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NSW Branch Newsletter

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Committee News

Wow! What a fantastic year 2003 was! And it looks like 2004 will be even more eventful, if that 's possible. Many changes have already taken place within the society, and we haven 't even started yet!

The 2004 AGM saw a "changing of the guard", with most of committee positions being relinquished and new members assuming the responsibilities.

A big THANKYOU must go to Allan Hodda for the enormous contributions he made during his 7 years as our President. His leadership has generated a network of enthusiastic volunteers from diverse backgrounds that are able to create many rewarding opportunities for the Society. This type of cohesion is not an easy feat, particularly when working with a group of individuals stereotypically known for their inherent eccentricity! We are fortunate that Allan will not be leaving the committee, but has graciously undertaken the position of Public Officer, and will continue to offer his support to the Society.

We welcome Claude Roux as our new President, and hope that he will find the experience a positive one.

More big THANKYOUs are extended to Rachel Hatch for her meticulous handling of the accounts, and Kirsty McAllister for her diligence in the clerical operations of the Society. Without their hard work, our public nights and forums would not have run so smoothly. We are pleased that Kirsty will stay on as our new Vice President, and that Sarah Robinson will take on the role of Secretary.

Another big THANKYOU is tendered to Tamara Sztynnda for her tireless efforts in bringing the news to you each month. Printing and mailing alone is a mammoth task, and then there is preparing a newsletter! Our new Editor is Shaheen Aumeer-Donovan.

We also have some new faces on the committee who will be introduced in the issues ensuing. We welcome: Shaheen Aumeer-Donovan, Samantha Furlong, Shirleyann Gibbs, Eric Murray and Meiya Sutisno. Take a look at the full list of Committee Members on page 5.

This year already promises many interesting public events and excellent scholarship opportunities.

So let 's hear all about it - On with the news!!

- Ed



President's Report 2003

Welcome to the 33rd Annual General Meeting of the NSW Branch of the Australian and New Zealand Forensic Science Society. This is my 7th Report to the Branch and will be my last since I am ineligible to stand for the position of President this year. I am able to report continued growth of the Branch and of the Society nationally. The Symposium in Wellington has a registration waiting list – a very promising sign of success!

The year has been memorable for many reasons, the diversity of lectures, the topical content of lectures, the level of public contact by the Society, a revision of the Constitution and the continued growth of our membership. The program of last year's events is testimony to the Committee's efforts and enthusiasm. I should make some mention of the disappointment when the December social night had to be cancelled due to the poor response. It was well publicized with regular notes and trivia challenges for almost 6 months prior to the date. The Committee should review this response for future planning, I'm sure any feedback from the membership would be welcomed.

The year has been one of highs and highs! The Committee has been the largest ever, the membership is the largest ever, the attendance at meetings has been the largest ever (partly due to several public meetings) and the money available for Branch fellowships has been the greatest ever! Just as the rules of energy conservation won't allow us to only get energy out of a system without putting an equal amount in, we needed inputs: our Secretary, Kirsty McAlister and Treasurer, Rachel Hatch, were faced with the huge clerical task of registering and banking for over 700 meeting registrants during the year. The Editor, Tamara Szytynda, and her team had approximately 3000 newsletters to print and mail. You may not be surprised to learn that none of these people will be seeking re-election to their respective positions this year! I would like to thank them for the contribution they have made to the Society's success during the year and appreciate their willingness to continue on the Committee.

I must mention the continued success of our forensic careers information day, "Inside the Forensic World". The program was varied as usual and this year we had participation from the University of Western Sydney as well as the University of Technology, Sydney. Registrations were more than last year and it is clear that the schools are now aware of this event and are actively seeking information on when and how to

register. From the Society's point of view: it is reinforcing our role in the public mind and providing a much needed source of information for students. The feedback is nearly always positive, especially the format and the timing (July holidays). The downside is that it is staged on a Saturday and we have to rely on a small band of Committee to give up their Saturday. I thank all of those who helped this year and assure you the day was greatly appreciated by the students and their parents (many traveling from country NSW, as well as some from interstate).

I want to make a brief comment on the public lectures staged this year. I have already mentioned the huge demand on the time of a few members of the Committee but it is important to recognise the role of these presentations in enhancing the ANZFSS image in the public mind. Future Committees should be cautious about the workload they may create for themselves but they should also recognise the benefits these activities bring. On a more banal note, it is noted that the public lectures contributed greatly to the money available for scholarships! I would like to quote a phrase from a letter received from the Director of the FBI recognizing the Society's involvement in the seminar on "Drug Facilitated Sexual Assaults": "I know Mr. Lebeau recognises the significance of important initiatives such as this and of maintaining a co-operative arrangement with NSW officials in the fight against drugs and crime."

Finally, I thank the support of my Committee over the last seven years. I have identified some members earlier but must thank others such as Aldo Severino, your membership officer, who has developed this role superbly. He and Peter Jamieson also make up Tamara's editorial/ mailing team. I also appreciate Claude Roux's assistance, as Vice president, but also our contact at the UTS. He has helped arrange many of our presentations at this venue. Thank you all, the members, for the confidence you have shown in me as President of your flourishing Society.

Allan Hodda
President
18th February 2004



Financial Report 2003

	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Debit</u>
Membership fees:	5655-00*	
Capitation fees:		3078-00
Insurance:		4076-36*
Cards and forms:		826-55
Newsletter, printing and mailing		2352-23
Monthly meeting food:		<u>532-06</u>
		10,865-20
balance		5210-20
<u>Inside Forensic World</u>		
Registrations:	5640-00	
Printing and mailing:		303-18
Catering:		1894-00
Room hire:		330-00
Other (parking):		<u>49-00</u>
		2576-18
balance	3063-82	
<u>C/SI: Operation Aquatic</u>		
Registrations:	4780-00	
Printing and mailing:		292-80
Catering:		635-49
Room hire:		330-00
Speaker costs:		<u>202-00</u>
		1460-29
balance	3319-71	
<u>SX: Investigation of Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault</u>		
Registrations:	2735-00	
Printing/advertising/ mailing:		371-65
Catering:		427-76
Room Hire:		<u>360-00</u>
		1159-41
balance	1575-59	
<u>Christmas Trivia Night</u>		
Printing costs:		111-22
Venue deposit:		<u>300-00</u>
		411-22*
<u>Other Credits</u>		
Meeting fees non-members:	250-00	
Merchandise sales:	<u>527-00</u>	
	777-00	
<u>Other debits</u>		
Scholarships:		6375-00*
PO Box:		133-00
Bank fees:		29-00*
Merchandise purchase:		2846-04*
Other:		<u>112-00</u>
		9,495-04
TOTAL CREDITS:	19,587-00	
TOTAL DEBITS:		25,607-34
TOTAL BALANCE:		6380-34
Bank balance as at 01/01/03	6703-42	
Bank balance as at 31/12/03	9120-55	

During the AGM, the Treasurer made comments on those amounts indicated with an asterisk.

It was indicated that the report is only an outline of the transactions that took place during 2003, and thus does not take into account those transfers that pertained to late 2002, such as some membership renewals, and those transfers that occurred in early 2004, such as scholarship recipients not banking their cheque in 2003.

Consequently, the final balance is not a true reflection of the current financial state of the society, however the treasurer reassures us that the accounts are healthy and we are looking good for 2004!



Other issues:

It is costing yet more to take out insurance, as many disciplines are finding at the moment. It is understandable that insurance is necessary, and particularly important during our flourishing public nights. It's just a shame that it puts such a dent in the budget!

The merchandise purchases are high, but these are expected to be sold after 2003, hopefully boosting the budget next year.

And finally, our Christmas Trivia Night had to be cancelled due to lack of interest, resulting in some non-refundable costs. If you have any theory on why this event was unsuccessful, please contact the Editor and it will be considered in future planning.

Any query about this financial report can be directed to the Editor.





Message From Our New President

I still remember the day when Denise Donlon, then Vice-President, proposed me to take over her duties. It was nearly two years ago and I did not think that I would be thrown in the deep sea so early. At that time Allan Hodda was doing a so great a job that in my mind he was Mr. ANZFSS (NSW) and he would still be there for any foreseeable future.

After thanking the members who trust me as their new President, I will acknowledge Allan's achievements. The Society is in very good shape, dynamic and financially sound. Allan, quite frankly after one Committee meeting and 'ten thousand emails' I don't know how you did it for seven years!

Our Society has been very active and successful in recent years. It seems that 2004 will be a very exciting year again, with great speakers, public nights, new merchandising, etc. The Committee is already working hard, but eventually the success depends on the members' participation.

Forensic Science being multi-disciplinary, the existence of a Society such as ours is crucial to provide a platform for discussion and exchange of ideas. I will give you an example why: Ninhydrin is a chemical reagent used to detect fingerprints on paper. The reaction of ninhydrin with amino acids (one of the major components of the fingerprint secretions) was first discovered in 1910 by Ruhemann. Forensic Science had to wait for 44 years until Oden & von Hofsten suggested its usage for fingerprint detection. During that time the world went through two major conflicts and nobody could 'make two and two'.

I sincerely hope that through the Society activities every member will learn something new, meet someone interesting or simply have a good time. In this era of Information Technology we too often forget the value of real social interaction. Let's the Society be another avenue for it! I wish you a great year and hope to see you soon.

Claude Roux
New President
March 2004

Get To Know Claude



Claude Roux is Professor of Forensic Science and the founding Director of the UTS Centre for Forensic Science. Claude obtained a BSc and then a PhD in Forensic Science from the University of Lausanne, Switzerland. Claude's professional interests cover a broad

spectrum of disciplines which are aimed at understanding and solving analytical and interpretative problems encountered in Forensic Science. These include trace evidence (fibres, paint, glass etc), document examination (inks, toners), fingerprints and other forms of physical evidence.

Claude has supervised more than 40 completed forensic research projects since at UTS, and is currently leading a research group of 20 PhD and 25 Honours students. He has been invited as keynote speaker at a number of international conferences. He has published more than 35 refereed papers and 7 book chapters in three different textbooks. He has presented 90 refereed and more than 25 invited/lightly refereed conference papers. He has attracted \$2.5M in competitive research grants.

Claude is involved in a number of European, American and Australian forensic working groups. In particular, he is a world member of the European Fibres Group, ENFSI, and an invited member of the Scientific Working Group for Materials Analysis (SWGMAT), FBI. Claude is also the President of the Australian and New Zealand Association of Forensic Science Educators.

Claude became a member of the Australian & New Zealand Forensic Science Society soon after his arrival at UTS in 1996, and joined the Committee of the NSW Branch soon after.

Except Forensic Science, Claude's passions are soccer (his European heritage), which generally prompts passionate discussion with the Society Treasure, Peter Jamieson, and the beach (proof of his successful 'Australianisation'). He also loves spending time with his family, even sharing a common point with Allan Hodda, our former President: both have two daughters...He says that perhaps this is another reason why most Forensic Science graduates are female!

There is no doubt that Claude's strong professional background coupled with a wily sense of humour will benefit the society immensely.



The New NSW Branch Committee

President: Claude Roux

Vice President: Kirsty McAllister

Treasurer: Peter Jamieson

Secretary: Sarah Robinson

Merchandise: Alison Sears

Newsletter Editor: Shaheen Aumeer-Donovan

Memberships: Aldo Severino

Public Officer: Allan Hodda

Committee Members: Anna Borowitzka
Donnah Day
Michael Dawson
Denise Donlon
Samantha Furlong
Shirleyann Gibbs
Eric Murray
Samantha Stewart
Meiya Sutisno
Tamara Szytynda
Ross Vining
James Wallman
Ian White

New Committee Member Profile: Meiya Sutisno - Forensic Anatomist

Meiya is a forensic anatomist with a passion for faces. That is why she chose to specialise in the area of Facial Identification.

A graduate of the University of Sydney, Meiya has a Bachelor of Science with Honours in Forensic Anatomy (1994) and Doctor of Philosophy in Medicine (2003). Through her Honours and PhD research, Meiya developed skills in facial reconstruction and facial mapping for the purpose of establishing positive identification.

Meiya has given numerous presentations, seminars, interviews and workshops in Australia and abroad. She has also provided expert assistance to Police on a number of occasions to identify suspects from surveillance footage (Facial Mapping) and unknown persons from the skull (Facial Reconstruction).

Recently Meiya was commissioned by ABC TV to do a facial reconstruction of the "Ned Kelly's skull" for the new show *"History Detectives"*. As in all detective mysteries, this project provided many twists and turns and the show must be watched to be believed!



New Lifetime Members

The NSW Branch congratulates our newly ratified Lifetime Members and thank them for their many contributions.

Graham COOK
Henry DELAFORCE
Norm PIPER

Welcome to New Society Members

The NSW Branch extends a warm welcome to our newly ratified members:

Kirsten ADELSTEIN
Michelle BOONZAIER
Katarina BURDA
Ben CABOT
Despina DASKALAKIS
Rebecca KALAUNI
Alison McDONALD



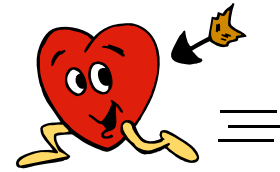
Aspects of Stalking - Dr Steven Allnutt Public Night 18-Feb-04

For those of you who missed this public night, we were pleased to have Dr Steven Allnutt present an informative and well-referenced talk on some aspects of stalking.

He took us through the definitions of stalking and explained how inappropriate the current legislation is since its ambiguity allows much room for perpetrators to escape punishment. A look into the psychosocial implications of stalking teamed with examples from real cases illustrated how serious an impact stalking can have on the victim.

Dr Allnutt then gave us an insight into the types of people that stalk and their motivations; what a victim can do if they are being stalked; and what preventative measures can be taken to avoid such a situation altogether.

We are grateful to Dr Allnutt for providing this highly educational and entertaining presentation.



Dr Allnutt has a Medical Degree from Stellenbosch University in South Africa, studied psychiatry at McMaster University in Canada and gained Postgraduate Forensic Psychiatry Training at Ottawa University in Auckland New Zealand for 4^{1/2} years. Since coming to Australia he has been Clinical Director of Forensic Psychiatry Services at Long Bay Hospital and is now a senior lecturer in Psychiatry at UNSW.

He has published in the area of sexual deviancy and the paraphilias, homicide and mental illness, and stalking. His main areas of interest are: homicides by the mentally ill, stalking, threat and sexual harassment risk management, ethics of forensic report writing and expert testimony.

If you would like more information from Dr Allnutt, please contact the Editor, and your interest will be forwarded.

Upcoming Public Night - 26th March Forensic Science at UTS: Ten Years of Innovation

The NSW Branch in conjunction with the University of Technology, Sydney (UTS) are holding a public night to celebrate the 10th anniversary of undergraduate teaching of Forensic Science in Australia.

The contribution of UTS to improving scientific expertise in NSW has been prolific, and the quality of speakers will exemplify this:

Stephanie Hales, a UTS Graduate currently working for the NSW Police Service, who will be talking about gunshot residues and counter-terrorism in NSW.

Dr. Naomi Jones, a UTS Graduate currently working for the Australian Federal Police, will be speaking on Australia's contribution to latent fingerprint development.

Prof. Olivier Ribaux, from the School of Forensic Science, University of Lausanne. Olivier is a world authority on forensic intelligence and intelligence-led policing. He argues that a better conceptualisation of how to integrate forensic case data with other types of criminal information is needed. Olivier's presentation will provide actual examples that will illustrate the arguments and suggest directions for research.

Suresh Sood, Co-Director of the Complex Systems Research Centre, UTS, and **David Enwistle**, General Manager from NetMap Analytics. They will describe how NetMap, a software tool to analyse situations characterized by complexity, was used by police to solve the Belanglo backpacker murders. Capable of untangling complex information webs, NetMap enabled the investigators to narrow a field of 18 million potential suspects to just 32, among whom was backpacker murderer Ivan Milat.

The talks will go from 7-10pm, and are held in the University Hall, Building 4, UTS Broadway (Harris Street)



Don't forget to book your place and obtain an allocation number with the switchboard: telephone (02)9646-0222 9am-5pm weekdays.



Upcoming ANZFSS Symposium March 27 - April 4, Wellington NZ

The NSW Branch will have a strong representation going to NZ for the ANZFSS Symposium. If you are among the delegates, check out these excellent posters and presentations by NSW Branch members:

Plenary Sessions:

Chris Griffiths (Wednesday, 9:00am)
"Bali Bombing Plenary Session"

Short Papers:

Katarina Burda (Monday, 2:15pm)
"Ink factory worker guilty of murdering boss - Case study"

Shari Forbes (Monday, 2:30pm)
"Postmortem interval - New research for determining time since death"

Ben Cabot (Monday, 3:30pm)
"Identification of accelerants using an artificial neural network"

Glenn Wilcher (Monday, 4:00pm)
"Radiographic identification of human remains"

Sonia Casamento (Monday, 4:15pm)
"Portable instruments at the fire scene - Are they useful?"

Christie Wallace (Tuesday, 11:30am)
"Characterisation and optimisation of reaction of 1,2-indanedione with amino acids and its application to fingerprint casework"

Katherine Flynn (Tuesday, 12:00pm)
"The evaluation of spray reagents for the detection of latent fingerprints at the crime scene"

Gemma Payne (Tuesday, 12:15pm)
"Detection and enhancement of latent fingerprints using visible absorption and luminescence chemical imaging"

Jennifer Raymond (Tuesday, 2:30pm)
"DNA: Just any other trace evidence?"

Shaheen Aumeer-Donovan (Tuesday, 2:30pm)
"The generation of a standard fingerprint for quality assurance purposes - Current standards and recommendations"

Rebecca Watt (Tuesday, 2:30pm)
"The influence of front-loading and top-loading washing machines on the redistribution of textile fibres"

Claude Roux (Tuesday, 2:45pm)
"Do you have any figures to place in these equations? Or the interpretation odyssey of a mathematically challenged forensic scientist"

Philip Maynard (Tuesday, 4:15pm)
"Can cigarettes start bushfires?"

Meiya Sutisno (Tuesday, 4:15pm)
"Facial soft tissue thickness in Australian Caucasoids"

Meiya Sutisno (Tuesday 4:30pm)
"Who was Harry?"

Stephanie Hales (Wednesday, 11:45am)
"Use of Ion Mobility Spectroscopy (IMS) for detection of GSR in shooting investigations"

Stephanie Hales (Wednesday 12:15pm)
"Contamination prevention procedures and their effect on laboratory background levels of GSR"

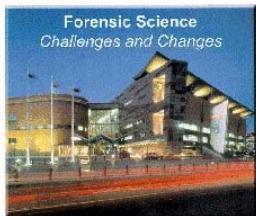
Shaheen Aumeer-Donovan (Wednesday, 12:15pm)
"Quality in Australian forensic science"

Simon Walsh (Wednesday, 1:30pm)
"Legal perceptions of forensic DNA profiling: A review of significant literature and Australasian jurisprudence"

Susan Bennett (Wednesday, 4:00pm)
"Hair and fibre examinations in NSW"

Tony Raymond / Susan Johns (Wednesday, 4:15pm)
"ASCLD-SMANZFL: The forging of a bilateral agreement - An opportunity for business improvements"

Gemma Payne (Wednesday, 4:45pm)
"Evaluation of the CI Trace for fibre analysis"



Simon Walsh (Thursday, 12:00pm)

"Understanding the role of forensic DNA profiling in the context of crime, crime investigation, criminology, and the criminal justice system"

Katherine Flynn (Thursday, 3:45pm)

"Forensic applications of infrared chemical imaging"

Donnah Day (Thursday, 4:00pm)

"Temperature and development in Calliphora Augur and other findings from larval blowfly growth rate research"

Rebecca Watt (Thursday, 4:15pm)

"The population of coloured textile fibres in domestic washing machines"

Claude Roux (Thursday, 4:30pm)

"The expanding horizons and increasing relevance of forensic science education"

Posters:

Vivien Beilby

"Heterozygote imbalance in hair samples"

Panagiota Caragianni

"Fast tracking the screening of SAIKS for the presence of semen"

Carole Field

"An investigation into the retrieval of DNA from motor vehicles"

Emma Griffiths

"A comparative study of DNA amplification systems"

David Kessly

"The NSW Forensic Database experience"

Simon Walsh

"A validation study of the ABACard Hema Trace for the forensic identification of human blood"

Sharon Neville

"Casework review of the relationship between hair root growth phase and successful nuclear DNA typing"

Sarah Robinson

"Novel Australasian genotypes at the HUMD21S11 locus"

Deborah Scott

"DNA testing of cartridges: Is it warranted?"

Cassandra Wendt

"Validation of STR loci on Amersham/Molecular Dynamics MegaBACE Fragment Analyzer"

Kirsty McAllister

"Court challenges to DNA evidence in Australia"

Katherine Flynn

"Applications of infrared chemical imaging to questioned document examinations"

Gemma Payne

"Ballpoint and rollerball ink analysis using the Condor Chemical Imaging System", and "Chemical imaging applications to the analysis of forensic evidence"

Christie Wallace

"Development of a rubber stamp for fingerprint research", and "Fingerprints on porous surfaces - a survey"

Philip Maynard

"Arson analysis using solid phase micro-extraction"

Stephanie Hales

"Use of the Scanning Electron Microscope for the analysis of gunshot residue"

Anna Borowitzka

"Training new forensic staff - A study of trainees in the NSW forensic biology laboratory"

Claude Roux

"The forensic examination of paint chip samples"

Glyn Hansen

"The determination of GHB and two related compounds in biological and non-biological exhibits"

Juuso Huttunen

"The Australian Illicit Drug Intelligence Program", and "AIDIP Signature 4 Program"

All information on this symposium is available via the website:

<http://www.anzfss2004.org.nz/index.htm>

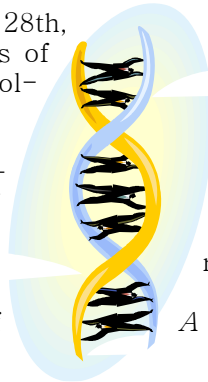


Advanced Notice: Upcoming Public Night - 28th April ANZFSS NSW Branch Scholarship Winners

Our April Public Night will be held on the 28th, and we will hear from the lucky recipients of the ANZFSS Symposium NSW Branch Scholarships:

Kirsty McAllister: Institute of Clinical Pathology and Medical Research, Division of Analytical Laboratories

Sarah Robinson: Institute of Clinical Pathology and Medical Research, Division of Analytical Laboratories



Simon Walsh: Associate Lecturer in Forensic Biology, Centre for Forensic Science, Department of Cell and Molecular Biology, University of Technology, Sydney

The trio are specialists in DNA Evidence, and will each give us an insight into their respective areas of research.

A brochure will be mailed to you shortly

Inter-Society News: NSW Association of Fire Investigators, Inc Evening Education Meeting - Electrical Causes of Fire

The NSW Association of Fire Investigators, Inc. are holding an evening education meeting on Thursday 1st April, 2004 at 6:30pm (for 7:00pm), at Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club, Ryedale Road, West Ryde.

The speaker will be John Gardner BSc (Eng) Elec (UNSW), CPEng, MIE (Aust).

John is a consultant electrical engineer who is frequently involved in determining the true cause of fires which are suspected to be of electrical origin. He is a well-known member of the AFI and will share some of his wealth of knowledge and experience in this difficult area of fire investigation.

His talk will cover the common mechanisms by which electrical faults and malfunctions can start fires, some of the diagnostic features by which they can be recognised and the problems encountered in determining whether an electrical fault caused a fire or vice-versa.

There will be an opportunity for hands-on study of some typical effects produced by electrical faults which have started fires or had the potential to do so.



This is a rare chance for fire scene examiners from all disciplines to learn from an expert in one of the most demanding aspects of origin and cause determination. It is also a valuable opportunity for those commissioning or overseeing investigations, such as insurers and police officers, to understand how and when electrically-initiated fires occur and why they are not as common as people sometimes think!

Feel free to bring a friend or colleague!

*For further information, contact the association:
Norman Hewins (Secretary): 0418 654 584
Richard Woods (President): 0418 290 519
Email: firefly_511@bigpond.com*

Fun Forensics

“ You must be a forensic scientist if... ”

...you lift prints from a soft drink can your teenage daughter's new boyfriend was holding and run it through AFIS...

...you perform screening tests on tomato stains, just in case...

...you run experiments to determine the transfer and persistence of fibres before buying a new jumper...

Send the Editor your “ you must be a forensic scientist if... ” entries and go into a draw to win a \$20 voucher to spend on our excellent ANZFSS Merchandise!

All entries will be published in upcoming newsletters.





Message From the Forensic Educators

After remarkable development during the past 2 decades, the field of forensic science continues to expand and diversify. The impact of this expansion is significant. Among other consequences, forensic science has emerged as an academic discipline in its own right. There is an increased responsibility for the forensic science community to ensure that development, education and research occur with an emphasis on the principles and applications of forensic science. But a balance must be struck because it is also recognised that academic programs and education packages can, and even should, be diverse.

The Australian and New Zealand Association of Forensic Educators was established to facilitate the expansion and integration of forensic science education in Australia and New Zealand. The Rules of Associations were accepted in February 2003 and the association committee is composed of:

- Prof Claude Roux (UTS) (President)
- Dr Douglas Elliot (Auckland) (Vice President)
- Geoff Bell (CIT)
- A/Prof Dennis Burns (Griffith)
- A/Prof Ian Dadour (UWA)
- Dr Simon Lewis (Deakin)
- Dr Adam McCluskey (Newcastle)
- Dr Stewart Walker (Flinders)
- Anna Davey (NIFS)
- Paul Stewart (SMANZFL)



To reach its goals, the association is seeking membership from the broad forensic community, including from staff from government laboratories and Police services involved in training and education. Postgraduate students are also encouraged to become members if they participate in teaching activities (e.g. demonstrating). However, this Association does not intend to target undergraduate students who should rather be encouraged to join their local ANZFSS branch.

NIFS hosts an email list that we hope will become a dynamic forum for the association (educators@nifs.com.au). Access to the list is restricted and "bona fide" educators should send an email to clauderoux@uts.edu.au or anna@nifs.com.au to become a member. Please circulate this information among the forensic community.

Education will be an important theme at the Wellington conference and a number of overseas guests will be attending, including Prof. Peter White (ex-Strathclyde) and Olivier Ribaux (University of Lausanne). Others have also expressed their interest in attending. We all look forward to seeing you in NZ or meeting you online on the educators email list.

Great Buys

There is some fantastic merchandise now available from the society – take a look at these!!

We have:

- Mugs
- Keyrings
- T-Shirts
- Bags
- Mouse Mats
- Beach Towels (also double for amusing floor rugs)
- Caps
- Rulers
- Pens
- Beer Coolers
- Drink bottles

These are great gift ideas for those people that are hard to buy gifts for!

Also now in stock, some excellent ladies v-neck fitted style t-shirts (\$20), coffee mugs with the chalk outline (\$12), and chalk outline keyrings (\$12).

Inquire about these at any public event or via email.





Advanced Notices

NIFS Workshops in Sydney:
Contact Anna Davey (anna@nifs.com.au)

June 2004:
 "Provision of Expert Evidence"

20 September – 22 September 2004:
 "AmaLite Armoureres Course"

Conferences in Australia:

1 August – 5 August 2004, Sydney
 "15th World Congress on Medical Law"
www.tourhosts.com.au/wcml

15 August – 21 August 2004, Brisbane
 "XXII International Congress of Entomology –
 Strength in Diversity"
www.ccm.com.au/icoe/index.html?section=meetings&p

9 November – 12 November 2004, Sydney
 "7th World Congress of Bioethics"
Www.bioethicsworldcongress.com

14 February – 16 February 2005, Melbourne
 "1st International Conference on the Removal or
 Destruction of Highly Toxic Chemical and Bio-
 logical Contamination"
www.dst.defence.gov.au/corporate/conferences/

Conferences in the UK:

23 April – 25 April 2004, Nottingham Hotel:
 "Forensic Science Society Spring Meeting:
 Scene it... Done it"
conferences@forensic-science.fsbusiness.co.uk

8 August – 13 August 2004, Glasgow
 "17th International Conference On Alcohol,
 Drugs and Traffic Safety T2004"
www.icadts2004.com

Conferences in the USA:

27 April – 29 April 2004, Washington DC
 "Scanning 2004"
www.scanning.org

22 August – 26 August 2004, St Louis
 "IAI Annual Educational Conference"
conference@theiai.org

28 August – 3 September 2004, Washington DC
 "2004 FBI Laboratory Forensic Toxicology
 Symposium and Joint Meeting SOFT and
 TIAFT"
mlebeau@cox.net

Conferences in Greece:

23 May – 29 May 2004, Crete
 "The Greek Conference 2004 – Professional
 Responsibilities – Where to Now?"
www.greekconference.com.au

29 May – 4 June 2005, Mykonos
 "10th Greek/Australian International Legal
 and Medical Conference"
www.lmconference.com.au

Conference in Italy:

11 June – 12 June 2004, Calabria
 "Mediterranean Academy of Forensic Sci-
 ences"
www.simef.com

Conference in Hong Kong:

21 August – 26 August 2005
 "17th International Association of Forensic
 Sciences"
No contact information available as yet

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Final words:

**"Remember, if you're not part of the solution,
 you're part of the precipitate!"**

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