

International Society for Forensic Haemogenetics

**Preliminary Program
Call for Abstracts & Registration**

EIGHTEENTH

**International
ISFH Congress**

August 17-21, 1999

San Francisco



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The theme of the 1999 Congress is **FORENSIC GENETICS: LOOKING TOWARD THE 21ST CENTURY**. The rapid expansion in our knowledge of genetic variation in humans and other species coupled with remarkable advances in the technologies for genetic analysis have changed the face of forensic genetics over the past decade. Continued development in both areas points the way toward future change and suggests potential new frontiers. In keeping with the tradition of ISFH Congresses, we have invited distinguished speakers to address issues of current and future interest. The aim of the Congress is to provide a forum for scientists to meet, exchange ideas, and discuss current issues and new directions.

The success of the Congress obviously depends on the contribution of the participants. We hope you will join us in San Francisco to present your latest scientific work.

George Sensabaugh
Congress President

ISFH Board and Scientific Committee

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Important Dates

- May 3 Abstract submissions due
- June 15 Early registration deadline
- July 15 Last day to cancel registration;
no refunds can be given after this date
- July 18 Last days to reserve hotel room
- July 24 at negotiated rate (see hotel
information page)
- Aug. 17 Congress opens

Congress Web Sites

<http://www.criminalistics.com/isfh-99>

The Congress web site will be updated regularly with the latest Congress information; you are encouraged to monitor this site to stay abreast of latest developments. Congress registration and abstract submission will be possible electronically via this site. The Congress web site is linked to the **ISFH Home Page** <http://www.usc.es/~isfh>

Congress Venue

Nob Hill Masonic Center, 1111 California St., in downtown San Francisco. The opening reception and some of the working group meetings will be held at the Fairmont Hotel, one block away from the Congress site.

Congress Hotels

Hotel information is included in this announcement. The primary Congress hotel is the San Francisco Fairmont Hotel; the Fairmont is one block from the Congress Center and commands a view of the City and Bay. The secondary Congress hotel is the Shannon Court Hotel; it sits at the foot of Nob Hill, about 5 blocks from the Congress Center. Special room rates have been negotiated for blocks of rooms at both hotels. **Congress attendees must book their hotel accommodations directly with the hotels; this cannot be done through the Congress Organizer.**

Congress Organizer

MeetingMakers, Inc., San Francisco Office
2320 Taravel St., San Francisco, CA 94116

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Tuesday - August 17

EVE Registration
Opening Reception - Fairmont Hotel

Wednesday - August 18

AM Congress Opening
Plenary Session:
Insights from the Genome

- The genetics of appearance
- Pharmacogenomics
- Genetics and behavioral traits

PM Short Paper Presentations
Exhibits/Poster viewing
ISFH Working Party Meetings

Thursday - August 19

AM Topical Lectures
Exhibits/Poster viewing
Short Paper Presentations

PM Short Paper Presentations
Exhibits/Poster viewing
PE Users Forum
ISFH Assembly

Friday - August 20

AM Plenary Session:
New Directions in Technology

- Capillary electrophoresis and microfabrication
- MALDI-TOF Mass spectrometry
- Hybridization chips

Exhibits/Poster viewing

PM Short Paper Presentations
Exhibits/Poster viewing
EDNAP

EVE Bay Cruise and Banquet

Saturday - August 21

AM Forum: **How Much is Enough?**
Genetic testing in forensic,
paternity, and immigration cases
Close

Plenary Session Speakers (confirmed)

D.A. Hopkinson—University College, London
Martyn Smith—University of California, Berkeley

Richard Mathies—University of California, Berkeley
John Butler—GeneTrace Systems, Alameda CA

Abstract Submission

Abstracts are due by **May, 3 1999** and are to be submitted either in hard copy or electronically to the Congress Secretariat. Information on abstract submission is included in this announcement and is also available through the Congress web page. All abstracts will be reviewed by the ISFH Scientific Committee; authors will be informed before the end of June whether their abstract has been accepted and whether their presentation will be oral or by poster.

Congress Proceedings

Arrangements have been made with Elsevier Science B.V. for the publication of the Congress proceedings under the title **Progress in Forensic Genetics 8**. The publisher will contact authors directly regarding the submission of manuscripts. All manuscripts not submitted to the publisher must be submitted to the Congress Secretariat by August 20 to be included in the Congress proceedings.

Presentations

Abstracts selected for oral presentation will be presented lecture style followed by a short question period. The Congress Center will have facilities for the projection of standard 35mm slides and overhead transparencies; LCD facilities also will be available. Most abstracts will be presented as posters; posters will be displayed in the exhibit area Wednesday through Friday. Authors are to be present at their poster during the viewing periods on one of the three days of display.

Official Language

The official language of the Congress is English; there will be no translation services.

CONGRESS INFORMATION

CONGRESS REGISTRATION

Registration Fees

	before June 15	after June 15
Member	\$250	\$325
Non-member	\$300	\$375
Student	\$125	\$150
One day	\$125	\$150

Full Congress registration fee includes

- All scientific sessions
- One program/abstract book
- Refreshment breaks
- Participant roster
- Welcoming reception
- Congress Proceedings

Student/One-day registration includes

- Scientific session(s)
- One program/abstract book
- Refreshment breaks

Social Program

Welcoming Reception - *included with registration*

Tuesday, August 17 at 6 PM

Fairmont Hotel Roof Garden

Bay Cruise Banquet - *\$80 per person*

Friday, August 20 at 6PM

Hornblower Cruises, Pier 3

Three Ways To Register

Registration materials are included with this announcement. Registration forms submitted by **mail** or by **fax** should be sent to the Congress organizer, MeetingMakers, Inc., as indicated on the form. It is also possible to register electronically at the Congress **web** site.

Payment

Payment in U.S. dollars may be made by credit card, purchase order, money order, or check.

Cancellation/refund policy: All requests for cancellation must be made to the conference organizers by July 15, 1999. A \$50 handling fee will be assessed. After July 15, there can be no refunds.

Confirmation

Registrations will be confirmed by mail or E-mail when payment is completed.

ABOUT SAN FRANCISCO

Dining Out

San Francisco and the East Bay are home to many fine restaurants. No formal Congress activities are planned for Wednesday or Thursday nights, providing attendees with the opportunity to sample the diversity of restaurants in the area.

A number of lunch restaurants are located within a few block radius of the Congress Center.

Weather

August is one of the best times to visit San Francisco. There is little chance of rain and the weather is moderate with typical daytime temperatures about 68° F (20° C). Evenings can be cool and it is advisable to carry a coat or sweater. This weather pattern is characteristic for the Northern California coastal region, from Carmel and Monterey south of San Francisco to the Mendocino coast to the north. The weather inland is typically warmer by 10-20° F.

San Francisco Tours

Information on commercial half-day and full-day tours of San Francisco and the surrounding area is available at most hotels.

Sight-seeing and Vacation Options in Northern California

Northern California offers many opportunities for vacation travel and sight-seeing. Monterey, home to Cannery Row and the Monterey Bay Aquarium, is located about 100 miles south of San Francisco. The region north of San Francisco is known for its rugged coast line and redwood groves. To the north of San Francisco and somewhat inland is the heart of California wine country, the Napa and Sonoma valleys. Yosemite National Park and Lake Tahoe are located in the Sierra Nevada mountain range, about 200 miles to the east. California's Gold Rush country is located in the foothills of the Sierras. Because some areas, such as Yosemite National Park, are in high demand, it is advisable to book accommodations early.