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NAME 2019 ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 18-22, 2019

Please join us in Kansas City, MO for the NAME 53rd Annual Meeting. A wide variety of topics in forensic pathology and related fields will be presented, with plenty of continuing education opportunities including self-assessment module (SAM) credits.

WE HIGHLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO REGISTER FOR THE MEETING AND BOOK YOUR HOTEL ROOMS EARLY.

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The Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center is offering a reduced group rate of \$189 US (single/double).

The reduced group rate is available until Friday, September 27, 2019.

We hope to see you there!



J. Keith Pinckard, MD, PhD
2019 Program Chair



IMPORTANT VISA AND PASSPORT INFORMATION

International attendees are encouraged to apply for visas as early as possible. Registration refunds will not be issued for denied visas. As part of security procedures, applications for visas are sent to the U.S. State Department for a security review. For further information, visit the State Department website.

Tips for the Visa application process:

- Don't Wait! It's recommended that you apply for your visa four (4) to six (6) months before traveling. You should provide your entire trip itinerary, including travel to any countries other than the United States, at the time of visa application.
- If completion of travel plans is contingent upon early approval of the visa application, specify this at the time of the application.
- Provide personalized Invitation Letter (see below).
- Provide proof of scientific status (e.g., proof that you submitted an abstract for the meeting). Do not wait until you receive notification that your abstract submission has been accepted before applying for a visa.
- Bring your English-language resume or CV with a list of published articles and research topics to the U.S. consulate/embassy interview.

■ Provide evidence that you intend to return to your country of residence. This includes such information as:

- o Family ties in current country of residence
- o Property ownership
- o Bank account
- o Employment contract or statement from an employer showing that your position will continue after the dates of travel

■ Requirements vary by passport-issuing country and citizenship (not merely residency). Some consulates may have backlogs in scheduling visa interviews, so applicants should first contact their local consulate to determine what the wait times are for visa interviews. Check the current list of visa interview and processing wait times by country.

Visa Waiver Program

Some foreign meeting participants may not need visas if they are citizens of any of the countries on the Visa Waiver Program. Travelers of the Visa Waiver Program are required to have a valid Machine-Readable Passports (MRP) issued by one of the 38 Visa Waiver Program countries. The validity of the passport must extend six months beyond the traveler's planned date of departure to the United States (unless exempted by country-specific agreements). Travelers must be eligible to use the VWP and have a valid Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) approval prior to travel.

Visa Problems

If your visa has been pending for at least 30 days and it's 14 days prior to the start date of the Annual Meeting, you should complete the Visa online questionnaire. Eligibility requirements are listed before you begin. Please note that individuals who have applied for dependent visas (such as F2 and J2) should not complete this questionnaire.

Invitation Letter

Invitation Letters can be requested by individuals who have submitted an abstract or would like to attend the meeting and who have registered for the NAME 2019 Annual Meeting. Please send requests to the NAME Office (tsnethen@thename.org) and make sure you include the following information:

- Name
- Affiliation
- Mailing Address
- E-mail Address
- Reason for Attending the Meeting - Educational Credits, Present Material (Oral presentation or Poster)

NAME Feature:

The First Two Faces You are Likely To See



Dee McNally



Tara Snethan

When you attend a NAME meeting, you quickly realize that there are two individuals whom you see repeatedly from start to finish: Dee McNally and Tara Snethan. They are the pleasant voices behind the emails and telephone calls. You will meet them when you pick up your registration materials; the smiles behind the desk. And the only two who know EVERYTHING that is taking place! So, let's get to know them a bit before you see them in Kansas City.

Dee McNally

Denise (Dee) McNally began work for NAME as an Administrative Assistant in 1979 and rose to Executive Director in 1991. In addition to her work with NAME, she has also served as a Medicolegal Death Investigator in various counties in Missouri. She is the proud mother and grandmother of two daughters, Sarah and Nicole, and her granddaughter Kylee. Dee loves the outdoors and when she isn't working for NAME, you can find her taking care of her dog, two cats and pet pig.

At the Annual Meeting this year we will celebrate Dee's 40th anniversary with NAME on the evening of Saturday, October 19th. We will be hosting a party in her honor that will include light hors d'oeuvres, the Second House Band performing 80s music with our very own Donna Hensley as the front woman, a cash bar (with one free drink ticket for each of you) as well as photos of Dee's many years with NAME. Please come out and help us celebrate her!
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Tara Snethan

Tara Snethan joined NAME officially in January 2018 after serving as the Meetings Manager since 2012. Tara began working in the association field immediately upon graduating high school. She was with the American Society for Investigative Pathology (ASIP) for approximately 25 years before becoming a NAME employee. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from The George Washington University in 1995 while working for ASIP. Tara earned her CMP (Certified Meeting Professional) in 2004 and retains this certification through continuing education in meeting management.

When not working for NAME Tara enjoys spending time with her two children, Nikki and Joey, as well as reading and listening to music.

INTERNATIONAL FEATURE:

The Death Investigation System In China



Dr. Feng Li

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CEO, Forensic Medical Management Services.

Introduction to the Medicolegal Investigation System in China

The association of medicine and law can be traced back to the Warring States period in China, 475-221 B.C. A book on bamboo slips documenting inquest, seal up, scene investigation, and medicolegal examination had been unearthed from tombs of late Warring States and Qing Dynasty.

One of the first books about postmortem examinations was written in Chinese by Song Ci, published in 1247 and entitled *Xi Yuan Ji Lu* (The Washing Away of Wrongs). Song Ci said, a forensic medical doctor must be serious, conscientious, and highly responsible, and must also personally examine each dead body or that of a wounded person. The particulars of each case must be recorded in the doctor's own handwriting. No one else is allowed to write his autopsy report. He must not avoid performing an autopsy because he detests the stench of corpses. He must refrain from sitting comfortably behind a curtain of incense that mask the stench, let his subordinates do the autopsy unsupervised, or allow a petty official to write his autopsy report, leaving all the inaccuracies unchecked and uncorrected.

He also said, should there be any inaccuracy in an autopsy report, injustice would remain with the deceased as well as the living. A wrongful death sentence without justice may claim one or more additional lives, which would in turn result in feuds and revenges, prolonging the tragedy. In order to avoid any miscarriage of justice, he must immediately examine the case personally.

In modern day China, many pioneers in forensic medicine were educated overseas, including Germany, Japan, and the United States. When they returned to China, they created the Department of Forensic Medicine in many medical schools in China. In 1915, the Ministry of Education of the Republic of China published "Medical School Rules". Many medical schools throughout China adopted these rules and developed curriculums including forensic science and forensic chemistry, the terms still in use today. At the same time, the discipline of forensic medicine was established in some medical schools.

In July 1984, the Ministries of Health and Education decided to establish the Department of Forensic Medicine and later the School of Forensic Medicine, originally in six major medical universities, and later approximately

thirty medical universities throughout China, including China Medical University, Southern Medical University, and Wenzhou Medical University.

The disciplines in forensic medicine include multiple subspecialties: forensic pathology, clinical forensic medicine, forensic biology, forensic psychiatry, forensic entomology, forensic toxicology, forensic odontology, and forensic anthropology.

Cases involving medicolegal issues must be investigated. These cases include violent deaths, suspicious deaths, deaths in custody, and medical misadventures.



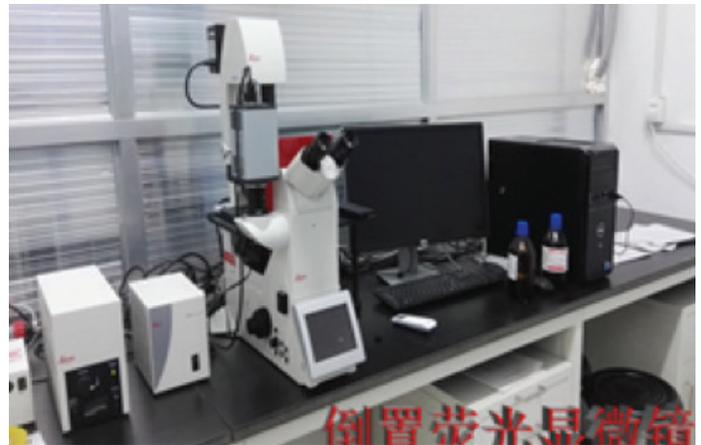
There are generally two major Medicolegal investigation systems in China. One is under the Ministry of Public Security (police department) and is responsible for the investigation of most of criminal cases. The other is authorized by the Ministry of Justice, including universities, hospitals, and private companies. They handle most non-criminal cases and some of the criminal cases, such as deaths in custody.

In the Dalian District in Norther China, population about seven million, the Forensic Science Institute of the Dalian Public Security Bureau is responsible for all cases involving homicide, most motor vehicle accidents, deaths on the job, suicide, and deaths at public events. They are responsible for the crime scene investigations and are also part of the police force. In addition to forensic pathology, their services also include clinical forensic medicine and forensic anthropology. They perform approximately 2800 autopsies and examine approximately 3600 live patients every year.

School of Forensic Medicine, China Medical University

In the City of Shenyang, the capital city of Liaoning Province in Northern China, population more than eight million, there is a major medical university, China Medical University. This is one of the first medical universities to establish a Department of Forensic Medicine and later the School of Forensic Medicine. Currently, the School of Forensic Medicine has 42 faculty members including 10 forensic pathologists, 5 departments, an enrollment of 60 students majoring in Forensic Medicine, 15 post graduate students, and well-equipped labs for teaching, research, and services. The School of Forensic Medicine affiliated with the Center of Medicolegal Investigation is involved in the investigation of 4000 cases including 350 autopsies.





One of the major universities involving medicolegal investigation in the Capital City of Beijing is Fada Institute of Forensic Medicine & Science (“FIFMS”) which was founded in 1986. FIFMS is one of the few nationally renowned forensic institutions in China.



Fada Institute of Forensic Medicine and Science

FIFMS now has three office locations: headquarters office, west end office, and a forensic pathology autopsy center (in total of 6600 square meters). It has eighty-five (85) staff members (87% are senior forensic experts), a major library, and well-equipped labs.

In April 2008, FIFMS was the first university-based forensic institution to pass the qualification evaluation test by China National Accreditation Service for Conformity Assessment and the Certification and Accreditation Administration of the People’s Republic of China. FIFMS can provide services for almost every aspect of forensic medicine and accept the most difficult cases from all over the country.

In the past decade, it has provided forensic services to a total of 80,000 cases at all levels of the judiciary bodies, the arbitration institutions, and the executive authorities.



Wenzhou Medical University Forensic Center

One of the major medical universities in my home town is Wenzhou Medical University. Since 2002, it has had the Center for Forensic Medicine, affiliated with the Department of Forensic Medicine. It provides all aspects of forensic services to the region ever since. Currently, the Department of Forensic Medicine has 65 faculty members, enrollment of up to 60 students majoring in Forensic Medicine, and well-equipped labs for teaching, research, and services. The Department of Forensic Medicine affiliated Center of Forensic Medicine is involved in the investigation of 4000 cases every year.

In summary, China's medicolegal investigation system has a long history. Currently, there are two major systems in operation: one is mainly affiliated with the public security (police) department, which is responsible for the majority of criminal investigations; and the other is authorized by agencies dealing with all other cases of non-criminal and some criminal investigations. These systems are more inclusive by including not only forensic pathology, but also other forensic entities, such as clinical forensic medicine. They also focus on advocating research

including basic medical research and forensic education. The School (Department) of Forensic Medicine can directly admit the students, and graduates will be divided in further postgraduate studies and recruited to work for different agencies, including police departments, universities, and forensic centers.



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The Organization for Forensic Pathologists and Medicolegal Death Investigators
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Why Should You Join?
International Corresponding Membership is \$90 (US\$/year)

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- ✔ Free Academic Forensic Pathology Journal, the peer-reviewed journal of NAME
- ✔ Discount registration at annual meetings
- ✔ Opportunity to serve on NAME committees
- ✔ NAME listserv; be a part of lively educational discussions via email! A true learning experience!
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- ✔ Access to member only sites on NAME website
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- ✔ Access to autopsy standards
- ✔ Access to policies and procedures for medical examiners and coroners
- ✔ Access to consultants
- ✔ NAME is the largest organization of forensic pathologists AND medicolegal death investigators
- ✔ Networking with local, national, and international colleagues
- ✔ Opportunities for visits or training at a US medical examiner's office
- ✔ NAME is a forum for the exchange of information, ideas, and experiences between forensic pathologists AND medicolegal death investigators

NAME is here for you!
When you contact NAME or attend the meetings, we want you to feel comfortable.

Do you have an idea, comment or Suggestion?

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APPLICATION FOR INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDING MEMBER

"International Corresponding Members" shall be physicians or other practicing medicolegal death investigators who reside outside of the United States of America or Canada. International Corresponding Members shall be forensic pathologists, physician medical examiners, physician coroners, and those engaged in the teaching or practice of legal medicine, provided, however, that the foregoing examples are provided for clarity, and mere possession of any of the foregoing job titles does not automatically qualify any individual for membership as an International Corresponding Member, nor does lack of such title automatically disqualify any individual who is a practicing medicolegal death investigator.

Customer number (from NAME web site – REQUIRED):		
Applicant:		
Governmental Agency (Federal, State, Local) with which Affiliated:		
Agency:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Telephone:	Fax #:	Email
Office Type:	Medical Examiner	Coroner ME/Coroner
		Other:
Director:		
References: (Two Members of National Association of Medical Examiners)		
Name:		Name:
Address:		Address:
Telephone:		Telephone:
Applicant Information		
Official Title:		Length of Time at Agency:
Medical School:		Date Graduated:
Degree Attained:	Year of Licensure:	State(s)
Residency Training:		
Board Certifications:		
Forensic Pathology (Year)		Anatomic Pathology (Year)
Clinical Pathology (Year)		Other: (Year)
Memberships in Other Societies:		
AAFS AMA ASCP CAP Local Medical Society		
Other:		
Years in Forensic Field:		Area of Interest:

Please submit a copy of your license, a copy of your Curriculum Vita, and ONE (1) letter of recommendation from a member of N.A.M.E.

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Kansas City, MO

NAME 2020 Annual Meeting
Denver, CO



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Languages that NAME members speak other than English

1. Afrikaans
2. Antillean Creole
3. Arabic
4. Bengali
5. Bosnian
6. Bulgarian
7. Chinese
8. Croatian
9. Czech
10. Danish
11. Dutch
12. Filipino
13. French
14. German
15. Greek
16. Gujarati
17. Hebrew
18. Hindi
19. Irish Gaelic
20. Italian
21. Japanese
22. Kannada
23. Korean
24. Lithuanian
25. Macedonian
26. Malayalam
27. Mandarin Chinese
28. Marathi
29. Montenegrin
30. Persian
31. Polish
32. Portuguese
33. Punjabi
34. Romanian. Arterial language.
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37. Serbian
38. Sinhala
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