

Communicating Forensic Findings Workshop: Current Practices and Future Directions

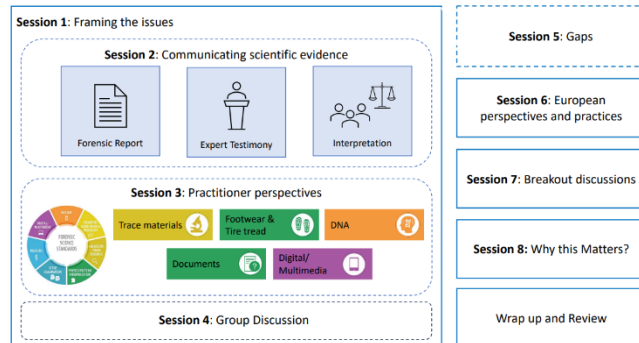
(June 25-26, 2024; Rockville, Maryland)

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Planned Agenda

June 25th AM – Communicating Forensic Findings

- Registration 8-8:30am (coffee/tea)
- Session 1: **Framing the Issues 8:30-9:45am**
 - **Sandy Koch** – NIST (SPO)
 - **John Butler** – NIST (SPO)
 - **Judge J. Michael Ryan** - DC Superior Court
 - **Hal Stern** – UC Irvine/CSAFE
 - **Steve Lund/Hari Iyer** – NIST (SED)
- Break 9:45-10am
- Session 2: **Communicating Results in Forensic Reports and Testimony 10am-12pm**
 - **Julie Burrill** – Alan Alda Center for Science Communication
 - **Heidi Eldridge** – George Washington University
 - **Kristy Martire** – University of New South Wales (Australia)
 - **Clinton Hughes** – Brooklyn Defender Services
- Lunch break 12-1pm



June 25th PM – Current Practices and Future Needs in Understanding Forensic Results

- Session 3: **Practitioner Perspectives (LR and OSAC Interpretation Scales) 1-3pm**
 - **Jarrah Kennedy**: Kansas City PD Crime Lab, DNA
 - **Tatiana Trejos**: West Virginia University, Trace Evidence
 - **David Kanaris**: Alaska State Crime Lab, Footwear
 - **Lora Sims**: Ideal Innovations, Digital & Multimedia
 - **Miriam Angel**: Los Angeles PD, Documents
- Break 3-3:15pm
- Session 4: **Discussion Session part 1: Terminology 3:15-4:45pm** (Moderator: **Melissa Taylor**)
- Wrap up of Day 1 with invitation to continue collegial discussions into the evening **4:45-5pm**
Evening informal mixer off-site (Yard House restaurant within walking distance of hotel) starting at 5:30pm

June 26th AM – Exploring Gaps and European Perspectives

- Session 5: **Gaps and How to Fill Them 8:30-10:15am**
 - **Bill Thompson** – UC Irvine/CSAFE
 - **Kate Philpott**- Virginia Commonwealth University
 - **Dan Rabinowitz** – Columbia University
 - **JD Schmid** – 6th District Public Defender MN
- Break 10:15-10:30am
- Session 6: **European Perspectives 10:30-12pm**
 - **Alex Biederman** – University of Lausanne (Switzerland)
 - **Anders Nordgaard** – Linkoping University (Sweden)
 - **Marjan Sjerps** – Netherlands Forensic Institute (Netherlands)
- Lunch 12-1pm

June 26th PM –Discussions on Specific Topics and Next Steps

- Session 7: **Discussion part 2 (Breakout groups) 1-2:30pm** (Moderators: **Sheila Willis, Melissa Taylor, Sanne Aalbers**)
- Session 8: **Why this Matters?**
 - **Lynn Garcia** – Texas Forensic Science Commission 2:30-2:45
- **Review Group Findings 2:45-3:30pm**
- Wrap up: **Where to Next? (plans for a NIST Scientific Foundation Review) 3:30-4pm**