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810 Seventh Street, NW, Washington, DC 20531, Main Ballroom, Room #3101

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## AGENDA – MARCH 21, 2016

- 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.                    **Call to Order/Opening Remarks**  
*Sally Q. Yates, Deputy Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice*  
*Richard Cavanagh, Ph.D., Director, Special Programs Office, National Institute of Standards and Technology*
- 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.                   **Framework for Forensic Science Discipline Review**  
*Office of Legal Policy, Department of Justice*
- 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.                   **BREAK**
- 10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.                   **Commission Priorities**  
*Nelson Santos, Vice-Chair*  
*John Butler, Vice-Chair*  
*Office of Legal Policy, Department of Justice*
- 11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.                   **Subcommittee on Procedures and Operations Status Report**  
*Andrew Bruck, Designated Federal Official*
- 12:15 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.                   **BREAK**
- 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.                   **WORKING LUNCH**  
**Organization of Scientific Area Committees (OSAC) Updates and Priorities**  
*Mark Stolorow, Director, NIST OSAC Affairs*  
*John Paul Jones, Associate Director, NIST OSAC Affairs*  
*Will Guthrie, Chief, NIST Statistical Engineering Division*
- 1:30 p.m.                                    **Public Comment Period**  
**Commission Meeting Adjournment**
- 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.                    *Subcommittee Meetings (Closed to public)*
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## AGENDA – MARCH 22, 2016

- 9:00 a.m. **Call to Order**
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Reporting and Testimony Subcommittee Report**  
*Judge Jed Rakoff and Matt Redle, Co-Chairs*  
Final Document for Vote: Views Document on Use of the Term “Reasonable Scientific Certainty”; Recommendations to the Attorney General Regarding Use of the Term “Reasonable Scientific Certainty”  
Introduction of Draft Work Products Open for Public Comment: Recommendation on Pretrial Discovery; Views Document on Judicial Vouching; Views Document on Notice and Demand  
Subcommittee Update on NCFs Priorities
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. **Human Factors Subcommittee Report**  
*Justice Bridget McCormack and Professor Jules Epstein, Co-Chairs*  
Subcommittee Update on NCFs Priorities
- 11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **BREAK**
- 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **WORKING LUNCH: Interim Solutions Subcommittee Report**  
*Dean Gialamas and Peter Neufeld, Co-Chairs*  
Final Document for Vote: Directive Recommendation on a National Code of Professional Responsibility for Forensic Science and Forensic Medicine Service Providers; Directive Recommendation on the Transparency of Quality Management System Documents  
Subcommittee Update on NCFs Priorities
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Scientific Inquiry and Research Subcommittee Report**  
*Suzanne Bell, Ph.D., and Jeff Salyards, Ph.D., Co-Chairs*  
Final Document for Vote: Views document on Identifying and Evaluating Literature that Supports the Basic Principles of a Forensic Science Method or Forensic Science Discipline; Directive Recommendation to Fund Pilot Projects to Facilitate Translation for Research into Forensic Science Practice  
Introduction of Draft Work Products Open for Public Comment: Recommendation to Request for NIST to Evaluate Developmental Validation Studies for Forensic Science Test Methods in Advance of Documentary Standards Setting; Views Document on Validation of Forensic Science Methodology  
Subcommittee Update on NCFs Priorities
- 2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. **BREAK**
- 2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. **Accreditation and Proficiency Testing Subcommittee Report**  
*Linda Jackson and Patricia Manzollilo, Co-Chairs*

Final Document for Vote: Views Document on Proficiency Testing in Forensic Science; Views Document on Critical Steps to Accreditation  
Introduction of Draft Work Products Open for Public Comment:  
Recommendation on the Accreditation of Digital and Multimedia Forensic Science Service Providers  
Subcommittee Update on NCFS Priorities

3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Medicolegal Death Investigation Subcommittee Report**

*Vincent DiMaio, M.D. and John Fudenberg, Co-Chairs*

Introduction of Draft Work Products Open for Public Comment:

Recommendation on National Disaster Call Center

Subcommittee Update on NCFS Priorities

4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

**BREAK**

4:15 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

**Training on Science and Law Subcommittee Report**

*Judge Barbara Hervey and Professor Jim Gates, Co-Chairs*

Subcommittee Update on NCFS Priorities

4:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**Wrap-Up: Complete Priorities Discussion**

5:30 p.m.

**Public Comment Period**

**Commission Meeting Adjournment**