

THE NATIONAL ACADEMIES
Advisers to the Nation on Science, Engineering, and Medicine

Committee on Identifying the Needs of the Forensic Sciences Community

January 25-26, 2007

National Academy of Sciences
2100 C Street, NW
Washington, DC.
Agenda

OPEN SESSION

January 25, 2007, Board Room

8:30 Welcome and Introductions

Committee Co-chairs: Harry T. Edwards and Constantine Gatsonis

8:45 Charge to Committee

David W. Hagy, Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Policy Coordination, Office of Justice Programs, and Principal Deputy Director, National Institute of Justice

9:10 Discussion

9:30 Importance of Study to the Forensics Community

Joe Polski, Chair, Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations

9:45 Discussion

10:00 Break

10:15 Current State of Forensics: Census of Publicly Funded Forensic Crime Labs

Joseph L. Peterson, Director and Professor, School of Criminal Justice and Criminalistics, California State University

Matthew J. Hickman, U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics

10:45 Discussion

11:15 Overview of Forensics Training and Education

Max Houck, Director of the Forensic Science Initiative, West Virginia University

Larry Quarino, Assistant Professor, Cedar Crest College

12:00 Discussion

12:15 Lunch

1:00 Daily Operations of Forensic Labs

Joseph A. DiZinno - Assistant Director, Laboratory Division, FBI

Jan L. Johnson, Laboratory Director, Illinois State Policy, Forensic Science Center at Chicago

Irma Rios, Assistant Director, City of Houston Crime Lab

2:15 Discussion

2:45 Break

3:00 NIJ Research Program and Budget, Future Needs and Priorities

John Morgan, Deputy Director for Science and Technology, National Institute of Justice

3:20 Discussion

3:45 Views from the Major Forensic Science Organizations: Issues and Challenges

Bruce A. Goldberger, President-Elect, American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS)
Bill Marbaker, President, American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors (ASCLD)
Robert Stacey, President, American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors, Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD-LAB)

Arthur Eisenberg, Board Member, Forensic Quality Services (FQS)
Joe Polski, Chief Operations Officer, International Association for Identification (IAI)
Jamie Downs, Board of Directors and Chair, Government Affairs Committee
National Association of Medical Examiners (NAME)

5:00 Discussion

5:30 Open Session Ends

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January 26, 2007, Board Room

8:00 Continental Breakfast

8:30 Opportunities for Improvement: Critical Areas

Michael Risinger, Professor of Law, Seton Hall Law School
Peter Neufeld, Co-Founder and Co-Director, The Innocence Project
David Stoney, Chief Scientist, Stoney Forensics, Inc.

9:30 Discussion

10:00 Open Session Ends