

Dear Friends,

The time is going too fast. Our conference is drawing to its closing. But I know we all still have many ideas we want to exchange. However, we will treat the conclusion of this conference as only the beginning of the next conference. So we will continue to exchange our ideas by email and other means of communication until our next conference.

For the last three days, we have heard presentations from forensic scientists, legal scholars, judges, lawyers and many others from different countries and different social, political and cultural backgrounds. But we share common interests in furthering understanding of judicial proof and exploring the role of forensic evidence in helping fact-finders to seek truth in judicial proceedings. This is why we have so much in common to discuss. And the discussions have greatly enhanced the understanding of each other in our respective fields and academic disciplines.

Our conference is relatively small in scale, but our discussions truly represent the forefront of the academic research in the interplay between science and judicial proof. We have benefited enormously from the exchange between evidence scholars and forensic scientists. I have no doubt that this exchange will lead to greater “cross fertilization” across disciplines, countries and professional orientations.

When our life becomes more and more dependent on technological progress, our judicial systems will also develop towards the direction of relying more heavily on scientific evidence. Thus, forensic science will play a more important role. Therefore, we have the need to use the most advanced

technologies and cutting-edge science to enhance truth-seeking in judicial process. At the same time, however, we must also be mindful of the potential dangers that new science or technologies, if used incorrectly, may pose for society and individuals. In this regard, I am in total agreement with Professor Pierre Margot in his vision that our academic and scientific community has the moral obligation to realize these potential dangers and to use our utmost efforts to develop institutional and professional safeguards against mis-use of new science and technologies for purposes that will violate established laws or rights of the individuals.

Finally, I would like to thank our host, University of Lausanne, for organizing this conference. I especially appreciate the hard work of Christopher, Pierre, Alex and the entire team. Without their effective and efficient organization, it is impossible for the smooth running of our program. Please join me in a big round of applause to show our appreciation. I also want to thank all presenters and attendees for your time and efforts to make this conference a great success.

As you may know, the next Sino Swiss Conference on Evidence and Forensic Science will be held in China in the fall of 2018. I am eagerly awaiting our re-union two years from now. See you everyone in China next time.

Thank you!