

Notice of Meeting

Dear Members,

Notice is hereby given that the next meeting of the Australian Academy of Forensic Sciences (Victorian Chapter) will be held at Victoria University, The Sir Zelman Cowen Centre, Phillips Room, Room 2.10, Level 2, 295 Queen Street, Melbourne (entry off Little Lonsdale St) commencing at 5:30pm (with light refreshments from 5:00pm) on **Wednesday 6 March 2019**.

The meeting will consist of a plenary presentation by **Dr Jan De Kinder** from the Office of the Chief Forensic Scientist, Victoria Police on **The transnational exchange of DNA profiles in Europe as a model for other countries**.

The automated exchange of DNA information between the countries in Europe has been made possible by the Treaty of Prum. This presentation will focus on the model of *point-to-point exchanges* that have been implemented and the different elements that have been put into place on a scientific and legal level so that the fundamental principles of law are guaranteed. The results of the transnational exchange of data will be presented as well as some of the additional information that can be gained from these databases. This includes the study of the transnational migration of offenders, the existence of networks of criminals as well as information regarding the criminal careers.

Jan De Kinder obtained a PhD in science at the university of Antwerp (Belgium) in the field of laser spectroscopy. In 1996, he was tasked to develop the area of crime scene ballistics and firearms identification at the new Belgian Forensic Laboratory. In 2001, he became the head of the Ballistics Section. In 2006 Jan became director of the National Institute of Forensic Science and Criminology, a Belgian Federal Scientific Institute, until 2018. In that role, he chaired the European Network of Forensic Science Institutes (ENFSI) 2009-2011 and again 2015-2017. He also chaired the International Forensic Strategic Alliance (IFSA) 2007-2008 and again 2009-2010. Throughout his career Jan has made numerous significant contributions to scientific journals and he continues to serve on a number of international scientific committees and panels. In May 2018, Jan was appointed as the Chief Forensic Scientist for Victoria Police.

| Time | Program – 6 March 2019 | Location |
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| 5:00 pm | Light refreshments | Victoria University, The Sir Zelman Cowen Centre, Phillips Room, Room 2.10, Level 2, 295 Queen St, Melbourne (entry off Little Lonsdale St) |
| 5:30 pm | The transnational exchange of DNA profiles in Europe as a model for other countries Dr Jan De Kinder | |
| 7:00 pm | Dinner Payable on the night As the venue might not be able to split bills, please bring cash on the night | Il Nostro Posto, 60 Hardware Ln, Melbourne |

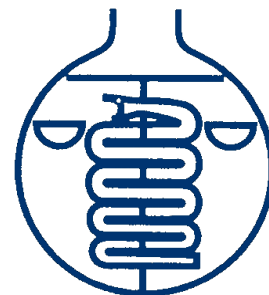
Please kindly RSVP as to whether you will be attending the meeting and/or the dinner to aafs.vicchapter@gmail.com by 1 March 2019.

All members and their guests are invited and encouraged to attend the dinner at the conclusion of the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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