



Joint Victorian
AAFS and ANZFSS
virtual plenary



Communicating forensic science evidence

The Victorian Chapter Council of the Australian Academy of Forensic Sciences together with the Victorian Branch Committee of the Australia New Zealand Forensic Science Society invites members and their guests to a joint plenary presentation.

PRESENTATION	Improving communication between scientists and courts
PRESENTERS	Professor Christophe Champod, Forensic School, Lausanne University, Switzerland & Dr Kristy Martire, Associate Professor, School of Psychology, University of New South Wales
CHAIRS	The Hon. Justice John Champion (Chairperson AAFS Vic Chapter) Mr. Joseph Balkwill (President ANZFSS Vic Branch)
WHEN	24 February 2021, from 6:30pm
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Presenter Profiles

Professor Christophe Champod



Professor Christophe Champod received his M.Sc. and Ph.D. (summa cum laude) both in Forensic Science, from the University of Lausanne, in 1990 and 1995 respectively. Remained in academia until holding the position of assistant professor in forensic science. From 1999 to 2003, he led the Interpretation Research Group of the Forensic Science Service (UK), before taking a full professorship position at the School of Criminal Justice (ESC) of the University of Lausanne.

He is in charge of education and research on identification methods (interpretation of DNA, facial images, fingerprints, toolmarks, footwear marks and firearms) and has the privilege to work with a group of 20 PhD students. The research carried out by his group is mainly devoted to the inferential aspects associated with forensic identification techniques. The value to be attached to forensic evidence is at the core of their interests. He is also operational manager of the ISO/SEC 17025 accredited forensic laboratory of the ESC. He maintains an activity as an expert witness in areas of marks and biological evidence interpretation both at a national and international level.

For his contribution to forensic science, he received in 2015 the Distinguished ENFSI Scientist award. ENFSI is the European Network of Forensic Science Institutes. In 2018, for his contribution to the good of the Profession, he received the Henry Medal Award from the Fingerprint Division (formerly The Fingerprint Society) of the Chartered Society of Forensic Sciences (CSFS). In 2020, he was awarded the Doug Lucas medal of the American Academy of Forensic Science for his service to forensic science and, in particular, to forensic identification techniques.

Associate Professor Kristy Martire



Associate Professor Kristy Martire is a Forensic Psychologist in the School of Psychology at the University of New South Wales. Kristy conducts research examining the acquisition, expression and assessment of expertise, with particular emphasis on expert opinion evidence in forensic contexts. She collaborates with legal academics and forensic science practitioners (e.g., the Office of the Chief Forensic Scientist – Victoria Police) to facilitate the application of her research to improve forensic science practice.

She has published her work in law, psychology and forensic science journals including the Modern Law Review, Law and Human Behavior, and Forensic Science International. Her work is cited by superior courts in Australia, New Zealand and the United States, as well as in guidance documents produced by the National Institute of Forensic Sciences (NIFS), the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), and the European Network of Forensic Science Institutes (ENFSI).

She is a member of the Australian Academy of Forensic Sciences, the College of Forensic Psychologists and is Deputy Director of the interdisciplinary Evidence-Based Forensics Initiative. She is a contributing member of the Standards Australia – Forensic Analysis Technical Committee; The NIST/National Institute of Justice Expert Working Group on Human Factors in DNA Interpretation; and the NIST Organization of Scientific Area Committee Human Factors Task Group.

Kristy was awarded the Australian Psychology Society Maconochie Prize in 2009 and an Australian Research Council DECRA Fellowship in 2014.