



2025 Agenda

SUNDAY NOV 2

8:30am–5:00pm
Room 2D

Whole Genome Sequencing for Forensic Laboratories

8:30am–5:00pm
Room 2B

Are You Prepared? Developing and Testing DVI Response Plans

8:30am–12:30pm
Room 2F

Technical Leaders' Meeting

1:30 – 4:30pm
Room 2F

DNA Trainers' Meeting

MONDAY NOV 3

8:00am–4:30pm
Room 1F

GCLAITH

8:30am–5:00pm
Room 2ABC

From Report to Court: Effective Communication of DNA Evidence

8:30am–5:00pm
Room 2DE

Supporting Your Laboratory Through Legal Challenges to the Use of Probabilistic Genotyping

8:30am–12:30pm
Room 2F

Implementing a Forensic Rapid DNA Program

1:30–4:30pm
Room 2F

Field-Ready Forensics: Deploying Rapid DNA for Real-Time Identification and Crisis Response

5:30–7:00pm

Welcome Reception
Foyer outside of Grand Ballroom, 2nd Floor



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TUESDAY NOV 4

7:15-8:30am
Exhibit Hall A

Breakfast with Exhibitors

8:30-8:45am
Grand Ballroom

Welcome and Opening Remarks

8:45-9:45am

KEYNOTE: From Profiling to Artificial Intelligence: Identifying Serial Killers
Ann Wolbert Burgess, Alexandra Burgess

9:45-10:30am
Exhibit Hall A

Break with Exhibitors

10:30-10:45am
Grand Ballroom

Expanding Forensic Services for the Missing and Unidentified: CHI's National Initiative to Support Underserved and Tribal Communities
Carlos Morales, Center for Human Identification, University of North Texas, Health Science Center at Fort Worth

10:48-11:08am

How a Multidisciplinary Missing Persons Investigation Brought a Dutch War Hero Home
Lisa Graaf, Netherlands Forensic Institute

11:11-11:26am

Large Scale SNP Analysis for the Identification of Victims from the Spanish Civil War
Isabel Navarro Vera, Citogen

11:29-11:50am

CODIS/NDIS Update
Lisa Grossweiler, Federal Bureau of Investigation

11:50am-1:15pm
Exhibit Hall A

Lunch

1:15-1:35pm
Grand Ballroom

Never Fear-an SOP Deviation is Here! (Adaptive Strategies in Forensic DNA Analysis to Solve Challenging Cold Cases)
Elyssa Trautmann, Florida Department of Law Enforcement



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1:38–2:03pm	Pursuit of Justice for Cases in the Bronx Nana Lamousé-Welch, Office of the Bronx District Attorney
2:06–2:31pm	When Many Hands Touch One Case: Interagency Lessons from the Fox Hollow Farm Investigation Steve Ainsworth, Othram, Inc.
2:34–2:59pm	Brothers by Accident: The Case of the Twins Exchanged in Colombia That Has Gone Around the World Dr. Juan José Yunis Londoño, Servicios Médicos Yunis Turbay y Cia SAS
3:02–3:32pm	The Kaspar Hauser Enigma: Historical Myths and Scientific Controversy Walther Parson, Institute of Legal Medicine, Medical University of Innsbruck Pennsylvania State University
3:32–5:30pm Exhibit Hall A	Odd-Numbered Posters and Exhibits
6:00–8:00pm Room 1DE	DNA Labs International Vendor Showcase
6:00–8:00pm Room 2DE	QIAGEN Vendor Showcase
6:00–8:00pm Room 2AB	Bode Technology Vendor Showcase



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WEDNESDAY NOV 5

7:00–8:30am Room 2AB	NicheVision Vendor Showcase
7:15–8:30am Exhibit Hall A	Breakfast with Exhibitors
8:30–9:15am General Session Ballroom	PLENARY: Wrongfully Convicted, Rightfully Exonerated: Jeffrey Deskovic's Journey to Advocacy Jeffrey Deskovic
9:25–9:45am	A Comparative Assessment of Promega 8-Dye STR Kits and the Spectrum CE System: Do They Present New Dye-namics in STR Profiling? Aimee Hack, Eurofins Forensic Services
9:45–10:05am	Samples2Solutions: Advancing Forensic DNA Capacity to Support Survivors of Conflict-Related Sexual Violence in Africa Vanessa Lynch, DNAforAfrica
10:05–10:50am Exhibit Hall A	Break with Exhibitors
10:50am–12:05pm General Session Ballroom	Panel: Behind the Bench: Combating Burnout in Forensic DNA Laboratories Moderator: Jennifer Dillon, Michigan State Police • Brian Hoey, Missouri State Highway Patrol Crime Laboratory System • Sharon Polakowski, Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory, Milwaukee • Tracie Webb, Michigan State Police
12:05–1:30pm Exhibit Hall A	Lunch
1:30–1:45pm General Session Ballroom	The Human Element: How Probabilistic Genotyping May Mask Exculpatory Results Allison Lewis, The Legal Aid Society, Criminal Defense Practice, DNA Unit



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1:48–2:08pm	Unmixing the Mixture with Next Generation Sequencing Kari Danser, Cybergenetics
2:11–2:31pm	From Roll to Response: Harnessing Randomization to Ignite Critical Thinking and Teamwork Kelly Behnke, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office
2:34–2:54pm	A Multi-Disciplinary Approach to Investigate Individuals on the Warship Vasa Marie Allen, Uppsala University
2:57–3:17pm	No More Mister "Nice Guy": A Look at Three Different SNP Technologies to Crack Your Cold Cases Cristina Servidio, DNA Labs International
3:20–5:05pm Exhibit Hall A	Even-Numbered Posters and Exhibits
6:15–11:00pm	Loggerhead Marinelife Center Offsite Dinner Event Motorcoach staging begins at 5:30pm at the Convention Center and Marriott. Last bus to the event departs at 6:15pm



THURSDAY NOV 6

8:00–9:15am Exhibit Hall A	Breakfast with Exhibitors
9:15–9:30am General Session Ballroom	Bridging Borders: Addressing Ukraine’s Missing Persons Crisis Sara Huston, DNA Bridge
9:30–9:50am	Kinship Analysis in Forensic DNA Testing: Enhancing Capabilities for Complex Case Resolution Misty Marra, RTI International
9:53–10:08am	Color Me Impressed: How 8-Dye CE Outshines 6-Dye for Degraded Forensic Samples Heather Sarik, Bode Technology
10:11–10:31am	Rapid DNA Update Douglas Hares, Federal Bureau of Investigation
10:34–10:54am	DNA in a Flash: The Evolution of Rapid DNA Technology and Its Applications Lilly Moreno, Federal Bureau of Investigation
10:57–11:30am Exhibit Hall A	Break with Exhibitors
11:30–11:50am General Session Ballroom	An Algorithm That Solves Crimes Lawrence Wein, Graduate School of Business, Stanford University Barbara Rae-Venter, Firebird Forensics
11:53am–12:13pm	The Legal Limitations of Activity Level Testimony in U.S. Courts Ted Hunt, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Laboratory Division



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12:16-12:36pm	Toward Analysis at the Point of Need: A Digital Microfluidic Approach to Processing Multi-Source Sexual Assault Samples Mohamed Elsayed, University of Toronto
12:39-12:50pm	Concluding Remarks Tim Kupferschmid, Promega
1:30-4:30pm Room 2F	Building the Framework: Strategic Planning for Investigative Genetic Genealogy Teams
1:30-4:30pm Room 2D	The World is Not Ending: Maintaining Your Poise and Professionalism During Difficult Times Forensic Leadership Alliance
1:30 - 4:30pm Room 2AB	DNA & Firearms Workshop
1:30-4:30pm Room 2C	Forensic Science Validation Workshop