

SWGDRUG Bulletin

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The Scientific Working Group for the Analysis of Seized Drugs (SWGDRUG) proudly supports the forensic seized drug community by providing guidance and resources for a broad breadth of analytical and quality management challenges. The pace of change within our discipline has never been faster, and laboratories require steadfast improvement and adaptation to successfully address these dynamic issues.

Due to pandemic-related international travel restrictions, the SWGDRUG core committee met in August 2022 for the first time in three years. The committee wrapped up old business regarding documents that had been out for public comment and then got right to work on improving numerous recommendations and resources. We're looking forward to meeting again in 2023 and continuing our efforts!

Tools

The SWGDRUG website is a central repository for all sorts of tools, links, and resources for the forensic seized drug community. A short example list includes:

- Mass Spectral Library (v3.12, 20230116)
- FTIR Spectra Library (v2.1, 20190827)
- Opioid Crisis Response Landing Page
- Qualitative and Quantitative Sampling Calculators
- Drug Monographs, sortable by name or EI-MS base peak (611 and counting!)
- Worldwide forensic organization links
- Supplemental Documents for applying concepts of method validation, measurement uncertainty, and reporting
- ENFSI Education and Training Outline and example questions for each topic

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Recently Approved Documents

- Revisions to the Core Recommendations Part IVA, Quality Assurance/General Practices
- Revised Supplemental Document, SD-5, Reporting Examples

