

Special Issue

Forensic Identification in a Multidisciplinary Perspective: Focusing on Big Challenges

Message from the Guest Editors

Forensic experts are increasingly facing significant challenges in identifying human remains in their casework, whether in everyday or exceptional circumstances. This Special Issue aims to address specific cases in forensic identification, namely of bodies in an advanced state of preservation, burned remains, and body parts recovered in the water, among others. The holistic perspective of identification is central to this Special Issue, encompassing the knowledge from many various scientific disciplines used in forensic practice, such as dermatoglyphics, genetics, odontology, anthropology, or pathology. The importance of the combination of methods, contextual information, and personal belongings or other artefacts are also considered. The aim is to emphasize the importance of collaborative, evidence-based, and unbiased approaches, making use of cutting-edge technologies and the know-how of a team of experts. In this Special Issue, theoretical articles on various identification challenges and particularly demanding case studies are welcome.

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