



U. S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Preliminary Announcement for the 6th CODIS User's Conference

February 5–6, 2001

Hilton Hotel

Arlington, Virginia

Hosted by the FBI Laboratory

Conference Location

The Sixth CODIS User's Conference will be held at the Hilton Hotel, Crystal City at Reagan National Airport, Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia. A special conference rate of \$119 per night is available through conference services, which is coordinated by Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC). The URL for the online hotel reservation form is <http://www.securereg.com/saic2001>

Conference Schedule

February 5–6, 2001: 6th CODIS User's Conference (open attendance limited to 300 individuals).

February 7– 8, 2001: DNA Quality Assurance Audit Training Course (**by invitation only**; attendance limited to 40).

February 7, 2001: Forensic Statistics Course (**by invitation only**; attendance limited to 100).

February 8, 2001: CODIS State Administrator's meeting (**by invitation, only**; one representative from each state).

February 7–9, 2001: half-day CODIS training course (**by invitation only**).

Individuals who reserve attendance at the two-day CODIS User's Conference through the SAIC Conference Coordinator are invited to make tentative reservations for specialized sessions.

Conference Format

February 5–6, 2001: Morning plenary discussions on topics relevant to forensic DNA analysis and the use of programs/procedures to assist forensic DNA analysis and forensic identification. The following topics will be discussed:

- Advances in technologies for DNA analysis,
- Interpretation of data,
- Mitochondrial DNA,
- Managing DNA data, and
- The new program to aid in missing/unidentified persons.

The afternoon specialized breakout sessions will feature focus on the following:

- Audits,
- Proficiency testing,
- Validation of programs, and
- Demonstrations on some of the newer technologies.

A vendor area for the demonstration of products and services is immediately adjacent to the meeting rooms.

Call for Papers

This year we are issuing a call for papers on topics that demonstrate the effectiveness of DNA programs using CODIS software and similar tools. Authors are invited to submit a one-page abstract of 15-minute presentations by following the format instructions on the bottom of the registration form.

Registration

The 6th CODIS User's Conference is sponsored by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory Division. **Attendance is limited to 300 participants.** There is no registration fee to attend this conference.

Registration Form

6th CODIS User's Conference
February 5–6, 2001
Arlington, Virginia

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP code: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

Mail/Fax/Email to:

6th CODIS User's Conference
Forensic Science Systems Unit
FBI Laboratory GRB 3R
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Washington, DC 20535
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202-324-9441 (Voice)
202-324-1276 (Fax)

Registration for the 6TH CODIS User's Conference February 5–6, 2001: _____

Application for the specialized training sessions:

Quality Assurance Audit Training (2 days), February 7–8, 2001 _____

Statistical Training (1 day), February 7, 2001: _____

CODIS Training (half-day, morning), February 7, 8, or 9: _____

Notification of acceptance to these specialized courses/training sessions will be sent by January 5, 2001.

Instructions for submitting abstracts for the Call for Papers: Please submit a one-page abstract, in electronic format, to labfssu@fbi.gov. Provide sufficient detail to allow for evaluation of the work that has been completed. Abstracts are due December 31, 2000. Selections will be made by January 5, 2001. Some reimbursement of travel-related expenses are available for the individuals selected to make the presentations.