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**December 7 - 8, 2015 – House of Sweden, 2900 K Street, Washington, DC**

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## **AGENDA – DECEMBER 7, 2015**

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| 12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. | <b>Call to Order/Opening Remarks</b><br><i>Sally Q. Yates, Deputy Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice</i><br><i>Willie E. May, Ph.D., Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology</i>  |
| 12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.  | <b>WORKING LUNCH: Commission Accomplishments and Upcoming Priorities</b><br><i>Nelson Santos, Vice-Chair</i><br><i>John Butler, Vice-Chair</i><br><i>Office of Legal Policy, Department of Justice</i>   |
| 1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.   | <b>Subcommittee on Procedures and Operations Status Report</b><br><i>Andrew Bruck, Designated Federal Official</i>   |
| 2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.   | <b>BREAK</b>   |
| 2:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.   | <b>OSAC Update</b><br><i>Jeremy Triplett, FSSB Chair</i>   |
| 3:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.   | <b>Reporting and Testimony Subcommittee Report</b><br><i>Judge Jed Rakoff and Matt Redle, Co-Chairs</i><br><u>Final Document for Vote:</u> Views Document on Report Content<br><u>Re-introduction of Draft Work Product Open for Public Comment:</u> Views Document on using the term “Reasonable Degree of Scientific Certainty”<br><u>Status Reports:</u> Work Product on Probabilistic Statements; Views Document on Evidence Preservation and Retention; Pretrial Discovery; Access of Indigents to Defense Experts; Notice and Demand Rules; Judicial Vouching for Expert Witnesses |
| 5:00 p.m.               | <b>Public Comment Period</b>   |
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## **AGENDA - DECEMBER 8, 2015**

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| 9:00 a.m. | <b>Call to Order</b> |
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9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	<p><b><i>Translation of Scientific Research into Forensic Practice</i></b></p> <p><i>Molly Dix, B.S.M.E, M.I.P, Director, Innovation Advisors, RTI International, Forensic Technology Center of Excellence</i></p> <p><i>Fen Zhao, Ph.D., Staff Associate, Strategic Innovation, National Science Foundation, Directorate for Computer &amp; Information Science &amp; Engineering</i></p> <p><i>Peter Marks, M.D., Ph.D., Deputy Director, Food and Drug Administration, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research</i></p> <p><i>Jennifer Shieh, Ph.D., Small Business Coordinator &amp; Program Director, National Institutes of Health, Office of Translational Alliances and Coordination, National Heart Lung Blood Institute</i></p>
10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	<p><b>Scientific Inquiry and Research Subcommittee Report</b></p> <p><i>Suzanne Bell, Ph.D., and Jeff Salyards, Ph.D., Co-Chairs</i></p> <p><u>Introduction of Draft Work Products Open for Public Comment:</u> Views Document on Establishing the Foundational Literature within the Forensic Science Disciplines; Directive Recommendation on Post-Doctoral Projects to Facilitate Translation of Research into Forensic Science Practice</p> <p><u>Status Reports:</u> Accessibility of Scientific Literature; Ph.D. Education Programs; Evaluating the Effectiveness of Scientific Procedures and Practices; Validation of Test Methods</p>
11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	<b>BREAK</b>
11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	<p><b>Interim Solutions Subcommittee Report</b></p> <p><i>Mr. Dean Gialamas and Mr. Peter Neufeld, Co-Chairs</i></p> <p><u>Re-introduction of Draft Work Product Open for Public Comment:</u> Directive Recommendation on the National Code of Professional Responsibility</p> <p><u>Introduction of Draft Work Product Open for Public Comment:</u> Directive Recommendation on Accessibility of Quality Management System Documents</p>
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	<p><b>WORKING LUNCH: Forensic Science Assessments: A Quality and Gap Analysis</b></p> <p><i>Mark Frankel, Ph.D., Director, Scientific Responsibility, Human Rights and Law Program, American Association for the Advancement of Science</i></p> <p><i>Deborah Runkle, Senior Program Associate, Scientific Responsibility, Human Rights and Law program, American Association for the Advancement of Science</i></p>
1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	<p><b>Human Factors Subcommittee Report</b></p> <p><i>Justice Bridget McCormack and Professor Jules Epstein, Co-Chairs</i></p> <p><u>Final Document for Vote:</u> Views Document on Ensuring that Forensic Analysis is Based Upon Task-Relevant Information</p> <p><u>Status Report:</u> The use of Checklists to Reduce Bias</p>
2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	<p><b>Training on Science and Law Subcommittee Report</b></p> <p><i>Judge Barbara Hervey and Professor Jim Gates, Co-Chairs</i></p> <p><u>Final Document for a Vote:</u> Directive Recommendation on National Forensic Science Curriculum</p> <p><u>Status Reports:</u> Assessment Tools; Notification</p>
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<b>BREAK</b>

3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

**Medicolegal Death Investigation Subcommittee Report**

*Vincent DiMaio, M.D. and Mr. John Fudenberg, Co-Chairs*

Status Reports: National Call Center; Model Legislation

3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Accreditation and Proficiency Testing Subcommittee Report**

*Linda Jackson and Patricia Manzollilo, Co-Chairs*

Introduction of Draft Work Product Open for Public Comment: Views

Document on Proficiency Testing in Forensic Science; Views Document on  
Critical Steps to Accreditation

Status Reports: Uniform Policy and Procedures for Accreditation Programs;  
Analyst Certification

4:30 p.m.

**Wrap-Up**

5:00 p.m.

**Public Comment Period**