

Dear Prospective Meeting Participant

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, thank you for your interest in participating in the Second International Symposium on Forensic Science Error Management, which will be held July 24-28, 2017 in Gaithersburg, M.D. More than 400 attendees from all disciplines of forensics are expected to attend this four-day scientific meeting. All attendees will be offered the opportunity to present and discuss cutting edge research, network with peers and advance their careers. In addition, attendees will learn about new technologies by meeting exhibitors at the exposition during the conference.

We would be delighted to have you join us in Gaithersburg, M.D. Personal invitations are not necessary to attend since this International Symposium is an open scientific event for all persons who are members of the forensics community and pay the necessary registration fee. The second meeting is announced to the scientific community through publications, emails, websites, during the annual call for papers, and publication of the preliminary program. Beginning in late March, the technical program and registration will be available from the conference website at [www.nist.gov](http://www.nist.gov).

The organizers or its sponsors are not able to provide financial support to meeting participants. Airfare, ground transportation, hotel, meals, travel insurance, and any other meeting-related expenses are the responsibility of the each meeting participant.

If you need to apply for a temporary non-immigrant visa to attend the conference, you are advised to apply for your visa as soon as possible and no later than 3-4 months in advance of the meeting date. All applicants must be able to qualify for a visa on their own merits under the requirements of the Immigration and Nationality Act. The organizers cannot intervene with the U.S. State Department or an American embassy in another country on behalf of the any meeting participant. You can submit this letter with your visa application to verify the name, dates, location, and purpose of the meeting.

The organizers are not able to call or generate personal letters to the embassy or consulate on your behalf. A separate email will be generated for meeting presenters at the time an abstract has been submitted and a personalized letter will be generated when the meeting presenter's abstract has been accepted for presentation. Meeting registration will open in March 31, 2017. A registration receipt will also be generated for meeting participants.

Additional information on the visa process can be obtained from the [U.S. Department of State](http://www.state.gov).

We look forward to seeing you at the First International Symposium on Forensic Science Error Management – Detection, Measurement, and Mitigation, which will be held July 24-28, 2017 in Gaithersburg, M.D.

Sincerely,

Mark Stolorow, Conference Chair