

William Tilstone

Biography

William Tilstone holds the degrees of B.Sc. and Ph.D. from the University of Glasgow, Scotland. He was appointed Lecturer in Forensic Science at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, in 1972, and promoted to Professor and Head of Forensic Science in 1979. His university responsibilities included teaching, research and case work in the areas of forensic biology and toxicology.

He left the university in 1984 to be Director of the South Australian Forensic Science laboratory, moving from there to the position of Executive Director of the National Forensic Science Technology Center (the NFSTC) in Largo, Florida in 1996. In 2005 he initiated the process of moving out of executive management at the NFSTC and now acts as Deputy Director, but with principal responsibility for training programs. He is President of Forensic Quality Services, a not for profit established by the NFSTC to provide accreditation and quality systems support to forensic science laboratories.

He has acted as a forensic science consultant to several government agencies, and has served on the Boards of professional societies and organizations involved in forensic science and accreditation. He has published approximately 100 articles, the most recent being the book "Forensic Science: An Encyclopedia of History, Methods and Techniques."