14th AFSN Annual Meeting and Symposium

Steering Progress in Technical Workgroups and Committee



To COMMUNICATE effectively with members in WG/C

- Break the language barrier: member institutes can assign a focal person who is proficient in English
- Reach out to members instantly: use the messaging applications that are most commonly used in various countries e.g. WhatsApp, WeChat
- Disseminate information via email: members to provide their most frequently used email addresses for communication
- Use Forensic Alert Portal: use the Portal to exchange sensitive information or documents

To NETWORK with international partners to grow WG/C

- Establish contact with the corresponding Workgroups or Committees in other regional/international networks and explore opportunity for collaboration
- Invite Chairs or Steering Committee Members of other networks to participate in WG/C events to share their expertise
- Actively introduce AFSN WG/C when attending other overseas meetings or conferences to raise AFSN profile

To MAINTAIN an active WG/C

- Organise regular activities for members
 - Each year to have minimum two main scientific activities (one for each half year), e.g. webinar, vendor presentation, workshop, bring-a-case discussion, annual meeting scientific sessions
 - ✓ Each WG/C to organise collaborative exercises (either with materials or data interpretation)
 - ✓ Each term of committee (every 2 years) to organise one study trip or one longer workshop
 - Publish best practices and guidelines
- Have regular communications with members to keep the relationship warm; include some social activities whenever possible to build up bonding within the WG/C