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**Enhance Your Expertise in Forensic DNA at the
2016 International Symposium on Human Identification**

Madison, WI USA. — Forensic professionals interested in learning about the latest developments in forensic DNA tools, techniques and processes are invited to join scientists, law enforcement professionals and forensic experts at the [27th International Symposium on Human Identification](#) (ISHI), September 26-29, 2016, in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

WHAT: 27th International Symposium on Human Identification (ISHI)

For the past 26 years, ISHI has been witness to new technologies, changing policies and trends in forensics. This year's scientific symposium will cover current issues in forensic DNA analysis including the use of local DNA databases, reducing DNA backlogs, advances in next generation sequencing (NGS) and more. Focused topic workshops held before and after the main symposium sessions provide an optimal setting for further knowledge sharing and learning. ISHI 27 workshops include:

- Validation and Mixture Interpretation SOPs
- Likelihood Ratios and Probabilistic Genotyping
- Detecting and Resolving Errors in Forensic Testing
- Simulation of NGS and Bioinformatics Workflow

WHO: From warlords to rebel leaders, video journalist [David O'Shea](#) has interviewed people from all walks of life for his award-winning documentaries. At ISHI 27, O'Shea will chronicle his experience filming "Returning the Stolen," a documentary about the work of the Grandmothers of the Plaza de Mayo. During the late 1970s as many as 500 infants in Argentina were taken from their parents, who were detained and killed by the country's military dictatorship for their political activism. The children were given away to supporters of the regime to raise as their own. Their grandmothers (members of the Abuelas de Plaza de Mayo) have been searching for their grandchildren ever since. Using DNA testing, more than 100 of 500 stolen children have been identified and reunited with their extended families.

O'Shea will be joined by many other forensic experts, including Walther Parson (University of Innsbruck) and Peter Schneider (Institute of Legal Medicine, University of Cologne), presenting on a range of leading-edge forensic DNA tools and techniques for human identification. For a comprehensive list of presenters as they are confirmed, visit <http://ishinews.com/speakers/>.

WHERE: Hyatt Regency Minneapolis
1300 Nicollet Mall
Minneapolis, MN 55403, USA

WHEN: September 26-29, 2016

WHY: ISHI is the largest conference to focus on DNA analysis for human identification. It attracts more than 900 DNA analysts and forensic scientists from around the world, providing these professionals an opportunity to explore and discuss the latest research, technologies and ethical issues in the field today.

WEB: Visit www.ishinews.com for a conference agenda and late-breaking updates.

About Promega

This symposium for forensic experts and suppliers is offered through Promega Corporation, a leader in providing innovative solutions and technical support to the life sciences industry. Promega Corporation has provided products for DNA-based human identification for over 20 years. The company's 3,500 products enable scientists worldwide to advance their knowledge in genomics, proteomics, cellular analysis, drug discovery and human identification. Founded in 1978, the company is headquartered in Madison, WI, USA, with branches in 16 countries and over 50 global distributors. For more information about Promega, visit www.promega.com.

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