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810 Seventh Street, NW, Washington, DC 20531, Main Ballroom, Room #3101

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## AGENDA – MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017

- 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.      **Call to Order/Opening Remarks**  
*Victor Weedn, M.D., J.D., Senior Forensic Advisor to the Deputy Attorney General*  
*Willie E. May, Ph.D., Director Emeritus, National Institute of Standards and Technology*  
*Kent B. Rochford, Ph.D., Acting Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology*
- 9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.      **Subcommittee on Procedures and Operations (SPO): NCFS Summary Report**  
*Hon. Pam King, NCFS Commissioner, SPO Member*
- 10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.      **Accreditation and Proficiency Testing Subcommittee Report**  
*Linda Jackson and Patricia Manzolillo, Co-Chairs*  
Final Work Products for Vote: Recommendation on Accreditation of Digital and Multimedia Forensic Science Service Providers
- 10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.      **Medicolegal Death Investigation Subcommittee Report**  
*John Fudenberg and Randy Hanzlick, Co-Chairs*  
Final Work Products for Vote: Views on Recognizing the Autonomy and Neutrality of Forensic Pathologists; Recommendation on Model Legislation for Medicolegal Death Investigation Systems
- 11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.      **BREAK (lunch distributed)**
- 11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.      **Human Factors Subcommittee Report**  
*Justice Bridget McCormack and Professor Jules Epstein, Co-Chairs*  
Final Work Product for Vote: Views on Use of Checklists in Forensic Science
- 12:15 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.      **Update on Forensic Science Discipline Review and Uniform Language for Testimony and Reports**  
*Office of Legal Policy, U.S. Department of Justice*
- 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.      **BREAK**
- 1:30 p.m. - 3:05 p.m.      **Scientific Foundations Session #1**
- 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.      *David Allison, Ph.D., Distinguished Professor and Associate Dean of Research and Science, University of Alabama at Birmingham*
- 2:00 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.      *Michael Peat, Ph.D., Editor, Journal of Forensic Science*
- 2:20 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.      *Christopher Palenik, Ph.D., Vice President, Microtrace*
- 2:40 p.m. – 3:05 p.m.      Question and Answers for Scientific Foundations Session #1

- 3:05 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.      **BREAK**
- 3:20 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.      **Scientific Foundations Session #2**
- 3:20 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.      *Eric Lander, Ph.D., Co-Chair, President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology*
- 3:40 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.      *Christophe Champod, Ph.D., Professor of forensic science, University of Lausanne, School of Criminal Justice, Faculty of Law, Criminal Justice and Public Administration*
- 4:00 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.      *Alan I. Leshner, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer, Emeritus, American Association for the Advancement of Science*
- 4:20 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.      Question and Answers for Scientific Foundations Session #2
- 4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.      **Public Comment Period**
- 5:00 p.m.                      **Commission Meeting Adjournment**
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**AGENDA – TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2016**

- 8:30 a.m.                      **Call to Order**
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.      **Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) Survey Update**  
*Matt Durose, Statistician, Bureau of Justice Statistics*  
*Anthony Whyde, Statistician, Bureau of Justice Statistics*
- 9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.      **BREAK**
- 9:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.      **PANEL #1: Research Panel I – Extramural Research**  
*R.E. Gaensslen, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, Forensic Science, University of Illinois at Chicago*  
*Gerald LaPorte, M.S., Director, National Institute of Justice's Office of Investigative and Forensic Sciences*  
*Rebecca Ferrell, Ph.D., Program Director, Biological Anthropology, National Science Foundation*  
*Jose Almirall, Ph.D., Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry and Director, International Forensic Research Institute, Florida International University*  
*Nicholas Petraco, Ph.D., Professor, John Jay University*
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.      **BREAK (lunch distributed)**
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.      **WORKING LUNCH: PANEL #2: Jury Understanding of Statistics**  
*Cedric Neumann, Ph.D., Professor, South Dakota State University*  
*William Thompson, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Criminology, Law & Society, University of California, Irvine*

1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

**Reporting and Testimony Subcommittee Report**

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

Final Work Products for Vote: Views on Report and Case Record Contents

Introduction of Draft Work Products Open for Public Comment:

Views on Statistical Statements in Forensic Testimony

1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**BREAK**

2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**PANEL #3: Research Panel II: Federal Forensic Science Research Initiatives**

*Cary Oien, M.S., Senior Forensic Scientist, Federal Bureau of Investigation*

*Susan Ballou, M.S., Forensic Science Research Program Manager, National*

*Institute of Standards and Technology*

*Julia Dolan, M.S., Chief, Forensic Science Lab-Washington, Bureau of Alcohol,*

*Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives*

3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

**Wrap up**

4:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Public Comment Period**

4:30 p.m.

**Commission Meeting Adjournment**