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2017 President's Message

Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists

Hello!

I would like to start off by saying "Welcome" to all of our new members who were voted in at the Annual Meeting. You are now part of a great organization and I hope all of your years as members will be rewarding. Welcome to a new year to all of our returning members! I know this year will be awesome!!

I am so proud to be writing to this letter to you as your NEAFS President. I never thought I would be saying this when I first joined NEAFS. The past 2 ½ months have been very busy since I took over the role as president. We are working on tasks such as updating forms for consistency, developing position "to do" lists to help future board members complete their responsibilities more easily, setting up the George W. Chin Memorial Scholarship fund and planning both the annual meeting and the Green Mountain DNA Conference, among other things. One of the tasks that I have been working on is gathering historical information for our website so anyone that visits the site can learn about our organization. I have been going through some of the newsletters and program booklets from the early years of NEAFS to gather this information. It gave me the chills when I read the first President's Message from 1976. It is amazing to know that I am now part of this history!! Reading through this information made me realize what an honor it is to serve as President for such a wonderful organization. It will be something that I will cherish and keep close to my heart forever. I hope that this is something that you will all strive to achieve in your role as a forensic scientist in the northeast.

If you are not already a member, please email Alanna Laureano at membership@neafs.org for information. You will not be disappointed! There are so many benefits to joining. Please see the link "Benefits to NEAFS membership" as well as the PowerPoint presentation on the NEAFS homepage at www.neafs.org for more information.

Hopefully you have all received the survey that I emailed out to gather some information from our membership. We would really appreciate your input as it will help us plan future meetings as well as with other tasks. If you have not received your survey, please email me at president@neafs.org and I will make sure that you receive it.

Melissa Balogh, our President-elect, is working very hard at preparing the Annual Meeting. Please mark your calendars for November 7-10, 2017 in Pocono Manor, PA at the Kalahari Resort and Conference Center. NEAFS will be offering free registration once again to anyone that presents a technical talk or poster at the annual meeting! Please be sure to take advantage of this benefit and share information that you have learned. Also, the 2018 program chair, Tiffany Ribadeneyra, has also scheduled her

meeting for October 23-27, 2018 at the Sagamore in Bolton Landing, New York. Mark your calendars now and we hope to see you there! Please see our website, www.neafs.org for more details.

The Green Mountain DNA conference is being held at the Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center in Burlington, VT from July 24-26, 2017. Registration will be open on April 4 at 12 PM EST. The conference is expanding to include up to 120 participants for 2017!! Fifteen of those spots will go to NEAFS members! Remember, registration is on a first come, first serve basis. There is a link on the NEAFS website for more information but you can also go to: http://vfl.vermont.gov/conference.

Keep in mind that the deadline for the George W. Neighbor, Jr. Scholarship Award and the Carol De Forest Research Fund is April 30th. You will also find in this newsletter and on the website the information on the new George W. Chin Memorial Scholarship Award!! The deadline for this award is also April 30th. Thank you to the Chin Family for sponsoring this award!

Our next board of directors meeting will be on May 20th at the University of New Haven. If you have anything that you would like the board to discuss, please email at president@neafs.org.

I would like to thank the BOD and staff for all of their hard work and dedication to NEAFS. I simply could not do my job without all of you. I truly appreciate the time and efforts that you make for this organization. You all should be very proud of yourselves!!

Thank you to our members and meeting attendees for supporting our organization and each other. The BOD and staff could not do this without you.

Beth

Beth Saucier Goodspeed

2017 NEAFS President

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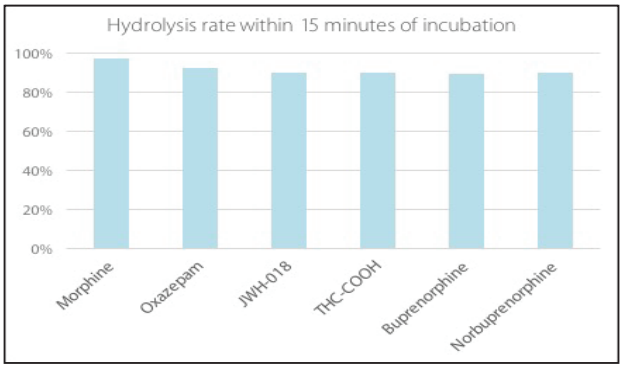

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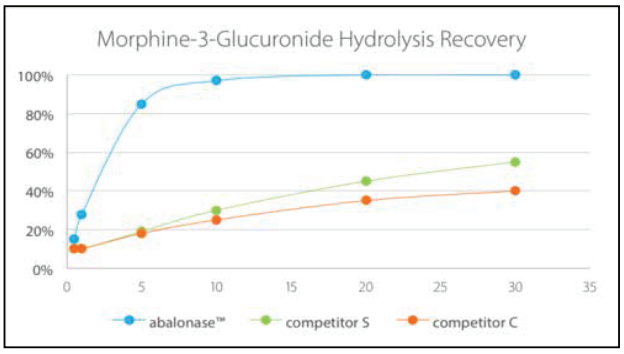

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Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists

2017 Annual Meeting Update

The snow is falling as I'm writing this message, making it difficult to think about swimming pools and water slides. Unless, of course, they're indoors! This year's meeting will be held November 6th -10th at the Kalahari Resort and Conference Center in Pocono Manor, PA, home of America's largest indoor waterpark! In addition to a beautiful, state-of-the-art convention center, the Kalahari offers a 100,000 sq. ft. indoor waterpark,14 restaurants and bars, a spa, a shopping center and a gym. There's also an arcade, a virtual reality gaming arena and an outdoor adventure park, plus a sports center offering seasonal activities like fishing, ice skating and cross-country skiing.

Program planning is in full swing, and the preliminary schedule is in place. Workshops will be held on Tuesday, November 7th, with the following confirmed so far: ABC Examination Preparation, Public Speaking, Identification and Analysis of Body Fluid Stains, and a Trace Evidence Workshop focusing on gunshot residue analysis. Several others are also in the works, and more details will be available on the website shortly.

The scientific sessions will be on Wednesday, November 8th. Keep an eye out for the call for papers, which will also be available on the website shortly. I'm pleased to once again be able to offer registration reimbursement to any *regular member or active applicant* who presents a technical talk or poster.

The welcome reception, poster session, and evening session will also be held on Wednesday. I'm excited to have Inspector Dave Bowers from the US Postal Inspection Service as the evening session

speaker. Inspector Bowers was one of the lead investigators in the Anthrax investigation that took place after 9/11.

The General and Plenary Sessions are on Thursday, November 9th. Detective Timothy Relph will be our General Session Speaker. Detective Relph was a lead investigator in the task force that arrested Dennis Rader, the man better known as the BTK killer, the serial killer who murdered 10 people in and around Wichita, KS between 1974 and 1991. The Plenary Session will focus on the PCAST report and its ramifications on the forensic science community. In between these Thursday sessions, we'll enjoy our annual luncheon.

On Thursday evening we will honor our President, Beth Saucier-Goodspeed (affectionately known as "BSG") at the Annual President's reception. Guys, dig out your Member's Only jackets and ladies dig out your leg warmers and load up on blue eye shadow, because this year the President's reception is 80's-themed and costumes are encouraged! Prizes will be awarded for best costumes, and there may be a few additional surprises as well!

The program concludes on Friday, November 10th with the Student Forum and additional scientific sessions (if necessary). The ABC exam will also be offered on Friday. Additional meeting details can be found in the preliminary schedule available in this newsletter and on the NEAFS website as they become available.

If you are interested in helping to make this meeting a success, please contact me at presidentelect@neafs.org. I look forward to seeing you all this fall in the Poconos!

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Monday, November 6th

3:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting
6:30 p.m. – 8:30p.m. Board of Directors Dinner

Tuesday, November 7th

7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Educator's Forum
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Workshops
10:30am – 10:45 a.m. Morning Break
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Workshops
2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Afternoon Break
4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Exhibitor Setup

Wednesday, November 8th

7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
7:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. Exhibits
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Scientific Sessions
  Criminalistics/Crime Scene
  Drug Chemistry
  DNA
  Toxicology
  Trace/Arson and Explosives
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Morning Break
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch & Business Meeting
1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Scientific Sessions - continued
3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Afternoon Break
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Welcome Reception & Poster Session
8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Evening Session

Thursday, November 9th

7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast
7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Exhibits
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. General/Plenary Session
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Morning Break
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Annual Luncheon
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. General/Plenary Session
4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. Afternoon Break
6:00 p.m. – 11:45 p.m. President's Reception

Friday, November 10th

7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Registration
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ABC Examination
9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Student Forum
4th Annual NEAFS "Kirk Cup" College Bowl
9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Scientific Sessions (if needed)
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Morning Break

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** **Note –** Two Research Grants will be Awarded.

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Questions or comments? Please email Awards@NEAFS.org

THE GEORGE W. CHIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

NEAFS and the Chin Family

On September 22, 2016, NEAFS lost one of the pioneers of the Association. George had a passion for forensic science and as a self-appointed "God of Trace Evidence", he liked to share his knowledge and mentor the younger generation. George was one of the co-founders of the Student Forum at NEAFS, where he would teach students about the realities of a job in forensic science. In addition to NEAFS, he was also a life member of the New Jersey Association of Forensic Scientists (NJAFS), a charter member of the American Society of Trace Evidence Examiners (ASTEE), and a member of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) and the New Jersey Homicide Investigators Association (NJHIA).

A graduate of John Jay College of Criminal Justice – City University of New York (CUNY), his professional career spanned 36 years with the New Jersey State Police. When George first started in March of 1980, he was briefly assigned to the Equine Laboratory at the Meadowlands, but quickly transitioned to a position at the North Regional Laboratory, where he was able to grow his love for all things Trace Evidence. George loved his work and helped to educate students about our field. He would routinely take his own time to go and lecture to high schools and attend their career fairs. In addition, George has mentored numerous interns over the course of his career, many of whom have him to thank for their current employment!

George's graciousness was felt by all who came into contact with him and his passing leaves a huge void in the forensic community and in our hearts.

George's family has graciously set up this Memorial Scholarship fund in his memory and honor.

THE GEORGE W. CHIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Eligibility requirements for the George W. Chin Memorial Scholarship:

- Currently enrolled in a Forensic Science program
- Full-time undergraduate students in their junior or senior year
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- The student must demonstrate excellence in his/her academic program.

Application requirements:

- Two letters of recommendation (each accompanied with the recommendation form) from Professors involved in the Forensic Science curriculum.
- A letter from the student describing his/her personal aspirations in the Forensics field, achievements and reasons for award consideration. (Minimum of 250 words - maximum of 500 words). This must be provided to the Professors submitting the recommendation letters.
- Applicants should be attending college/university within the area from which the Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists draws its members (Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania).
- Most current academic transcripts.
- Application requirements must be emailed by April 30th. Out of fairness to all potential candidates, no exceptions will be made.

Interested candidates should submit the above requirements electronically in a single PDF titled (GWC_Last name_First name_Grad) OR (GWC_Last name_First name_Undergrad) to awards@neafs.org

THE GEORGE W. CHIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Are you a current full-time undergraduate student in your junior or senior year, or are you either a part-time or full-time graduate student or in your first two years of your Ph.D. Forensic Science program? Do you attend a college or university within the area from which NEAFS draws it members (CT, NY, NJ, PA, VT, NH, ME, RI, MA)? Do you demonstrate excellence in your academic program?

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The award is $2000.00 as well as Associate membership for one year in the NEAFS organization. Membership will be granted to a current member or active applicant as well as a non-member (the application fee will also be included).

All submission materials for the Memorial Scholarship must be completed and electronically submitted by April 30. The award recipients will be notified no later than September 1.

For more information and to obtain the application forms, go to http://www.neafs.org

If you have any questions please email: awards@neafs.org

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George W. Chin Memorial Scholarship

Application Form

Undergraduate ☐ Graduate☐ Ph.D. (1st 2 years)☐ (select one)

Name_____ Email_____

School Residence_____ School Phone Number_____

_____

Home Address_____ Home Phone Number_____

_____

College/Institution_____ Current Year_____

Personal aspirations in the Forensics field, achievements and reasons for award consideration –

Minimum of 250 words and a maximum of 500 words

(Please use the space below and/or attach additional sheets, if necessary)

All applicants must submit the following materials electronically in one pdf file to awards@neafs.org: 1) Candidate application; 2) Two recommendation forms from Professors in the Forensic Science curriculum and corresponding letters; 3) Most current academic transcripts.

All materials must be submitted and received no later than April 30th. The winner will be notified no later than September 1st.

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Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists

George W. Chin Memorial Scholarship

Recommendation Form

Undergraduate___ Graduate___ Ph.D. (1st 2 years)____(select one)

Candidate's Name_____ Date_____

Professor's Name_____ Signature_____

Title_____ College/Institution_____

Address_____

Phone Number_____ Affiliation with Candidate_____

Please check the appropriate code: O=Outstanding E=Excellent G=Good A=Average BA=Below Average NI=No Information

	O	E	G	A	BA	NI
Knowledge of subject matter	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Ability to work with others	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Communication skills	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Leadership	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Reliability	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Initiative	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Maturity	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Integrity	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Attitude	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Please feel free to give us any additional comments you feel may be helpful to us. (Attach additional sheets, if necessary.)

I have read the candidate's letter and find it to be true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. ☐Agree ☐Disagree

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NEAFS needs your HELP to fill in the blanks!

Are you an award winner or know someone who was? If so, please contact Elizabeth Duval at awards@neafs.org with any additional information.

NEAFS Awards Winners

2016
George W. Neighbor Jr. Memorial Scholarship Undergraduate – Olivia Goodwin
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Graduate – Courtney Mower
Carol De Forest Research Grant – Chandler Grant and Elena Zavala
Meritorious Service Award – George W. Chin

2015
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Graduate - Kaitlyn Hess
George W. Neighbor Jr. Memorial Scholarship Graduate – Erica Johnson
Carol De Forest Research Grant – Ashton Lesiak
Meritorious Service Award – David San Pietro

2014
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Undergraduate - Angelica Graver
George W. Neighbor Jr. Memorial Scholarship Graduate - Heidi Campbell
Carol De Forest Research Grant - Emily Meyers
Meritorious Service Award – Peter Diaczuk

2013
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Undergraduate - Emily Fuller
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Graduate - Ashton Lesiak
Carol De Forest Research Grant - Rachel Bower
Meritorious Service Award – Vincent Desiderio

2012
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Undergraduate – Kaitlin Hafer
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Graduate - Daniel Hall
1st Carol De Forest Research Grant – Joseph Iacona
1st Meritorious Service Award – Ted Schwartz

2011
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Undergraduate – Elizabeth Sunderhaus
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Graduate - Kristen Johnson

2010
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Undergraduate – Jennifer Bonetti
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Graduate - Loretta Kuo

2009

George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Undergraduate – Michelle Schmidt
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Graduate – _____

2008
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Undergraduate – Stacie Kaufman
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Graduate - _____

2007
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Undergraduate – Christina Mulligan
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Graduate - _____

2006
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Undergraduate – Kathryn O'Brien
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Graduate - Joel Stepanchick

2005
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Undergraduate – April McNearney
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Graduate - Evan Bernier

2004
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Undergraduate – Meghan Miller
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Graduate - Deborah Lark

2003
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Undergraduate – Annette Lopez
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Graduate – Kelley Corcoran

2002
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Undergraduate – John Kristofic
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Graduate - Marc LaFrance

2001
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship – Allison Curran

2000
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Graduate – Linda Chiu Rourke

1999
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship – Kimerbely A. Parker
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship – Vincent J. Desiderio

1998
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship – Lisa Malachowski
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship – Brandy Blackbum

1997- Awards changed to be called George W. Neighbor, Jr. Scholarship

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1989 and 1990 No award given out.

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The 2017 Green Mountain DNA Conference will be held at the Sheraton Hotel & Conference Center in Burlington, Vermont from July 24-26. Conference registration will begin on April 4, 2017 at noon EST. The conference has limited seating and you are encouraged to register at noon as previous conferences have sold out within 10-15 minutes after registration was opened. This year the number of attendees has been expanded to 120. To encourage a wide variety of representation, the maximum number of attendees from a single laboratory/agency/corporation is three.

To learn more about the conference and this year's agenda, or to register for the conference please visit the Conference web page: http://vfl.vermont.gov/conference

Registration is $300 and includes meeting materials, breakfasts, lunches and breaks for the entire conference, a vendor reception with light fare and drinks on Monday night and a "meet the speakers" dinner cruise on Lake Champlain for Tuesday night.

The Conference has obtained a block of rooms at the Sheraton at the government rate of $125 (plus 10% tax). The link for room registration will be posted on the conference website once available.

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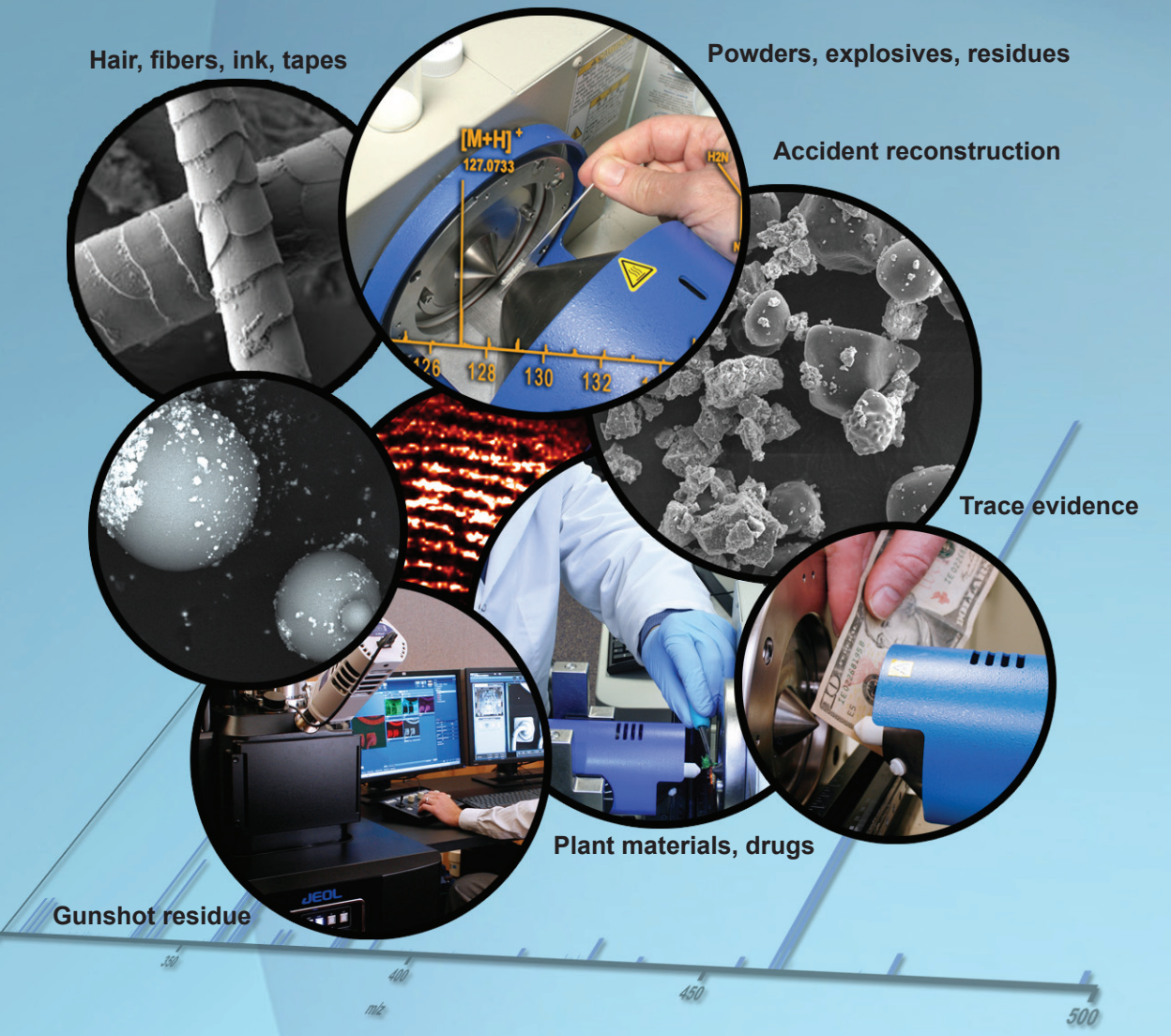

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NEAFS Visiting Scientist Program

Any private or public forensic science laboratory in the NEAFS geographical area needing technical, scientific, or training assistance may apply to the NEAFS Visiting Scientist Program.

Upon request, NEAFS will make a good faith effort to find a qualified individual(s) to come to the laboratory and provide the assistance. The person(s) selected will be agreed upon between NEAFS and the laboratory. NEAFS will subsidize the visit which can be up to 5 working days in duration. Travel logistics will be arranged by the laboratory in conjunction with both the visiting scientist and NEAFS.

Interested laboratories can simply complete the attached application and email it to the NEAFS Education Chairperson at education@neafs.org. The Education Chair will contact the person designated on the form within 10 business days of receiving the application.

The number of quality hours for those claiming continuing education credit as a result of the training will be determined by the instructor(s).

NEAFS Visiting Scientist Request Form

Laboratory:_____

Laboratory Director/Manager:_____

Address:_____

_____

Contact:_____

Phone:_____

Email:_____

Request (Be Specific):

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Do you have a particular individual(s) who you wish to be the visiting scientist?

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Approximate desired date(s) of visit:_____

Number of individuals attending the training:_____

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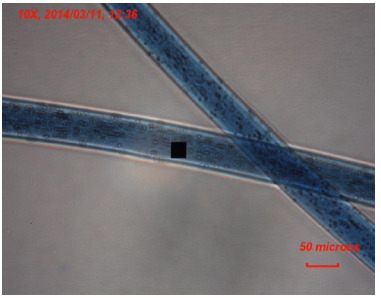

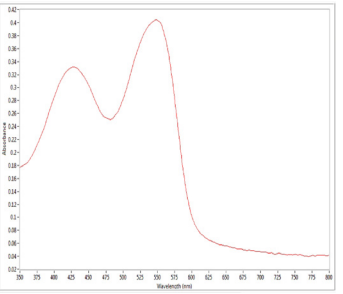

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If you are interested, please contact:

Beth Saucier Goodspeed, NEAFS President, at president@neafs.org

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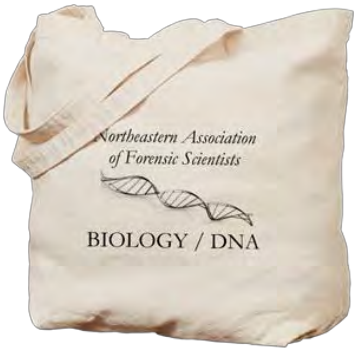

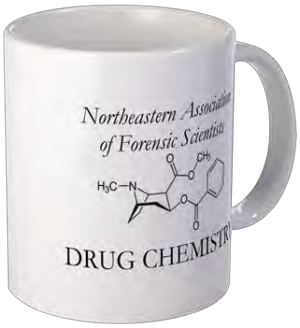

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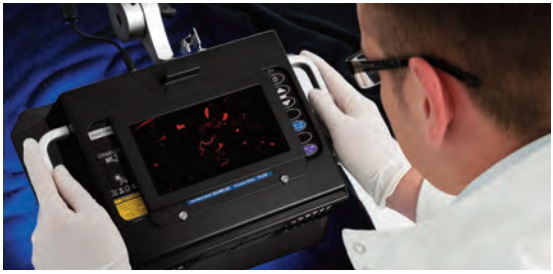

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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists (NEAFS) is proud to offer its members a Training Scholarship Fund (TSF). Regular Members, in good standing, are eligible to receive up to $200 towards training, workshop or non-NEAFS meeting registration and travel expenses. Individuals will only be allowed reimbursement once per application period. Any NEAFS Annual Meeting expenses are ineligible to receive funding. Reimbursement will occur upon receipt of a certificate showing successful attendance and completion of the course along with an article summarizing the course for the NEAFS newsletter.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Applicants must submit a *Pre-Approval Application* prior to attending the training for which they wish to obtain funding. All applications must be complete with a brief course description, statement as to how the applicant will benefit from attending the training and justification for receiving funding (i.e. insufficient employer funding or continuing education requirements).

Notification will be given to each applicant upon receipt of the *Pre-Approval Application*. This notification lets the applicant know that their submission has been received by NEAFS and is being reviewed by the Board. In no way shall this notification serve as approval to receive reimbursement or that the applicant will receive any Training Scholarship Funds. Please allow several weeks for the Board to thoroughly review each application. Applicants can expect to be informed of the acceptance or rejection of their application within 60 days of receiving this *Pre-Approval Application* notification.

Upon successful attendance and completion of the training, all pre-approved applicants must submit a *Reimbursement Application* along with supporting documentation. Whenever possible, a certificate should be provided as proof of attendance and completion. If a certificate is not issued or is unavailable, a letter from the organizer/instructor verifying the applicant's successful attendance and completion shall suffice. Each Training Scholarship Fund recipient is required to contribute to NEAFS and its members by publishing a written article in the Newsletter. *Reimbursement Applications* will only be considered complete when accompanied by a 1000-word (minimum) course summary.

Please submit all inquiries, applications and supporting documentation to: awards@neafs.org.

2017 Training Scholarship Fund

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Upcoming Training

April 2017

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Forensic Anthropology - Skeletal Recovery
April 3 - 7, 2017
Contact: Jordan Benton, Telephone: 713-929-6769 or
Email: registration@houstonforensicscience.org
Website: http://houstonforensicscience.org/training.php

Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, Texas
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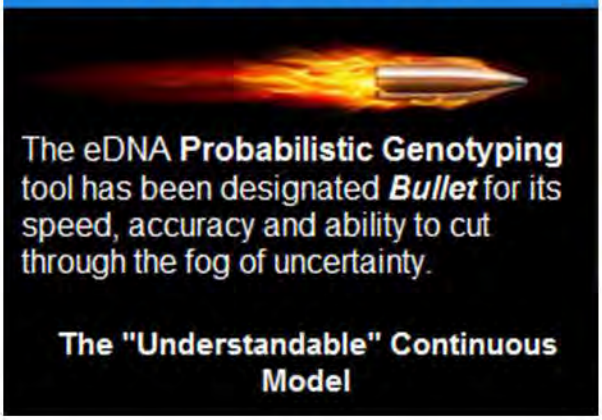

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Important Notice

The AAFS Board of Directors decided to discontinue the Journal of Forensic Sciences subscriptions for the affiliate groups at the end of 2016. Should members wish to continue subscribing, they may do so directly through the publisher.

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Be sure to check the NEAFS website for the latest **Job Opportunities.**

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