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# Letter of Invitation to Attend the SOFT-TIAFT 2026 **Joint Meeting**

September 19-24, 2026 · Chicago, Illinois, United States

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter serves as a formal invitation to attend the SOFT-TIAFT 2026 Joint Meeting, which will be held in Chicago, Illinois, United States, from **September 19–24, 2026**. This event is a collaborative meeting of the **Society** of Forensic Toxicologists (SOFT) and the International Association of Forensic Toxicologists (TIAFT), organized by the SOFT-TIAFT 2026 Planning Committee.

The meeting will bring together forensic toxicology professionals from around the world to share scientific advancements, professional insights, and opportunities for collaboration in the field. Attendees will have access to a wide range of workshops, scientific sessions, networking events, and professional development activities.

Detailed information about the meeting-including registration rates, scientific programming, hotel accommodations, and booking links—will be available in early 2026.

For guidance on travel requirements to the United States, including visa eligibility and supporting documentation, please consult the U.S. Department of State's official site: www.usembassy.gov. From there, you may access the site of the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in your country of residence.

Please note: This letter is intended solely to confirm the purpose of your travel and support your visa application. It does not constitute any financial commitment on the part of the SOFT-TIAFT 2026 Planning Committee, the Society of Forensic Toxicologists (SOFT), or the International Association of Forensic Toxicologists (TIAFT). None of these entities provide funding, travel support, or financial assistance of any kind.

If additional documentation is required or you have specific questions, please contact the SOFT Office at info@soft-tox.org.

Sincerely,

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Hosts, SOFT-TIAFT 2026 Joint Meeting

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