

2nd Annual African DNA Forensics Conference



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Technical workshops to accompany conference
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Inqaba blotec and Bode Technology Conference Announcement

The 2nd African Annual DNA Forensics Conference will bring together DNA Forensic scientists, legal experts as well as human rights activists from all over the world. The conference will have an inter-disciplinary theme with dedicated sessions which will allow for in-depth discussions. This format makes the often technical and misunderstood area of DNA Forensics more accessible to non-scientists while also allowing experts to share their experiences. DNA Forensic evidence sometimes present challenges in areas such as human rights, law of evidence and disaster management. These aspects will be examined during the conference. This conference will also address issues such as post-conviction DNA testing, human and body part trafficking as well as providing a comprehensive update on technological advances in DNA Forensics and the integration of sub-disciplines of forensic genetics with forensic toxicology and pathology.

Conference Information

The conference will be conducted over 2 days and will allow for inter-active participation and engagement between speakers and attendees.

Day 1 (Thursday 28 October 2010)

This day will be dedicated to the discipline of forensic science and in-depth discussions by experts in the field of DNA forensics to inform the attendees from scientific and non-scientific background.

Day 2 (Friday 29 October 2010)

The legal best practice in the use of DNA forensics to especially, though not exclusively, fight crime will be highlighted in the morning session and in the afternoon light will be shed on the use of DNA forensics to uphold Human Rights.

Conference Organisers



The organising committee consists of
Ed Huffine, Vice President of International
Development at Bode Technology (USA);

Dr Daniel Vanek, Director of Forensic DNA Service (CZ);

Dr Oliver Preisig and **Dr Mustaqeem de Gama**,
Directors of Inqaba Biotechnical Industries (Pty) Ltd (SA).



Bode Technology, a private, USA based DNA Forensics company, serves the law enforcement and identification markets and is a unique leader in providing both state-of-the-art human DNA analysis and innovative DNA collection products world-wide (www.bodetech.com).



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inqaba biotec is Africa's leading genomics company offering services and products for the life science and molecular diagnostic market in Sub-Saharan Africa. As the company is focusing on a wide range of aspects of DNA analysis, the popularization and promotion of the use of DNA analysis in Forensics to combat crime is a main concern for inqaba biotec (www.inqababiotec.co.za).

Keynote Speakers

Professor Antti Sajantila

Antti is a world renowned scientist in the field of DNA Analysis from Finland. His expertise lies in Forensic Medicine and Population Genetics, however he has published in other areas of DNA Biotechnology research.

The topic of the keynote presentation by Antti Sajantila is:

"Integrating forensic genetics with forensic toxicology and pathology"

Professor Keith Findley

Keith is the Co-Director of the Innocence Project at the University of Wisconsin (USA). He is a lawyer by training but a crusader by choice. He has worked extensively in the Criminal Justice field as a public defender. It is this experience that led to his working on the Innocence Project. This project focuses on using technology of DNA forensics to exonerate inmates in prison who were convicted wrongly. Till this point 254 prisoners have been exonerated.

Keith Findley will deliver a keynote address on the following topic

"Exonerating the Innocent through Post DNA testing"

Additional technical workshops will be presented at an additional fee of R 3000 presented by Dr Daniel Vanek and Dr Martin Pospisek
The workshops will take place in both Pretoria and Cape Town.

Cape Town: Thursday/Friday 21/22 October: Forensic genetics step by step: from crime scene to the court room

Saturday 23 October: Quick guide for DNA forensics: for lawyers and other creatures

Pretoria: Monday 25 October: Quick guide for DNA forensics: for lawyers and other creatures

Tuesday/Wednesday 26/27 October: Forensic genetics step by step: from crime scene to the court room