The 73rd Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) will be held February 15-20, 2021, in Houston, Texas. The Program Committee solicits the submission of abstracts on topics of interest to the forensic science community. September 1, 2020, is the deadline for the submission of abstracts.

Scientific papers selected for presentation will be divided into two groups:
- **Platform Presentation** (standard scientific session)
- **Poster Session**

The Program Committee will select appropriate abstracts from those submitted by the September 1, 2020, deadline.

Abstracts of papers must be submitted on the official abstract form that accompanies this announcement. Specific format and content requirements for the abstracts are noted on the form. A current copy of the presenting author’s curriculum vitae must be attached to the original abstract form.

To submit your abstract online, go to the AAFS website at: www.aafs.org.

**Notification of Acceptance**

Notification of Acceptance will be mailed to all presenting authors by November 15, 2020. Meeting registration materials will be sent to presenting authors.

**Oral Presentations**

**Time**

The final determination as to the length of time that will be allocated to a specific paper rests with the Section Program Chair. However, 15-minute presentations are standard.

**Poster Presentations**

**Preparation**

Authors have complete freedom to choose ways of displaying their information in figures, tables, text, photographs, etc. However, they should avoid crowding too much information into a limited space. The poster may be augmented by the use of manuscripts and sketch pads with marking pens.

**Abstract Length**

A single-spaced, one-page length document containing a minimum of 400 words to a maximum of 700 words is required. Please attach additional sheet(s) if needed.

**Key Words**

Each author is to provide three key words or terms in the space provided on the abstract form.
A short specific title.

A brief statement of how your presentation will impact the attendees.

A general statement of conclusion, if possible.

Complete the Post Graduate Institute for Medicine Conflict of Interest Form for Faculty, Planners, and Managers of CME/CE Proceedings.

Below are recommended guidelines for preparing your presentation:

1. The title, names of authors with respective degree(s), and addresses must be stated exactly as you wish them to appear in publication as received, the abstract will be returned to the author for correction, revision, or completion.

2. Type abstract single spaced, 10-point type size, and return it along with a copy on disk.

3. Type all copy, including title, in upper and lower case; capitalize and punctuate exactly as you wish the abstract to appear in the publication.

4. Exercise care in preparing the abstract. If unsuitable for publication, the abstract will be returned to the author.


**1. Presentation Choice:**
- [ ] Oral
- [ ] Poster
- [ ] Breakfast Seminar
- [ ] Luncheon
- [ ] YFSF Poster

**2. Section Selection:** Please circle the session in which you desire to present a paper: Anthropology, Criminalistics, Digital & Multimedia Sciences, Engineering & Applied Sciences, General, Jurisprudence, Odontology, Pathology/Biology, Psychiatry & Behavioral Science, Questioned Documents, Toxicology, Last Word Society.

**3. I am willing to present this submission as either an oral or poster presentation:**
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

**4. If this submission is determined to be better suited for another section, I am willing to have this submission automatically transferred to a “pool” for other sections to review:**
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

**5. I am willing to present this submission as a YFSF Poster:**
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

**6. Abstract should be considered for (check all that apply):**
- [ ] Anthropology Ellis R. Kerley Award
- [ ] Anthropology J.L. Angel Student Award
- [ ] DMS* Outstanding Research Award
- [ ] DMS* Outstanding Case Study Award
- [ ] FSF Emerging Forensic Scientist Award
- [ ] Pathology/Biology Forensic Scientist Trainee Paper Award (publication-ready manuscript required)
- [ ] Pathology/Biology Best Resident Paper Award (publication-ready manuscript required)
- [ ] Toxicology Section Best Poster Award
- [ ] FSF Henry C. Lee Scholarship
- [ ] FSF Student Affiliate Scholarship
- [ ] General Section Robert Gaffney Achievement Award
- [ ] Forensic Biologist
- [ ] Henry C. Lee Scholarship
- [ ] Forensic Pathologist
- [ ] Pathology/Biology Best Paper Award (publication-ready manuscript required)
- [ ] Pathology/Biology Best Resident Paper Award (publication-ready manuscript required)
- [ ] Toxicsology Section Best Poster Award

**7. Co-Author(s) Name(s), Address(es), and Business Affiliation:**
(attach additional sheet if required)

**8. Has this paper been presented or published before?**
- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No

If yes, where and when?

**9. Audio/Visual Requirements:** Each room will be equipped with a screen, electronic pointer, lectern microphone, and an LCD projector. All additional equipment must be requested and is subject to approval by the Section Chair.

**Other Equipment Requested:**

**10. AAFS Policy on Full Disclosure of Faculty Financial Interests or Relationships**

It is the policy of the Continuing Education Program of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences to ensure balance, independence, objectivity, and scientific rigor in all its educational activities. All faculty participating in these programs are expected to disclose to the program audiences: (1) any real or apparent conflict(s) of interest related to the content of their presentations, (2) discussion of unapproved (unlabeled) uses of pharmaceuticals/medical devices, and (3) ongoing research (preliminary) data. The intent of this disclosure is not to prevent a speaker with a financial or other relationship from making a presentation, but rather to provide listeners with information on which they can make their own judgments about the presentation. Additionally, disclosure for you and/or your spouse should include any relationships with entities that resell, distribute, and/or market health care products used on or by patients. It is also the policy of the AAFS that all speakers must disclose whether non-FDA approved uses of pharmaceutical products or medical devices are included in the presentation. In keeping with this procedure, the faculty or presenter is required to complete and sign the following disclosure statements:

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Date
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**AUTHORS**
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*Please state what the attendee can expect to learn, retain, or implement into his or her practice.*

**OUTCOME**

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