Program

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON CRIMINOLOGY AND FORENSIC SCIENCE
-Practice and theory, Rome 2026

29 OCTOBER 2026

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**

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09:00-09:45 **Discussion Panel**

Human Identification in an Era of Dynamic Social and Civilizational Transformation: Forensic and Legal Perspectives

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 ***From Satellite to Soil: Integrating Forensic Geoarchaeology, Geophysics, Remote Sensing and AI in the Search for Hidden Evidence.***

PLENARY SPEAKER

Prof. Pier Matteo Barone

American University of Rome

10:45-11:05 ***Beyond the Double Helix: The Past, Present and Future of Forensic DNA Analysis***

KEY SPEAKER

PhD Marcelina Malinowska

Laboratory of Human Genomics and Genetics, Department of Biology and Medical Genetics, Faculty of Biology, University of Gdańsk

11:05-11:25 ***Miniaturization and trends in body fluids analysis for forensic purpose***

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 ***New Directions in DNA-Based Human Identification***

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 Marcelina Malinowska

Laboratory of Human Genomics and Genetics, Department of Biology and Medical Genetics, Faculty of Biology, University of Gdańsk

12:05-12:45 ***Teaching CSI from the Report Backword***

PLENARY SPEAKER

Andreas Melinato

Head of European Forensic Institute

12:45-13:05 ***Forensic Evaluation of STK Spray for Semen Detection at Crime Scene***

KEY SPEAKER

Anna Barbaro

European Forensic Institute

13:05-13:25 ***Patterns of Firearm-Related Deaths Findings from a 24-year Autopsy-Based Study in the Gdańsk Metropolitan Area***

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 ***Interpretation of forensic examination results - the ISO 21043 series of standards***

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 ***The Rift between Science and Policy (and how to overcome it)***

PLENARY SPEAKER

Prof. Chris Eskridge

University of Nebraska

15:15-15:35 ***Decoding the Scent of Crime: An AI-Driven Odorant-Binding Protein Biosensor Framework for Source Separation in Forensic Odorology***

KEY SPEAKER

Prof. Sabato D'Auria

Director of Research at the National Research Council of Italy

15:35-15:55 ***Questionable Forensic Practices and Their Consequences: A Real Case Study***

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 ***The Forensic Lens: An Urgent Call for Adaptation***

KEY SPEAKER

Sandra Adiarte

European Forensic Institute

16:15-16:35 ***Invisible but Crucial: Contact Traces in Forensic Practice***

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**