Update on Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States: A Decade of Development

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

AGENDA

8:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 Welcome

Jessica Wyndham, Director, Scientific Responsibility, Human Rights and Law Program, AAAS

8:40 Keynote: The Importance of Forensic Science and Its Place in the Scientific Enterprise

Moderator: Deborah Runkle, Senior Program Associate, AAAS
Speaker: Thomas Albright, Professor and Conrad T. Prebys Chair, The Salk Institute for Biological Studies

9:10 Historical Perspectives: What Has Happened Since 2009

Moderator: Joanne Carney, Director, Office of Government Relations, AAAS
Speaker: John Butler, Special Programs Office, NIST

9:30 Federal Agencies: Research and Funding

Moderator: Alicia Carriquiry, Director, Center for Statistics and Applications in Forensic Evidence (CSAFE), Iowa State University
Speakers:
Rebecca Ferrell, Program Director, Division of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences, National Science Foundation
Jonathan McGrath, Policy Analyst, National Institute of Justice
Robert Ramotowski, Special Programs Office, NIST
Eugene Peters, Chief, Counterterrorism & Forensic Science Research, FBI Laboratory

10:45 Break

11:00 Breakthroughs in Foundational Research
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Moderator: Theresa Harris, Project Director, Scientific Responsibility, Human Rights and Law, AAAS

Speakers:
JoAnn Buscaglia (Latent Fingerprints), Research Chemist, Counterterrorism and Forensic Science Research, FBI Laboratory
Robert Thompson (Toolmarks and Firearms), Senior Forensic Science Research Manager, Special Programs Office, NIST

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Keynote: An Australian Viewpoint

Moderator: Anne-Marie Mazza, Senior Director, Committee on Science, Technology and Law, National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine
Speaker: Linzi Wilson-Wilde, Director, National Institute of Forensic Science, Australia

1:30 Breakthroughs in Laboratory Management

Moderator: Sarah Chu, Senior Science Policy Advisor, Innocence Project
Speakers:
Linda Jackson, Director, Virginia Department of Forensic Science
Peter Stout, CEO and President, Houston Forensic Science Center

2:30 Human Factors/Cognitive Bias

Moderator: Steve Pierson, Director of Science Policy, American Statistical Association
Speakers:
John Hollway, Associate Dean and Executive Director of the Quattrone Center, the University of Pennsylvania Law School
Melissa Taylor, Senior Forensic Science Research Manager, Forensic Science and Research Program, NIST

3:15 Break

3:30 What’s Happening in the Courts?
Moderator: Joe Cecil, University of California, Berkeley Law
Speakers:
Mark Larson, Chief Deputy, Criminal Division King County Prosecutor’s Office, Washington
Julia Leighton, General Counsel, Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (retired)
Honorable Bridget McCormack, Chief Justice, Michigan Supreme Court

4:45 Wrap Up: Looking Back and Moving Forward
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Moderator: Glinda Cooper, Director of Science and Research, Innocence Project

Speakers:

Richard Cavanagh, Director, Special Programs Office, NIST
Peter Neufeld, Co-founder, Innocence Project
Jessica Wyndham, Director, Scientific Responsibility, Human Rights and Law Program, AAAS

5:15 Reception