



# NEWSLETTER

## California Association of Criminalists

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### I. Semi-Annual Seminar

- A. All members should have received registration forms for our 50th Semi-annual Seminar to be held October 13 - 15, 1977, at the Hyatt House, 1740 N. First St., San Jose, CA, 95112 -- telephone (408) 298-0300, or toll free (800) 228-9000. On the 15th, Dr. Walter C. McCrone will give a tutorial on the subject of light microscopy as applicable to the examination of a wide variety of trace evidence (all day). For more information, contact Don Harding at the Santa Clara Co. Crime Lab.
- B. The Spring 1978 Seminar will be hosted by the San Bernardino Co. Crime Lab. in new convention facilities at Big Bear Lake.

### II. Announcements

- A. The deadline for sending your inputs for the next newsletter is November 18, 1977.
- B. The next CAC Board meeting will be at the San Jose Hyatt House the evening of October 12, 1977.
- C. For the Southern Section, the November and December dinner meetings will be hosted by the Ventura Co. Sheriffs Lab and the Fountain Valley Police Lab, respectively. Volunteers are needed to host the later meetings. Contact Ken Goddard.
- D. The Southern Section is now forming a Firearms Study group. Anyone interested should contact John Davidson. Attendance is not restricted to CAC members.

- E. George Sensabaugh, the Editorial Secretary, reports that the October 1976 and January 1977 issues of the Journal of the Forensic Sciences Society have gone to the publishers and presumably members should be receiving those issues within the next few months. Stockdale, the English editor, apologizes for the publication delays and hopes to be on the standard calendar by early 1978.
- F. I am sad to report the death of two of our members. On July 26th, Elliott Hensel passed away after suffering a stroke. Ms. Ellen Osborne died in a traffic accident on June 24th. Her family and her fellow members at the Guam Crime Lab have established an Ellen Osborne Memorial Trust Fund to be used for education and special training of forensic chemists on Guam.

### III. Association Business

- A. There are several important matters to be discussed at the October Business Meeting. The meeting will convene briefly at 4:00 PM on Thursday, October 13, for the preliminary presentation of an ethics matter. The meeting will reconvene on Friday afternoon, October 14, to consider other Association business and to complete deliberations on the report of the Ethics Committee. All members should plan to attend if possible or else send their proxies with a regular member.

You may want to review the committee reports in the enclosed minutes of the Board Meetings to better prepare yourself for the discussions. In particular, see the By-Laws and Certification committee reports.

- B. If you have not done so already, please send your responses to the salary survey to Mona Ng or Ken Goddard as soon as possible. The tabulated version will be sent with the next mailing.

### IV. Positions Open

The University of Southern Mississippi will have an opening on September 1, 1977, for a chemist with training and/or practical experience to teach and conduct research in criminalistics and drug identification. The tenure track position will require a Ph. D., and the starting salary and rank will be commensurate with training and experience. For further information contact:

Dr. B. George Bufkin  
P. O. Box 276  
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V. Other Meetings and Programs of Interest

September 29 - 30, 1977 - NORTHWEST ASSOCIATION OF FORENSIC SCIENTISTS Fall Meeting, Red Lion Motor Inn, Portland, Oregon. Contact: Rich Brooke, State Crime Detection Laboratory, 222 SW Pine Street, Portland, Oregon 97204.

October 5 - 8, 1977 - MIDWESTERN ASSOCIATION OF FORENSIC SCIENTISTS Fall Meeting, Registry Hotel, Bloomington, Minnesota. Contact: James Rhoads or Barton Epstein, B. C. A. Laboratory, 1246 University Ave., St. Paul, Minnesota 55104.

May 22 - 26, 1978 - 8th INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FORENSIC SCIENCES, Wichita, Kansas. Contact: Dr. William G. Eckert, President, P. O. Box 8282, Wichita, KA 67208.

May 29 - 30, 1978 - INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON INSTRUMENTAL APPLICATIONS IN FORENSIC DRUG CHEMISTRY. Contact: DEA Special Testing and Research Laboratory, 7704 Old Springhouse Road, McLean, VA 22101.

The Drug Enforcement Administration will be hosting a two-day International Symposium on Instrumental Applications in Forensic Drug Chemistry in Washington, D.C. on May 29 and 30, 1978. The Symposium will focus on the increasing reliance of the forensic scientist on modern instrumentation and computers which enables the rapid accumulation of accurate data.

The Symposium will consist of presentations from internationally known invited speakers who will cover current methodology and approaches, as well as attempt to project future needs and developments. The proceedings of the Symposium will be published.

One session of the Symposium will emphasize techniques in instrumentation which will be devoted to mass spectrometry, nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy, infrared and Fourier transform systems. A computer applications session will concentrate on mass spectral search systems, literature and information retrieval and dedicated minicomputers. Other topics will include gas and liquid chromatography, mass spectrometric quantitation and new advances in microcrystalline examination of drugs. The major applications will include forensic science, drug research and analysis and other relevant areas.

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