

Greetings to all of my CSFS colleagues, and to the forensic community in Canada and beyond.

As I am newly settling into the role of Society President for the 2018-2019 term, I would first like to thank all the past-presidents, and in particular our most recent Presidents Ghislain Cormier and Monica Sloan for their dedication, hard work and leadership. They, and the Directors over the past years, have left the incoming Board with a strong and healthy organization, in terms of our people, our processes, our website, our training events and conferences, and our journal, to effectively carry through our mandates to this and to future terms.

The current term for the Board promises is turning out to be a busy one. The Society's next conference is scheduled for May 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to be held at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology in Oshawa, Ontario. Our organizing committee at UOIT has begun the preliminary planning necessary to make our 2020 AGM/Conference a success.

One of my goals will be to lead the Board to strengthen the Society from within, so that we will be better able to meet future demands and opportunities. We have struck committees to review and revise our Bylaws, as well as our protocols for the Society's standing committees, and also to provide more guidance to our Section Chairs. A continuing goal is to broaden the influence of the Society, and in particular, to reach out more effectively to colleagues in private forensic laboratories, academia and the justice system.

I look forward to a busy and productive (and fun!) journey with the Board and the Society in 2018 – 2019.