

# NEAFS Newsletter

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## **President's Message**

Welcome to NEAFS 2006, with the first newsletter of the year and my first message as President. There are nearly 600 professional and student members in NEAFS. At the Annual Meeting in Newport, we had 276 attendees. So I had the pleasure of meeting many of you at the registration table, at the plenary, general or scientific sessions, at one of the two luncheons or most likely at the President's reception. Hopefully I will see more of you at the 2006 meeting in New York.

The 31st Annual Meeting was a great success, as attested to by many of the attendees. The site in Newport, the Hyatt Hotel, was ideal and the Hyatt staff extremely helpful. But the success of NEAFS meetings and its success as an association rests mainly with the active participation of its membership. The Annual meeting does not happen without the collaboration of many NEAFS members. NEAFS is well served by a dedicated Board, which includes elected and appointed positions. Elayne Schwartz, as President-Elect, is preparing for the 2006 meeting. Contact Elayne if you want to become part of the 2006, 32<sup>nd</sup> NEAFS Annual Meeting team.

Adrian Krawczeniuk, David San Pietro, Laura Tramontin and Liz Ziolkowski have been joined by Ray Van Orden to fill out the elected Board of Directors. Christine Chiesa continues as registration chair as does Peter Diaczuk as executive secretary, Jennifer Reilly as membership chair, Kevin McMahon as site chair, Keith Mancini as the web master and Kevin MacLaren as publication chair. Bob Adamo, a past president and the NEAFS ABC representative, takes on the responsibility of ABC certification for all NEAFS sponsored workshops.

Vincent Desiderio as the educational chair is open to suggestions from the membership for workshop ideas. Currently there are three NEAFS sponsored workshops planned: Kinship Calculations Workshop, developed by Kristin Schelling; Bloodstain Pattern Interpretation Workshop, developed at Cedar Crest College; and Textile & Fiber Examination Workshop, also developed at Cedar Crest College. Information on each of these workshops is or will be available at the NEAFS website. The Board of Directors has agreed to subsidize the cost of the Cedar Crest workshops for NEAFS members.

This year, Andrea Belec is the NEAFS Exhibitor Chair and Corporate Liaison, a key position. NEAFS has had a three-year run of prosperous Annual Meetings, due in large part to our corporate sponsors and meeting exhibitors. Andrea will be working to bring in exhibitors who will continue to support NEAFS at our Annual Meeting, enabling NEAFS to keep the cost of membership and the fees for the Annual Meeting at constant levels. Be sure to visit the Sponsor page at the NEAFS website and to patronize those vendors who support NEAFS.

All in all, this year looks to be shaping up as an extraordinary time for NEAFS, as we continue our mission to exchange ideas and information within the field of forensic science, and to foster friendship and cooperation among the various laboratory personnel. NEAFS seeks to encourage a high level of competency among professionals in the field of forensic science; and to promote recognition of forensic science as an important component of the criminal justice system.

I look forward to serving as NEAFS President for the 2006 year and to meeting many more of you during the course of the year and at the next Annual meeting. Please feel free to contact me about any concerns or suggestions you might have concerning NEAFS.

Dennis C. Hilliard  
President



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## Board of Director's Meeting

November 9, 2005

Meeting called to order at 5:25PM

Members present: Tammi Jacobs Shulman, Dennis Hilliard, Adrian Krawczeniuk, David San Pietro, Elayne Schwartz, Laura Tramontin, Liz Ziolkowski, Peter Diaczuk, Kevin McMahon, Kevin MacLaren, Holly O'Connor, Mary Eustace, Mike Portzer, Vinny Desiderio

**1. Secretary's Report:** Elayne Schwartz

The minutes from the July meeting were distributed and reviewed. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the Secretary's report.

**2. Treasurer's Report:** Adrian Krawczeniuk

a). The quarterly report for July 1, 2005 – September 30, 2005 was distributed. The balance of the checking account is \$3,483.33 and the balance of the money market account is \$94,741.48. The total reserve balance is \$98,224.81.

b). The proposed 2006 budget was distributed. The total projected revenue/expenses is \$77,900.00.

c). The preliminary financial report for the 2005 meeting was distributed. The total income as of 11-9-05 was \$54,685.00.

d). A list of four members who notified the Treasurer to discontinue their membership was distributed. There was a discussion on how the database could be updated to include information as to why a member discontinues their membership. It was decided to add two columns to the database one being "drop" for members who do not pay their dues and the other column being "resign" for members who choose to resign.

e). The list of members who were being dropped because they did not pay their 2005 dues was distributed. The list included 35 names. It will be posted at the meeting. There was a discussion about increasing the late fee for dues. A motion was made to make the late fee \$20 if the dues are not paid by March 31<sup>st</sup>. The motion was seconded and passed. A discussion followed that it was the responsibility of the member, not their employer to make sure that the dues were paid on time each year. There will be reminders of the new late fee charge on the website and in the newsletter.

f). Adrian contacted the insurance agency about the discrepancy in their quote. The insurance company agreed to honor their original quote given to the organization.

g). Adrian requested that people submit their expense vouchers as soon as possible. He would like to set a 2-month time frame for submission.

h). Directors Laura Tramontin and Liz Ziolkowski will audit the Treasurer's books on Thursday.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report.

3. **Director's Reports:** David San Pietro, Laura Tramontin, Liz Ziolkowski  
No reports

5. **Committee Reports**

**A. Membership:** Holly O'Connor for Jennifer Reilly

A summary of membership applications was distributed and discussed. A total of 82 applications were submitted: 49 associate applications, 25 regular member applications, 5 upgrades, and 3 reinstatements.

A postcard will be sent out to all future applicants as their applications are received.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Membership report.

**B. Awards:** Liz Ziolkowski

Liz said that the awards would be presented at the luncheon. Next year, Marge LaFond has agreed to be the Awards Chair.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Awards report.

**C. Publications:** Kevin MacLaren

Kevin is planning to add some new things to the newsletter including; job postings, training opportunities, upcoming events, and a personal page.

The next newsletter will be published mid December. Kevin would like to receive all submissions by December 7<sup>th</sup>. There have been requests for the membership list. There was a discussion as to who will control the list. It was decided that Kevin will control the list and give it to companies and will inform Adrian which companies will be purchasing the list. The checks will be sent to Adrian. NEAFS will charge \$1.00 per name. Since the notice was put in the newsletter, seven people have requested to take their names off of the membership distribution list.

A discussion about banners on the website was conducted. The board will pursue placing banners on the website for corporate sponsors and exhibitors for next year.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Publications report.

**D. Education:** Vinny Desiderio (on-site): No report.

Tammi Jacobs Shulman for Tamara Danner (off-site): A DNA Paternity Statistics Workshop will be held in May in the Albany area.

Kristen Schelling from the NYSP laboratory will be coordinating the workshop.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Education report.

**E. Certification:** Robert Adamo and Mike Portzer

A report was distributed from Robert Adamo explaining that he will present the proposed changes to the ABC exams at the ISO session on Thursday. He was also proctoring the ABC exam on Thursday afternoon.

Mike Portzer – no report

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Certification report.

**F. Ethics:** Mary Eustace

No report

**G. Nominations:** Tammi Jacobs Shulman

The nominations committee included Tammi, Dennis, Amy Duhame, Christine Chiesa and Robert Shipman. The proposed 2006 Board are as follows: President: Dennis Hilliard, President- Elect: Elayne Schwartz, Secretary: David San Pietro, Treasurer: Adrian Krawzeniuk, Directors: Laura Tramontin, Elizabeth Ziolkowski, Ray Van Orden. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Nominations report.

**5. Staff Reports**

**A. Executive Secretary:** Peter Diaczuk

Peter announced that the scanning of the files has begun and he will continue to pursue the remaining files. He requested that the future files be directly emailed to him. He will bring up the high-speed scanner at the business meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Executive Secretary's report.

**B. Site Chair:**

Dennis Hilliard (2005): He worked with George Chin initially then became his own site chair for the meeting. He reported that the hotel was easy to work with.

Kevin McMahon (2006): Kevin and Elayne were reviewing the contract with the Tarrytown DoubleTree Hotel.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Site Chair report.

**C. Registration:** Christine Chiesa

Christine reported that 237 people have preregistered for the meeting.

The number included: 119 members, 44 non-members, 2 student members, 64 student non-members, and 7 spouses.

The student registration form worked well this year. Christine confirmed people's registration by email if requested.

Christine also handled the registration for all the meeting workshops.

She reported that 40 people registered for the Resteck workshop, 9 for the Firearms workshop, 19 for the Agilent workshop, and 8 for the QD workshop.

Christine suggested some things to consider for next year: to make one deadline for the registration and workshops, and to stress to the moderators that all their presenters should be registered.

Adrian will look into some type of direct payment that can be made for online registration.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Registration report.

**D. Corporate Liaison:** Ray Van Orden

Ray report that he was expecting 27 vendors and 28 booths to be filled at the meeting. These included 10 new vendors. The total raised for the exhibitor fees was \$13,500. The amount of money raised for corporate sponsorship was \$16,400, which includes \$650 for advertising. The total amount raised was \$29,900. A new corporate sponsorship plaque will be displayed at the meeting. Ribbons will be displayed at the booths. Ray wants to make sure that the corporate form and exhibitor forms match up to each other.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Corporate Liaison report.

**E. Merchandising:** Ray Van Orden

A new list of products will be available for display at the meeting. Patches for individual sections are being worked on. Ray has already sold 42 shirts.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Merchandising report.

**F. Grant Application Specialist:** Vinny Desiderio

Vinny is looking into regionalized training with the FBI.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Grant Application Specialist report.

**G. Application Evaluation Specialist:** Tammi Jacobs Shulman for Wendy Santiago

Wendy will compile all the workshop evaluations from this meeting.

All the workshops were approved for double ABC points.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Application Evaluation Specialist report.

**6. 2005 Annual Meeting:** Dennis Hilliard

Dennis has received good comments from those attending the 4 workshops. Three of the workshops were held at the hotel and the fourth was held at URI.

Perkin- Elmer donated 240 coffee mugs to hand out at the registration desk. The company also donated the plastic folders for the registration packets and the key chains.

The Newport Visitor's Bureau provided information packets and discounts for local restaurants.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Annual Meeting report.

**7. Old Business**

a. Corporate Credit Card- Adrian is now using a debit card and it seems to be working fine. He does not think we need a credit card.

b. NEAFS Collegiate Project- Tammi reported that 5 schools sent in abstracts and 1 school was not able to attend the meeting. The rest of the schools will be presenting in the Student Forum on Saturday.

There are four judges each from a different discipline.

c. NEAFS per diem rates- A discussion followed as to what to award members versus non-members. A motion was made to award non-members a per diem rate of \$43. Members should submit receipts if possible and will get up to \$43 per day reimbursed. The motion was seconded and passed.

d. Scanning of files- Tammi distributed a list of files and the categories each file falls into. The list of documents was reviewed by the board members. A demonstration was given to the board on the method of scanning and storage of the organization's files. Two John Jay students, Meghan Miller and Edward Kovac, gave the presentation. The project is under the direction of Pete Diaczuk and Tammi Jacobs Shulman. They are trying to get all the files scanned by the end of the year. A motion was made to allot \$2000 to complete the project. The money would be used to purchase a microfiche reader, a printer, and a set-up fee to transfer all the documents to microfiche. The motion was seconded and passed.

**8. New Business**

a. Job Duties- a discussion followed about the duties of the workshop moderators. The question was whether it was the responsibility of the workshop moderators to recruit people to take the workshops. The board determined that it is the President-Elect's responsibility.



b. Study Groups- Vinny Desiderio gave a presentation on a proposal to hold a one-day Study Group meeting. There will be three different groups: Trace, Drugs and DNA. He is planning to organize this for the spring in Albany. A motion was made to give this idea a try for 2006. The motion was seconded and passed.

c. Survey – Vinny Desiderio mailed out a survey on workshop interests. He got 55 responses to the survey.

The next Board of Director's Meeting was set for January 21, 2006.

A motion was made for the meeting to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Elayne Schwartz, Secretary

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## **THE NEAFS NEWSLETTER IS AVAILABLE ONLINE**

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Contact Keith Mancini (Webmaster) at [webmaster@neafs.org](mailto:webmaster@neafs.org)

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## **IMPORTANT NEWS**

**Updated NEAFS 2006 Annual Meeting information will be posted on the NEAFS website at [www.neafs.org](http://www.neafs.org)**

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### **PRIVACY NOTICE**

From time to time, the Board of Directors is asked by companies for a list of our members and their addresses for the purpose of mailing information about new products. The Board sells this list to companies for a one-time use/ mailing.

**If you do not want your name included in this mailing list, please contact the Publications Chair [kam4@westchestergov.com](mailto:kam4@westchestergov.com)**

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Do you have something you'd like to add to the website?  
Does your laboratory have a job opening you'd like posted?  
Having trouble accessing the website?  
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**NEAFS Annual Business Meeting  
November 11, 2005**

**Newport, RI**

Meeting called to order 6:10PM

Roll call of all board members:

President: Tammi Jacobs Shulman, President-Elect: Dennis Hilliard,

Secretary: Elayne Schwartz, Treasurer: Adrian Krawczeniuk, Directors:

David San Pietro, Laura Tramontin, Elizabeth Ziolkowski, Executive Secretary: Peter Diaczuk

**1. Secretary's Report:** Elayne Schwartz

The minutes from the July Board of Director's Meeting were posted.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Secretary's report.

**2. Treasurer's Report:** Adrian Krawczeniuk

a). The quarterly report for July 1, 2005 – September 30, 2005 was distributed. The balance of the checking account is \$3,483.33 and the balance of the money market account is \$94,741.48. The total reserve balance is \$98,224.81.

b). The proposed 2006 budget was distributed. The total projected revenue/expenses is \$77,900.00.

c). The preliminary financial report for the 2005 meeting was distributed.  
The total income as of 11-9-05 was \$54,685.00.

d). A list was posted with the names of 31 members that were being dropped because they did not pay dues for 2005. A motion was made to drop the members from the membership roster. The motion was seconded and passed.

e). A motion was made to increase the dues late fee from \$5 to \$20. The fee will be applied to all dues not returned by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

A discussion followed about the fee increase. Adrian will send an invoice for the membership dues plus a \$20 late fee charge after March 31<sup>st</sup>. There will only be one notice sent. It was discussed that the individual members are responsible to get their dues in on time even if their workplace is paying for their dues. The increase in late fees will be announced in the newsletter and on the website.

A second motion was made to extend the due date until April 30<sup>th</sup>. This motion was seconded and rejected.

The original motion was seconded and passed.

f). Directors Laura Tramontin and Liz Ziolkowski conducted an audit of the Treasurer's records. Laura reported that they reviewed all the statements and everything was in order.

A motion was made to accept the audit report. The motion was seconded and passed.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's report.

3. **Director's Reports:** David San Pietro, Laura Tramontin, Elizabeth Ziolkowski  
No report

4. **Committee Reports**

**A. Membership:** Holly O'Connor for Jennifer Reilly

A summary of membership applications was distributed and discussed. A total of 82 applications were submitted: 49 associate applications, 25 regular member applications, 5 upgrades, and 3 reinstatements.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Membership Report.

**B. Awards:** Elizabeth Ziolkowski

Two awards were presented at the luncheon: one award for an undergraduate and one award for a graduate student. A total of 18 award applications were submitted.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Awards report.

**C. Publications:** Kevin MacLaren

Three newsletters were published in 2005. The last newsletter of 2005 will be published in December. The deadline for submissions will be December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Kevin is planning to start some new sections in the newsletter including a personal page, for announcements of things such as weddings, births, promotions, a job postings page, and training opportunities.

Keith Mancini announced that pictures can be emailed to him for posting on the website.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Publications report.

**D. Education:** Vinny Desiderio (on-site)- No report

Tammi Jacobs Shulman for Tamara Danner: The Glass workshop held in May went well.

Kristen Schilling announced that there would be a DNA Kinship Course with Dr. George Carmody as the instructor. The course will be held May 16-17<sup>th</sup> in East Greenbush, NY. The cost will be \$140 for members and \$175 for non-members.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Education report.

**E. Certification:** Tammi Jacobs Shulman for Robert Adamo

A report was read explaining the ABC plans for restructuring the examinations. The ABC exam was given to four people at the meeting. The next ABC Board of Director's meeting will be held at the AAFS meeting in Seattle in February.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Certification report.

**F. Ethics:** Mary Eustace

No report

**G. Nominations:** Tammi Jacobs Shulman

The nominations committee consisted of Tammi, Dennis, Amy Duhaime, Christine Chiesa, and Robert Shipman.

The following nominations for the 2006 Board of Directors was announced: President: Dennis Hilliard, President- Elect: Elayne Schwartz, Secretary: David San Pietro, Treasurer: Adrian Krawczeniuk, Directors: Laura Tramontin, Elizabeth Ziolkowski, Ray Van Orden.

Any additional nominations will be accepted one month from this meeting dated. If no further nominations are made then this slate of officers will be voted on at the January 2006 Board of Director's meeting.

## 5. Staff Reports

### **A. Executive Secretary:** Peter Diaczuk

Pete formed a committee along with 3 John Jay students to begin archiving the NEAFS files. The membership applications have already been scanned. He plans to have the remaining material scanned by the next board meeting.

One vendor, Core Solutions, has offered to put all the files into a document service system. The documents would be available on a server that can be accessed by designated people. There was a discussion about back-up options and about getting the plan in writing. The estimated cost to finish the project is \$2000.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Executive Secretary's report.

### **B. Site Chair:** Dennis Hilliard (2005)

Dennis reported that he has had a wonderful interaction with the Newport Hyatt hotel staff. He thanked George Chin for making the hotel selection.

Kevin McMahon (2006)

Kevin visited six properties along with Elayne Schwartz. They decided on the Tarrytown DoubleTree for 2006.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Site Chair report.

### **C. Registration:** Christine Chiesa

There were 232 people who preregistered for the meeting and 33 walk-ins for a total of 265 people. Four workshops were held at which 76 people attended.

Merchandise sales at the meeting, as of the annual meeting was \$978.

### **D. Corporate Liaison:** Ray VanOrden

There were a total of 28 booths with 27 vendors attending the meeting. A total of \$13,500 was raised from exhibitor fees. A total of \$17,400 was raised from corporate sponsorship. The grand total for exhibitor and corporate sponsorship was \$30,900.

This year the new plaque and ribbons were displayed to represent the different sponsorship levels. The vendors liked the facility.

Dennis thanked Ray for a job well done.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Corporate Liaison report.

### **E. NEAFS Application Specialist:** Wendy Santiago

No report

### **F. Grant Application Specialist:** Vinny Desiderio

No report

### **G. Merchandising:** Ray VanOrden

Ray announced that new logos are available. He will ask that the new merchandise be posted on the website. If anyone has any ideas for merchandising they can email Ray.

There is a six-week turnaround time for mail orders.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Merchandising report.



#### **6. 2005 Annual Meeting:** Dennis Hilliard

Dennis thanked everyone for their support. He also thanked Christine Chiesa and Betty Bleivik for helping him with the new registration form. He also thanked Ray VanOrden for all of his help with the exhibitors and corporate sponsorship.

The meeting was well attended and the vendors were great.

He also thanked URI for donating audio-visual equipment and his staff at the laboratory for all of their help.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Annual Meeting report.

#### **7. Old Business**

Corporate Credit Card- Adrian has been using a debit card, which seems to be working well. The bank was unsure if NEAFS would be eligible for a corporate credit card. He will also look into electronic payments.

#### **8. New Business**

Vinny Desiderio is organizing a "mini work group" day to be held on April 14<sup>th</sup> in Albany. There will be three sessions: Trace, Drugs, and Biology. The discussion groups can include validation work and interesting cases.

Tammi Jacobs Shulman thanked everyone for allowing her to serve as NEAFS President.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Elayne Schwartz  
Secretary

**NEAFS would like to thank the following companies for their generous support:**



**Agilent Technologies**

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**Annual Meeting Financial Report**  
**31st Annual Meeting - Newport, RI**  
**as of December 21, 2005**  
**prepared by Adrian S. Krawczeniuk , NEAFS Treasurer**

**Income:**

Registration(271)		\$30,770.00
(132 members, 59 nonmembers, 2student, 71 student nonmembers, 7 spouses)		
Exhibitor Fees (27 Exhibitors * \$500/exhibitor)		\$13,500.00
Corporate Sponsorship		
	Perkin Elmer	\$4,500.00
	Applied Biosystems	\$3,500.00
	Agilent Technologies	\$2,500.00
	Varian	\$1,500.00
	Perkin Elmer -GC/MS Techniques Workshop	\$0.00
	Restek -GC/MS Techniques Workshop	\$1,230.00
	Health Education Research Associates	\$1,000.00
	Restek	\$750.00
	Foster & Freeman	\$300.00
	Met Life Insurance	\$500.00
	JEOL USA Inc	\$250.00
	Forensic Quality Services	\$500.00
	Abacus Diagnostics	\$750.00
	American Academy of Forensic Sciences	\$500.00
	<b>Total Corporate Sponsorship</b>	<b>\$17,780.00</b>
Advertising Meeting Program		
	Agilent Technologies	\$100.00
	Tovatech LLC	\$100.00
	Abacus Diagnostics	\$250.00
	Forensic Quality Services	\$200.00
	<b>Total Meeting Advertising</b>	<b>\$650.00</b>
Merchandise Sales/Pre-Orders		\$1,076.00
Workshops		
	Firearms Examination	\$1,230.00
	GC/MS Chemstation	\$2,785.00
	MS Access	\$1,150.00
	GC/MS Techniques	\$10.00
	Digital Imaging	\$125.00
	<b>Total Workshop Income</b>	<b>\$5,300.00</b>

**Total Income                   \$69,076.00**

**Expenses:**

Hotel Expenses-Hyatt Regency Newport

Coffee Breaks(5)	\$2,320.54
Banquet Breaks(3)	\$11,097.39
Luncheon	\$4,865.46
Welcoming Reception	\$6,386.42
President's Reception	\$10,755.58

**Total Food Expenses                   \$35,425.39**

Business Center	\$12.30
AudioVisual Services	\$2,761.13
Exhibitors Security	\$264.00

Registration

Supplies	\$1,291.34
Mail Order Fees	\$3.75
Meeting Program Printing	\$1,381.95
Meeting Give-A-Away	\$950.60
Door Prizes	\$17.10
Meeting Registration Reimbursement	\$375.00
GC/MS Techniques Workshop Reimbursement	\$10.00
Digital Imaging Workshop Reimbursement	\$125.00

President Expenses

Lodging	\$0.00
Travel	\$0.00

President-Elect Expenses

Lodging	\$672.35
Travel	\$70.52
Postage	\$44.40
Tokens	\$20.00

Treasurer Expenses

Lodging	\$134.47
Travel	\$0.00

Secretary Expenses

Lodging	\$134.47
Travel	\$0.00

Directors Expenses(3)

Lodging	\$384.64
Travel	\$261.81

Executive Secretary Expenses

Lodging	\$0.00
Travel	\$0.00

Registration Chairperson Expenses

Lodging	\$541.27
Travel	\$257.70

Exhibits Chairperson Expenses

Lodging	\$268.94
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Site Chairperson Expenses	Lodging	\$672.35
	Travel	\$0.00
Ethics Chairperson	Lodging	\$134.47
	Travel	\$78.00
Technical Session Chairpersons Expenses <b>Schwartz - DNA Session</b>	Lodging	\$134.47
Technical Session Chairpersons Expenses <b>Wisby- QD Session</b>	Lodging	\$134.47
Workshop Chairpersons Expenses <b>Wisby QD Workshop</b>	Lodging	\$209.47
	Travel	\$8.00
	Supplies	\$59.88
	Food	\$23.00
<b>Lamar Miller -Speaker QD Workshop</b>	Lodging	\$225.00
	Travel	\$332.70
	Food	\$122.50
	Postage	\$13.65
	Rental Car	\$152.37
Workshop Chairpersons Expenses <b>Van Orden GC/MS Chemstation Workshop</b>	Lodging	\$268.94
	Travel	\$0.00
Firearms Workshop Expenses <b>Bob Hathaway Speaker</b>	Lodging	\$134.47
Plenary Speakers Expenses <b>Kathleen Lee- GBI</b>	Lodging	\$134.47
	Travel	\$439.76
	Meals	\$45.26
<b>Bill Tillstone</b>	Lodging	\$134.47
Merchandising Expenses(T-Shirts purchased for Annual Meeting)		\$643.50
Plaques Corporate Sponsor Plaque		\$528.00
President's Plaque		\$96.80
Board of Directors Dinner		\$625.65
President's Reception Entertainment		\$500.00
Scholarship Awards Graduate Award		\$750.00
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<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$52,770.89</b>



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## NEAFS Education Update

The Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists is in the process of putting together a series of conveniently located off site workshops that would be offered at affordable prices. These offerings would be in addition to the high quality workshops that are already offered at the annual meeting.

The purpose of this undertaking is to offer high quality training opportunities with relatively low costs. This will be accomplished by providing training in local settings that ideally would alleviate travel and lodging costs. We will also be relying on the generosity of others to help lower tuitions. As such, several educational institutions, including Cedar Crest College, Suffolk University, and the University of Rhode Island have generously offered affiliation agreements and the use of their facilities so that we can offer joint workshops at their institutions. Corporate sponsorships will also be pursued. For example, Leica Microsystems has agreed to sponsor the upcoming Forensic Examination of Textiles and Fibers workshop. Additionally, several times a year, select courses will be subsidized by the organization so that regular members in good standing would receive extensive discounts. All of this adds up to lower costs for potential attendees.

Examples of upcoming training opportunities include: a two day Kinship Calculations workshop with Dr. George Carmody at the SUNY East Campus in East Greenbush, NY to be held on May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>; a weeklong Forensic Examination of Textiles and Fibers workshop with Max M. Houck at Cedar Crest College in Allentown, PA to be held July 10<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>; and a three day Basic Bloodstain Pattern Analysis for Laboratory Scientists with Ralph R. Ristenbatt III and David San Pietro to be held June 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> at Cedar Crest College in Allentown, PA.

NEAFS members are eligible for discounted tuitions for the three courses listed above. Regular NEAFS members in good standing are eligible for an additional one hundred dollar discount for the bloodstain pattern workshop that will be funded through the organization. These workshops will also be eligible for double points through the ABC re-certification process.

Several future workshops are currently in the planning stages, some of which include a three day Courtroom Presentation of Evidence workshop with Raymond Davis scheduled for August 2006 in Boston, MA; and a three day Shoeprint Examination and Comparison workshop with Dwayne Hilderbrand scheduled for January 2007 in Kingston, Rhode Island. Some of these future offerings stand a very good chance of receiving NEAFS funding so make sure to join up or upgrade your membership so that you can benefit, after all membership does have its privileges.

If any members would like to see a specific training opportunity offered or if you have any suggestions please contact the current education chair, Vinny Desiderio, at [lppdesiv@gw.njsp.org](mailto:lppdesiv@gw.njsp.org). Additional information and registration forms for all workshops can be found at [www.NEAFS.org](http://www.NEAFS.org).

Vinny Desiderio  
Education Chairperson

**Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists  
OFF-SITE WORKSHOP  
At Cedar Crest College  
Allentown, PA**

## **Forensic Examination of Textiles and Fibers**

**July 10-14, 2006**

### **Registration Fees:**

**NEAFS Regular Members: \$150.00**

**Non-Members: \$250.00**

Space is limited to sixteen (16) attendees. Registration is "first-come, first served" based on the payment received date. The deadline for payment is Friday, May 26. Checks should be made out to Cedar Crest College.

**Contact:** Vincent Desiderio  
Phone: 609-584-5054 ext. 5439  
Fax: 609-584-9976  
Email: Lppdesiv@gw.njsp.org

**Instructors:** **Max M. Houck**, Director, Forensic Science Initiative, West Virginia University

The course will cover fabric construction, examination, natural and manufactured fiber microscopy, and analytical methods. Significance and admissibility issues will also be discussed.

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## **Forensic Examination of Textiles and Fibers**

Mail To: Vincent Desiderio  
222 Ivanhoe Dr.  
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Name (For Certificate) \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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NEAFS Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to Cedar Crest College.

I require a receipt:     **YES**                    **NO**

Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists  
OFF-SITE WORKSHOP  
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## Basic Bloodstain Pattern Analysis for Laboratory Scientists

June 5-7, 2006

### Registration Fees:

**\*NEAFS Regular Members Subsidized Rate: \$150.00**

**NEAFS Members: \$250.00**

**Non-Members: \$325.00**

Space is limited to twenty four (24) attendees. Registration is "first-come, first served" based on the payment received date. In order to receive the subsidized rate, payments must be received by Friday, April 28, 2006. The non-subsidized deadline is Friday, May 19. Checks should be made out to Cedar Crest College.

**Contact:** Vincent Desiderio  
Phone: 609-584-5054 ext. 5439  
Fax: 609-584-9976  
Email: Lppdesiv@gw.njsp.org

**Instructors:** Ralph R. Ristenbatt III, NYC OCME, and David San Pietro, Westchester County Forensic Laboratory

This workshop will focus on the interpretation of bloodstain patterns as encountered in the laboratory setting.

\*Minimum Requirements for subsidized rate: Must be a NEAFS regular member in good standing for at least 3 years.

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## Basic Bloodstain Pattern Analysis for Laboratory Scientists

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Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

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I have enclosed a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to Cedar Crest College.

I require a receipt: **YES** **NO**

**17th International Symposium on Human Identification  
Nashville, TN  
October 9-12, 2006**

This conference is designed to provide those in the field of forensics with updates on the latest news, trends and technologies in the field. Pre-symposium meetings will take place on Sunday, October 8 and additional workshops will be held on Monday, October 9th. Two concurrent post-symposium workshops will be held after the close of the general symposium session on Thursday, October 12.

17th International Symposium on Human Identification [www.promega.com/geneticsymp17](http://www.promega.com/geneticsymp17) for more information contact: Jennifer Buchli, 608.298-4823 or [jennifer.buchli@promega.com](mailto:jennifer.buchli@promega.com).

**Basic Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Course  
Nashua Police Department, Nashua, NH  
June 12 - 16, 2006**

Contact: Paul Erwin Kish, Forensic Consultant & Associates, P.O. Box 814, Corning, NY 14830  
Tel: 607-962-8092 or Email: [pkish@localnet.com](mailto:pkish@localnet.com).

**2006 American Society of Questioned Document Examiners Meeting**

The ASQDE meeting will be held from August 19 - 24, 2006 at the Portland DoubleTree Hotel.  
Contact information may be made through: SiteChair: Jim Green [QDman777@aol.com](mailto:QDman777@aol.com) Program  
Chair: Linton Mohammed [linton.mohammed@sdsheriff.org](mailto:linton.mohammed@sdsheriff.org)

**Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Workshop**

Hosted by the Miami-Dade Police Department Specialized Training Unit will be held in Miami, FL on the following dates: December 4-8, 2006. Contact: Toby L. Wolson, M.S., Miami-Dade Police Department, Crime Laboratory Bureau, Forensic Biology Section, 9105 NW 25th Street, Miami, FL 33172, (305) 471-3041 or [twolson@mdpd.com](mailto:twolson@mdpd.com).

## **Forensic Laboratory Accreditation ISO/IEC 17025:2005 Management System Implementation**

Quenpro Inc. and the University at Albany Northeast Regional Forensic Institute (NERFI) have joined in a unique partnership designed to deliver the highest quality ISO/IEC 17025 training programs. The two day course includes: - general concepts of a quality system: - a detailed review of the elements of ISO/IEC 17025 (2005) - General Requirements for the Competence of Testing and Calibration Laboratories and recognized forensic guidelines; - planning, implementation and maintenance of a quality system. Workshops enable the participant to develop and apply their knowledge to laboratory process management for implementation of a quality system. This course is intended for laboratory directors, quality managers and scientists engaged in applying the requirements of this standard to their laboratory quality management system. Required reading: ISO/IEC 17025 (2005) General Requirements for the Competence of Testing and Calibration Laboratories Available from <http://webstore.ansi.org> and ILAC G19 Guidelines for Forensic Laboratories. [www.ilac.org](http://www.ilac.org) (download from publications). The dates for this course are April 3/4, August 7/8, October 2/3 (08:00h to 16:30h) The cost for the course is \$900.00. To register contact W. Mark Dale at [wdale@uamail.albany.edu](mailto:wdale@uamail.albany.edu).

### **Northeast Regional Forensic Institute DNA Academy at the University of Albany June 2006**

The Northeast Regional Forensic Institute presents the DNA Academy at the University of Albany. This is an intense 21-week class in which the students have an option to earn 12 GraduateCredit hours from the University at Albany in Albany, New York. Forensic scientists may also attendsingle units of the DNA Academy for Professional Development credit. Next classes to begin June 2006. Contact NERFI for a customized quotation. For registration and information contact W. Mark Dale at [wdale@uamail.albany.edu](mailto:wdale@uamail.albany.edu), <http://www.albany.edu/nerfi>.



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# Important Notice for the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual NEAFS Meeting!

The hotel has been changed to the **Hilton Rye Town** which is located in Rye Brook - Westchester County, NY.

**The dates of the meeting, November 1 – 4, 2006  
remain unchanged.**

For more information about the hotel you can visit their website at:  
[www.RyeTown.Hilton.com](http://www.RyeTown.Hilton.com)

Please check the NEAFS website in the upcoming months for additional annual meeting information such as: registration forms, hotel reservations, workshop updates, etc.



# NEAFS 2006 Annual Meeting – Preliminary Schedule

**Wednesday, November 1, 2006**

- 9:00AM-5:00 PM    Workshop: Fabric Impressions- Trace Evidence
- 9:00AM-5:00 PM    Workshop: Y-Chromosome and mtDNA Analysis
- 9:00AM-5:00 PM    Workshop: Introduction to HPLC and Mass Spectrometry with Application to Forensic Toxicology (Waters Corporation)
- 9:00AM-5:00 PM    Workshop: Introduction to Rapid Resolution HPLC and its Utilization for Forensic Applications (Agilent Technologies)
- 9:00AM-5:00 PM    Workshop: Perkin Elmer Gas Chromatography Workshop
- 6:00PM-8:00PM    Board of Director's Meeting

**Thursday, November 2, 2006**

- 8:00 AM –5:00PM   Exhibits
- 9:00AM – 5:00PM    Workshop: Obtaining High Quality Nucleic Acids: Manual and Automated Extraction Methods for DNA Forensics (Qiagen Inc.)
- 8:30AM – 12:00PM Scientific Session :Toxicology
- 1:00PM – 5:00PM    Scientific Session: Drug Chemistry
- 8:30AM – 5:00PM    Scientific Session :Criminalistics
- 8:00AM – 1:00PM    ABC Examination
- 5:00PM – 7:00 PM   Welcoming Reception/ Poster Session
- 8:00PM – 10:00PM Interesting Case Presentations: The “NEAFS Files”

## ♦.....♦ IMPORTANT NEWS

**Updated NEAFS 2006 Annual Meeting information will be posted on the NEAFS website at [www.neafs.org](http://www.neafs.org)**

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# **NEAFS 2006 Annual Meeting – Preliminary Schedule**

## **Friday, November 3, 2006**

- 8:30AM- 12:00AM General Session: Forensic Scientists Roles in Mass Disasters
- 8:00AM- 12:00PM Exhibitors
- 12:00PM-2:00PM Luncheon
- 2:00PM- 5:00PM Scientific Session : Forensic Biology(I)
- 2:00PM- 5:00PM Scientific Session: ISO/IEC 17025 Accreditation
- 2:00PM- 5:00PM Students Forum
- 5:00PM – 7:00PM Business Meeting
- 8:30PM – 12:30AM President's Reception

## **Saturday, November 4, 2006**

- 8:30AM-12PM Scientific Session : Forensic Biology(II)
- 8:30AM –12PM Scientific Session : Questioned Documents
- 8:30AM –12PM Educator's Forum

### **Interesting Case Session**

**Thursday, November 2, 2006 8:00 – 10:00PM**

#### **The NEAFS Files: Engaging Cases for Entertainment and Enlightenment**

Have you worked on any cases that are really interesting and unique? Perhaps you have been involved in a case of historical interest. Please consider sharing the case with your fellow NEAFS members in a relaxed and casual atmosphere.

If you are interested in presenting please limit your talk to 10-15 minutes.

**Please send your abstract to:** Laura Tramontin  
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# NEAFS 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting, November 1 – 4, 2006

## CALL FOR PAPERS – ABSTRACT FORM

**DEADLINE: September 1, 2006**

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Presenting Author: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation and Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Authors and Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

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Scientific Session (circle):    Biology                      Criminalistics                      Drug Chemistry

                    Quest Doc    Toxicology                      Poster                      Interesting Case Session

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Audio-Visual equipment needed:

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Time needed for presentation:    \_\_\_ 10 min    \_\_\_ 20 min    \_\_\_ 30 min

**Please complete and forward this form (by email, fax, or mail), along with a copy of the abstract (saved as a WORD document), to the Program Chairperson and appropriate Session Chairperson.**

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**ABSTRACT**

# NEAFS 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting, November 1 – 4, 2006

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# **NEAFS 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting, November 1 – 4, 2006**

## **Workshops**

### **Fabric Impressions Workshop**

**Wednesday, November 1, 2006 9:00am-5:00pm**

**Instructors:** Ted Schwartz - Westchester County Forensic Laboratory  
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Fabric impressions are produced when textile materials come in contact with various surfaces. They can be observed in dust or blood at a crime scene or as indentations on various surfaces of a hit and run vehicle. They are often overlooked and sometimes mistaken for footwear or friction ridge impressions.

This workshop will cover several important aspects of fabric impressions. Topics will include: how fabric impressions are produced and where they are typically encountered; fabric construction; the detection, documentation, enhancement and collection of fabric impressions at the crime scene; the production of test impressions; and comparison techniques. Hands-on exercises will be conducted and case examples will be presented.

The workshop would be beneficial to impression evidence examiners, crime scene investigators, blood pattern analysts, general forensic evidence examiners and anyone else interested in learning about this very important yet often overlooked topic.

### **Perkin Elmer Gas Chromatography Workshop**

**Wednesday, November 1, 2006 9:00am-5:00pm**

**Instructor:** Lee Marotta, Perkin Elmer LAS

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This workshop is designed for both the novice and experienced gas chromatographer. Chromatography theory, column theory and column selection will be discussed in addition to the various sample introduction techniques. Mass spectrometry theory and recent advances in this arena will be discussed in the afternoon session. The more experienced users will find value in the troubleshooting presentation and software demonstrations.

Lunch will be provided.

# **NEAFS 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting, November 1 – 4, 2006**

## **Workshops**

### **An Introduction to Rapid Resolution HPLC and Its Utilization for Forensic Applications**

**Wednesday, November 1, 2006 9:00am-5:00pm**

**Instructors:** Elaine Ricicki: LC and LC/MS Applications Specialist  
John Palmer: LC Column Applications Specialist

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Rapid Resolution HPLC Systems have been designed to truly deliver the industry's best speed and resolution, without sacrificing the reliability and ruggedness that is needed for the most demanding applications. The extremely narrow LC peak-widths obtained from 1.8  $\mu$ m Ultra Fast LC columns place new practical constraints on the typical LC hardware and software residing in the lab today. This workshop will explore many of these new challenges, and seeks to provide the secrets to handle the key question that is ultimately raised when attempting to utilize these rapid resolution UFLC columns. What are you willing to change in your current LC system, methods, and approach? Instruction will be provided that discusses the process of easily converting today's conventional HPLC separations to the new Rapid Resolution separations.

Rapid Resolution HT 1.8 $\mu$ m columns are in high demand today because of their ability to provide outstanding performance in both high throughput and high-resolution applications. To maximize performance results with this new column technology, several key column parameters had to be studied and optimized. This workshop will review these key parameters, the impact on the column and the columns use in the analytical laboratory.

### **NEAFS Workshop on Y-Chromosome and mtDNA Analysis**

**Wednesday, November 1, 2006 9:00am-5:00pm**

**Instructors:** Dr. John M. Butler - National Institute of Standards and Technology  
Dr. Michael D. Coble - National Institute of Standards and Technology

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The use of short tandem repeat (STR) markers is now widespread in forensic DNA typing laboratories. However, interest is rapidly growing in Y-chromosome and mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) polymorphisms because of certain advantages that these DNA markers bring to the field of human identification. Y-STR markers can enable recovery of the male perpetrator's profile from a mixture of excess female DNA in situations where differential extraction is not possible. MtDNA testing results are more likely to be successful than regular nuclear DNA markers in cases involving highly degraded DNA samples because of the higher copy number of mtDNA in human cells. Mitochondrial DNA is maternally inherited while Y-chromosome DNA is passed on directly from father to son (paternally inherited). The direct inheritance of these lineage markers makes them useful in missing persons investigations where reference samples may be obtained from closely related individuals. This workshop will cover the structure, function, genetic loci, available assays, and statistical issues associated with Y-chromosome and mtDNA analysis.

# **NEAFS 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting, November 1 – 4, 2006**

## **Workshops**

### **Waters Corporation HPLC and LC/MS Workshop at NEAFS Meeting**

**Wednesday, November 1, 2006 9:00am-5:00pm**

**Instructors:** Joe Aresenault, Waters Corporation  
Peter Harrsch, Waters Corporation  
Scott Freeto, Waters Corporation

**Contact:** Andrea Belec  
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#### **Workshop Objectives**

- Introduce scientists to theory and basic operation of HPLC and LC/MS
- Define and explain practical use and application of this technology
- Show integration of instrumentation, methods, and software solutions directly applicable in forensic science

#### **Fundamentals of LC**

Forensic Mass Spectrometry- LC/MS Instrument Overview

Software for Forensic Toxicology: TargetLynx for Confirmation/ChromaLynx for Drug screening

LC/MS Assay Development and Application for Forensic Toxicology

### **“Obtaining High Quality Nucleic Acids: Manual and Automated Extraction Methods for DNA Forensics”**

**Thursday, November 2, 2006 9:00am-5:00pm**

**Speakers:** Camilla Heinzmann, Global Training Manager  
Matt Kramer, Applied Testing Sales Development

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#### **Topics Include:**

1. Understanding the Forensic Workflow
  - a. Sample Management and traditional extraction procedures
2. Extracting High Quality DNA: How QIAGEN Technologies work
  - a. Extraction preparation technologies
  - b. Manual to automation
  - c. Q&A
3. Quality Control/Quality Assurance at QIAGEN
4. Invited Customer Presentation – Example of forensic workflow
5. New products at QIAGEN

# NEAFS 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting, November 1 – 4, 2006

**ISO/IEC 17025 Accreditation Session**  
**Friday, November 3, 2006 2:00PM – 5:00PM**

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A number of laboratories are preparing for ISO/IEC 17025 assessments in the near future through different accrediting bodies, such as ASCLD/LAB International. This session is designed to provide a forum for exchanging experiences about preparing for and undergoing such an assessment.

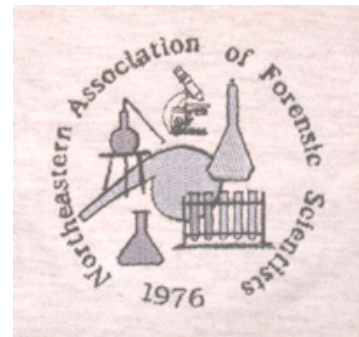
The Westchester County Division of Forensic Sciences will be undergoing an ASCLD/LAB International inspection this summer. The different disciplines in the laboratory will share their experiences of this assessment. This will be followed by an active question/answer session on various aspects of the inspection and lessons learned.

Any other laboratories that wish to share their own experiences about ISO/IEC 17025 assessments may contact Bharat Lakhkar.

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# Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists Collegiate Project Competition Abstract Form

**Eligibility requirements:** Students enrolled in accredited colleges and universities who are not simultaneously employed in a Forensic Science laboratory; and who are in their Junior or Senior year at the time of the application; or are graduate students at the time of application. **Abstract deadline: September 7, 2006.**

Name of Project: \_\_\_\_\_

Team member(s): Please record each name below. Team members must be listed in order to receive credit for participation in the competition.

**Name(s) of team member(s)**

**Student Status**

(Undergrad Jr=**UJ**; Undergrad Sr=**US**; Graduate=**Gr**)

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Professor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ College/Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliation with Team Member(s) \_\_\_\_\_

*Please attach your type written abstract to this form.*

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# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

## New York City Police Department Managerial Criminalist

### General Responsibilities:

The Managerial Criminalist, M-II in the Firearms Analysis Section, will be directly responsible for method development and validation, new instrument qualifications, and the supervision of the training of new personnel. Extensive experience in all aspects of firearms and tool mark examination, particularly in firearms microscopy, which entails the comparison of discharged cases and projectiles, is required. Candidates should be familiar with the Police Crime Laboratory's quality management system and ASCLD/LAB accreditation requirements.

### Minimum Qualifications:

1. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited college with specialization in criminalistics, forensic science, chemistry, biology, physics, molecular genetics, genetics, biochemistry, molecular biology, entomology, anthropology, ecology, or a closely related scientific or engineering field, and four (4) years of full time experience working in the area of criminalistics, forensic science, or analytical chemistry, 18 months of which must be managerial/supervisory in nature. 2.

Education beyond the bachelor's degree may be substituted for full time work experience at the rate of 18 graduate level credits for each year of full time work experience. Possession of a Ph.D. in a specialization listed above will be considered the equivalent of three (3) years full time experience. However, all candidates must have a minimum of 18 months of experience in the specialization area in a managerial/supervisory capacity. New York City residency is not required for this position.

### Application:

To apply for consideration, please submit a cover letter with two (2) copies of your resume to: Associate Staff Analyst Frances Watson, New York City Police Department, Employment Section, Room 1014, One Police Plaza, New York, NY 10038.

*Posted: 03/28/06*

## University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester MA Laboratory Analyst I, Drugs of Abuse Lab - Full or part time Salary Range: \$15.40 to \$19.19 hourly

### General Responsibilities:

Performs accurate chemical analysis of evidence submitted by Law Enforcement Agencies while maintaining chain of custody records. Maintains accurate recorded chain of custody for all cases received during analysis. Performs analytical analysis of evidence for identification and/or quantitation, records information. Completes all the necessary paperwork as dictated by department and laboratory policy. Performs and documents routine maintenance of equipment. Participates in the development of new assays, and the evaluation of new equipment. Communicates with other Laboratory staff and Law Enforcement Officials. Provides testimony in court, when necessary. Advises and aids DAL Evidence Officer on identification, classification, and handling of evidence. Performs other duties as assigned.

### Minimum Qualifications:

B.S. in Chemistry or equivalent (requires strong emphasis on Chemistry) and 1 year relevant laboratory experience.

### Application:

Apply online at [www.umassmed.edu](http://www.umassmed.edu). Search by keyword 05-1491. Or mail or fax a resume with salary requirements to: University of Massachusetts Medical School, Human Resources, 419 Belmont Street, Worcester, MA 01604; fax 508-856-2390

*Posted: 01/25/06*



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### **New York State Police, Forensic Investigation Center, Albany, New York Supervisor of Forensic Services (DNA)**

For job duties and minimum qualifications, please visit

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**New York State Police, Forensic Investigation Center, Albany, New York  
Forensic Scientist IV - LIMS Coordinator**

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**New York State Police, Forensic Investigation Center, Albany, New York  
Forensic Scientist (DNA)**

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*Posted: 03/14/06*

### **Westchester County Forensic Laboratory, Valhalla, NY Forensic Biology Position**

The Westchester County Forensic Laboratory, located in Valhalla, NY, is anticipating a possible open position in its Forensic Biology Unit. Duties would include but not be limited to; serological and DNA analysis of physical evidence, interpretation of test results, preparation of reports, and providing courtroom testimony. Candidates should preferably have at least one year of forensic biology laboratory experience. Any additional forensic DNA training/experience (*i.e* mtDNA analysis) will be considered a plus. Also, as a functioning DNA analyst it is desired that the candidate possesses the necessary DAB educational requirements, although not mandatory for position consideration. If interested, please contact Elayne Schwartz at (914) 231-1810 or [ess6@westchestergov.com](mailto:ess6@westchestergov.com), or send a current resume to: Elayne Schwartz, 10 Dana Road, Valhalla, NY 10595.

*Posted: 03/09/06*

### **Nassau County Office of the Medical Examiner Forensic Toxicology Laboratory, Assistant Toxicologist (Grade 13)**

#### **General Responsibilities:**

Working under direct supervision, perform qualitative and quantitative analyses on post-mortem biological specimens to determine the presence or absence of toxins (drugs, volatiles, etc). Perform specimen accessioning, sample preparation and extractions (SPE). Prepare analytical reagents and standards and assist in methods development. Assist with records keeping and report preparation. Starting salary is \$38,139.

#### **Minimum Qualifications:**

A Bachelor of Science degree from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with major course work in Chemistry, Biochemistry or Biology. Minimum of three years experience in a chemistry laboratory. There is no satisfactory equivalency of training and experience. Candidates must possess knowledge of modern laboratory equipment, techniques and materials, principles and practices of analytical biology and chemistry as they relate to toxicology and skill in the use and care of laboratory equipment.

#### **Application:**

Please submit resume and cover letter to: Joseph Rio, Ph.D., Chief Forensic Toxicologist, Nassau County Office of the Medical Examiner, 2251 Hempstead Turnpike, East Meadow, NY 11554 or FAX: 516-572-5168 or Email:

[jrio@nassaucountyny.gov](mailto:jrio@nassaucountyny.gov).

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# EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

## **Bioanalytical Toxicology and Criminalistics Laboratory, Willow Grove, PA Lab Supervisor – GCMS**

### **General Responsibilities:**

Provide technical and management oversight to ensure that overall department operations remain optimized. This function includes, but is not limited to, instrument performance, proper functioning of methods currently in use, quality control, and development/validation of new and improved methods.

### **Minimum Qualifications:**

Degree in a chemical, physical, or biological science is required. Seven years of clinical experience including GCMS operations and analytical toxicology must accompany a bachelor's degree; four years experience are required for a master's, and two years for a Ph.D. Experience in SIM GCMS testing. Candidate must have excellent interpersonal and mentoring skills and 2 to 3 years of demonstrated success in a management role. Familiarity with Agilent 6890 GC / 5973 MSDs and Chemstation is a plus.

### **Application**

Send resume to Stephanie Miller Sr. Recruiter, [stephanie.millers@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.millers@gmail.com).

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## **Bioanalytical Toxicology and Criminalistics Laboratory, Willow Grove, PA Lab Supervisor Forensic Screening**

### **General Responsibilities:**

Provide management and technical oversight to ensure that overall department operations remain optimized. This function includes, but is not limited to, instrument performance, proper functioning of methods currently in use, quality control, and development/validation of new and improved methods.

### **Minimum Qualifications:**

Degree in a chemical, physical, or biological science is required. Seven years of clinical testing experience including GC operations and analytical toxicology must accompany a bachelor's degree; four years experience are required for a master's, and two years for a Ph.D. Three to five years experience with forensic testing on post-mortem samples. Candidate must have excellent interpersonal and mentoring skills and 2 to 3 years of demonstrated success in a management role. Familiarity with Agilent 6890 GC / 5973 MSDs and Chemstation is a plus.

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