AGENDA – AUGUST 10, 2015

12:00 p.m. Call to Order/Opening Remarks
Sally Q. Yates, Deputy Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice
Willie E. May, Ph.D., Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. WORKING LUNCH: Ethics Issues for NCFS Members
Janice Rodgers, Director, Departmental Ethics Office
Cynthia Shaw, Deputy Director, Departmental Ethics Office

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Bylaws Subcommittee Status Report

2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. BREAK

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Panel: Exploring Issues Related to Proficiency Testing
Brady W. Mills, Deputy Assistant Director, Law Enforcement Support – Crime Laboratory Service, Texas Department of Public Safety
Christopher J. Czyryca, President, Collaborative Testing Services, Inc.
Jesse Brown, Program Manager – Training, Office of Quality, Initiatives, and Training, Defense Forensic Science Center

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Accreditation and Proficiency Testing Subcommittee Report
Linda Jackson and Patricia Manzolillo, Co-Chairs
Status Reports: Views Document on Proficiency Testing; Critical Steps to Becoming Accredited

5:00 p.m. Public Comment Period

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9:00 a.m. Call to Order

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Scientific Inquiry and Research Subcommittee Report
Suzanne Bell, Ph.D., and Jeff Salyards, Ph.D., Co-Chairs
Status Reports: Directive Recommendation on Blind Proficiency Testing; Ph.D. Education Programs; Recommendation Related to Accessibility of Scientific Literature; Evaluating the Effectiveness of Scientific Procedures and Practices; Validation of Test Methods

10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Interim Solutions Subcommittee Report
Mr. Dean Gialamas and Mr. Peter Neufeld, Co-Chairs
Final Documents for Vote: Views document on AFIS Interoperability; Recommendation on Root Cause Analysis
Status Reports: Views document on a National Code of Professional Responsibility; Recommendation on Transparency of Quality Records

11:15 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.  BREAK

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  Human Factors Subcommittee Report
Justice Bridget McCormack and Professor Jules Epstein, Co-Chairs
Introduction of Draft Work Product Open for Public Comment:
Views document on Ensuring that Forensic Analysis is Based Upon Task- Relevant Information
Status Reports: Views Document on Institutional and Organizational Best Practices; Human Factors Assessment; The use of Checklists to Reduce Bias

12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. WORKING LUNCH: The Netherlands Register of Court Experts:
Experiences and Challenges toward a Forensic Science Quality System Michael Smithuis, Managing Director, Netherlands Register of Court Experts

1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Reporting and Testimony Subcommittee Report
Judge Jed Rakoff and Matt Redle, Co-Chairs
Status Reports: Work Product Probabilistic Statements; Evidence Preservation and Retention

2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. BREAK

3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Medicolegal Death Investigation Subcommittee Report
Vincent DiMaio, M.D. and Mr. John Fudenberg, Co-Chairs
Final Documents for Vote: Increasing the Supply of Forensic Pathologists and Electronic Networking of Medical Examiner and Coroner Offices
Status Reports: National Call Center; Model Legislation

3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Training on Science and Law Subcommittee Report
Judge Barbara Hervey and Professor Jim Gates, Co-Chairs
Introduction of Draft Work Product: National Forensic Science Curriculum
Status Reports: Delivery of Training Programs

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Wrap-Up

5:00 p.m. Adjourn