

## Young Forensic Scientists Forum Newsletter

### A Letter from the YFSF President

The summer is upon us all and the Young Forensic Scientists Forum Program Committee is diligently planning a spectacular session for the 64th Annual Business Meeting in 2012. The upcoming session is sure to have something for everyone and promises to be incredibly exciting and informative.

This past February, Past President **Joseph Bono** told the attendees of the YFSF Special Session to make an impact, get involved, and that the time was now. He was right—the time is now, and it is the perfect time for you to get involved and make an impact. As this is my last year as YFSF president, I would like to follow in the footsteps of previous YFSF presidents and issue a challenge to all new and young forensic scientists. The challenge is to increase the level of your involvement in the forensic community. Whether you choose to publish a paper, present at AAFS, YFSF or other professional meetings, sign-up for a committee, or sign-up to be a moderator, the time is now. Make the choice to be an active participant within the forensic community and you will not only broaden your scope of abilities but also foster lasting relationships with distinguished scientists.

Each week I receive emails from new and young forensic scientists inquiring about mentors, internships, job opportunities, education, as well as wondering how they can get involved. These emails are incredibly exciting because it shows the interest is there, and it is time to put that interest into action. If you are looking to become involved with a committee, it is not too late. The YFSF still has an available committee position open. If you are looking for internships, looking to find a mentor, or if you wish to present slides or a poster, please do not be shy. Please send an email to me ([tanisha.henson@yahoo.com](mailto:tanisha.henson@yahoo.com)) or to any of the YFSF committee members. Plenty of time still exists for you to submit an abstract to YFSF to present at either the Bring Your Own Slides or Bring Your Own Posters Sessions. We are happy to help!

*Tanisha V. Henson, MFS*  
YFSF President

### Questions and Answers from the YFSF Secretary

The YFSF continues to improve based on the questions you submit throughout the year, and each officer appreciates your dedication and curiosity about the YFSF. I enjoy reading and responding to the questions you send, so please do not hesitate to contact me with any future questions you may have concerning the YFSF. Please send your questions to **Lauren Pharr** at [lpharr1@tigers.lsu.edu](mailto:lpharr1@tigers.lsu.edu) if you wish to have your questions addressed in future newsletters.

**QUESTION:** *Can I serve as an YFSF officer for the remainder of 2011 if I have submitted an AAFS membership application? My application is pending, but I am confident my application will be approved at the 2012 AAFS meeting in Atlanta.*

**ANSWER:** You must be a current member of the Academy if you wish to serve as an YFSF officer. However, the YFSF will have officer positions available following the 2012 meeting in Atlanta. Once your AAFS application has been approved, please contact any of the YFSF officers if you wish to assist the YFSF at the 2013 AAFS Annual Meeting.

Contact **Tanisha Henson** ([tanisha.henson@yahoo.com](mailto:tanisha.henson@yahoo.com)) if you are currently an AAFS member and are interested in serving as an YFSF officer for the remainder of the 2011-12 year.

*Lauren Pharr, MA*  
YFSF Secretary

### Financial Liaison

The YFSF relies on the support and contributions of the forensic community to make our special session a success each year. Events held at each meeting include a day-long scientific session, a working breakfast session, a Bring Your Own Slides presentation, and a poster session. These sessions are critical in the professional development of young scientists trying to establish a solid foundation in the field of forensic science.

In the past we have received both monetary and educational support from the AAFS sections,

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universities with FEPAC accredited programs, and various forensic science vendors. If you or your group is interested in providing support for the 2012 YFSF Special Session, whether through a financial contribution or donation of materials, please contact **Jackie Jenkins** at [j.jenkins71@gmail.com](mailto:j.jenkins71@gmail.com).

*Jackie Jenkins, PhD, MSFS  
YFSF Financial Liaison*

#### YFSF Breakfast Session

Have you ever gone to your professor, asked them to review your resume for an interview, job opening, or conference, had them say it was perfect, only to be turned down due to your resume being either unprofessional, sloppy, too crowded, or not crowded enough? The 2012 Breakfast Session will be aimed at preventing such unfortunate situations from happening by having a resume panel!

In previous years, the YFSF Breakfast Session was organized so that one specific topic was discussed and then participants separated into various resume groups. However, this year we will devote the entire breakfast session for resume review and discussion.

Furthermore, we'll have a short presentation of what should and what should not be included on your resume. The breakfast session will also have a question and answer period, in which the students/registrants can ask questions pertaining to his or her resume. These questions will then be answered by experienced forensic scientists from the different Academy sections.

If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering to be on the resume panel, feel free to email me at [mdeberrymcl.state.ms.us](mailto:mdeberrymcl.state.ms.us).

*Melissa DeBerry  
YFSF Breakfast Session Chair*

#### YFSF Special Session

The Young Forensic Scientists Forum is pleased to announce the theme for the 2012 Annual Meeting. The forum has selected the title, "Contemporary Topics in the Forensic Science Community." The special session will include speakers who will discuss trends currently observed among various forensic disciplines. With the rise of different types and variations of evidence being submitted to laboratories, as well as new technologies in evidence examination, the focus of the 2012 forum will be to highlight and educate young forensic scientists on these trends. Those who have lectures, case studies, and/or research and are willing to contribute to the session are encouraged to contact the **Martin Overly** ([martin.overly@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:martin.overly@mail.wvu.edu)) and/or **Lindsey Crass** ([lindsey.crass@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:lindsey.crass@mail.wvu.edu)).

*Martin Overly  
YFSF Special Session Chair*

*Lindsey Crass  
YFSF Special Session Co-Chair*

#### YFSF Bring Your Own Slides

Have you been working diligently on a research project and wish to share your results with the forensic community? Was there an interesting case at work that you are eager to share with other forensic scientists? Would you like to gain confidence and experience speaking in front of your colleagues and mentors? If your answer is yes to any or all of these questions, then we strongly encourage you to present at the YFSF Bring Your Own Slides (BYOS) Session next February.

In order to give you an insider's perspective on what it is like to present, we would like to share with you comments from previous YFSF BYOS speakers:

*"I had a great experience this year presenting at the YFSF BYOS session! ... Not only did I have a great time presenting my research, I enjoyed listening to everyone else's presentation as well. I would rank this as one of my best experiences presenting my research!" -Dee Ann Turner, BS*

*"This was my first year attending AAFS and I was amazed by the range of disciplines and presentations at the conference. The networking opportunities and overall experience were unbelievable and I can't wait to attend the conference again in the future." - Michelle Schmidt*

*"I also had the opportunity to present in the YFSF BYOS forum a few years ago. The experience not only allowed me to polish my presentation skills and share a bizarre case with those who attended, but it also resulted in networking opportunities with Academy members. It was definitely worth the few nerves and hesitation I had as I walked up to the podium." - Amber Neitzel*

If you would like to get involved by presenting at the YFSF BYOS forum, please do not hesitate to contact us! We look forward to seeing you in Atlanta!

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*Amber Neitzel, BS  
BYOS Co-Chair  
[aneitzel@email.arizona.edu](mailto:aneitzel@email.arizona.edu)*

#### YFSF Poster Session

The Young Forensic Scientists Forum Poster Session is an opportunity to showcase not only student's research but also research of young professionals of all ages. We would like to encourage the young professionals from each section to be more involved at the AAFS Annual Scientific Meeting by participating in the 2012 YFSF Poster Session on Thursday, February 23, 2012. Please stay tuned for YFSF Poster Session submission details.

Questions regarding the YFSF Poster Session can be submitted to: [YFSF.PosterSession@gmail.com](mailto:YFSF.PosterSession@gmail.com).

*Taryn Mead  
YFSF Poster Session Chair*

*Jennifer Malone  
YFSF Poster Session Co-Chair*

28 - Sept. 3  
24th World Congress International Society for Forensic Genetics—Organized by the ISFG—To be held in Vienna, Austria.  
CONTACT: Wolfgang Mayr  
Medical University of Vienna  
pres\_isfg2011@meduniwien.ac.at  
www.isfg2011.org/

## SEPTEMBER 2011

12-17  
19th Triennial Meeting International Association of Forensic Sciences—To be held in Funchal, Madeira, Portugal.  
CONTACT: www.iafs2011.mj.pt/index.htm

19-21  
Field Detection of Drug and Explosive Odor Signatures Using PSPME-IMS—Funded by the NIJ - NFSTC—To be held at NFSTC in Largo, FL.  
CONTACT: Jennie Travers  
Jennie.Travers@nfstc.org  
www.nfstc.org/meetings/

19-23  
Advanced Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Course—To be held at the Boone County Sheriff's Department in Burlington, KY.  
CONTACT: Paul Erwin Kish  
Forensic Consultant & Associates  
(607) 962-8092  
paul@paulkish.com  
www.paulkish.com

19-23  
Examination of Tire Tread and Tire Track Evidence—To be held at the N.C. State Bureau of Investigation in Raleigh, NC.  
CONTACT: wbodziak@earthlink.net  
(386) 986-6494

19-23  
The Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists' 40th Annual Fall Meeting—To be held in suburban Chicago, IL.  
CONTACT: Doug Saul  
doug.saul@dupagesheriff.org  
(630) 407-2105

26-Oct. 1  
8th International Symposium Advances in Legal Medicine—To be held in Frankfurt, Germany.  
CONTACT: Jana Radoi/Julia Gruner  
+49 (0)3641 3 11 63 60  
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isalm2011@conventus.de  
www.isalm2011.de

## OCTOBER 2011

2-6  
FACSS 2011 - 38th FACSS—To be held at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, NV.  
CONTACT: FACSS International Office  
(505) 820-1648  
Fax: (505) 989-1073  
facss@facss.org

3-7  
Basic Facial Reconstruction Sculpture—To be held at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, OK.  
CONTACT: Betty Pat. Gatliff  
(405) 321-8706  
www.sculpture.outreach.ou.edu

8-13  
Certified Evidence Photographer Training—To be held in Atlanta, GA.  
CONTACT: Professional Photographic Certification Commission  
(888) 772-2780  
Fax: (404) 614-6404  
www.evidencephotographers.com

10-14  
Advance Facial Reconstruction Sculpture—To be held at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, OK.  
CONTACT: Betty Pat. Gatliff  
(405) 321-8706  
www.sculpture.outreach.ou.edu

15-17  
2nd Annual World Congress of Forensics—Hosted by the Information Research Center of International Talent—To be held in Chongqing, China.  
CONTACT: <http://bitlifesciences.com/wcf2011/default.asp>

19-22  
2011 American Society for Clinical Pathology Annual Meeting—To be held at the Venetian - Palazzo Resort Hotel Casino in Las Vegas, NV.  
CONTACT: American Society for Clinical Pathology  
800-267-2727, option 2  
Fax: (312) 541-4472  
info@ascp.org  
www.ascp.org

21-22  
Predators and Their Prey - 11th Annual Conference—Presented by the Cyril H. Wecht Institute of Forensic Science and Law—To be held at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, PA.  
CONTACT: 412-396-1330  
wechtinstitute@duq.edu  
www.duq.edu/forensics

## NOVEMBER 2011

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Forensic Medical Investigation: Comprehensive Review and Skills Workshop—To be held in Phoenix, AZ.  
CONTACT: Dr. Mary Dudley, MD  
(316) 204-9107  
mdudley2@kc.rr.com  
www.forensicMI.com

3-6  
2011 International Conference on Forensic Science & Applications in Wildlife Conservation Efforts—To be held in Taoyuan (Taipei), Taiwan.  
CONTACT: Ray Liu  
rayliu@uab.edu  
<http://forensicsciencereview.fy.edu.tw/index.html>

7-8  
First Annual International Multidisciplinary Collaborative Conference on Violence Research & Evidence-Based Practice—To be held at the Holiday Inn Arena & Conference Center in Binghamton, NY.  
CONTACT: [www2.binghamton.edu/continuing-education/non-credit-programs/sexual-homicide](http://www2.binghamton.edu/continuing-education/non-credit-programs/sexual-homicide)

## DECEMBER 2011

4-9  
Alcohol & Highway Safety: Testing, Research & Litigation—To be held at Indiana University in Bloomington, IN.  
CONTACT: [www.borkensteincourse.org](http://www.borkensteincourse.org)

5-9  
Basic Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Workshop—Presented by the Specialized Training Unit at the Miami-Dade Public Safety Training Institute in Doral, FL.  
CONTACT: Toby L. Wolson, MS  
(305) 471-3041  
Fax: (305) 471-2052  
twolson@mdpd.com

## JANUARY 2012

12-17  
Certified Evidence Photographer Training—To be held in New Orleans, LA.  
CONTACT: Professional Photographic Certification Commission  
(888) 772-2780  
Fax: (404) 614-6404  
www.evidencephotographers.com

## FEBRUARY 2012

3-5  
3rd International Conference on Current Trends in Forensic Sciences, Forensic Medicine & Toxicology—Organized by Indian Association of Medico-Legal Experts—To be held at the Ramada Hotel in Jaipur, Rajasthan, INDIA.  
CONTACT: [www.iamleconf.in](http://www.iamleconf.in)

## MARCH 2012

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## APRIL 2012

3-5  
International Marine Forensics Symposium—To be held at the Gaylord National Hotel in Washington, DC.  
CONTACT: [www.sname.org](http://www.sname.org)

## JULY 2012

4-7  
22nd Congress of the International Academy of Legal Medicine (IALM)—To be held in Istanbul, Turkey.  
CONTACT: [www.ialm2012.org](http://www.ialm2012.org)

## AUGUST 2012

20-24  
6th European Academy of Forensic Science Conference—To be held in The Hague, The Netherlands  
CONTACT: [www.eafs2012.eu](http://www.eafs2012.eu)



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You will receive the *Journal of Forensic Sciences* devoted to the publication of original investigations, observations, scholarly inquiries and reviews in the various branches of the forensic sciences. This is the official bi-monthly publication of the AAFS.

Your involvement will contribute to the advancement of the forensic sciences.

You will receive the bi-monthly *Academy News* which will keep you informed of professional issues, upcoming forensic meetings, and conferences, job opportunities, section news, and Forensic Sciences Foundation activities.

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City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide your name so the potential applicant will know who requested the application. AAFS will also recognize you by placing a Sponsor ribbon in your 2012 Annual Meeting registration packet. Please detach form and return to AAFS. Thank you.

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_



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