The annual meeting of the Society of Forensic Toxicologists, Inc., will be held jointly with the Mid Atlantic Association of Forensic Sciences (M.A.A.F.S.) October 13 to 15, 1982, in Rosslyn, Virginia.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM
of the 12th annual meeting of the Society of Forensic Toxicologists, Inc.,:

Wednesday, October 13 (9 AM to 5 PM)
Workshops: *Capillary Gas Chromatography (Hands on Workshop)*
*Thin Layer Immunooassay—(Hands on Workshop)—under direction of Nick Lappas at George Washington University* *Pharmacokinetics in Forensic Toxicology—Vina Spiehler and Bob Blanke*

Meetings: Board of Directors S.O.F.T.
Board of Directors A.B.F.T.

Wednesday P.M. Registration (5 to 7 PM)
Welcoming Reception (6:30 to 8:30 PM)

Thursday, October 14
Open Forum (9 to 12 AM) "Death on the Sigmoid" Coordinator: Jim Valentour Participants: Bob Blanke, Dr. J. Beyer, Med. Exam., James Storcas, Attorney

Presentations: "Forensic Aspects of the Kinetics of Alcohol Elimination", Kurt Dubowski.
"Digoxin Overdose", Vina Spiehler.
"Analytical Approaches in Hotel Fires - Four Fatalities", Mike Schaeffer.

General Business Meeting: S.O.F.T. (1 to 3 PM)


Cocktails: (6:30 to 7:30 PM)
Banquet: Guest: Director, Drug Abuse Policy Office.

Joint Hospitality Suite Following Banquet

Friday, October 15

Case Reports: Metoprolol Overdose", "Homicidal IV Administration of Cleaning Fluid", "Chronic Amoxapine Lethality".

Formal Paper Presentations: (1:30 to 5 PM) Moderator: Mike McGee
"Cannabinoids in Plasma", Art McBay
"Analysis of LSD", Mike Peat
"Direct and Indirect EMIT of Benzodiazepines", Emie Slighton
"Detection of Opiates in Blood by Thin Layer Immunooassay", Nick Lappas
"Latex Inhibition Immunooassay for Morphine", Naresh Jain
"Identification of Basic Drugs by Capillary GC", Len Desnarczyk
"Separation and Quantitation of Cis and trans Thiocinixine by HPLC", A. Boyama
"Analysis of Disopyramide by HPLC", R. Altman
"HPLC of Thiopental in Blood and Tissues", Barry Levine
"GC and GC/MS of Maprotilene -Tissue Distribution in Fatalities", Nancy Chen
"Toxicological Findings in Darvon Overdose", J. Chadvedei
"Evaluation of Ethchlorvynol Findings in DWI", Horton McCurdy
"Rapid Inexpensive Methods for TLC", Mark Luckens
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another year is rapidly coming to an end with the anticipation of the Forthcoming annual meeting. The year has been a busy but successful one for the Society. The following items represent the hard work of its members during this past year:

1. Preparation and publication of the Second Special Issue of the Journal of Analytical Toxicology (September-October 1982). Eighteen manuscripts and approximately sixty-four pages later, it is one of J.A.T.'s largest issues and will be available at the Rosslyn meeting.

2. Successful completion of the 1982 S.O.F.T. Survey of Forensic Toxicology. Results will be presented to the membership in Rosslyn.

3. Committee Evaluation of Mechanisms to Establish Peer Reviewed Methods in Forensic Toxicology.

4. Generation of bylaws proposals to update the Society's bylaws structure.

5. Progress in detailing the mechanisms for the awarding of the S.O.F.T. - E.R.A.

This year's annual meeting in Rosslyn, Virginia promises to be one of the best in the Society's history, thanks to the efforts of Marina Stajic and to the participation of the membership. It is to be held jointly with the Mid Atlantic Association of Forensic Sciences (M.A.A.F.S.). In addition to scientific papers, the meeting will also include three important workshops, namely, Thin Layer Immunoassay, Capillary Gas Chromatography, and Concepts in Pharmacokinetics in Forensic Toxicology. A preliminary program schedule is included in this newsletter for your information.

All in all, this has been a challenging year for the Society, with many of the activities initiated continuing as projects in forthcoming years to provide further direction for this organization. Always important, is the input and participation of you, the membership. It has been a pleasure working with you.

See you in Rosslyn!
Joe Balkon

EDITORIAL

At a recent meeting of the Canadian Society of Forensic Sciences, Toxicology section, attended by your editor, we heard from the Toxi-Logic Newsletter editor, Carol Feclet, that she shares the common problem of all newsletter editors, namely, lack of submitted material. Our next issue will contain a summary of our activities at the annual meeting which should fill a few pages. I am still "begging" for newsworthy items. Technical and scientific tidbits are always welcome. Awards and degree attainments by members should also be announced. Job opportunities and job seeking will be included. Pertinent meeting and workshop announcements will be published. Send that material so that your newsletter is both yours and new.

Jesse Bidanset, Editor
OMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

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RECAPPPING THE 1982 CANADIAN SOCIETY OF FORENSIC SCIENCES ANNUAL MEETING

Halifax, Nova Scotia was the site for this year's annual meeting of the Canadian Society of Forensic Sciences. The following list of titles and authors represent material of interest to the forensic toxicologist:


"A Fatal Case Involving Oxphenrolol", A. Isner, Victoria General Hospital, R.A. Perry, Chief Medical Examiner, Halifax County, Department of the Attorney General and A. Fraser, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

"Correlation of Post-Mortem Blood and Vitreous Humor Alcohol Levels", J. Caughlin, R.C.M.P. Laboratory, Vancouver.


"Benzodiazepines: Do They Have a Toxicological Future?", B. Finkle, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, U.S.A.

"The Effect of Selected Volatile Substances on Alert and Breathing Test Results", F.L. Fromm, R.C.M.P. Laboratory, Regina, Saskatchewan.

"Possible Involvement of Promethazine in Sudden Unexpected Infant Death", M.J. DeGouffe, R.C.M.P. Laboratory, Edmonton, Alberta.

"The Use of Very High Resolution and Selective Detection in Liquid Chromatography of Complex Mixtures", L. Dembovsky, G. Gauthier and G. Sanchez, Perkin-Elmer Corporation, Montreal, Quebec.


S.O.F.T. President, Dr. Joseph Balkon addressed both the Toxicology Section and the General Meeting inviting the Canadian audience to our S.O.F.T. 1982 annual meeting and expressing our pleasure at being able to meet jointly with the Canadian Society of Forensic Sciences in either Montreal or Quebec City in 1985 to celebrate our 15th anniversary.

NEWS FROM T.I.A.F.T.

In the most recent bulletin of the International Association of Forensic Toxicologists, Secretary Neville Dunnett reported that the membership had voted 2 to 1 in favor of organizing its international meeting independently of the International Association of Forensic Scientists. T.I.A.F.T. President Hans Brandenberger has indicated that the 1984 triennial T.I.A.F.T. conference will be held in Brighton, England beginning on Friday, September 14, 1984 and lasting for 2 or 3 days. Alan Curry has agreed to preside over this meeting. The T.I.A.F.T. meeting will begin on Tuesday, September 18, 1984 in Oxford, England.

See the back page of the bulletin for applications for membership. The current subscription rate is $15. per year.

Following is a list of titles and authors of case notes from members:

"Fatal Medetline Poisoning", R.C. Blackmore and M.D. Osseton, Home Office Forensic Science Laboratory, Shakespeare Street, Nottingham, U.K.


"A Case of Fatal Ipecac Poisoning", S.C.L. Verma, Laboratories, Health Commission of N.S.W. P.O. Box 162, Lidcombe, N.S.W. 2141, Australia.

"Tricyclic Antidepressants - An 18 Month Experience", A.J. Stevenson and S. LaDelpha, R.C.M.P. Laboratory, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.


"Chloroquine Poisoning", R.J. Wong, Chemistry Division, D.S.I.R., P.O. Box 2224, Auckland, New Zealand.

President Joseph Balkon has instituted a S.O.F.T. award for the outstanding graduating student going into forensic toxicology. This year's award winner was Mr. Bernard "Buddy" Singalli. Mr. Singalli was chosen primarily based on his academic abilities as demonstrated by his GPA in his major. Buddy has joined Nick Hodnett's group at Westchester County, New York.

Congratulations Buddy, and Good Luck!