



NATIONAL COMMISSION ON FORENSIC SCIENCE

NIST
National Institute of
Standards and Technology
U.S. Department of Commerce

August 10 - 11, 2015 – House of Sweden, 2900 K Street, Washington, DC

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 Manzollillo, Co-Chairs
Status Reports: Views Document on Proficiency Testing; Critical Steps to Becoming Accredited
- 5:00 p.m. **Public Comment Period**
-

AUGUST 11, 2015

- 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

Final Documents for Vote: Views Document on Pretrial Discovery of Forensic Materials and Views Document on Testimony Using the Term, “Scientific Certainty”

Introduction of Draft Work Product: Views Document on Report Content

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