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From the Editor's Desk...Joseph R. Monforte, Ph.D., DABFT

Having recently moved (yes, we are officially in the new house), I realize how cumbersome it is to relay all the necessary change of address information. Since Pat actually did this on my behalf, she devised a way to make it easier and will share the end product with you. Therefore, you will find a convenient change of address form in this issue of ToxTalk. If you have changed any contact information or added information, such as e-mail, you may want to take advantage of this form. I suggest you keep it on file for any future use.

A revision of the traditional SOFT logo was approved at the Snowbird meeting. The new logo consists of the same outer ring with the Society's name and a black inner circle with the white skull and crossbones poison logo. A sample can be seen on the JAT Call-for-Papers. Incidentally, how many of you are aware that the SOFT logo is a Conway microdiffusion cell?
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We value your interest in SOFT and look forward to serving your needs in 1998.

Editor's Note: A change of address form is also included in this issue of ToxTalk.

REVISED FORENSIC TOXICOLOGY LABORATORY GUIDELINES PRESENTED AT SOFT BUSINESS MEETING

The SOFT/AAFS Laboratory Guidelines Committee recently redrafted the 1997 guidelines to form a single, cohesive document. This draft, distributed to all SOFT members in the last issue of ToxTalk, combines the material which was in the appendix with that in the main body of the guidelines.

This document was approved at the SOFT Annual Business Meeting in Snowbird. Chairman, Dr. Graham Jones, will present the same document to the AAFS Toxicology Business Meeting next February in San Francisco. The other members of the committee are Dr. W. Lee Hearn, Dr. H. Horton McCurdy, and J. Rod McCutcheon.

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SOFT/TIAFT '98 - NOT THAT FAR AWAY!!

Drs. Ronald Backer and N.G.S. Rao, 1998 SOFT Meeting Hosts, report that arrangements for the SOFT 1998 meeting, to be held in Albuquerque, NM, October 5 - 9, are well in progress. This is a joint meeting with TIAFT. The world-famous Kodak Hot Air Balloon Festival is also scheduled for that week in Albuquerque. While you get to enjoy this unique opportunity to see several hundred giant balloons simultaneously floating in the air and take part in several related activities, the event also brings some inconveniences, like making your reservations for hotel, transportation and car rentals well in advance. Already, 108 attendees have made reservations with the Albuquerque Hilton.

The preliminary program provided in this issue of ToxTalk describes the meeting details. There may be other workshops on Sunday afternoon (Oct. 3rd) in addition to the workshops on Monday and Tuesday.

Additional information can be obtained by writing to:

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HOTEL RESERVATIONS must be made directly with the hotel. You are herewith officially advised that rooms are at a premium during this time which coincides with the famous Albuquerque Balloon Festival. Space is limited and will be reserved on a "first come" basis only. To qualify for conference rates, specify "SOFT" when making your reservations. Rates not guaranteed after September 3rd.

Albuquerque Hilton (Congress Hotel) 800-274-6835: $105 single/double; $115 triple; $125 quad
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1997 SOFT ROBOTICS SURVEY

The enclosed robotics survey is designed to obtain information about the use of robotic equipment for solid phase extractions in forensic toxicology laboratories. The purpose is to evaluate robotic systems (not extraction cartridges), establish a network of robotics users, and provide information for potential purchasers. The individual information provided will remain strictly confidential. Please submit only one survey per laboratory. If more than one robotics system is used within your laboratory, please complete a survey for each system. If your laboratory does not use robotics, please complete the survey accordingly. Please return the completed survey to Jennifer F. Limoges by January 15, 1998, to be included in a report to be published in the March issue of ToxTalk. Surveys received after 1/15/98 will be reviewed and also included in the robotics directory. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Limoges at 518-457-1208 or e-mail rjlimoges@juno.com.

Return completed surveys by January 15, 1998 to: JENNIFER LIMOGES FAX: 518-457-2477
Or you may mail your survey to: Jennifer F. Limoges, New York State Police Forensic Investigation Center, 1220 Washington Ave., Building 30, Albany, NY 12226.

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Case Notes: Incidence of Cocaine and Metabolites in Driver and Pedestrian Fatalities

Submitted by: Dan Isenschmid, Ph.D., DABFT and Bradford Hepler, Ph.D., DABFT

The Toxicology Laboratory of the Wayne County Medical Examiners Office in Detroit, Michigan has recently expanded its testing on motor-vehicle related fatalities to include cocaine and other drugs of abuse. This case note presents the data we obtained from two years of driver and one year of pedestrian fatalities. This report is limited to cocaine and ethyl alcohol data. For purposes of statistics, other drugs that were found may have been present as a result of a short hospital stay (e.g. morphine) or other drug abuse (e.g. morphine from heroin). No attempt to differentiate the source of the other drugs was made nor was survival time reviewed. However, the data does suggest that cocaine may play a role in driver and pedestrian related fatalities.

Data from Drivers

Of the 197 driver fatalities studied, 91 cases (46%) were negative for drugs and ethanol, 69 cases (35%) were positive for ethanol only and 37 (19%) were positive for either some drug or combined drug and ethanol. Cocaine and/or its metabolites were found in 20 of 197 cases (10%). Of these, parent cocaine (or ethyl cocaine) was detected in the blood of 13 cases. Benzoylecgonine was detected in the blood of 19 of these cases. Of the 20 cases positive for cocaine and/or its metabolites 9 were also positive for ethanol. Eight of the cases positive for cocaine and ethanol were also positive for ethyl cocaine. The table below reflects the blood data (in mg/L) for the 13 cases in which parent cocaine (or ethyl cocaine) was detected:

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<th>Ethanol (g%)</th>
<th>Other Findings</th>
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<td>Morphine: 0.13, Codeine: 0.033, Chlordiazepoxide &amp; Metab.'s: 0.5</td>
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<td>6</td>
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<td>Pentobarbital: 8.0 (hospital)</td>
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Data from Pedestrians

Of the 63 pedestrian fatalities studied, 31 cases (49%) were negative for drugs and ethanol, 15 cases (24%) were positive for ethanol only and 17 (27%) were positive for either some drug or combined drug and ethanol. Cocaine and/or its metabolites were found in 12 of 63 cases (19%). Of these, parent cocaine (or ethyl cocaine) was detected in the blood of 10 cases. Benzoylecgonine was detected in the blood of all cases. Of the 12 cases positive for cocaine and/or its metabolites 5 were also positive for ethanol. All of these cases were also positive for ethyl cocaine. The table below reflects the blood data (in mg/L) for the 10 cases in which parent cocaine (or ethyl cocaine) was detected:

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<th>Case</th>
<th>Cocaine</th>
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<th>Ethanol (g%)</th>
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<td>* Results are for spleen (mg/kg)</td>
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<td>Morphine: 0.10, Codeine: 0.058, 6-Acetylmorphine: &lt;0.005</td>
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ETHANOL AND ISOPROPANOL CONSUMPTION


German title: Athanol und Isopropanolkonsum

Two healthy male subjects (ages 51 and 34 years) consumed isopropanol with and without ethanol. The peak blood isopropanol concentrations were approximately 0.040 g/100mL. The peak blood ethanol concentrations were 0.065 g/100mL. The isopropanol was diluted with orange juice but still had a bitter taste.

The rate of isopropanol elimination was 0.011 g/100mL/h without ethanol consumption and decreased to 0.004 g/100mL/h with ethanol. Ethanol inhibited the conversion of isopropanol to acetone until the blood ethanol concentration was less than 0.011 g/100mL. At this time, both subjects developed severe headaches due to the rapid formation of acetone.

In addition, isopropanol decreased the rate of ethanol elimination from 0.014 to 0.012 g/100mL/h.

“DRUGS IN THE NEWS”

by Vince Papa, Ph.D.

KETAMINE (Special K) is a phencyclidine (PCP) -like drug in the hallucinogenic class that has been in recent reports in Great Britain as a hot new club drug. PCP drug usage remains low throughout the country. Ketamine has been used in the U.S. as an anesthetic induction agent since 1972. Structurally and pharmacologically related to PCP, this drug has failed clinical trials due to significant side effects during anesthetic recovery. Ketamine is supplied as a 10-100 mg/mL solution for intravenous injection. It is metabolized first by n-demethylation to norketamine and then to dehydronorketamine by dehydrogenation.

Norketamine has been shown to exhibit depressant effects similar to those of ketamine. Over a 72-hour period a single dose of ketamine is eliminated primarily in urine as unchanged drug (2.3%), norketamine (1.6%), dehydronorketamine (16.2%), and conjugated hydroxymetabolites (80%). Blood levels have been measured in volunteers. A 2.5 mg/kg dose produced peak levels of 1000 ng/mL 12 minutes after intramuscular injection, falling to 500 ng/mL at 30 minutes.

The mechanism of action of ketamine works through a depressant effect on the brain's limbic system. There are no published reports of toxicity in research users, because when it is used as a recreational drug it is used in doses lower than those used to produce anesthesia. When snorted by drug users, the dose is usually 50-100 mg while doses used to induce anesthesia range from 6.5-13 mg/kg. The half-life of ketamine is 3 hours with no known antagonists. Amnesia and other effects may be evident for a period of 1 to 2 hours. Other effects include purposeless movements and violent and irrational behavior to any type of stimuli. Additionally, other reported toxic reactions to ketamine include blurred vision, respiratory stimulation or depression, tachycardia or bradycardia, hypertension or hypotension and cardiac arrhythmia. In a clinical setting, more than half of the adults over age 30 exhibit delirium, excitement, and visual disturbances. One of the reasons why users at “raves” do not experience difficulty is that side effects are significantly less prominent in younger people.

There are a number of different assays for ketamine: flame ionization, nitrogen specific and electron-capture gas chromatography, both with and without derivitization. The Toxi-Lab system is the only commercial drug screening test that detects ketamine. Even though the ketamine molecule is similar to PCP structurally, the Roche On-Line PCP assay has cross-reactivity of only 0.05% to ketamine, and ketamine does not cross react significantly with antibodies used for CEDIA or EMIT assays. Therefore, it will not be detected in emergency room or workplace programs.

References:

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ABFT NEWS

The ABFT Laboratory Accreditation Program is now in process. Congratulations to Dr. Barry Levine and the Maryland Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for becoming the first ABFT accredited laboratory. To receive specific information, please contact the ABFT Administrative Office.

Congratulations to Daniel Isenschmid, Ph.D., DABFT, who recently successfully qualified for certification by the American Board of Forensic Toxicology as an ABFT certified Forensic Toxicologist (Diplomate).

Forensic toxicologists with a doctorate or masters degree who are interested in certification by the American Board of Forensic Toxicology should contact: ABFT Administrative Office, P.O. Box 669, Colorado Springs, CO 80901-0669 Telephone: 719-636-1100

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IN MEMORIAM: ROBERT BURNS FORNEY, SR., Ph.D.  Submitted by Kurt Dubowski, Ph.D., DABFT
Forensic Toxicology lost one of its most beloved, accomplished and productive leaders with the death of Dr. Robert Burns Forney, Sr., in Indianapolis on 6 September 1997. He had spent his entire career at Indiana University, 1939-87, much of it as a close colleague of Professor Rolla Harger - and rose to the rank of Distinguished Professor of Pharmacology and Toxicology in 1977. He also served as the first Director of the Indiana State Department of Toxicology, a position created for him, 1954-87. A world-class contributor to clinical and forensic toxicology, Dr. Forney organized and directed the largest and first federally-funded graduate training program in toxicology. He had received numerous professional honors, and served in many elective offices, including the presidencies of AAFS and TIAFT. Among his scientific accomplishments, he developed many now-standard approaches for measuring and evaluating the effects of alcohol and other drugs on human mental and psychomotor performance. He will continue to live on in the annals of forensic toxicology.

IN MEMORIAM: ROSEMARY LESTER ALSTOTT KINCAID, Ph.D.  Submitted by Fredric Reiders, Ph.D., DABFT
The death of Dr. Rosemary Kincaid saddens us deeply and leaves us with a profound sense of loss by her untimely demise on October 28, 1997, in Warminster, PA. Rosemary, beloved colleague and companion to those of us fortunate enough to be befriended by her, was admired for her knowledge and skill in, as well as enthusiasm for, forensic toxicology. Her professional experience included directing and working in medical examiners' offices, hospitals, and private laboratories in Indiana, California, New York, Wyoming, Pennsylvania, and Delaware for more than 20 years. She also willingly shared her knowledge as a teacher of senior high school chemistry and physics, breath testing in law enforcement school and biochemistry at university. Dr. Kincaid held numerous offices at SOFT including 1986 President, was active in AAFS, published significant papers and presented ubiquitously at SOFT and AAFS meetings.

Born in West Virginia and raised in the hills of Louisa, Kentucky, she became an outstanding BS, ASCP medical technologist, who fell in love with chemistry and brilliantly worked her way through to an MS and then Ph.D. in toxicology under the tutelage of Drs. R. Harger and R. Forney, Sr. Her company was always a pleasure; at her best, she was an inspiration. Wherever she was, was made better by her.

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NOTE: There were many positions posted at the recent SOFT Annual Meeting. We would like to publish these and any other job openings in the next issue of ToxTalk but cannot do so unless requested by a representative of the potential employer. If you have a job position available, FAX (602-595-6663) or E-MAIL (monfortej@juno.com) to ToxTalk or mail to: Dr. Joseph Monforte, ToxTalk Editor, 42408 N. Sombrero Rd., Cave Creek, AZ 42408-2821.

PROFESSIONAL CALENDAR
SOFT MEETING: October 5-9, 1998, SOFT/TIAFT, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Co-Hosts Drs. NGS Rao and Ronald Backer. For information contact Dr. NGS Rao, 505-841-2562, FAX: 505-841-2543, e-mail: NRAO@NUMEX.UNM.EDU.


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SAMHSA NLCP Inspector's Workshop

MONDAY, 5 OCTOBER 1998
Time: Workshops 1 & 2 - 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon
Workshop # 1 Pharmacology and Analytical Toxicology of Drugs in Saliva
Workshop # 2 Current Applications of Thin Layer Chromatography in Forensic Toxicology
Time: Workshops 3, 4 & 5 - 1:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.
Workshop # 3 Analytical and Interpretive Challenges with Amphetamine Analogis
Workshop # 4 Practical Aspects of CI/MS for Drugs of Abuse Analysis
Workshop # 5 Case Histories In Forensic Pathology.
Welcoming Reception

ESDAY, 6 OCTOBER 1998
Workshop # 6 Medical Traditions in the Four Cultures: "Herbs of the Curanderos" at Rancho de las Golondrinas and "The Scalpel and the Silver Bear" in Santa Fe.
Free afternoon in Santa Fe

WEDNESDAY, 7 OCTOBER 1998
Plenary Session
Scientific Sessions, Oral and Poster
Exhibits Open
Presidents Reception and Buffet Dinner
Elmer Gordon Forum

THURSDAY, 8 OCTOBER 1998
Scientific Sessions, Oral and Poster
Exhibits Open

FRIDAY, 9 OCTOBER 1998
Scientific Sessions, Oral and Poster
Exhibits Open
SOFT Business Meeting
TIAFT Business Meeting
Farewell Banquet

TURDAY, 10 OCTOBER 1998
Post Congress Tours: Taos Pueblo; White Sands and Carlsbad Caverns
Registration Information

There are two types of registrations: the Sandia Registration and the Mesa Registration. The Mesa Registration is a basic fee in keeping with traditional SOFT meetings. The Sandia Registration is an all-inclusive fee in keeping with traditional TIAFT meetings. Both types of registrations are fully described below. There is also a description of Workshop # 6 and the Accompanying Person Registration. Everyone has the choice to choose either registration regardless of membership. Attendees using the Mesa Registration may purchase the accompanying persons registration package on the Sandia Registration form or any individual tickets as desired.

Mesa Registration

The basic meeting registration includes admission to all scientific sessions, copy of Abstracts book, the Welcoming Reception, the Presidents Reception and buffet dinner, Thursday Luncheon and all coffee breaks.

Sandia Registration

The basic meeting registration includes admission to all scientific sessions, copy of the Abstracts book, the Welcoming Reception, the Presidents Reception and buffet dinner, the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Luncheons, the Farewell Banquet, Workshop # 6, the published Congress Proceedings and all coffee breaks.

Accompanying Persons Registration

This registration includes the Welcoming Reception, the Presidents Reception and buffet dinner, the Banquet and Workshop # 6 (trip to Santa Fe).

Workshop # 6

This workshop, “Medical Traditions in the Four Cultures” includes round-trip transportation, morning lectures on Herbs and Plants of the Curenderos at Rancho de las Golondrinas and on combining Western and Traditional Navajo medicine in Santa Fe, continental breakfast and lunch. The afternoon will be free to walk, shop or visit museums in Santa Fe.

Payment Deadlines

A late fee of $50 will be charged on all registration received after August 1, 1998. No mail registrations accepted after September 7, 1998. Payment by credit cards or business checks drawn on a USA bank, International Bank Check or Money Order. All funds must be paid in US dollars. Make payable to SOFT/TIAFT 98.

Cancellation of Registration: 70% refund if canceled prior to July 10, 1998; 50% refund if canceled prior to Sept. 7 1998; No refund if canceled after Sept. 7, 1998.

Hotel Reservations and Air

Reservations for rooms should be made directly with the hotel. Because the meeting is being held during the week of Balloon Festival attendees are advised to reserve rooms and flights as early as possible. After July 1 no accommodations can be assured. Early departure fees possible. Contact Albuquerque Hilton, (800) 274-6835, (505) 884-2500 or toll-free in North America 1-800-HILTONS (1-800-445-8667), fax (505) 889-9118. For conference rates specify SOFT. American Airlines is offering attendees a 5% discount on domestic fares. Call 1-800-433-1790 and refer to TIAFT ABQ group name and “AN NUMBER” 5708UA.

Tour Reservations

Requests for Pre- and Post Conference Tours will be forwarded to the local tour companies. The Conference organizers take no responsibility for pre- or post-conference tours. Tour companies pick up at the Albuquerque Hilton Hotel.
Basic Meeting Registration includes admission to all scientific sessions, abstracts book, welcoming reception, president's reception and buffet dinner, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday luncheons, the farewell banquet, workshop # 6, the published congress proceedings and all coffee breaks.

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Full-Time Student or Daily Registrant $30

Permits attendance at scientific sessions only: Wed, Thurs, or Friday. Fee is per each day.

Accompanying Person Registration includes the welcoming reception, president's reception and buffet dinner, the banquet and workshop # 6 (Santa Fe).

Extra Tickets:
- Welcoming Reception $25
- President's Reception/Dinner (Wed.) $25
- Farewell Banquet (Fri.) $40
- Luncheon (Wed.) $20
- Luncheon (Thurs.) $20
- Luncheon (Fri.) $20

Meeting T-Shirts (free if registered by July 1) Large_______ X-Large_______ XXLarge_______ $40

Late Fee: For all registrations received after Aug 1, 1998 $50

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**Total** $ |

For payment by credit card include: Type of Card: Visa / Master Charge

Card No ______ Expiration Date ______

Signature ______

Mail to: SOFT/TIAFT 1998, PO Box 40711, Albuquerque, NM 87196-0711 USA
Name___________________________________________________________
Address________________________________________________________________________
City/State/ZIP ________________ Country___________________
Telephone #__________________________________ Fax #_________________________
Arrival Day/Date/Time: _____________________ Departure Day/Date _____________________
(Please note check-in time of 3 pm) (please note check-out time of 12:00 noon)

Albuquerque Hilton (Congress Hotel)
1901 University Blvd. N.E.
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Total number in party ______ There is no charge for children under 18 years when they occupy the same room as parents.

Bedding request (please circle) One bed Two beds
Special request________________________
Non-smoking room? Yes No

Please send deposit to hotel directly (See above for Hotel Address). Reservations must be guaranteed by a deposit, or an accepted credit card number and signature.

Guaranteed by ______ Check ______ Credit Card Card Type: ____________________________
Credit Card # ___________________________ Expiration Date __________________

I understand that I am liable for one night’s room and tax, which will be deducted from my deposit or credit card in the event that I do not arrive or cancel 72-hours in advance. During Balloon Festival Early departure penalties may be charged.

Signature__________________________________________

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE IN BY SEPTEMBER 3, 1998
Reservations received after this date will not be guaranteed room availability or the conference rate.
General Instructions:
The program committee solicits abstracts on all forensic toxicology topics, but is especially interested in papers on the analysis of drugs and metabolites in alternative biofluids and tissues such as hair, sweat, saliva, skin, vitreous, breast milk, meconium, etc. and in papers relating drug concentrations to performance impairment, drug interactions, drug metabolism, pharmacology and pharmacokinetics. Platform presentations will be 15 min including questions and Poster Presentations will be 4 ft high by 3.25 ft wide. Tack boards and thumb tacks will be provided.

An original and three copies of the abstract must be submitted on the official abstract form. Please also submit the abstract on a computer disk or by attachment to an e-mail message to tiaft98@aol.com. Electronic submissions must be in IBM word processing format (MS Word for Windows preferred) or ASCII format. Please label the disk with the first author’s name and the word processing program utilized. The deadline for submission of abstracts is July 1, 1998. The presenting authors of all papers will be required to register for the meeting. Only abstracts written in English will be considered.

Format of Abstract
Abstracts must be typed and submitted in a neat legible format following the instructions and style provided in the sample below. Type the entire abstract within the boxed area, single spaced with 12 point font. Type the title in upper and lower case, followed by the author(s) names and addresses. Use an Asterisk (*) to identify the presenting author. Separate the author(s) names from the body of the abstract by a single blank line. Indent each paragraph three spaces. Identify three key words at the bottom of the abstract.

Notification of Acceptance
All submitting authors will be notified of receipt of the abstract. Notification of acceptance of the abstract and selection of the type of presentation will be mailed or sent by fax or e-mail no later than September 1, 1998.

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Complete the attached form and follow the sample provided below. Proof-read all information provided. Send the original, three additional copies and an IBM disk with the abstract to:

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Abstract of Paper

Deadline for Submission July 1, 1998

Presenting Author, Name and Mailing Address:

Telephone:

Fax:

E-mail address

Presentation Preference: ( ) Oral ( ) Poster
Affiliation: ( ) SOFT ( ) TIAFT ( ) Neither

Co-authors(s), Address(es), Business Affiliations

Do you intend to submit the Full manuscript for inclusion in the PROCEEDINGS? ( ) YES ( ) No
Has this paper been presented before? ( ) Yes ( ) No
Where and When?

Available Audio-visual Equipment: 35 mm slide projector and pointer.

The abstract review committee reserves the right of final placement of the paper. The presenting authors of all papers are required to register for the meeting.

Signature of submitting author
1997 S.O.F.T. ROBOTICS SURVEY

Contact Name: __________________________ email address: __________________________
Laboratory: ______________________________________________
Address: ______________________________________________
Phone #: __________________________________________ Fax #: __________________________________________

1. Does your laboratory currently use automation for solid phase extraction?
   ____ YES (please continue with Question 2)
   ____ NO

   Are you planning to purchase any robotic systems within the next year?
   ____ YES (please answer Question 4B)
   ____ NO

2. What robotics system do you currently own?
   Manufacturer ______________________________________________
   Model ______________________________________________
   Number of units ______________________________________________
   SPE column manufacturer ______________________________________________

3. What specimens do you routinely extract with your robotics system?
   Whole blood __________ Tissue homogenate __________ Oral fluid __________
   Serum / Plasma __________ Hair __________ Other __________
   Urine __________ Sweat __________ Other __________

4. A. What extractions do you currently perform by automated solid phase extraction (P)?
   P  I
   __________ Acidic/Neutral drug screen __________ Cocaine/Benzoyllecgonine
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   B. What extractions do you plan to implement within the next two years (I)?
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5. How satisfied are you with the performance of your robotics system (scale 1-5)?
   (1 = very dissatisfied; 3 = satisfied; 5 = very satisfied; NA = not applicable)
   Cost / Value __________ Sales service __________ Technical support / response time
   Extraction speed __________ Training __________ Routine maintenance
   Throughput capabilities __________ Reliability __________ OVERALL rating
   Preservation of sample integrity, i.e. carryover __________ Software __________ Precision
   Sample identification, i.e. barcode __________

6. Please comment on the pros and cons of your system.
   __________________________________________
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A directory will be compiled consisting ONLY of the laboratory's name, address, and phone number; a contact person at that facility; and the type of robotic system used. All other information will remain confidential.

Can we include your laboratory in this directory?  ____ YES  ____ NO

Would you like to participate in a User's Group meeting at the S.O.F.T. meeting?  ____ YES  ____ NO

FAX responses to Jennifer F. Limoges at 518-457-2477.
NOTICE OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Date

☐ SOFT ☐ 602-839-9106 ☐ 602-839-9106
☐ AAFS/JFS ☐ 719-636-1993 ☐ 800-892-1400 ☐ njackson@aafs.org
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Please change my contact information as noted below.

Name:

(last) (first) (degree/s, certification/s)

Former information
Mailing address:


City
State Zip
Telephone
Fax
e-mail

NEW information
Mailing address:


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State Zip
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To complete this form: Check the box for those organizations to which you belong and add others as needed. PRINT all the requested information. Phone or fax as checked.

This generic form is provided in the December (1997) issue of ToxTalk to encourage members to make sure their contact information is current with SOFT and other professional organizations.

COMPLETE THIS INFORMATION ONLY IF YOU HAVE CHANGED ANY CONTACT INFORMATION...

You may wish to keep this on file for future use.

pat 11/05/97