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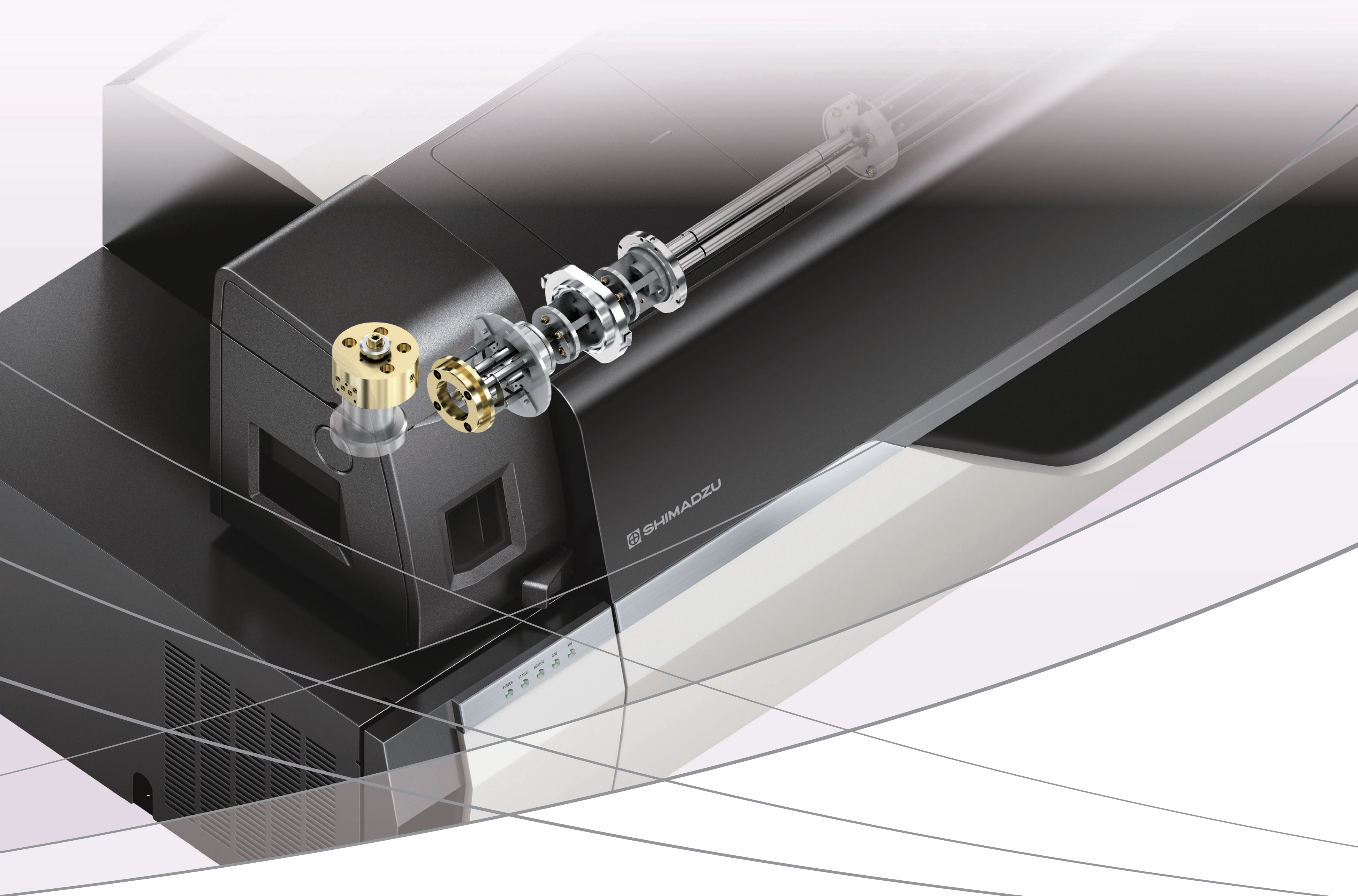
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President's Message

I hope this message finds everyone enjoying their start of summer, fitting in some quality time with your friends and family, all while trying to manage your case load! It can be a lot of work trying to balance it all, but it's essential to separate your personal life from your work life. Not only for your personal well being, but also for those individuals you work with and around. The duties that each and every one of you perform on a daily basis play a crucial role in the Criminal Justice system, but can be both rewarding and tiring. If you take the time to refresh and restart, I can guarantee you and the work you do will be better off. With that being said, I hope many of you will join us for the General Session during this year's Annual Meeting where Raymond Davis will be speaking about PTSD. The session will certainly be a benefit to all in attendance.

Calling all DNA analysts! NEAFS is sponsoring a 2-Day Forensic Relationship Statistic Training hosted by the Vermont Forensic Laboratory on August 4th-5th, 2016, with instructor Kerry Beatty from Marshall University Forensic Science Center. This training is guaranteed to fill up as there are only 20 spots available. Be sure to get your registration form and payments in as soon as possible to secure a spot.

There is still plenty of time between now and the end of the year to suggest training opportunities in any discipline to the Education Chair. Otherwise, I hope to see some Laboratories taking advantage of on-site training through the Visiting Scientist Program. The cap on funding is currently set by the Bylaws at \$5,000, without prior approval by the membership.

For those of you interested in IAI or ABC certification reimbursement, sign up to take a test now! There will be an ABC study prep workshop offered during the Annual Meeting followed by an exam sitting. It's the perfect opportunity to cram in those last minute study questions before taking the exam. For those who pass the exam, reimbursement is available through NEAFS!

Our next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for July 23rd, 2016 at the University of New Haven- Orange Campus. The Board is currently working on updating the Bylaws and the NEAFS Code of Ethics. If you have suggestions for either, please don't hesitate to contact me at president@neafs.org.

In closing, I would like to say Thank You to all of those on the NEAFS Board of Directors and Staff for a positive first half of the year! Their dedication and hard work is what keeps this Organization running.

Erica Nadeau

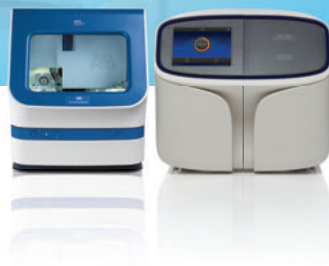
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2016 Annual Meeting Update



Northeastern Association
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Hello!!

I cannot believe that I am sitting down to write my message for the SUMMER newsletter already!! October will be here before we know it!! I know that I am very excited for what is in store for all of you at the 2016 Annual Meeting!!

Please remember the Call for Papers is available so please sign up to present a lecture or a poster! This year we are pleased to offer **FREE REGISTRATION** for any member or active applicant who presents a technical talk or poster!!! This will be a great opportunity for you to share your information and be able to attend without the added cost of registration!! Our Scientific Sessions will be held on Thursday, October 13th and Saturday, October 15th. Please don't wait until the last minute to send in your abstracts – this will make planning a lot easier on the session chairs!! Please let me know if you have any questions. Remember, **the abstract deadline is August 1st!!** Once you have presented at the meeting, you can submit for registration reimbursement!!

There are five full day workshops planned for Wednesday, October 12th as well as 2 half-day workshops in the morning and two half-day workshops in the afternoon. Three full day workshops include lunch!! There is also one half-day workshop for Saturday morning, October 15th. Please see the registration form for details!!

The Educator's Forum is also scheduled for Wednesday. This Forum is open to **ALL** attendees who have purchased the full registration or Wednesday only tickets – not just educators. So, if you are not taking a workshop, take advantage of this session!! In the past, we offered this on Saturday but we are trying to boost the attendance by offering it on Wednesday this year!!

Thursday is a day full of vendors and scientific sessions. Make sure to stop by and get some food and drinks while you peruse the posters during the Welcome Reception!! UNH will be sponsoring another Alumni Reception this evening so please stop by to meet new friends and see old ones!! The evening session will feature crime, murder and serial killer expert, creator/writer/producer and host of the Investigation Discovery series **DARK MINDS**,

acclaimed investigative journalist, M. William Phelps!!! He will be discussing his case "The Eastbound Strangler". He will also be bringing books and will participate in a book signing!!

The General session speaker will be Raymond Davis who is a Forensic Scientist who has been working in the field for 32 years in the fields of Criminalistics, Toxicology and Crime Scene Investigation. He has published numerous articles and coauthored two books and written novels. He has testified in over 1600 cases. He will be speaking on PTSD in Forensic Science. This is a very important topic for practitioners, educators and students. Please be sure to attend!! He is also the workshop instructor for the Ethics and Interviewing skills workshops.

The Plenary session will include a panel of amazing presenters. Debbie Smith, a survivor of a kidnapping and sexual assault will be speaking about her experience and also the work she has done in legislation for other victims. She has become a crusader intent on helping other victims and preventing others from becoming victims. Federal Law with Debbie's name attached (the Justice For All Act of 2004) passed and was signed by President G.W. Bush which provides funding to eliminate rape kit backlogs among other things. This law was passed for another 5 years as the Debbie Smith Act in 2008. She will be joined by Michelle Bowdler, the Senior Director of Health & Wellness at Tufts University where she has been actively involved in sexual assault prevention treatment and response for well over a decade. Michelle is on the Speakers Bureau for the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center and has consulted on the rape kit backlog issue since 2011. She is also a survivor of a sexual assault. To balance out the panel, we will have Deborah A. Calhoun who is the Director of the Scientific Services Section of the Pennsylvania State Police Bureau of Forensic Sciences who will speak about her experiences and the impact that the SAFER Act had on their Department. Last but not least, my supervisor, Michelle Levasseur who is the Technical Leader of the Criminalistics Unit of the Massachusetts State Police Crime Laboratory, will speak about the impact backlog reduction has had on her laboratory section and what has been done to reach goals set forth.

This year, our Keynote Speaker will be Dr. Chris Rodriguez who is the Director of the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness. He will be speaking during our Annual Luncheon on Friday. This luncheon also includes Awards presentations and presentations to say thank you for all that have worked to put the meeting together!

Please join me on Friday night for Trivia Night and the President's Reception!! Trivia night will be free for all attendees!! Joe from Joe Trivia will be our Trivia night host and our DJ for the evening! Unfortunately, Jim Wesley could not make it this year. We will miss you, Jim!! I promise it will be a great time!!

The Student Forum will be hosting the 3rd Annual Kirk Cup. Gather up your teams to compete in a quiz type game for the trophy and bragging rights!! There will be separate trophies for undergraduate and graduate teams. **The entry deadline is October 5th.** Please see the flyer in this newsletter for additional information.

Additional scientific workshops will be offered for a half day on Saturday. Please make every effort to stay and watch your colleagues present their topics. We are trying to provide as much learning experiences as possible during our annual meeting.

The ABC exam will also be offered on Saturday which is also a change from years past. Please plan ahead to stay this extra half-day. You will need to register for the exam 60 days prior to the offering. **The deadline is August 15th.**

Reserve your room by the deadline of **September 29th, 2016**. Harrah's call center can be reached by calling **1-888-516-2215**, and the code needed to identify our group is **SH10FS6** and the group name as listed in their system is **Forensic Scientists**. We would love to have all of you book your rooms at Harrah's where all the action is!! Believe me; you will not be disappointed with this location!! Take a peek at the activity sheet included with the Registration form for things to do!!

It really is amazing how much work goes into making a meeting happen!! Even though I may not speak to everyone on the team every day, I know the amount of effort and work you are putting in to making this meeting successful. I honestly can't thank you enough for all of your help and hard work!!

Thank you to all of the volunteers that have contacted me so far!! I appreciate your willingness to be part of this wonderful organization!!

An updated Preliminary Program has been posted on the website and in this newsletter – check it out!!

I look forward to seeing you all this fall in Atlantic City, New Jersey!

Beth Saucier Goodspeed

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2016 NEAFS Annual Meeting Preliminary Program

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Tuesday, October 11th

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

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

Wednesday, October 12th

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

10:30a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Morning Break

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Workshops

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Educator's Forum

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Afternoon Break

4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Exhibitor Setup



Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists

Thursday, October 13th

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 Toxicology Criminalistics/Crime Scene Drug Chemistry DNA 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
3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Afternoon Break
1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Scientific Sessions – continued
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	UNH Alumni Reception
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Welcome Reception & Poster Session
8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Evening Session

Friday, October 14th

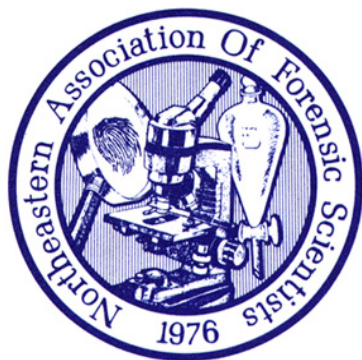
7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Registration
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
7:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Exhibits
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	General Session
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Morning Break
12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Annual Luncheon
2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Plenary Session
4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Afternoon Break
5:30 p.m.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



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Saturday, October 15th

7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Registration
7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	ABC Examination
9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Student Forum
	3 rd Annual NEAFS “Kirk Cup” College Bowl
9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Scientific Sessions Criminalistics/Crime Scene
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Morning Break



NORTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION OF FORENSIC SCIENTISTS

ANNUAL MEETING - October 12-15, 2016

See additional page for informational details. To qualify for **Early Registration**, a completed registration form and full payment must be postmarked no later than **September 12, 2016**. Regular Registration will be accepted from September 13, 2016 through October 2, 2016. After this date, ALL registrations will be processed On-Site.

Mail your completed form and registration fee to:

NEAFS Registration
PO Box 4011
Meriden, CT 06450

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

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Last Name:

Member Number:

Organization/Agency:

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ABC Status:

☐ Diplomate

☐ Fellow

☐ Technical Specialist

☐ Affiliate

☐ Exam Committee

☐ Board Member

II. SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS - REGISTRATION FEES: October 13-15, 2016, Thursday - Saturday Sessions

*For student affiliate reduced registration, a copy of your FALL 2016 course schedule must be submitted; otherwise you will be charged the non-member rate. **If a scientific talk/poster is presented, the registration fee will be reimbursed following the meeting.** The Wednesday only option is for the Educator's Forum. Workshops are under a separate section.

	Early Registration	Regular Registration		
<u>Full Meeting Registration</u>	Postmarked by 09/12/16	Postmarked between 09/13/16 and 10/2/16		
Member / Active Applicant	\$130.00 - <input type="checkbox"/>	\$180.00 - <input type="checkbox"/>		
Non-Member	\$225.00 - <input type="checkbox"/>	\$275.00 - <input type="checkbox"/>		
Student Affiliate (Non-Member)*	\$135.00 - <input type="checkbox"/>	\$160.00 - <input type="checkbox"/>		
Spouse of Member / Non-Member	\$110.00 - <input type="checkbox"/>	\$135.00 - <input type="checkbox"/>		
<i>Spouse name:</i>				
<u>Daily Registration</u>	Wed. only (Educator's Forum)	Thursday Only	Friday Only	Saturday Only
Member / Active Applicant	\$45.00 - <input type="checkbox"/>	\$75.00 - <input type="checkbox"/>	\$75.00 - <input type="checkbox"/>	\$45.00 - <input type="checkbox"/>
Non-Member	\$75.00 - <input type="checkbox"/>	\$125.00 - <input type="checkbox"/>	\$125.00 - <input type="checkbox"/>	\$75.00 - <input type="checkbox"/>
Student Affiliate (Non-Member)	\$50.00 - <input type="checkbox"/>	\$80.00 - <input type="checkbox"/>	\$80.00 - <input type="checkbox"/>	\$50.00 - <input type="checkbox"/>
Spouse of Member / Non-Member	\$40.00 - <input type="checkbox"/>	\$70.00 - <input type="checkbox"/>	\$70.00 - <input type="checkbox"/>	\$40.00 - <input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Spouse name:</i>				

Please Note: On-Site Registration Surcharge \$20.00 - ☐

SECTION II TOTAL: \$

III. MEALS: Continental breakfasts are included with each day of registration. Luncheon tickets are included with **full meeting registration**, however, a selection is required below if you plan to attend. **Daily registration requires the purchase of a luncheon ticket.** **NOTE: If you have a dietary restriction, please indicate here:** _____

☐ Yes, I will be attending the luncheon on Thursday. (Held during the Annual Business Meeting).

Daily Registration Only Tickets: **X \$20.00 =**

☐ Yes, I will be attending the luncheon on Friday. Lunch selection: Beef ☐ Chicken ☐ Seafood ☐ Vegetarian ☐

Daily Registration Only Tickets: **X \$55.00 =**

☐ Yes, I will be attending the Friday evening Trivia night. ☐ Yes, I will be attending the President's Reception on Friday evening.

SECTION III TOTAL: \$

IV. WORKSHOP SESSION FEES

Workshops are filled on a first-come-first-served basis. Continental breakfast will be provided for the workshops. Workshops are subject to cancellation. Check www.neafs.org for updates on dates and times.

Full Day Workshops-Wednesday, October 12th

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Non-Member</u>
Trace Evidence Awareness	\$20 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$40 <input type="checkbox"/>
Microscopic Hair Screening	\$20 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$40 <input type="checkbox"/>
Shimadzu: Analytical Instrumentation - Forensic Science User Experiences*	\$0 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$0 <input type="checkbox"/>
Life Technologies: 2016 Future Trends in Forensic DNA Technology*	\$0 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$0 <input type="checkbox"/>
Agilent: Forensic Workflow Solutions in Chromatography and Mass Spectrometry*	\$0 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$0 <input type="checkbox"/>
*Lunch Included		

Half Day Workshops-Wednesday Morning, October 12th

Ethics and the Profession of Forensic Science	\$30 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$60 <input type="checkbox"/>
ABC Certification General Exam Preparation	\$30 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$60 <input type="checkbox"/>

Half Day Workshops-Wednesday Afternoon, October 12th

The Ultimate Interviewing Workshop	\$30 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$60 <input type="checkbox"/>
ABC Certification Biology Exam Preparation with Mock Exam	\$30 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$60 <input type="checkbox"/>

Half Day Workshops-Saturday Morning, October 15th

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Non-Member</u>
“Hot” Topics in Fire Debris Analysis	\$30 <input type="checkbox"/>	\$60 <input type="checkbox"/>

SECTION IV TOTAL: \$

PAYMENT: Check - ☐ Money Order - ☐ PAYPAL (October 2nd Deadline) - ☐

Check # TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: (Sum of II, III and IV) \$

PLEASE check boxes of events you are considering. This is for estimation purposes only and in no way binding.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Welcome Reception/Poster Session (Thursday, October 13) | <input type="checkbox"/> Educator's Forum (Wednesday, October 12) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> University of New Haven Alumni Reception (Thursday, October 13) | <input type="checkbox"/> Continental Breakfast (Wednesday, October 12) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crim/Crime Scene Session (Thursday, October 13) | <input type="checkbox"/> Crim/Crime Scene Session (Saturday, October 15) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Continental Breakfast (Thursday, October 13) | <input type="checkbox"/> DNA Session (Thursday, October 13) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Continental Breakfast (Friday, October 14) | <input type="checkbox"/> Drug Session (Thursday, October 13) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Continental Breakfast (Saturday, October 15) | <input type="checkbox"/> Toxicology Session (Thursday, October 13) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Trace/Arson and Explosives Session (Thursday, October 13) |

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PAYPAL Payments: PAYMENT and COMPLETED registration form MUST BE SENT to: registration@neafs.org. A Paypal account is not necessary to use this feature. You can make a one-time credit card payment. The Paypal receipt is the only confirmation of payment that you will receive if paying electronically, and handwritten receipts will be generated for those paying by check or PO only.

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

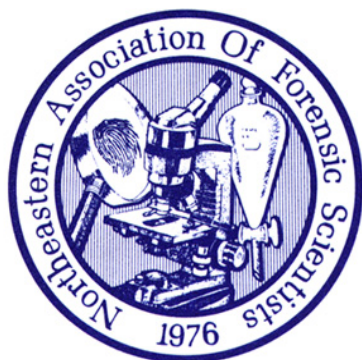
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CANCELLATION / REFUNDS: If you cancel your Workshop or Meeting Registration, your written, signed, and dated request must be mailed to the NEAFS Registration Chairperson at the mailing address provided above. If you cancel, your registration fees will be refunded, as follows: postmarked no later than September 12th, 2016, full refund, less \$20 processing fee; postmarked between September 13th - October 2nd, 2016, 50% refund; No refund requests will be honored if postmarked after October 2nd, 2016.

SPOUSE: Reduced rate registration is available to a spouse (lay person) only with a fully paid registered attendee. The reduced rate (spousal) registration permits attendance during scientific sessions, all breaks, and receptions.

CERTIFICATES: Certificates are generated by the workshop instructors for workshop completion only, not for attendance of the general sessions.



LUNCHEON: Tickets for attendance at the luncheons are included with FULL MEETING REGISTRATION ONLY. Please indicate on your registration form if you will or will not be attending so we may provide an accurate headcount to the hotel. If attending the luncheons, your registration packet will include luncheon tickets that must be presented to the Officials at the door for entry to the luncheon. If you have a food allergy, please inform the hotel staff directly. If needed, additional luncheon tickets may be purchased separately.

OTHER INFORMATION: All fees are the responsibility of the registrant. Registrations are non-transferable.

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NEAFS 42nd Annual Meeting

October 12th-15th, 2016

Atlantic City, NJ

CALL FOR PAPERS – ABSTRACT FORM

Any member or active applicant who presents a technical talk or poster will receive FREE REGISTRATION for the meeting!!!!!!!

DEADLINE: August 1, 2016

Presentation Title:

Presenting Author:

Author Affiliation:

Phone Number:

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Co-Author(s) and Affiliation, if applicable:

Scientific Session: ☐ Peter R. De Forest Student Research Award ☐ Criminalistics/Crime Scene

☐ DNA ☐ Drug Chemistry ☐ Educator's Forum ☐ Poster ☐ Toxicology

☐ Trace/Arson and Explosives

Instructions: Complete this form and email to the Program Chair and appropriate Session Chair. Also, if this is an abstract for a student competing for the Research Award, please email a copy of the abstract to the Chair of the Award competition.

A laptop and projector will be provided. However, if additional audio-visual equipment is needed, please indicate below.

☐ PowerPoint Version _____ Other presentation format (please specify) _____
☐ PC ☐ Mac ☐ Use of own computer
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Time needed for presentation: ☐ 10 min ☐ 20 min ☐ Other* _____

*Any time requested which is longer than 20 minutes will be approved if the time is available.

Scientific Session Chairs: *please check the appropriate individual you will be emailing.*

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Please Note: All presenters must register for the meeting.

ABSTRACT

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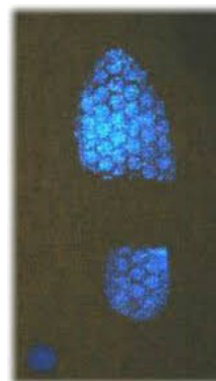
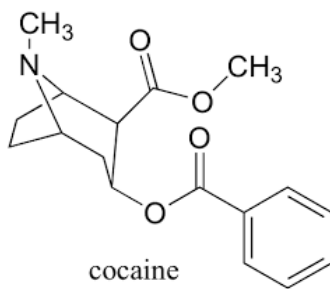
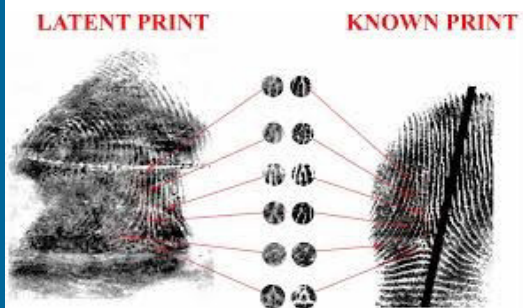


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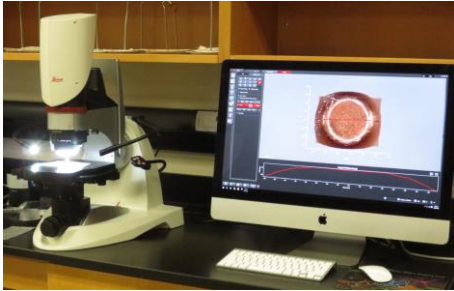
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**Northeastern Association
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Today in Forensic Science



Leica's new digital microscope



Leica's local representative, Sean

The Microscopy Workshop was held on June 27th, 2016 at the Western New England University Center for Sciences and Pharmacy in Springfield, MA.



Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists is offered the workshop on Basic Microscopy free of charge to its members. This workshop allowed attendees to develop basic microscopy skills that can be enhanced with advanced classes in future offerings. The workshop was hosted by Western New England University and sponsored in part by Leica Microsystems.



Today in Forensic Science

It can be argued that the microscope is an indispensable tool for the forensic scientist. It is a versatile instrument, not incredibly expensive compared to modern automated instrumentation, not temperamental, doesn't require high voltage, exhaust or fuel, takes up little bench space, offers a tremendous amount of information about the sample being observed, and is non-destructive, a feature specifically beneficial to the forensic scientist. The drawback is that proper use and understanding of the microscope requires skills that are not taught in most academic curricula. Fortunately, there are still a few institutions where teaching microscopy is held in high regard as an analytical tool for the scientist. This workshop introduced the attendees to the basic principles of geometric optics, light paths and image formation inside the microscope, contrast vs. resolution and the advantages of microscopy in examining small samples.



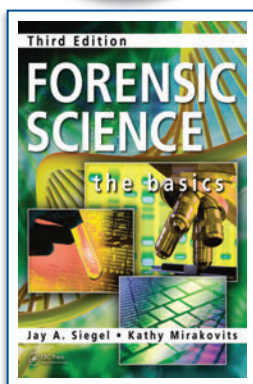
The workshop was instructed by Dr. Thomas Kubic, Dr. Peter Diaczuk and Xiao Shan Law.



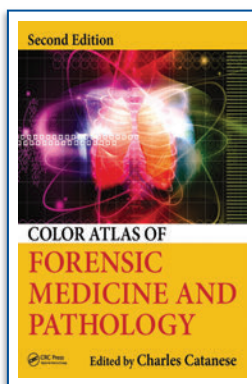
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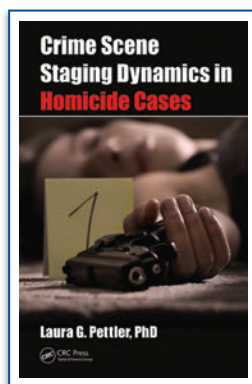
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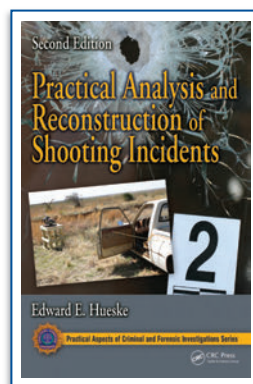
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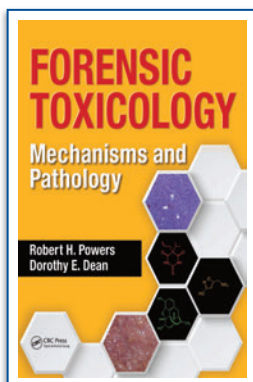
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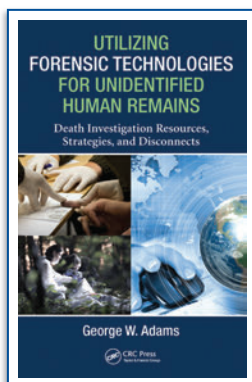
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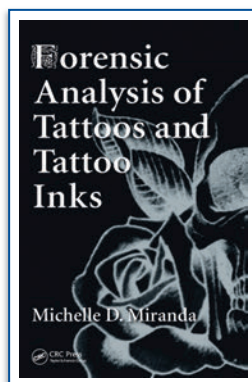
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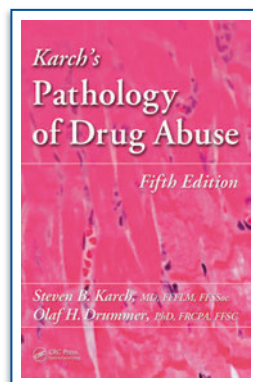
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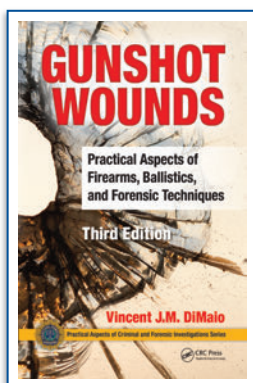
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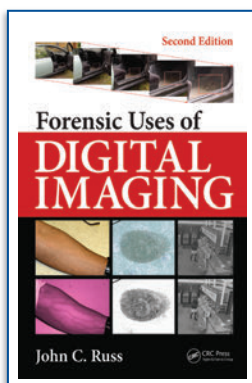
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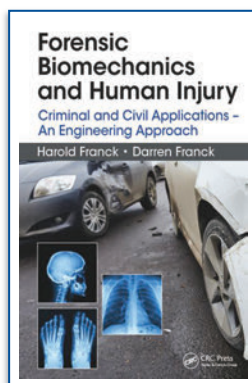
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Meritorious Service Award Nomination Form

The Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists is now accepting nominations for the Meritorious Service Award.

This award is given to a NEAFS member that has a history of providing commendable service to the forensic science community by serving justice through casework, performing research advancing forensic science, training and educating forensic scientists and future forensic scientists, and overall contributions to the NEAFS organization. The nominee must have held the status of Regular Member within NEAFS for at least 10 years to be considered.

In addition to this form, a letter of recommendation outlining the nominee's contributions must be emailed to awards@Neafs.org. All nominations must be received by September 1st. The winner of the NEAFS Meritorious Service Award will be announced during the annual meeting in Atlantic City, NJ from October 12th - 15th, 2016.

Nominator

First Name:

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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

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 – Pete 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 – [REDACTED]

2008

George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Undergraduate – Stacie Kaufman
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Graduate - [REDACTED]

2007

George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Undergraduate – Christina Mulligan
George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Graduate - [REDACTED]

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

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

1998

George W. Neighbor, Jr. Memorial Scholarship – Lisa Malachowski
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1997- Awards changed to be called George W. Neighbor, Jr. Scholarship

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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):

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

Approximate desired date(s) of visit:_____

Number of individuals attending the training:_____

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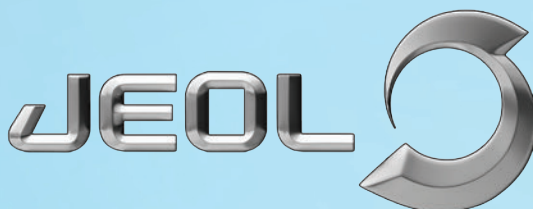
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2016 TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP FUND

OPEN APPLICATION PERIOD: JANUARY 1ST, 2016 – DECEMBER 31ST, 2016

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.

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Upcoming Training

September 2016

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Crime Scene Reconstruction 1
September 5-9, 2016

Visit <http://www.bevelgardner.com/training/#csr> for more information. Course is \$655.00 and includes a textbook and lab manual. For more information or to register contact: Craig Gravel, Bevel, Gardner & Associates, Inc.: Office 405-706-8489; Fax 405-359-7794; rcgravel@bevelgardner.com. Local BGA contact for assistance: Ken Martin: Phone 508-277-5037; kmartin@bevelgardner.com.

ISO/IEC 17025 and Audit Preparation for Forensic Test Agencies
ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board
Dates: September 12-14, 2016
Location: Alexandria, VA

Attend this three-day course to aid in the general preparation for ISO/IEC 17025 as it pertains to forensic agencies. Contact: Caroline Trenner 703-836-0025, ext 208, ctrenner@anab.org.
<http://anab.org/training#forensics>

ISO/IEC 17020 and Audit Preparation for Forensic Police Agencies

ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board

Dates: September 15-16, 2016

Location: Alexandria, VA

Attend this two-day introductory training course to understand ISO/IEC 17020 as it pertains to forensic police agencies. Registration Fee: \$650 List Price, \$600 for ASQ Members. Contact: Caroline Trenner 703-836-0025, ext 208, ctrenner@anab.org.

<http://anab.org/training#forensics>

Forensic DNA Relationship Training: Sessions 1 & 2

September 19 -22, 2016

Marshall University Forensic Science Center

Huntington, West Virginia

Contact: Judy Fry, Telephone: 304-691-8959 or Email: jafry@marshall.edu.

Website: <http://forensics.marshall.edu/Training/Training-Relationship.html>

October 2016

Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists' Annual Meeting

October 3-7, 2016

Branson, Missouri

Hosted by The Missouri State Highway Patrol at the Hilton Branson Convention Center (conventioncenter.hiltonsofbranson.com Group Code: MAFSMO). Contact: Abigail Lehman 573-526-6134 x2529 abigail.lehman@mshp.dps.mo.gov. Visit <http://www.mafs.net/news-feeds-1/mafs-2016-meeting> for more information.

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Bloodstain Pattern Analysis 1

October 10-14, 2016

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Practical Crime Scene Processing and Investigation
October 31-November 4, 2016

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This is also the website to register for the conference.

Registration is \$250 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 \$128 (plus 10% tax). The link for room registration is:

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1602183641&key=1E4B9D9B>

The conference ends at noon on Wednesday, August 3rd and will be followed by a lunch and afternoon session sponsored by Thermo Fisher Scientific. Registration for this session is free and a link to register will be provided on the Conference website at a later date.



DNA Relationship Training

August 4-5, 2016

The [Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientists](#) is pleased to sponsor an education opportunity on DNA Relationship Training to assist laboratories and analysts with DNA kinship comparisons. This training will be hosted by the Vermont Forensic Laboratory, immediately following the [Green Mountain DNA Conference](#) (GMDC).

This course will be taught by Ms. Kelly Beatty, Parentage Laboratory Supervisor at [Marshall University Forensic Science Center](#), and will cover such topics as statistics review, standard percentage calculations, other relationship comparisons, reporting, protocol considerations and expert testimony.

The cost for this training will be \$100.00 for NEAFS members (and active applicants) and \$250.00 for non-members.



Vermont Forensic Laboratory

45 State Drive,
Waterbury, VT 05671

Please use the attached registration form. This class is limited to twenty participants and will be filled on a first come, first served basis. A waiting list will be prepared if necessary.

Questions? Contact Jack Drawec, NEAFS Education Chair at education@neafs.org or

Erica Nadeau, NEAFS President at president@neafs.org



DNA Relationship Training

August 4-5, 2016

Completed forms can be mailed or emailed to:

John Drawec
Western New England University
1215 Wilbraham Road, Box 5506
Springfield, MA 01119
education@neafs.org

Payments can be made by check payable to NEAFS

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: August 1st, 2016

REGISTRANT INFORMATION

First Name:

Last Name:

Job Title:

Organization:

Mailing Address:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Daytime Phone Number:

Email Address:

NEAFS Membership (check one): ☐ Member (Associate, Regular, etc.) # _____ ☐ Active applicant ☐ Non-Member

WORKSHOP INFORMATION

Location:

Vermont Forensic Laboratory
45 State Drive
Waterbury, VT 05671

Dates:

August 4-5, 2016

Time:

9:00AM- 4:00PM (both days)

Workshop Fee:

\$100.00 for NEAFS members/active applicants \$250.00 for Non-members

PLEASE NOTE:

Agendas and additional information will be e-mailed to each individual once they have successfully registered

A certificate of completion will be granted to each person at the end of the workshop

Attendees are required to bring a scientific calculator

HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

**Best Western Plus, 45 Blush Hill Ave, Waterbury, VT 05676 (Tel.: 802-244-7822),
Fairfield Inn & Suites 1017 Waterbury Stowe Rd, Waterbury, VT 05676 (Tel.: 802-241-1600),
or
receive a reduced rate of \$128/night if you choose to stay at the
Sheraton, 870 Williston Road, Burlington, VT 05403 (Tel.: 802-865-6600) – location of GMDC**

Reservations should be made over the phone.

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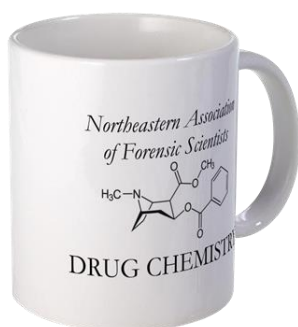
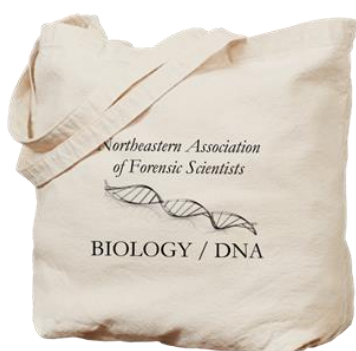
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Carol DeForest Forensic Science Research Grant.**

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The NEAFS Board of Directors has voted to reimburse the American Board of Criminalistics and International Association for Identification exam sitting fees for five NEAFS members (regular or associate) in good standing who pass the ABC or IAI exam. This offer is for any exam completed in 2016. There will be an ABC exam offered at the NEAFS Annual meeting at Harrah's. After passing the examination, please fill out the Certification Reimbursement Form (www.neafs.org) and email the completed form with proof of passing the exam to the NEAFS Certification Chair Peter Diaczuk at certification@neafs.org. The reimbursement is based on a first come first served basis. Remember you must pass the ABC or IAI exam to be considered for reimbursement.

Education

Moving forward in the areas of education/training, I have been working with Keith Mancini to possibly utilize the NEAFS site to organize and store educational/training documents including SOP's. Organized by discipline, this would allow us to post useful documents, making them available to all of our members. These could then be used to develop and enhance both employee training as well as our testing protocols. In Drug Chemistry for instance, we could post unknown spectra for review and comments. Our lab has a narcotic tablet database sorted by imprint that is used by law enforcement and DA's to determine possible drug charges. We also would be willing to post our Duquenois Levine validation spreadsheet that contains over 100 tested herbs and spices along with the reaction pictures. Every lab has some great documents that would benefit other labs. By working together and combining our talents we improve our own lab, the profession as a whole, and NEAFS as an organization. If you are interested in contributing please contact me at JWesley@monroecounty.gov.
Jim Wesley

Missing Something

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

B.O.D. Meeting Minutes and Financial Statements will now be placed in the Member Area of the NEAFS website. If you have trouble logging in please contact the web master, webmaster@neafs.org.