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Message from Claude Roux—National President

Dear ANZFSS Members,

This is my first message, as National President, in the first national ANZFSS Newsletter and I would like to thank you for entrusting the National Executive to my colleagues and myself at the last AGM in September 2010 in Sydney. Details of the members of the National Executive and the National Council are included in later part of this newsletter. The National Executive is committed to work with the ANZFSS National Council and the branches to strengthen and genuinely move our Society in the 21st Century. I would also take this opportunity to acknowledge the immediate past President, Bill Crick, and his team for their hard work whilst at the helm of the Society. The ANZFSS is a healthy Society and our symposia are amongst the best, if not **the** best in the world. Thank you also to Bill for his assistance during the hand over period.

There has been, and still is, much discussion around the world about the shortfalls of forensic science. Examples include the 2009 report of the US National Academies of Sciences entitled 'Strengthening Forensic Science in the United States: A Path Forward', the closure of the Forensic Science Service in the UK and in numerous articles by legal and sociology commentators. Although these comments mainly target the American community, it is obvious that the implications are global and that such criticisms cannot remain unheard, nor a response made, by those involved in the forensic science in our part of the world. The situation is complex, but, in my view, it has become crucial for forensic scientists and forensic science leaders to take the driver's seat and develop and foster a robust forensic science culture. This includes working towards making forensic science a stronger profession, this we can do by recognizing and implementing the underpinning elements of professional conduct. And in this context, our

Society must play a leading role and ultimately become a genuine professional Society. This was the mandate that the current National Executive successfully sought at the last AGM.

We are well aware of the challenges ahead. For this reason, we have embarked on a number of reviews, including:
Membership – As it stands, there is no national membership list. In addition to trivial logistics reasons (e.g. distribution of the ANZFSS Newsletter, invoicing capitation fees to branches, etc), it is difficult to know who we are as a Society as long as we do not have this information. After all, we are ONE Society!
Governance and Policy – A number of practices across the spectrum of activities of the Society are implicit. We believe that there is a need to make them more explicit and in many cases simpler. Examples of policies in great need of improvement include: the organisation of symposia; the current code of ethics; confusing membership rules and the lack of media policy.

The National Executive recognize that State/ Territory differences exist and that much of the Society's activities occur locally. We have no desire to change this situation. With respect to any changes proposed, it should be emphasized that the Society's governing body is the ANZFSS Council which comprises the National Executive and representatives from each branch.

We will recall the old mantra: 'think globally and act locally!' Ultimately, we wish for a coherent and truly national professional Society with the clout to represent the forensic science and forensic scientists across the board. This will not happen overnight, but I sincerely think it is worth the journey.

I hope I will have some tangible outcomes to present in the next issue of the Newsletter. I will also visit all the branches this year to present our plan more in detail and also seek feedback from all the members. I look forward to very fruitful discussions.
Forensically yours,
Claude

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Introducing the National Council

The National Council is the governing body for the ANZFSS.

The members of the Council are:

Claude Roux (President)
James Robertson (Vice-President)
Maryanne Kregting (Vice-President & President, NZ),
Chris Lennard (Treasurer),
James Wallman (Secretary)
Bill Crick (Immediate Past President)
Anna Davey (Public Officer)
Alison Sears (President, NSW),
Eric Davies (President, ACT)
Andy Telfer (President, NT)
Donna McGregor (President, Qld)
Stewart Walker (President, SA)
Gerard Dutton (President, Tas),
Jim Pearson (President, Vic),
Kari Pitts (President, WA)

The Council meets regularly via teleconference and annually at a face to face meeting.

It is anticipated that each of the Council members will be profiled in subsequent issues of the National Newsletter; in this issue we profile Claude Roux, Chris Lennard and Anna Davey.

Forthcoming meetings:

18 — 20 July, 2011

8th International Conference on Forensic Inference and Statistics, www.icfis2011.org

26 September — 1 October, 2011

8th International Symposium Advances in Legal Medicine (ISALM) combined with the 90th Annual Conference of the German Society of Legal Medicine (DGRM),
www.isalm2011.de

8 — 10 March, 2012

International Justice Conference, www.internationaljusticeconference.com



Claude Roux is Professor of Forensic Science and the founding Director of the UTS Centre for Forensic Science. Since completing his PhD in 1996 in the area of fibres at the University of Lausanne, Switzerland, he has achieved and sustained international recognition as a global leader in the area of forensic science education and research. He has a long and established reputation for effective collaboration with forensic and other government agencies in Australia and overseas as well as with other academic partners. His vision for forensic science is to see it as a learned profession fed by a widely accepted distinctive research-based discipline. Claude's research activities cover a broad spectrum of forensic science including trace evidence and chemical criminalistics, documents and fingerprints.

Claude has a long association with the ANZFSS, as he is a member of the Society since 1996. He has been a NSW Branch Committee member from 1997 to 2010, including NSW President from 2004 to 2007. He was Chair of the 20th Symposium on the Forensic Sciences (ANZFSS Symposium) held in Sydney in September 2010.

Claude is a member of the Editorial Board of four peer-reviewed journals. He is a member of US Scientific Working Group on Materials Analysis (SWGMA), the European Fibres Group, the International Fingerprint Research Group and various working groups in Australia and overseas.



Professor Chris Lennard has a PhD in chemistry from the Australian National University (1986) and a Graduate Certificate in Applied Management from the Australian Institute of Police Management (1999). After completing his PhD, he undertook postdoctoral work at the School of Forensic Science, University of Lausanne (Switzerland), where he gained the position of Associate Professor in Criminalistics in 1989. He returned to Australia in 1994 to take up a position with Forensic Services, Australian Federal Police. This was initially as Coordinator of Laboratory Services and then, from 2002, as Manager Forensic Operations Support (Chief Scientist and Quality Manager). Chris left the AFP in October 2006 to take up his current position as Professor

of Forensic Studies at the University of Canberra, where he is Head of the Forensic Studies discipline.



Anna Davey was employed by the Victorian Forensic Science Laboratory in 1988 as one of a small team formed to introduce DNA profiling to Victoria for criminal casework. In 1997, she moved from the bench to the quality management, education and training area. In 1997 Anna completed a Certificate IV in Competency Based Training and Assessment and in 1998 a Graduate Certificate of Public Sector Management. From 2000 – 2004, Anna held the position of Executive Officer of the National Institute of Forensic Science and in 2004 was appointed Deputy Director. Anna acted as Director of the Institute for seven months in 2003/4 and 12 months in 2007/8.

In 2008 Anna Davey founded Forensic Foundations, a specialised service aimed at assisting practitioners entering the forensic arena or looking to broaden and deepen their skills. In 2010 Anna completed a Graduate Diploma in Legal Studies at the University of New England and is currently undertaking a PhD at the University of Canberra – focusing on the interface between law and witnesses with specialised knowledge (experts).



The 20th International Symposium on the Forensic Sciences

Forensic Science on Trial

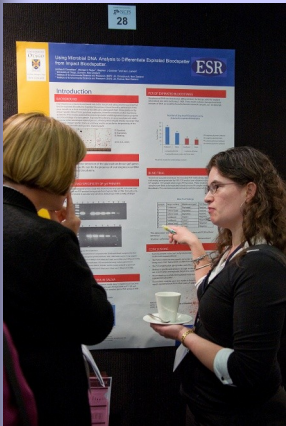
5 - 9 September 2010

Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre



The 20th International Symposium on the Forensic Sciences hosted by the Australian & New Zealand Forensic Science Society was held on 5-9 September 2010 in Sydney. By all accounts, it was a fantastic scientific and networking success, as shown by the following figures:

- Over 950 delegates from 35 countries
- 700 abstracts
- 8 plenary and 34 keynote speakers
- 238 oral presenters
- 230 poster presenters
- 19 workshops



This event was even qualified as being the best ANZFSS symposium ever. In line with the theme of the symposium, Forensic Science on Trial, a number of presentations were totally fascinating. Many questions and possible answers emerged. For example: Do we deserve the term 'science'? Are we just a marriage of convenience combining a number of siloed specialisations? Or are we a coherent scientific discipline with its own laws, axioms, principles? Are we a profession? As expected, we debated, agreed, disagreed, agreed to disagree and even disagreed to disagree.

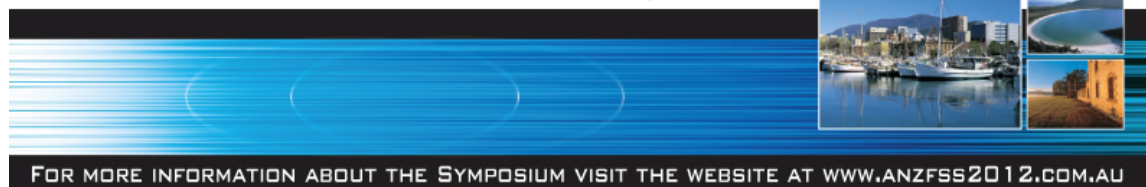
The exhibition and the social program, both of the highest standard, contributed to the success of the symposium.

The ANZFSS 2010 Organising Committee expresses sincere gratitude to delegates and sponsors for making the 20th ANZFSS Symposium such a success. More information about the symposium and photos can be obtained from <http://www.anzfss2010.com/>





**21ST INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON THE FORENSIC SCIENCES
CONVICTS TO CRIMINALISTICS: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE**
23-27 SEPTEMBER 2012
HOTEL GRAND CHANCELLOR HOBART, TASMANIA



Planning for the 2012 ANZFSS Symposium is well underway. Some time ago the date and venue was set: The Hotel Grand Chancellor on Hobart's waterfront from Sunday 23 to Thursday 27 September 2012. Time has flown and over six months has already passed since the Sydney event! Meanwhile, the conference organising committee, in conjunction with Conference Design in Hobart have been busy working on some important details.

The main forensic disciplines which will be showcased are similar to what has been highlighted in previous years and individuals have now been identified to take on Discipline Contact roles. This job is a vital one for the success of any ANZFSS symposium as it is the Discipline Contacts who will sort the papers and posters in each discipline, schedule them, arrange moderators for their sessions, judge the best papers and posters during the week amongst other responsibilities. The organising committee wish to thank those who have volunteered to do this work. We are also close to determining who will be our eight invited international and national plenary speakers. This process is almost complete and a firm decision will be made on the plenary speaker line-up soon.

The timetable for the week has been finalised in a broad sense although of course the main work on the scientific program cannot commence until papers start to arrive after the call for these is made towards the end of 2011. As has occurred in previous symposia, full and partial travel scholarships will be awarded to members however one proviso is that a presentation must be made at the symposium, as well as to your local ANZFSS branch. Whether you plan to apply for a scholarship or not, we urge all members to start considering ideas for papers or

posters you could present in any forensic discipline. We'd also ask that if members wish to present a full or half day workshop immediately before or after the event, to start considering the logistics of this such as room size, equipment needed and so on, in order to assist planning. The call for workshops will occur at the same time as the call for papers.

We are also planning the social program and promise it will be one to remember! We will be offering some exciting events of a type not experienced before at this symposia and we're certain delegates will enjoy them all immensely. It's too early to elaborate upon what these are but suffice to say that you won't wish to miss any of them. All these events will be included in your registration. As has occurred previously, discounts on the full registration fee will be available to those who register under the early-bird offer; the cut-off date being 2 July 2012.

A range of accommodation options will be available within only minutes walk of the conference venue in addition to the Grand Chancellor itself. Options for some pre and post conference touring will also be listed however delegates will need to book these directly with the tour operators. Full details on these aspects will be provided in the latter part of 2011 to assist with the planning of your visit.

Preliminary details for the symposium are already available on the website www.anzfss2012.com.au Information for delegates will be updated regularly as planning proceeds. Please register your interest on the website to receive email updates as the planning proceeds and start preparing now for what promises to be a fantastic event!



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sizes: S/M and L/XL



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470ml

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Leather Wine Carrier



FS25 2 Bottle
Leather Wine Carrier



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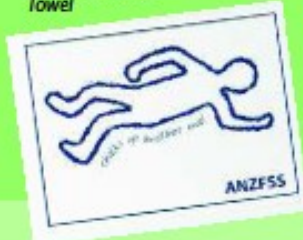
MERCHANDISE RANGE 2011

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