



# BRITISH ACADEMY OF FORENSIC SCIENCES

**FRIENDS' DINNER**

**29<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**Apothecaries Hall  
Black Friars Lane  
London EC4V 6EJ**

## “Lady in the Lake”: the murder of Carol Park

Carol Park went missing in July 1976. On 13th August 1997 a package, which had been discovered by scuba divers in Coniston Water, was raised and found to contain her body. She was wearing a nightie and had been bound by ropes.

An initial post mortem examination concluded that Carol Park had sustained several blows to her face and had defensive injuries.

During the course of the police investigation, Gordon Park was arrested and charged with the murder of his wife. He was convicted in early 2005 and died by suicide in 2010.

In October 2018 the Criminal Cases Review Commission (CCRC) referred Gordon Park’s conviction to the Court of Appeal on the basis that “the balance of the evidence in the case has shifted to such an extent that there is now a real possibility that the Court of Appeal will quash the conviction.”

One of the grounds for the referral was DNA, which did not match Gordon Park, that had been detected on a rope which bound Carol Park’s body.

**Join Forensic Pathologist Professor Peter Vanezis and Forensic Scientist Jo Millington as they discuss the twists and turns of this fascinating case.**

### Guest Speakers



#### Professor Peter Vanezis OBE

Professor Emeritus of Forensic Medical Sciences at Queen Mary University of London



#### Jo Millington

Director and Forensic Scientist at Millington Hingley Ltd and SPATTER/ED, a BPA training and education company

### TIMINGS

**6.00** Registration & drinks reception | **7.00** Call to dinner | **7.20** Dinner | **8.40** Comfort break, tea & coffee served | **9.00** Guest speakers | **9.20** Q & A | **10.00** Carriages

### DRESS CODE

Black Tie/Formal

### VENUE

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## **Professor Peter Vanezis OBE**

**Professor Emeritus of Forensic Medical Sciences, Cameron Forensic Medical Sciences, Barts and the London, School of Medicine and Dentistry, Queen Mary, University of London**

Peter Vanezis has been a forensic pathologist since 1974 and has been involved in many high profile cases including the death of Princess Diana. He participated and led teams in aircraft accidents and other mass disasters; this included leading the British team in Kosovo to investigate mass graves, for which he was awarded an OBE in 2001.

In 1993, Peter was appointed regius Professor of Forensic Medicine and Science in Glasgow where he established the first Human Identification Centre and the Centre for International Forensic Assistance. He has been part of the Forensic Advisory Board of the International Committee of the Red Cross for many years, and has arranged numerous courses on human rights abuses locally and abroad. In 2003 Peter was appointed Chief Forensic Medical Officer for the Forensic Science Service. In 2006, he became the new chair of Forensic Medical Sciences which he founded at Barts and the London. He became Emeritus Professor in 2018.

Peter has over 150 publications in peer-reviewed journals, four textbooks and one in preparation as well as ten chapters in textbooks. He has also contributed to many international meetings and is Editor-in-Chief of Medicine, Science and the Law. His research interests involve various aspects of forensic pathology, identification and developing educational needs. He has received three awards from the BMA and a number of other research grants totalling over £6m.

In 2010 Peter established the Academy of Forensic Medical Sciences, of which he is the Principal and Director, to promote education and training in forensic medicine.



## **Jo Millington**

**Director and Forensic Scientist at Millington Hingley Ltd and SPATTER/ED, a BPA training and education company**

Jo is an experienced forensic scientist with a particular specialism in biological evidence - DNA, blood, and other body fluids and their evaluation in a scientific context. Over a career of almost 30 years she has worked with many of the major forensic science providers in the UK, most notably the Forensic Science Service.

Jo is a renowned expert in Bloodstain Pattern Analysis (BPA), crime scene and historic case review and set up Millington Hingley, a forensic consultancy, in 2018 with her colleague Lynne Hingley.

Jo delivers BPA training to practitioners all over the world, and in 2020 set up Spatter/ED a company dedicated to BPA training.

She is a highly regarded forensic educator and has built a reputation for delivering balanced and comprehensive reports for the Crown and the Defence. Jo is a strong role model and undertakes a diverse portfolio of pro-bono work and engagement activities to share best practice. However, please don't ask Jo about her telly appearances or we will be here all night!