

# Forensic Pathologists in the Courtroom: The Impact of Evidence and Misleading on Wrongful Convictions



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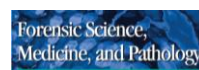
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8.30	<b>Registration</b>
9.00	<b>Welcome Greetings</b> <i>Prof. Stefano Bronzini – Chancellor of Bari University</i> <i>Dott. Francesco Russo – Prefect of Bari</i> <i>Prof. Dr. Alessandro Dell’Erba – Dean of Medicine Faculty</i> <i>Prof. Dr. Roberto Catanesi – Director Department of Interdisciplinary Medicine</i> <i>Lawyer Salvatore D’Aluiso - President Bar Council of Bari</i>
9.20	<b>Introduction: Evidence in Forensic Pathology</b> <i>Prof. Dr. Biagio Solarino – University of Bari</i> <i>Judge Roberto Rossi – Chief Prosecutor of Bari</i>
<b>Morning Session</b> <b>Chairpersons: Prof. Dr. Francesco Introna, Prof. Dr. Michael Tsokos</b>	
9.40 – 10.15	<b>Evidence in forensic pathology: the role of science in the courtroom</b> <i>Prof. Dr. Claas Buschmaan – University Hospital Schleswig-Holstein, Germany</i>
10.15 – 10.50	<b>Can gene expression, in addition to gross and histological findings, be a legal basis for forensic expert testimony? Challenging considerations</b> <i>Prof. Dr. Takahito Hayashi – Kagoshima University, Japan</i>
<b>10.50 – 11.15 Coffee break</b>	
11.15 – 11.50	<b>New insights into sudden cardiac death</b> <i>Prof. Dr. Sara Sabatasso – Losanna University, Switzerland</i>
11.50-12.20	<b>Pitfalls in Human Skeletal Identification</b> <i>Prof. Dr. Francesco Introna, University of Bari, and Dr. Raffaella Minella University of Salento</i>



11.20 – 12.50	<b>Bite mark on trial: Junk Science in Forensic Odontology</b> <i>Dr. Valeria Santoro and Prof. Dr. Antonio De Donno – University of Bari</i>
<b>Discussion</b>	
<b>Pause</b>	
<b>Afternoon Session</b>  Chairpersons: Prof. Dr. Claas Buschmann, Prof. Dr. Lucia Tattoli	
14.50 – 15.20	<b>Postmortem samples in Forensic Toxicology. To test or not to test, that is the question!</b> <i>Prof. Luca Morini – University of Pavia, Italy</i>
15.20 – 15.50	<b>Practical analysis and reconstruction of firearm wounds</b> <i>Prof. Dr. Francesco Vinci – University of Bari, Italy</i>
15.50 – 16.25	<b>(Criminal) cases: are all answers found on the body?</b> <i>Prof. Dr. Michael Tsokos – State Institute of Legal Medicine, Berlin, Germany</i>
16.30 – 17.00	<b>Forensic pathology-based standard: what is the role of scientific society?</b> <i>Prof. Dr. Antonio Oliva – University “Sacro Cuore” of Rome, Italy</i>
17.00 – 17.30	<b>How Courts (should) handle forensic science evidence</b> <i>Judge Michele Parisi – Criminal Court of Bari, Italy</i>
<b>Discussion</b>	
<b>Closing Remarks</b>  Prof. Dr. Biagio Solarino	

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