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**American Academy of Forensic Science
Pathology/Biology Section**

**Report to the Intersociety Pathology Council
February 27, 2005**

Recent Activities

The AAFS Web site has been enhanced particularly for members who may access their accounts. Article submission and review for the AAFS Journal of Forensic Sciences will now be Web-based. Members of AAFS may access Daubert Tracker, a research tool that identifies legal decisions regarding expert testimony with case information.

The Academy has expanded its support for the Forensic Sciences Educational Conferences designed to help high school teachers bring forensic sciences into the classroom. There will be three conferences at different locations each year with a number of teachers receiving tuition scholarships to attend. This has been a popular initiative.

AAFS is a member of the Forensic Sciences Consortium, and through its efforts the Justice for All Act of 2004 was passed funding DNA-related programs. A National Forensic Science Commission was created. One of the Commission's charges is to assess the present and future resource needs of the forensic science community.

Future Activities/Issues

Dr. Edmund R. Donoghue, Medical Examiner of Cook County (Chicago) and a member of the Pathology/Biology Section, is the incoming President of the American Academy of Forensic Science for 2005-06. Dr. Donoghue, a forensic pathologist, will head the 4,500 member organization and represent the forensic sciences nationally and internationally.

The Academy continues to work fostering legislation that supports and funds the forensic sciences

Future Meetings

February 21-26, 2005 Annual Meeting; New Orleans, LA

February 20-25, 2006 Annual Meeting; Seattle, WA

February 19-24, 2007 Annual Meeting; San Antonio, TX