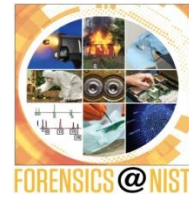


**MEASUREMENT SCIENCE AND STANDARDS IN FORENSIC
HANDWRITING ANALYSIS CONFERENCE & WEBCAST
IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS
June 4-5, 2013**



Overview

We have several important announcements regarding the Measurement Science and Standards in Forensic Handwriting Analysis Conference & Webcast that starts at 9:00AM Eastern Time on June 4-5, 2013, at NIST in Gaithersburg, Maryland. There is a link to launch the live streaming webcast on the conference website: <http://www.nist.gov/oles/handwriting.cfm>. In addition, all materials needed for the webcast are located on the conference website.

Please bring your smartphones with you to the conference or webcast to answer poll questions or submit questions to the presenters using your smartphone web browser. We intend to ask poll questions during the webcast to seek feedback from the on-site audience and webcast viewers using survey monkey. We would prefer to receive responses from individual viewers rather than a single response from each laboratory. Responses to these poll questions will be anonymous and will be presented during the webcast in aggregate form only.

Information Technology Requirements & Testing Options

Many of the webcast viewers will be from law enforcement agencies that employ firewalls on their network. In order to test to see if your agency is able to view the live webcast we have provided the following two options:

1. On Monday, June 3rd from 9:00AM – Noon (Eastern Time) we will be streaming content to the media player for agencies to test their systems. Directions: Load the conference website: <http://www.nist.gov/oles/handwriting.cfm> and click “Link to the Conference Webcast”. This will load the browser & media player to test your system during that specific time period.
2. We will start the actual live webcast feed at 8:30AM eastern time (30 minutes prior to the actual start) on Tuesday, June 4th for agencies to fine tune their ability to view the webcast.

Minimum System Requirements: To review webcast system requirements prior to the event: <http://www.nist.gov/itl/iad/upload/Min-Requirements-for-NIST-Webcasts.pdf>

Screen Resolution: Webcast viewers watching the streaming video on a large conference screen may notice that the image is somewhat pixilated. This is because of the size of the streaming files that are being broadcast. Ideally, webcasts are designed to watch on a typical computer screen however there may be benefits to watching this webcast in a group setting to discuss the content.

21 Second Delay: There is a 21 second delay in the webcast feed to your computers from NIST so there may be slight delays in addressing questions from the webcast viewers. We encourage webcast viewers with questions for specific speakers to email in those questions BEFORE the end of the speaker’s presentation so we can properly queue the questions and minimize the impact of the 21 second time delay.

Materials to Bring to the Webcast or Workshop

Printable Slides: On **Monday June 3, 2013 by noon**, you will be able to access PDFs of the *workshop slides* from the conference website to print your slides of interest. Please note that not all presenters have provided copies of their slides for posting.

Smartphones for Live Poll Questions & Asking Questions: Please bring your smartphones to the conference & webcast. For those of you viewing the webcast in a group setting with a single computer feed displaying the material in a conference room, please bring your smart phones to the webcast. We will have live poll questions through survey monkey and would like to receive feedback from individual attendees rather than a single response per laboratory. The responses to these poll questions will be anonymous and presented during the webcast in aggregate form only. The poll questions can be accessed using a typical smartphone's (including iPhones) web browser. A link will be provided during the conference.

Other Important Announcements

Registration for Webcast Viewing: Registration to view the webcast is open until COB June 3rd and onsite attendance registration is now closed.

Workshop Questions: If you have a question during the webcast, please email forensic@nist.gov to ask the question. This email address will be used to compile webcast questions for the presenters to address during the live broadcast.

Twitter Feed: For those individuals that want to participate in the Twitter discussion during the webcast, please use the hashtag: **#NISTForensics**.

Archiving Webcast: NIST will archive this webcast for future viewing. It will be posted on a public NIST website within 1 week of the live webcast and be available for 6 months of freely-available on-demand viewing. An announcement will be sent to all registered participants announcing the availability of the on-demand material once it is posted on the conference website.

Certificates of Attendance: All on-site attendees and webcast viewers must register to receive certificates of attendance for this event.

Summary of links:

1. Conference website for registration, agenda, slides & **WEBCAST LAUNCH:**
<http://www.nist.gov/oles/handwriting.cfm>
2. Web System Requirements: : <http://www.nist.gov/it/iad/upload/Min-Requirements-for-NIST-Webcasts.pdf>
3. Email address to ask questions: forensic@nist.gov
4. Twitter Feed: #NISTForensics