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Preface

This book arises from a 2-day international conference held at the Geological Society of London in March 2003. The meeting sought to bring together forensic scientists, geologists, sedimentologists, environmental scientists, archaeologists and related practitioners from academia, industry and the criminal justice system to discuss the history, principles, development of techniques, and recent research in and the application of geosciences in a forensic context.

The meeting was attended by over 120 delegates, with 25 oral papers given and 16 posters presented. It was sponsored by Hitachi High Technologies, Leica Microsystems and Kenneth Pye Associates Ltd, and was also supported by the Forensic Science Society. The editors would like to thank these organizations, together with staff at the Geological Society, and those who agreed to chair the sessions over the 2 days.

This publication contains 29 papers based on a selection of these oral papers and poster presentations. The wide range of topics addressed and the

diversity of the contributions is reflected in the papers' content and style. The chapters have been arranged to reflect a continuum from fieldwork, through techniques, laboratory analyses and data handling, to case-based papers and teaching.

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