What Is OSAC Up To?
A Behind the Scenes Look
• June 5, 2019 •

MEETING PLAN:
The Organization of Scientific Area Committees for Forensic Science (OSAC) works to strengthen the nation’s use of forensic science by facilitating the development of scientifically sound forensic science standards and by promoting the adoption of those standards by the forensic science community. OSAC has over 550 members and 250 affiliates that work together to develop and evaluate forensic science standards via a transparent, consensus-based process that allows for participation and comment by all stakeholders.

This event will feature presentations from the Chairs of the five Scientific Area Committees (SAC), three Resource Committees, the Statistics Task Group, and Forensic Science Standards Board (FSSB). Each presenter will describe their OSAC unit’s activities including the latest standards under development, research gaps identified, challenges being addressed, and priorities for the year.

WEDNESDAY – JUNE 5

8:30 AM: Forensic Science Standards Board (FSSB) Update
Steve Johnson, Chair, FSSB

8:45 AM: TITLE
William Thompson, Chair, Human Factors Committee

9:00 AM: TITLE
Chris Plourd, Chair, Legal Resource Committee

9:15 AM: TITLE
Karin Athanas, Chair, Quality Infrastructure Committee

9:30 AM: TITLE
Will Guthrie, Chair, Statistics Task Group

9:45 AM: Q&A -- BREAK
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10:00 AM: TITLE
Robyn Ragsdale, Chair, Biology/DNA SAC
(including activities from the Biological Methods, Biological Data Interpretation and Reporting, and the Wildlife Forensics Subcommittees)

11:00 AM: TITLE
Jose Almirall, Chair, Chemistry/Instrumental Analysis SAC
(including activities from the Fire Debris & Explosives, Geological Materials, Gunshot Residue, Materials (Trace), Seized Drugs, and Toxicology Subcommittees)

12:00 PM: Q&A -- LUNCH BREAK

1:00 PM: TITLE
Greg Davis, Chair, Crime Scene/Death Investigation SAC
(including activities from the Anthropology, Crime Scene Investigation, Disaster Victim Identification, Dogs and Sensors, Fire and Explosion Investigation, Medicolegal Death Investigation, and Odontology Subcommittees)

2:00 PM: TITLE
Richard Vorder Bruegge, Chair, Digital/Multimedia SAC
(including activities from Digital Evidence, Facial Identification, Speaker Recognition, and Video/Imaging Technology and Analysis Subcommittees)

3:00 PM: TITLE
Melissa Gische, Chair, Physics/Pattern Interpretation SAC
(including activities from the Bloodstain Pattern Analysis, Firearms and Toolmarks, Footwear and Tire, Forensic Document Examination, and Friction Ridge Subcommittees)

4:00 PM: NIST Update
Karen Reczek, Ex-Officio, NIST

4:30 PM: ADJOURN