

# Teaching forensic odontology in the 21<sup>st</sup> century

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## ABSTRACT

In 1897, Dr. Oscar Amoedo published a short article describing the identification procedures used in fire of the *Bazar de la Charité*, followed by a thesis entitled "*L'Art Dentaire en Medicine Legale*". Those academic achievements honored this Cuban born dentist the title of "Father of Forensic Odontology". Over the centuries, Forensic Odontology continue to develop because of the further improvement in technology and crescent recognition of its relevance to legal issues. Academically, there is a current increase in the number of people interested in the subject and the number of courses is rising. The aim of this research is to investigate the challenges encountered by people that actively teach Forensic Odontology. A questionnaire will be sent to 20+ professionals worldwide. The research hypotheses are: a) there is a urgent need to strengthen the link between academia and practitioners; b) professionals might consider a very challenging subject to teach; c) people interested in the subject should be aware that this branch of Odontology entails a great deal of work for the acquisition of knowledge and d) it is necessary to discuss the quality assurance of undergraduate and postgraduate courses.