68th Annual Scientific Meeting Highlights

Photos taken during the 68th Annual Scientific Meeting in Las Vegas, NV.

Night view of Las Vegas from the Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino.

Registration opens for the 68th Annual Scientific Meeting.

Interdisciplinary Symposium

The 2016 Interdisciplinary Symposium speakers listen to Zeno Geradts as they await their turn at the lectern.

Jed Rakoff addresses the assembly.

Interdisciplinary Symposium attendees listen to the session’s speakers.

Interdisciplinary Symposium keynote speaker Nancy Rodriguez discusses the strengthening of forensic sciences.
Young Forensic Scientists Forum

Joseph Almog gives his presentation during the YFSF Special Session.

An attendee concentrates on the speaker’s presentation during the YFSF Special Session.

Interdisciplinary Symposium head table (l to r): Jed Rakoff, Jeri Ropero-Miller, Kenneth Furton, and Nancy Rodriguez.

YFSF Special Session speaker Gary Berman.

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Young Forensic Scientists Forum cont.

YFSF Special Session participants learn from professionals from various fields of forensic sciences.

Zain Bhaloo and Ja’Neisha Hutley attend the YFSF Special Session.

Student Academy

Roundtable discussion during the 2016 Student Academy Session.

John Williams listens to the speaker during the YFSF Special Session.

2016 Young Forensic Scientists Forum Special Session participants.

Psychiatry & Behavioral Science faculty member Lauren Reba-Harrelson responds to a question.
The Academy Cup

2016 Academy Cup Chairs Carol Henderson, Carla Noziglia, and Laura Liptai await the start of the competition.

The General Section team (l to r) Claire Shepard, Janean Fossum, and Julie Howr watch the proceedings of the 2016 Academy Cup. continued on page 10
Academy Cup cont.

The Psychiatry & Behavioral Science Section’s Academy Cup team.

Phoebe Stubblefield leads the Anthropology Section’s Academy Cup team.

The Criminalistics Section’s Academy Cup team enjoys the proceedings.

Audience members watch as the questions are projected onto the screen during the 2016 Academy Cup competition.

Plenary Session

AAFS President Victor Weedn speaks during the 2016 Plenary Session.

Audience members listen to the speakers at the 2016 Plenary Session.

AAFS President Victor Weedn gives his welcoming remarks during the Plenary Session.

John Butler moderating the Plenary Session during the 2016 Annual Meeting.

Sally Yates awaits her turn at the lectern during the 2016 Plenary Session.

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Plenary Session

2016 Plenary Session speaker Willie May.

2016 Plenary Session speaker Alastair Ross.

Annual Business Meeting

AAFS President Victor Weedn calls the 2016 Annual Business Meeting to order.

(l to r): ASB Secretariat Brad Wing, ASB Technical Coordinator Teresa Ambrosius, Jim Williamson, and Tom Bohan applaud during the ABM proceedings.

Zeno Geradts gives the membership report during the 2016 Annual Business Meeting.

Ken Melson receives his Ethics Committee service plaque from President Weedn during the Annual Business Meeting.

President Weedn presents Dragan Primorac with a Plaque of Appreciation during the Annual Business Meeting.

President Weedn presents Mary Case with her Ethics Committee service plaque during the Annual Business Meeting.

Dan Martell honors Cliff Akiyama with the inaugural AAFS Outstanding Early Career Achievement in Forensic Science Award.

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President Weedn presents the Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists regional award to Mark Goff.

President Weedn presents the Southwestern Association of Toxicologists regional award to Heidi Christensen.

President Weedn presents David Baker with his AAFS Service Plaque during the Annual Business Meeting.

AAFS Past President Daniel Martell receives his AAFS Service Plaque from President Weedn.

AAFS President Victor Weedn presents Roderick Kennedy with his AAFS Service Plaque.

Norman Sauer receives his AAFS Service Plaque from President Victor Weedn during the 2016 Annual Business Meeting.

Vivian Shnaidman accepts the 2016 Academy Cup trophy on behalf of the Psychiatry & Behavioral Science Section.
President Victor Weedn presents Gregory G. Davis with his AAFS Service Plaque.

Audience members watch the award presentations during the Annual Business Meeting.

AAFS Past Presidents (l to r) Joseph Bono and Douglas Ubelaker in attendance at the 2016 Annual Business Meeting.

Ken Melson gives the Ethics Committee report during the Annual Business Meeting.

2015-16 AAFS Award Recipients
Top row (l to r): Christopher Thompson, Kurt Weiss, Kathryn Seigfried-Speller, Joseph Levi White, J. Rod McCutcheon, Cliff Akiyama, Lisa Gavin, Marie Samples, Mithun Rajshekar, Robert Kronstrand, Thomas Brettell, and Duane Spencer.
Seated (l to r): Valda Black, Jane Lewis, Thomas Noguchi, Gregory G. Davis, Federica Collini, Melissa Blessing, Mahmoud ElSohly, Erin Spargo, Heidi Christensen, Christopher Bommarito, Mark Goff, Lucy Davis, and Murrell Godfrey.
Annual Meeting Pictures

The Exhibit Hall is well attended during the 2016 Annual Scientific Meeting.

(l to r): Victor Weedn, Ronald Singer, and Donna Singer.

Questioned Documents Section members Samiah Ibrahim and Thomas Vastrick.

2016 Annual Meeting attendees enjoy themselves while at an event.

President Victor Weedn and Phoebe Stubblefield pose for a photo during the annual meeting.
(l to r): Heather McKiernan, Thomas Brettell, and Matthew Wood.

Attendees share pictures of the exciting week of events.

President Victor Weedn and fellow Pathology/Biology Section Member Pramod Gumeni pose for a picture during the annual meeting.

Questioned Documents Section members (l to r): Thomas Vastrick, Carl McClary, Jan Seaman Kelly, Samiah Ibrahim, and Linton Mohammed.

(l to r): Susan Ballou, Victor Weedn and Anjali Ranadive.

A dancing moment for Marilyn Huestis, Ashraf Mozayani, and Victor Weedn.

(l to r): Samantha Klope, Taylor Gossman, Teagan Holmes, and Rachel Ippolito.

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Annual Meeting Pictures cont.

Victor Weedn speaks with a group of meeting attendees during the 2016 Annual Meeting.

Bridget Lewis and President-Elect John Gerns enjoy a moment during the AAFS Annual Meeting.


Christine Funk and Carol Henderson take a moment to chat during the meeting.

The Thermo Scientific team are ready to greet the attendees in the Exhibit Hall.
2016 Annual Meeting attendees (l to r): Joyce deJong, Julie Howe, Laura Fulginiti, and Carl McClary.

Vincent Desiderio and Victor Weedn greet each other during the AAFS Annual Meeting.

Jan Seaman Kelly talks with Victor Weedn.

Victor Weedn greets DMS Board Member David Baker.

(l to r): Roderick Kennedy, Victor Weedn, and Dennis Hilliard.

(l to r): Carl Stephan, Victor Weedn, and Jodi Caple.

(l to r): Peggy Baker, Victor Weedn, and Andrew Baker.

Attendees meet and network during the week-long events.

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Annual Meeting Pictures cont.

Meeting attendees enjoying a the moment (l to r): Erica Huff, Esmirna Ruiz, and Amaretta Azevedo.

AAFS Fellows (l to r): Helmut Brosz, Laura Liptai, Zeno Gerads, and Carl McClary.

Dance time was a must for President Victor Weedn at the 2016 Annual Meeting.

Douglas Posey and Ashraf Mozayani stop for a photo during a meeting event.

General Section attendees having a great time during the 2016 Annual Scientific Meeting.

Thumbs up for the week’s events for John Nixon and Helmut Brosz.