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Joint President's Award

The Award consists of funding to attend a California Association of Criminalists' meeting in California, 2004

This award was set up in 1994 to mark the occasion of the first Joint Meeting of the Forensic Science Society and the California Association of Criminalists. The award takes the form of funding for the successful candidate to attend a meeting of the Forensic Science Society or the California Association of Criminalists. In 2002 a young member of the California Association of Criminalists was funded to attend a Forensic Science Society Meeting. This year the award will be made to any promising young member of the Forensic Science Society who meets the following criteria and will provide funding for the successful candidate to attend a meeting of the California Association of Criminalists in 2004.

1. Any Member of the Society not eligible to receive the Award may nominate a member who is eligible to receive the Award.
2. The Criteria:
 - (a) The candidate must be a member of the Forensic Science Society (in any classification) to qualify.
 - (b) The candidate must have fewer than six years professional experience: professional experience encompasses any full time paid employment as a forensic scientist or equivalent position.
 - (c) Demonstration of a significant contribution to the Criminal Justice System in the exercise of one of the professions in membership of the Society.

Examples of such a contribution might include:

- (i) research disseminated in the form of a publication (eg journal or newsletter), presentation for a project or a seminar, or delivered at a workshop or study group;
- (ii) casework which provided a significant contribution to the investigation or adjudication of one or more cases; sustained level of expertise in casework;
- (iii) contribution to the collection, preservation and presentation of evidence;
- (iv) contributions to the law, relating to the presentation of scientific evidence in Court;
- (v) any significant contributions to the improved application of forensic science within the Criminal Justice System.

3. Nominations for achievement against a background of personal difficulty, such as illness or handicap, by a young member of the Society would also be considered.
4. Nominations should be made to the Forensic Science Society's office by 31 August 2003 and should include the following:
 - (a) The Nominator's full name
 - (b) The Nominee's:
 - (i) Full name.
 - (ii) Date of birth.
 - (iii) Date of entry to the profession.
 - (iv) Curriculum Vitae documenting their experience in the Criminal Justice System.
 - (v) Current appointment.
 - (vi) Professional address.
 - (c) A statement explaining why the Nominee should be considered for the Award with reference to the criteria listed above where appropriate.

The winner of the Award will be announced at the Society's Annual General Meeting in November 2003.

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