

Notice of Meeting

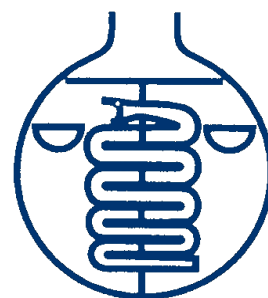
Dear Members,

Notice is hereby given that the next meeting of the Australian Academy of Forensic Sciences (Victorian Chapter) will be held in the Victorian Bar Council Chamber room at the Victorian Bar, Owen Dixon Chambers East, Level 1, 205 William Street, Melbourne from 5.00 pm on **Wednesday 28 February 2018**.

The meeting will consist of a plenary presentation by **Dr Linzi Wilson-Wilde OAM** on the **Error Management Issues and Activities in Australia and New Zealand and the Role of the National Institute of Forensic Science**.

The National Institute of Forensic Science (NIFS) was established in 1992 and has five roles: coordination of cross-jurisdictional projects, information exchange, research and innovation, education and training, and quality. NIFS is funded and governed by all government forensic service providers of Australia and New Zealand and ultimately reports to the Police Commissioners of the two countries. An important work program area for NIFS is quality. NIFS has been the conduit point for all proficiency tests purchased and analysed by Australian government laboratories since 1992 and has also developed an annual online proficiency test commencing in 1999, specific for crime scene examiners. This presentation will cover the results of the analysis conducted by NIFS and its interpretation to identify and measure the quality and error within these proficiency tests within Australia. Additionally, NIFS' other activities in quality and error management will be presented.

Dr Linzi Wilson-Wilde OAM is the Director of the NIFS. Linzi obtained her PhD at the University of Canberra in species identification of Diprotodontia for wildlife crime investigations. Linzi has over 20 years' experience in forensic science, having worked for Victoria Police, New South Wales Police and the Australian Federal Police. During this time Linzi was involved in legislative reform, policy development, the investigation of a number of high-profile murder cases, cold case reviews and the highly publicised mass DNA screen in the town of Wee Waa, NSW. Linzi coordinated the DNA analysis of all samples involved in the disaster victim identification and criminal investigation of the Bali Bombing in October 2002. Recently Linzi has been involved in the development of forensic specific Australian and International Standards and is the current Chair of ISO TC272 – Forensic Sciences. Linzi is a member of the International Forensic Strategic Alliance and represents them on the International Criminal Court Office of the Prosecutor Scientific Advisory Board. Linzi has received a Medal in the Order of Australia for her work and was inducted into the Victorian Honour Roll of Women in 2014.



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Time	Program – 28 February 2018	Location
5:00 pm	Light refreshments	The Victorian Bar Council Chamber, the Victorian Bar, Owen Dixon Chambers East, Level 1, 205 William Street, Melbourne
5:30 pm	Error Management Issues and Activities in Australia and New Zealand and the Role of the National Institute of Forensic Science Dr Linzi Wilson-Wilde	
7:00 pm	Dinner Payable on the night	Scugnizzo 558 Little Bourke Street, Melbourne

Please kindly RSVP as to whether you will be attending the meeting and/or the dinner to aafs.vicchapter@gmail.com by 23 February 2018.

All members and their guests are invited and encouraged to attend the dinner at the conclusion of the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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