as possible site, but unlikely.

A motion was made and carried to accept the Site report.

Meeting Chair: Laura Tramontin presented the meeting report. The session chairs are in place. Almost all are new chairs. Workshop chairs have been selected. All titles and abstracts should be in for the June Newsletter. The General Session is being planned. During the luncheon, one of the speakers will be author Katherine Ramsland, who will give a PowerPoint presentation. Plenary session will discuss the wrongful conviction of forensic science in the NAS report. DJ has been secured for the President's reception.

A motion was made and carried to accept the Annual Meeting report.

Old Business: President San Pietro presented old business matters.

Lead retrieval- is proceeding forward.

Ethics update- will email Ethics Committee for status on the ethics update.

Document archiving- Diaczuk has brought the last two boxes of NEAFS paperwork to be given to MacLaren for scanning / archiving. President San Pietro reads email from Ed Kovacs- Executive Secretary Kim Freeland will be assigned a password to access the digital archived files. With these last two boxes, all old files will have been entered. Thus, in the future, Executive Secretaries will only have to enter new documents, and be able to search for old records as required.

New business: President San Pietro presented new business matters.

Must consider replacement for ABC representative.

AV kits for the meetings were considered. Possible allocation of funds for basic items such as extension cords, strips, vga cable, duct tape. Kevin will price a “kit”, compared to the hotel’s rental fee for those items. Possibly consider the small ~\$400 notebooks as well (with due caution about the software necessities and their obsolescence).

An inquiry was received from the Queens District Attorney’s Office about whether an individual is a NEAFS member or not. In this case, the individual is not a member, so this information was given to the DA’s Office. A discussion of how such inquiries from outside agencies about members of NEAFS should be addressed. Inquiries concerning verification of a CV listing must also be considered. The By laws suggest a member’s privacy must be respected before divulging information. This policy will be considered for the next Board meeting.

Merchandizing: President San Pietro presented the merchandise report for Jen Wilson. One order was received for a NEAFS jacket. The jacket vendor has gone out of business. She is looking for a new supplier of jackets.

A motion was made and carried to accept the merchandise report.

The next Board meeting to be Saturday, August 15th at the Westchester County Lab at 1000hrs.
Meeting adjourned at 1320 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Diaczuk
NEAFS Secretary



**Northeastern Association
of
Forensic Scientists**

NEAFS Merchandise Order Form

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Jenn Wilson

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Phone (315) 435-3800

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1/4 zip jkt	\$35					
Short Sleeve Shirt	\$12					
Long Sleeve Shirt	\$16					
Windshirt	\$35					
Kids golf	\$8					
Kids sweat	\$10					
Slippers	\$10			Neafs		
Bathrobe	\$35		White, Pink,Blue			
Apron	\$15		Blk or Blue	Labster		
Golf towels	\$10		Cream			
Baseball Hat	\$12.50		Navy,Blk,Gray			
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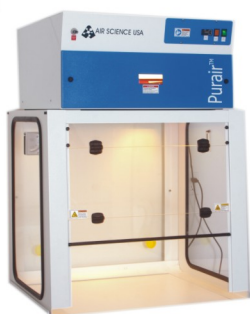


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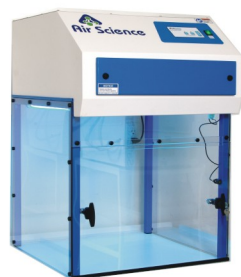
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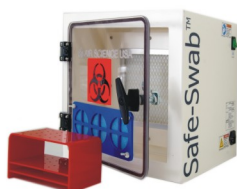
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