



19th Annual Forensic DNA Conference

Bode 2020

October 26–27, 2020

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The Conference is Presented During Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)
All Presentations Will be Recorded for On Demand Viewing

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Unique and Interactive Program

Bode has worked hard to create an environment that allows our attendees, speakers and sponsors to engage and share ideas.

Live Question and Answer Sessions

All presentation sessions are 1-hour with an estimated 45 minutes of presentation content, followed by a moderated question and answer session. All content will be available on demand after the conference.

Continue the Conversation

Upon the completion of each talk, our presenters and attendees will be encouraged to visit the Networking Lounge and/or the Exhibit Hall to continue the discussion.



Monday, October 26, 2020
General Session: Auditorium
BYOB with Exhibitors (Bring Your Own Breakfast)
8:00am – 8:30am

8:30am – 9:30am

KEYNOTE SESSION:

Celebrating Milestones and Achievements in Forensics

FEATURED PRESENTER: Debbie Smith, H-E-A-R-T (Hope Exists After Rape Trauma)

Additional Presenters and Panelists:

- Thomas J. Bode, Founder, Bode Technology
- Cecelia Crouse, Crime Laboratory Director, Palm Beach Sheriff's Office (retired)
- Mike Cariola, President and CEO, Bode Technology



This presentation will feature talks from all the panelists discussing the impact and challenges related to forensic DNA testing over the past 25 years, followed by a moderated question and answer session.

9:30am – 10:00am Networking Break

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10:00am – 11:00am

"Zombie Murder Hornet Invasion": Forensic Laboratory Emergency Preparedness After 2020.

Dr. Peter Stout, President & CEO, Houston Forensic Science Center

11:00am – 11:30am Networking Break

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11:30am – 12:30pm

DNA Legislative Updates and

SAKI: Supporting an Improved Response to Sexual Assault and Violent Crime

Lisa Hurst, Senior Consultant, Gordon, Thomas, Honeywell

Dr. Patricia Melton, Research Forensic Scientist, Co-Director SAKI TTA, RTI International

12:30pm – 1:00pm Networking Break

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Monday, October 26, 2020

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1:00pm – 2:00pm

Managing Untested Sexual Assault Kits: A Summary of the Sexual Assault Initiative for the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department's Forensic Laboratory

Kim Murga, Forensic Laboratory Director, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department

2:00pm – 2:30pm Networking Break

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2:30pm – 3:30pm

All Things Rapid DNA

*Dr. Douglas R. Hares, Rapid DNA Implementation Program Advisor,
Biometric Analysis Section, FBI*

3:30pm – 3:45pm Networking Break

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3:45pm – 4:45pm

Forensic Genetic Genealogy: How the FBI is Leading Law Enforcement with this Cutting-Edge Technology

Steve Kramer, Division Counsel, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Steve Busch, Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation

4:45pm – 5:00pm Networking Break

Sponsored by Bode Technology Forensic Genealogy Team

5:00pm – 6:00pm

Lawfully Owed DNA Samples: Challenges and Impact

Katharine Hemann, Assistant Attorney General, Washington State Office of the Attorney General

Lindsey Wade, Senior Investigator, Washington State Office of the Attorney General

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

Breakout Sessions

BYOB with Exhibitors (Bring Your Own Breakfast)

8:00am – 8:30am

Concurrent Session
8:30am – 9:30am

Policing in 2021: Law Enforcement Under Fire

Fred Harran, Director of Public Safety, Bensalem Township Police Department

Fred Harran, Director of Public Safety at the Bensalem Township Police Departments discusses his department's efforts to engage and protect the community while facing challenges related to citizen and police relations. Director Harran will discuss what defunding the police means and the impact it may have on the department. He will also discuss police reform and what many agencies, including his own, have already taken to improve public safety and public relations.

Breakout Track 1

Breakout Track 2

9:30am – 10:00am Networking Break

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10:00am – 11:00am

Promega Workshop

Assessing DNA Damage in mitoMPS Data from Low Template Samples

Mitchell Holland, Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, and Forensic Science, Pennsylvania State University

10:00am – 11:00am

The Power of Local DNA Databases and the use of Rapid and Touch DNA on High-volume crimes

Glenn Vandegrift, Detective Sergeant of Forensics, Bensalem Township Police Department

11:00am – 11:30am Networking Break

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11:30am – 12:30pm

Mixtures and Admissibility of Probabilistic Genotyping in Court: Addressing Recent Challenges to the Use of STRMix

Dr. John Buckleton, Principal Scientist, ESR

11:30am – 12:30pm

DNA Recovery from Fired Cartridge Cases

Laurie Mann, Forensic Biologist, ATF

Use of the Leeds LSV2 System to Deliver New Information in Major Crimes

Libby Schreiber, Senior Criminalist, California Department of Justice, Central Valley Laboratory

Tuesday, October 27, 2020
Breakout Sessions (Continued)

Breakout Track 1

Breakout Track 2

12:30pm – 1:00pm Networking Break
 Sponsored by Leeds Forensic Systems

1:00pm – 2:00pm
NicheVision Workshop
The Perfect Complements to STRmix: FaSTR and DBLR STRmix™
Zane Kerr, Senior Scientist, ESR

Calculating Match Statistics for Sequence-Based Profiles from Forensic PCR-MPS Kits
Brian Young PhD, Chief Scientist, NicheVision Forensics, LLC

1:00pm – 2:00pm
Rapid DNA & Local DNA Databases: Building a Case
Sergeant Thomas A Orzechowski, New Castle County Police Department, Criminal Investigation Unit EDU/DNA

Detective Eric Christopher, New Castle County Police Department, DE

2:00pm – 2:30pm Networking Break
 Sponsored by NicheVision Forensics

2:30pm – 3:30pm
Thermo Fisher Scientific Workshop

- **Rapid DNA: Forging Partnerships**
Mark Smith, Supervising Forensic Scientist, Arizona Department of Public Safety
- **Rapid DNA Use in a Helicopter Crash Disaster Victim Identification**
Stephenie Regan, Crime Scene and Laboratory Supervisor, Kaula'i Police Department
- **Maintaining Productive Momentum in Rapidly Evolving DNA Lab**
Dave Jackson, DNA Technical Leader, Washoe County Sheriff's Office
- **New Tools that Improve Efficiency and Save Time: 3500 and SeqStudio Data Collection Tools** – *Jaime Brachold, Sr. Technical Applications Scientist, Thermo Fisher Scientific*

2:30pm – 3:30pm
Forensic Genealogy – Solving Serial Sexual Assaults using SAKI Funds
Kristin Sasinouski, Deputy Director of Forensic Biology and DNA, Assistant Technical Leader, Connecticut Division of Scientific Services

Detective Thomas Van Tasel, Vernon Police Department, CT

Forensic Genetic Genealogy: Practical Considerations to Improve GEDmatch Outcomes
Swathi A. Kumar, PhD, Director, Product and Program Management, Verogen

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Breakout Sessions (Continued)

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| 3:30pm – 3:45pm Networking Break Sponsored by SoftGenetics | |
| 3:45pm – 4:45pm Hamilton Company Workshop Isolating High-Quality DNA from Sexual Assault Evidence: Demonstrating the Power of Novel Automated Methods <i>Dr. Kevin Miller, Senior Market Segment Leader, Government and Regulated Labs, Hamilton Company</i> | 3:45pm – 4:45pm Collaborative Investigations: Using Public Records for Cold Case Research <i>Samantha Gwinn, LexisNexis Risk Solutions, Public Safety Platform Manager</i> <i>Detective Jacob Blass, Fremont Police Department, Fremont, CA</i> |
| 4:45pm – 5:00pm Networking Break Sponsored by LexisNexis Risk Solutions | |
| 5:00pm – 6:00pm Wrongful Convictions and DNA Exonerations: Panel Discussion Evaluating the Use, Impact, and Challenges of Post-Conviction DNA Testing <i>Moderator: Deanna Lankford, Director of Forensic Casework, Bode Technology</i> Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Lauren Kaeseberg, Legal Director, Illinois Innocence Project</i> • <i>Tom Brady, Investigator, Conviction Integrity Unit, State Attorney's Office, 4th Circuit Jacksonville, FL</i> • <i>Cate Roller, Casework Supervisor, Bode Technology</i> | 5:00pm – 6:00pm DNA on the Unidentified: Delivering Identities to those Found without them <i>Kathy Taylor, Forensic Anthropologist, King County Medical Examiner's Office</i> Best practices for investigating missing persons cases will be discussed along with cases where investigators have had to get creative. |

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