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EDITORIAL

It is with great pride that we present this new volume of the Algerian Journal of Forensic Science and Criminology (AJFSC). The primary objective of our journal is to assist researchers and professionals by promoting and publishing original work across the vast spectrum of forensic fields. We invite submissions of research articles, reviews, case studies, and technical notes that benefit both national and international communities, contributing to a robust and dynamic scientific dialogue.

This issue is a testament to the scientific diversity cultivated over two decades since the establishment of the National Institute of Criminalistics and Criminology of the National Gendarmerie (NICC/GN). As an institution dedicated to combating crime by integrating science into judicial processes, the NICC has been instrumental in developing applied research, effective investigative methods, and, crucially, in pioneering the introduction of criminal sciences into university nomenclature. Its collaborative launch of university programs in 2011 marks a foundational commitment to education that this journal now continues.

To ensure the utmost quality and integrity, every manuscript submitted to the AJFSC undergoes a rigorous double-blind peer-review process. Manuscripts are reviewed online by independent academics without specific ties to the authors' institutions, with editorial decisions grounded in at least two expert evaluations. We extend our deepest gratitude to our panel of reviewers for their indispensable work. This meticulous process ensures that the published contributions, including those where authors have diligently revised their work, represent a credible snapshot of contemporary research.

The diversity of disciplines showcased here is a core strength. This issue features work that spans from digital criminology to advanced instrumental analysis and institutional development, reflecting the journal's broad scope. This interdisciplinarity is crucial for refocusing research and opening new perspectives, a mission vital for universities and training institutions preparing the next generation of practitioners.

The AJFSC is a key pillar for national development in forensic science. By disseminating advanced research and documenting institutional progress, such as the NICC's own journey in accreditation and academic leadership, the journal directly supports the professionalization of the field within Algeria. This builds essential local capacity and scholarly infrastructure.

Concurrently, the journal actively engages with international discourse and foundational principles. The launch of the AJFSC coincides with a pivotal moment of global reflection on the discipline's future. The 2022 Sydney Declaration (SD), emerging from international consensus, offers a transformative vision centered on the information conveyed by traces, advocating for a problem-solving approach beyond mere technological application. The AJFSC aims to be a forum for engaging with this framework, enhancing the understanding of forensic science's core objectives and principles. We believe this provides a solid, universal foundation for reliable development across all specialties and contexts, aligning our national contributions with a broader, principled global vision.

In line with the highest standards of academic publishing, the AJFSC upholds a fundamental principle: The content, data, and opinions expressed in all published papers are solely the responsibility of the authors. They do not reflect the views or official positions of the National Institute of Criminalistics and Criminology (NICC/GN), the Editorial Board, or any organizations to which the authors are affiliated. This independence is the bedrock of a trustworthy and critical scientific forum.

The research compiled in this volume advances our collective ability to solve complex problems and underscores the central role of criminal sciences in addressing societal challenges. We express our sincere gratitude to all the authors, reviewers, and editorial team members whose dedicated efforts have made this issue possible.

We continue to welcome submissions from researchers worldwide. By sharing knowledge, debating foundational principles, and publishing rigorous interdisciplinary work, we can collectively shape a more effective, ethical, and scientifically-grounded future for justice systems everywhere.

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