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100 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20899**

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## **AGENDA – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2016**

- 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.      **Call to Order/Opening Remarks**  
*Sally Q. Yates, Deputy Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice*  
*Willie May, Ph.D., Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology*
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.      **WORKING LUNCH: Technical Merit Review Panel**  
*Richard Cavanagh, Ph.D., Director, Special Programs Office, National Institute of Standards and Technology*  
*Robert Wielgosz, Ph.D., Director of the Chemistry Department, Bureau International des Poids et Mesures*  
*Jeremy Triplett, M.S., Chair, Organization of Scientific Area Committees, Forensic Science Standards Board*
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.      **BREAK**
- 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.      **Subcommittee on Procedures and Operations Status Report**  
*Dean Gialamas, SPO Member*
- 3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.      **Accreditation and Proficiency Testing Subcommittee Report**  
*Linda Jackson and Patricia Manzolillo, Co-Chairs*  
Final Work Products for Vote: Recommendation on Proficiency Testing; Views on Accreditation Program Requirements; Views on Accreditation of Forensic Science Certification Bodies; Views on Certification of Forensic Science Practitioners  
Introduction of Draft Work Products Open for Public Comment: Recommendation on Accreditation of Digital and Multimedia Forensic Science Service Providers
- 4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.      **Scientific Inquiry and Research Subcommittee Report**  
*Suzanne Bell, Ph.D., and Jeff Salyards, Ph.D., Co-Chairs*  
Final Document for Vote: Recommendation on Technical Merit Evaluation of Forensic Science Methods and Practices
- 5:00 p.m.      **Public Comment Period**
- 5:15 p.m.      **Commission Meeting Adjournment**
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## **AGENDA – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2016**

8:00 a.m. **Call to Order**

8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. **Statistical Statements of Relevance Panel**

*Karen Kafadar, Ph.D., Commonwealth Professor and Chair Department of Statistics, University of Virginia*

*Hari Iyer, Ph.D., Mathematical Statistician, Statistical Engineering Division, National Institute of Standards and Technology*

*Alicia Carriquiry, Ph.D., Distinguished Professor of Statistics, Iowa State University*

*David Kaye, Distinguished Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Research, Pennsylvania State Law*

9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Reporting and Testimony Subcommittee Report**

*Judge Jed Rakoff and Matt Redle, Co-Chairs*

Final Work Products for Vote: Recommendation on Documentation, Case Record and Report Contents

Introduction of Draft Work Products Open for Public Comment:

Views on Statistical Statements in Forensic Testimony

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **BREAK**

10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Human Factors Subcommittee Report**

*Justice Bridget McCormack and Professor Jules Epstein, Co-Chairs*

Final Work Product for Vote: Views on Facilitating Research on Laboratory Performance

Introduction of Draft Work Products Open for Public Comment: Views on Use of Checklists in Forensic Science

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **BREAK**

11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. **WORKING LUNCH: Ethics Issues for NCFS Members**

*Janice Rodgers, Director, Departmental Ethics Office*

*Cynthia Shaw, Deputy Director, Departmental Ethics Office*

12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Medicolegal Death Investigation Subcommittee Report**

*John Fudenberg, Chair*

Final Work Products for Vote: Views on Next of Kin Communication and Interactions during Medicolegal Death Investigations; Recommendation on Formation of a National Office for Medicolegal Death Investigation

Introduction of Draft Work Products Open for Public Comment: Views on Recognizing the Autonomy and Neutrality of Forensic Pathologists; Recommendation on Model Legislation for Medicolegal Death Investigation Systems

1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. **BREAK**

1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	<b>Forensic Science Discipline Review</b> <i>Office of Legal Policy, U.S. Department of Justice</i>
3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	<b>Wrap-Up</b>
3:45 p.m.	<b>Public Comment Period</b>
4:00 p.m.	<b>Commission Meeting Adjournment</b>