

## **OFFICIAL INVITATION**

On behalf of the ENFSI APST Working Group Steering Committee and  
The State Forensic Science Bureau of Latvia,  
we are happy to invite you to the

**11<sup>th</sup> APST Working Group annual meeting in**

**Rīga, Latvia**

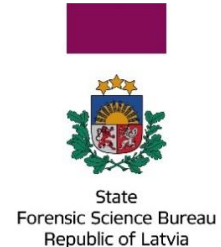
**23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> of April 2024**





## ENFSI –APST 2024

Rīga, Latvia, 23. – 25. April 2024



### Programme and sessions

***Needless to say, all personal and confidential data such as names, places etc. should be removed from any written material.***

#### 1. Call for presentations and posters

Poster or oral presentation, it's your choice!

The success of our Annual Meeting depends on each one of you. Your contribution is crucial. No matter whether you are experienced or not yet working in the field. It's not necessarily extraordinary cases, nor high impact academic research. All facets of the APST activities are welcomed - such as general casework, execution and suggestions of practical routines, short-term experiments, and advanced research. It will be very interesting and informative to share with your colleagues so feel free to share your knowledge in this safe environment.

We will try to keep a balance between case-related and scientific-research related presentations. We invite you to give an oral presentation of no longer than *15 minutes*. In addition, we will hold an interactive poster session, where an author facilitates a short presentation and dialogue about the topic of the poster (of no longer than *5 minutes*).

Do not worry about whether your cases are exciting enough or not, or if your research is not at the cutting edge, your participation is always highly appreciated!

The steering committee wants to involve as many of our members as possible, so we are keen to receive your abstract submission by the **23<sup>rd</sup> of February** (please see abstract submission form attached).

#### 2. Unidentified Forensic Object (UFO) session

We would very much like to organize a **“UFO” session**, where we can discuss and debate any unclear issues in a max of *5 minutes* (with or without slides). You are welcome to present an unidentified or unknown object to you with photographs or topics to discuss. The session is intended to introduce colleagues but will also provide the opportunity for more extensive discussions later on (free time/coffee breaks/lunch/dinner).

#### 3. Workshops (WS)

We also intend to organize two WS on nhDNA and Soil&morphology (please see Provisional Program). WS chair positions are opened, and you are welcome to present your proposal. Contact the steering committee ([APST@enfsi.eu](mailto:APST@enfsi.eu)) for more information.

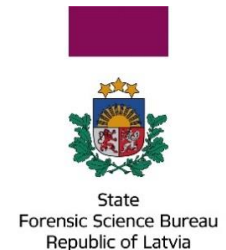
#### 4. Business meeting

As always, we will also have a business meeting (see Provisional Program). Please note that if there will be a vote, then each participating laboratory/institute has one vote.



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## Brief program outline:

The meeting will start at 9:00 on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and will conclude at 12:00 on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Monday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	18:30-21:00	Registration and Get Together reception at the Venue
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	08:30-9:00	Registration
	09:00-17:00	Plenary and Oral sessions
	18:00-22:00	Social program and conference dinner
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	9:00-12:00	Oral, poster, <i>UFO</i> sessions and workshops
	13:30-19:00	Practical examination ( <i>onsite workshop</i> )
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	9:00-12:00	Oral sessions, business meeting, closing session

## Abstract submission:

You can contribute to the meeting with following options:

- Oral presentation (15 minutes and 5 minutes questions)
- Poster (5 minutes)
- *UFO* Session (max 5 minutes/slides where you can present unidentified or unknown to you photos or topic to discuss it with the other participants)
- contribution or proposal for workshops

Please use the separate abstract submission form and send it to [APST24@vteb.gov.lv](mailto:APST24@vteb.gov.lv)

Abstract submissions per person should not exceed one oral and one poster submission.

## Registration:

The meeting is open for delegates from ENFSI-laboratories (members) and non-ENFSI-laboratories (associated members). Others may attend the Annual Meeting as guests with the permission of APST Steering Committee. Those wishing to attend as guests should contact us to declare their interest ([APST@enfsi.eu](mailto:APST@enfsi.eu)).

To register for the Annual Meeting, fill in the attached registration form and send it by email to the organizing committee: [APST24@vteb.gov.lv](mailto:APST24@vteb.gov.lv).

## REGISTRATION FEES:

The registration fee includes use of Conference rooms and materials, Get Together reception (22<sup>nd</sup> April), Social programme with dinner (23<sup>rd</sup> April), Onsite WS (24<sup>th</sup> April), four coffee breaks and three lunches (23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> April)

	“Regular“	“Late Registration“
<input type="checkbox"/> ENFSI Members	300 EUR	400 EUR
<input type="checkbox"/> ENFSI Associate Members and Guests	360EUR	480 EUR

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**DEADLINES:**

Abstract submission - **23<sup>rd</sup> of February**

“Regular” registration – **1<sup>st</sup> March** (participation fee must be paid by **28<sup>th</sup> March**)

Final deadline for registration - **1<sup>st</sup> April**, (participation fee must be paid by **15<sup>th</sup> April**)

**Please read the attached registration form for details on how to register, payment details and the available options.**

Payments can **only** be made via bank transfer. There will be no possibility to pay during the meeting, neither cash nor by card. After registration you will receive an invoice with further bank account details. Printed invoices will be issued **only** upon timely request.

**Please note:**

- Accommodation is NOT included in the registration fee.
- If there are major changes in the organization of the meeting, you will receive feedback of the status of your registration.
- Registration fees do not include insurance of participants against accidents, sickness, cancellation, theft, property damage or loss. Participants are advised to take adequate personal insurance.
- Please note: delegates are responsible for currency conversion costs and bank charges.

**How to travel within Riga:**

**Bus #22**

- from the Airport – stop “11. Novembra krastmala” is across the street from the hotel.
- to the Airport – stop “Grēcinieku iela” is on the same side of the street.

**Bus tickets**

A 90-minute ticket 1,50 EUR, with the option to travel on any tram, trolleybus, or bus route for 90 minutes. A ticket must be registered each time another public transport vehicle (tram, trolleybus, bus) is entered.

May be bought as a yellow e-ticket at the Airport:

- in the vending machine at the bus stop,
- in kiosk of “Narvesen”,
- and, as a code ticket:

(<https://www.rigassatiksme.lv/en/tickets-and-e-ticket/code-tickets/>)



Bus route No. 22 is the only route managed by “Rīgas satiksme”, where the ticket can also be bought from the transport vehicle driver. Payment for the ticket is with a bank payment card only, ticket price - 2€.

**TAXI** (~20 € one way)

- airBaltic taxi
- Bolt App

### Meeting Venue and Accommodation:

The meeting and linked accommodation will take place at the [Wellton Riverside SPA Hotel](#) - 33, 11. Novembra krastmala, Rīga, LV-1055. Reception phone +371 66777850.

The organizers have made a special arrangement with the Wellton Riverside SPA Hotel.

For the Annual Meeting, several rooms have been blocked with a price of 85 € / night (Standard Single) and 90 € / night (Standard Double or Twin) room. As hotel room rates change daily, please check it before booking and note that this rate is available until the **8<sup>th</sup> of March**.

Please book the blocked room rate directly with the hotel using the promo code:

**APST24**

