



ASFO 56TH ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM
“LEADING THE WAY: CURRENT SYSTEMS AND NEW
ADVANCES AFFECTING FORENSIC ODONTOLOGY”
FEBRUARY 10, 2026
NEW ORLEANS, LA
8 hours CEUs

New Orleans Convention Center
Scientific program: Room 245
AGM Luncheon: Rivergate Room

7:00-8:00 am	Registration and breakfast
8:00-8:10 am	Welcome Dr. Mary Cimrmancic, ASFO President
8:10-8:15 am	Program introduction Dr. Dirk van der Meer, ASFO President-Elect
8:15-9:15 am	“AI and the Future of Forensic Odontology: Moving From Bites to Bits” Dr. Kenneth W. Aschheim
9:15-10:15 am	“Restoring Names, Bridging Worlds: Collaboration and Compassion in Quebec Forensic Work” Dr. Corinne D’Anjou Hillary R. Parsons, PhD
10:15-10:30 am	BREAK
10:30-11:30am	“Dental Age Assessment (DAA): If I Only Knew Then What I Know Now, a DAA Timeline.” Kathleen A. Kasper DDS

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11:30-11:45am	“Facing the Challenge, Finding the Solution: The Mexican Society of Forensic Dentistry.” Dr. Israel Soriano
11:45-12:00pm	“Forensic Odontology Response Team in Canada: FORT BC SOCIETY” Dr. Dirk van der Meer
12:00-1:30pm	LUNCH AND ASFO AGM
1:30-1:45pm	“Cooperation Between German Bundeswehr and the Federal Criminal Police Office” Col. Dr. Alexander Selck
1:45-2:30 pm	“Is the World of Standards Influencing Forensics?” Col. Dr. Christoph Hemme
2:30-3:30 pm	“Dental Imaging: Understanding the Past and Embracing the Future” Dr. Mithun Rajshekhar
3:30-3:45 pm	“Odont, Anthro and FIGG, a Teamwork Approach to Identity” Dr. Lowell Riemer
3:45-4:00	BREAK
4:00-5:25pm	Town Hall discussion: “The Future of Forensic Odontology” Dr. Derek Draft Dr. Kenneth W. Aschheim Dr. Mark Eilers
5:25-5:30pm	Thank you and closing remarks Dr. Dirk van der Meer



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Speaker Biographies

1. Dr. Kenneth W. Aschheim

Dr. Kenneth W. Aschheim, an ABFO board-certified forensic odontologist, is a leader in integrating forensic odontology with advanced software. With over 20 years of experience, he developed the UDIM dental module for NYC's Unified Victim Identification System (UVIS) and co-created OdontoSearch with Dr. Bradley Adams. Expanding into AI, he partnered with Bright Forensics to develop AI-based dental identification software and led a machine-learning project for dental-age assessment. He also co-leads an oral pathology initiative with ITU and WHO and helped draft the first ISO standard for AI in 2D radiograph interpretation. Holding academic positions at NYU College of Dentistry and Mount Sinai Medical Center, he serves as Assistant Chief Forensic Odontologist for NYC's Medical Examiner. He also consults for the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children.

2. Dr. Corinne D'Anjou

Dr. Corinne D'Anjou obtained a DMD degree from Laval University In Quebec, Canada in 2002. In 2014, she completed a certificate in Forensic Dentistry at McGill University and in 2016, she completed a Fellowship in Forensic Odontology at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. Dr. D'Anjou is Team leader of the forensic odontology team at the LSJML (Laboratoire de Sciences Judiciaires et de Médecine Légale) in Montreal, Quebec. She also coordinates the Identification unit. Dr. D'Anjou also serves as a Canadian delegate to INTERPOL DVI Forensic Odontology Sub-Working Group.

3. Hillary R. Parsons PhD

Dr. Parsons has a PhD in anthropology.

4. Kathleen A. Kasper DDS

Dr Kasper has been practicing general dentistry in Carrollton, Texas for 31 years. She is a graduate of the University of Iowa College of Dentistry. She received her formal Forensic Odontology training at the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio, Texas, Center for Education and Research in Forensics (CERF) in 2003-2004. She obtained Board Certification from the American Board of Forensic Odontology in 2010. She is Chair for working group 10.13 for the American Dental Association that published the "Technical Report" for Forensic Dental Age Estimation which went on to become a "Standard" for the Organization of Scientific Area Committees for Forensic Science also referred to as OSAC. Dr. Kasper served as Chair of the ABFO Dental Age Assessment Committee.

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5. Dr. Israel Soriano

Dr. Israel Soriano is a Forensic Odontologist with over 13 years of experience. He is the Director of the Mexican Society of Forensic Dentistry (SOFoM), and is the current Forensic Odontology Consultant for the International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP). His professional background includes collaborations with the United Nations and the Attorney General's Office of Mexico.

6. Dr. Dirk van der Meer

Dr. Dirk van der Meer completed a DMD degree at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada. He completed a Fellowship in Forensic Odontology from the University of Texas Health Science Centre in San Antonio as well as a Masters in Science (Forensic Science) from the University of Florida. He is an ABFO Board certified forensic odontologist. He is also the President-Elect of the ASFO, President of FORT BC Society and the Chief Forensic Odontologist for the province of British Columbia. He serves as the Chair of the ABFO Certification and Examination Committee and as a Canadian delegate to the INTERPOL DVI Forensic Odontology Sub-Working Group. Dr. van der Meer was a member of the Canadian team deployed to Thailand for the INTERPOL DVI response following the 2004 Asian tsunami.

7. Col. Dr. Alexander Selck

Col. Dr Alexander Selck studied dentistry in Frankfurt and had been a member of the German Armed Forces (Bundeswehr) since 1991. Since 2010, he has been a member of the Support Group IDKO (Identification Commission of the German Federal Criminal Police Office) and since 2017 he has been the coordinator and head of the Bundeswehr Support Group IDKO. He has been deployed on DVI responses four times in both Germany and the Philippines.

8. Col. Dr. Christoff Hemme

Dr. Hemme currently commands 13 regional dental clinics in Southern Bavaria and directs the Central Dental Training Clinic at Bundeswehr Medical Service Academy. Since 2003, Colonel Hemme has served as a delegate to the NATO COMEDS Dental Service Panel and since 2015 has been the Panel Chair. Within the NATO Standardization Office, he holds A Custodian position and is responsible for the maintenance of the STANAG Standardization Agreement on Forensic Dental Identification. He was accepted by the German Institute for Standardization “DIN” as an expert on forensic dentistry and holds a convenor role in the Terminology Working Group of the International Standardization Organization (ISO). He was recently voted chair elect for ISO Sub-Committee 3 Terminology within the Technical Committee 106 Dentistry.

9. Dr. Mithun Rajshekar

Dr. Mithun Rajshekhar is a forensic odontologist with over 14 years of international experience. His work addresses the 2009 NAS report criticisms by strengthening the scientific validity of forensic odontology. He holds a PhD, with acclaimed research on 3D imaging in bite-mark investigations. His innovations have advanced dental profiling and bite-mark analysis practices. Dr. Rajshekhar has served on several international

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committees, including ANZFSS (Australia New Zealand Forensic Science Society serving as Tasmanian Branch Secretary). He has been an active member of the Forensic Odontology Consensus Board since 2022. As an educator and mentor, he has led advanced training programs and international workshops. He contributed to the International Military Forensic Identification Training program, specializing in forensic imaging. He has extensive hands-on casework experience in mortuary and medical examiner settings. A prolific researcher and award recipient, including the Henry C. Lee Award, he continues to shape global forensic odontology standards.

10. Dr. Lowell Riemer

Dr. Riemer was born, raised, studied and worked in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. A graduate of the University of Alberta in 1978, he worked as a general dentist for 29 years. Upon retirement from clinical practice, Dr. Riemer pursued his interest in Forensic Odontology, completing a one year Fellowship at the Center for Education and Research in Forensics at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio and, became a Diplomate of the American Board of Forensic Odontology in 2022. Dr. Riemer currently serves as a consultant to the Chief Medical Examiner of Alberta as well as various police agencies. He is also a member of the FORT BC Society (Forensic Odontology Response Team), and assists in teaching DVI protocols to international military dental personnel.

11. Dr. Derek Draft

Dr. Derek Draft received his D.D.S. degree from the University of Michigan Dental School in 1998 and currently practices as a general dentist in both the US and Canada. Dr. Draft joined the State of Michigan Forensic Dentistry ID Team in 2000 and he joined DMORT Region V in 2001. He was deployed to Joplin, MO with DMORT after the devastating tornado in May 2011. He is a fellow of the AAFS Odontology Section and a diplomate with the American Board of Forensic Odontology where he is the current President. Dr. Draft developed the Draft Age Estimation QuicksheetsTM. Dr. Draft provides forensic odontology services at the Le Laboratoire de sciences judiciaires et de médecine légale du Québec in Montreal and is also a Clinical Associate Professor in the Pathology Department at the Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine as a Forensic Odontology consultant.

12. Dr. Mark Eilers

Dr. Eilers is an ABFO Board certified forensic odontologist and currently serves as President-Elect for the ABFO. He completed a Fellowship in Forensic Odontology from the University of Texas Health Science Centre in San Antonio and is an odontology consultant for the both the Clark County and Oregon State Medical Examiners Offices. He also serves as the Chair of the ABFO Ad Hoc Committee on Computational Dentistry and AI Applications. Dr. Eilers practices general dentistry in Prineville, Oregon.