
RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The forensic community should encourage research as an active part of the activity. Former forensic coaches as well as current ones should form the core of this effort.
2. In evaluating forensic educators, the weighing of the criteria of teaching, service and scholarship should reflect the nature and constraints of the forensic position.
3. Forensic educators should conduct and participate in the research projects of others in the field.
4. The CFO should compile and distribute a list of the journals (state, regional, and national) which normally publish articles on individual events. This list should include the name and addresses of educators.
5. The CFO should compile distribute an annual bibliography of published and unpublished research in individual events.
6. Each national organization should have a stated and published policy on procedures to be followed concerning the gathering of research data at their respective tournament.
7. Forensic organizations should establish and publish a set of guidelines to be used in reviewing and selecting projects which are to be incorporated into a tournament schedule.
8. Our major forensic journals should by name and attitude encourage and promote all areas of forensics, not limit the outlets.
9. Journal editors should encourage individuals to submit convention papers for possible publication.
10. Research in individual events should include but not be limited to determining the values of specific events, investigating tournament practices,

and determining the overall educational development of the student (including cognitive skills, interpersonal skills and citizenship).

11. Survey research in individual events should be strengthened through the inclusion of open-ended questions.
12. Organizations hosting national tournaments should put results in computer form whenever possible in order to assist research efforts.
13. Schools or geographic areas using computers in tournament administration should make this known to the forensic community.
14. The forensic community should explore means of standardizing formats for the exchange/interchange of data.
15. When computer data is used in research, the availability of that data should be noted in the reporting of the results.

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