



DR. BRUCE BUDOWLE

received a Ph.D. in Genetics in 1979 from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. From 1979-1982, Dr. Budowle was a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Working under a National Cancer Institute fellowship, he carried out research predominately on genetic risk factors for such diseases as insulin dependent diabetes mellitus, melanoma, and acute lymphocytic leukemia. In 1983, Dr. Budowle joined the research unit at the FBI Laboratory Division to carry out research, development, and validation of methods for forensic biological analyses. The positions he has held at the FBI include: research chemist, program manager for DNA research, Chief of the Forensic Science Research Unit, and the Senior Scientist for the Laboratory Division of the FBI.



RICHARD L. TANTON Mr.

Tanton received his B.A. in Chemistry from the University of Connecticut and MBA degree from Nova Southeastern University. Mr. Tanton's forensic career began with his induction into the United States Army in 1968 where his military service entailed forty-two years as drug chemist for the U.S. Army Crime Lab (then in Augusta, Georgia). Since his military career Mr. Tanton has worked as a forensic chemist in the Army Crime Labs in Fort Gordon, GA and Frankfurt, Germany; the Miami-Dade Police Crime Laboratory; and served as Director of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Crime Laboratory for fourteen years.



DR. DANIEL VANEK Upon finishing the university studies and obtaining the RNDr. in 1990 (Rerum naturalis doctor) he spent almost 2 years at the Czech Academy of Sciences, Institute of Microbiology, studying the amine acid active transport mechanisms into the yeasts. In 1992 he left the academic field and spent almost 10 years as a Head of Forensic DNA laboratory and National DNA database at the Institute of Criminalistics Prague, Ministry of Interior of Czech Republic. Dr. Vanek fully explored his forensic experience during his work (2002-2004) for the International Commission on Missing Persons in Bosnia and Herzegovina, where he focused on the DNA typing of the bone samples from the mass graves. After his return from the Balkan back to Prague he started his own company Forensic DNA Service. His research is currently focused on DNA typing of ancient specimen like the Bronze Age burials or remains of the Premyslids family from the Prague Castle. He is also interested in genetic genealogy, especially with the connection to Y-chromosome and mtDNA typing of ancient bone samples.