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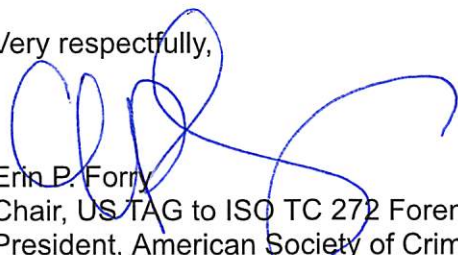
Dear Chief Keel,

I am writing to commend Catherine Knutson and Jan Girtten of the ASCIA Forensic Science Committee for their exceptional contributions to the United States Technical Advisory Group (US TAG) to the International Organization of Standardization (ISO) Technical Committee on Forensic Science (TC 272). I have been working with both Cathy and Jan in my role as the Chair of the US TAG as well as President of ASCLD.

Both Cathy and Jan have been dedicated participants in the US TAG for well over 6 years. Both offer tremendous insight to the development of these standards from their experience as leaders of forensic service provider organizations and assessors with a leading accrediting body. Cathy continues to amaze me with her ability to recall moments from international meetings long ago, reminding us of why a decision was made. The US TAG must build relationships with our international colleagues in order to be successful in incorporating the US positions into the standards that we are developing. Jan has been a great asset to us as she is quick to befriend colleagues at every international meeting she has attended.

Our work this year has been particularly challenging as the TC canceled the week-long in-person meetings and held both the 2020 and 2021 meetings virtually. These arduous meetings were often at inconvenient times in order to include all participating nations, and each meeting was stretched out over three months' time. Cathy and Jan truly deserve to be commended for taking part in these meetings, offering thoughtful comments, and supporting our team. Additionally, I thank ASCIA for its continued support of the development of international forensic science standards and participation in the US TAG.

Very respectfully,


Erin P. Forry
Chair, US TAG to ISO TC 272 Forensic Science
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