



## Marina Stajic, PhD

AAFS Past President Marina Stajic earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from the University of Novi Sad, Yugoslavia in 1972, and subsequently, her doctoral degree in Forensic Toxicology from the University of Maryland in 1977. Soon after, Dr. Stajic joined the Commonwealth of Virginia Bureau of Forensic Science as the head of the Northern Virginia Toxicology Laboratory where she remained for nine years.

Dr. Stajic joined the staff of the Office of Chief Medical Examiner, City of New York, as Director of Forensic Toxicology in 1986. In her position as Director, Dr. Stajic plans, supervises, and coordinates all the aspects of toxicological analyses performed on specimens obtained from approximately 6,000 autopsies each year. The laboratory also consults with law enforcement agencies regarding toxicological matters in DUI and drug facilitated sexual assault cases.

Dr. Stajic's service to the Academy is impressive. She was elected as Provisional Member into the Toxicology Section in 1976 and rapidly progressed to positions of service and leadership in the Toxicology Section including Program Chair, Secretary, Section Chair, and Board of Directors Representative. She was promoted to Fellow in 1980. Dr. Stajic was elected to the positions of Vice President, Secretary, and President-Elect. In 1992-1993, she served as one of the youngest AAFS Presidents in Academy history (second only to Dr. Cyril Wecht). During her term as President, the Interdisciplinary Symposium—now a staple in the AAFS meeting program—got its start. Her post-Presidential positions include serving on the Nominating Committee, the "History of the Academy" Committee, and the Awards Committee. She has served on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Forensic Sciences since 1988. In 1997, Dr. Stajic was honored with the Toxicology Section's Alexander O. Gettler Award. She continued her service as a member of the Forensic Sciences Foundation Board of Trustees from 2000-2008.

Dr. Stajic has been an active member of many professional organizations throughout her distinguished career. She is a member of the Society of Forensic Toxicologists, The International Association of Forensic Toxicologists, and served as Past President of Mid-Atlantic Association of Forensic Scientists. She has been a Diplomate of the American Board of Forensic Toxicology since 1980 and served as its President from 2008 to 2012.

Dr. Stajic frequently lectures and provides expert testimony in the field of forensic toxicology. She was appointed Adjunct Associate Professor of Forensic Medicine (Toxicology) at New York University Medical Center in 1987 and Clinical Professor at PACE University, Dyson College of Arts and Sciences, Forensic Sciences Program in 2010. Dr. Stajic has authored and co-authored numerous scientific articles on the subject of forensic toxicology.

In her personal life, Dr. Stajic is an active member of numerous Sherlock Holmes societies and is a passionate fan of the New York Yankees. She lives in Manhattan with her fabulous felines, Altamont and Sigerson.