

Program

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CRIMINOLOGY AND FORENSIC SCIENCE

-Practice and theory, Rome 2026

29 OCTOBER 2026 – DAY ONE

09:00	Registration
09:30	Official opening of the conference
CHAIR OF THE SESSION Prof. Aneta Lewkowicz Head of the Department of Forensic Science, Department of Substantive Criminal Law and Criminology, Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Gdańsk	
10:00-10:45	A sample of most curious cases in the recent history of forensic medicine in Gdansk PLENARY SPEAKER Prof. Michał Kaliszan Head of the Department of Forensic Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Medical University of Gdańsk
10:45-11:05	Challenges facing the functioning of expert witnesses in the justice system (using the proposed amendments to the Polish law on expert witnesses as an example) KEY SPEAKER Prof. Tadeusz Tomaszewski Head of the Department of Forensic Science, Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Warsaw
11:05-11:20	Coffee time
11:20-11:40	Global Forensic Technology Market: Growth Drivers, Regional Dynamics and Structural Change KEY SPEAKER Prof. Joanna Bednarz Head of the Department of International Business, Faculty of Economics, University of Gdańsk
11:40-12:00	The Male Loneliness Epidemic: Rise of INCELS and Violence Against Women KEY SPEAKER Sarah Crielesi European Forensic Institute
12:00-12:20	Violence risk assessment in forensic practice: between science and judicial decision-making. KEY SPEAKER PhD Agnieszka Welento-Nowacka Department of Substantive Criminal Law and Criminology, Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Gdańsk Prof. Jacek Potulski Head of the Department of Criminology, Department of Substantive Criminal Law and Criminology, Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Gdańsk
12:20-13:20	Lunch Break
CHAIR OF THE SESSION PhD Tomasz Snarski Department of Substantive Criminal Law and Criminology, Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Gdańsk	
13:20-14:05	Between Criminal Governance and State Resilience: The War on Drugs in Mexico through Inmate Narratives PLENARY SPEAKER Prof. Piotr Chomczyński Department of Sociology of Art, University of Łódź
14:05-14:25	From What Works to What Can Be Trusted: Evidence-Based Criminology, Forensic Science and Artificial Intelligence KEY SPEAKER Prof. Wojciech Zalewski Dean of the Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Gdańsk, Head of the Department of Substantive Criminal Law and Criminology, Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Gdańsk
14:25-14:45	Scientific Evidence and Reasonable Doubt in Criminal Proceedings KEY SPEAKER Prof. Antonio Incampo University of Bari Aldo Moro
14:45-15:05	Modern criminal justice and psychology - hearing of a witness by videoconference in criminal proceedings KEY SPEAKER Prof. Sławomir Steinborn Head of the Department of Criminal Procedural Law and Criminology, Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Gdańsk
15:05-15:25	Philosophical Perspectives on Contemporary Criminology and Forensic Science: Critical Reflections on Methodology, Values, and Legal Frameworks KEY SPEAKER PhD Tomasz Snarski Department of Substantive Criminal Law and Criminology, Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Gdańsk
15:25-16:00	Coffee time
16:00-18:00	Guided tour of Rome
20:00	Official dinner

09:00-09:45	Discussion Panel <i>Human Identification in an Era of Dynamic Social and Civilizational Transformation: Forensic and Legal Perspectives</i>
	PANEL MODERATOR PhD Marcelina Malinowska Laboratory of Human Genomics and Genetics, Department of Biology and Medical Genetics, Faculty of Biology, University of Gdańsk Martyna Czarnomska Department of Forensic Science, Department of Substantive Criminal Law and Criminology, Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Gdańsk
09:45-10:05	Poster Session and Science Popularization
	CHAIR OF THE SESSION PhD Małgorzata Nadolska-Dawidowska Department of Forensic Science, Department of Substantive Criminal Law and Criminology, Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Gdańsk
10:05-10:45	<i>From Satellite to Soil: Integrating Forensic Geoarchaeology, Geophysics, Remote Sensing and AI in the Search for Hidden Evidence.</i> PLENARY SPEAKER Prof. Pier Matteo Barone American University of Rome
10:45-11:05	<i>Beyond the Double Helix: The Past, Present and Future of Forensic DNA Analysis</i> KEY SPEAKER PhD Marcelnia Malinowska Laboratory of Human Genomics and Genetics, Department of Biology and Medical Genetics, Faculty of Biology, University of Gdańsk
11:05-11:25	<i>Miniaturization and trends in body fluids analysis for forensic purpose</i> KEY SPEAKER Prof. Renata Wietecha-Posłuszny Laboratory for Forensic Chemistry, Department of Analytical Chemistry, Faculty of Chemistry, Jagiellonian University in Kraków
11:25-11:45	<i>New Directions in DNA-Based Human Identification</i> KEY SPEAKER Prof. Wojciech Branicki Deputy Director for Scientific Affairs, Institute of Forensic Research in Kraków
11:45-12:05	Coffee break
	CHAIR OF THE SESSION PhD Marcelnia Malinowska Laboratory of Human Genomics and Genetics, Department of Biology and Medical Genetics, Faculty of Biology, University of Gdańsk
12:05-12:45	<i>Teaching CSI from the Report Backword</i> PLENARY SPEAKER Andreas Melinato Head of European Forensic Institute
12:45-13:05	<i>Forensic Evaluation of STK Spray for Semen Detection at Crime Scene</i> KEY SPEAKER Anna Barbaro European Forensic Institute
13:05-13:25	<i>Patterns of Firearm-Related Deaths Findings from a 24-year Autopsy-Based Study in the Gdańsk Metropolitan Area</i> KEY SPEAKER PhD Adrian Wrocławski Department of Forensic Science, Department of Substantive Criminal Law and Criminology, Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Gdańsk, Director of the Criminalistics Museum at the Faculty of Law and Administration
13:25-13:45	<i>Interpretation of forensic examination results - the ISO 21043 series of standards</i> KEY SPEAKER Prof. Grzegorz Zadora Head of the Microtrace Analysis Laboratory, Institute of Forensic Research in Kraków
13:45-14:30	Lunch Break
	CHAIR OF THE SESSION Martyna Czarnomska Department of Forensic Science, Department of Substantive Criminal Law and Criminology, Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Gdańsk
14:30-15:15	<i>The Rift between Science and Policy (and how to overcome it)</i> PLENARY SPEAKER Prof. Chris Eskridge University of Nebraska
15:15-15:35	<i>Decoding the Scent of Crime: An AI-Driven Odorant-Binding Protein Biosensor Framework for Source Separation in Forensic Odorology</i> KEY SPEAKER Prof. Sabato D'Auria Director of Research at the National Research Council of Italy
15:35-15:55	<i>Questionable Forensic Practices and Their Consequences: A Real Case Study</i> KEY SPEAKER Prof. Javier Durán Former Forensic Analyst at the Criminalistics Service (SECRIM) of the Central Judicial Police Body of the Directorate-General of the Civil Guard, Central Operational Unit
15:55-16:15	<i>The Forensic Lens: An Urgent Call for Adaptation</i> KEY SPEAKER Sandra Adiarte European Forensic Institute
16:15-16:35	<i>Invisible but Crucial: Contact Traces in Forensic Practice</i> KEY SPEAKER PhD Daria Śmigiel-Kamińska Department of Forensic Science, Department of Substantive Criminal Law and Criminology, Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Gdańsk
16:45	Official closing of the conference