General Announcements

Justice For All Act
On October 31, 2013 the Senate Judiciary Committee passed by voice vote the Justice for All Reauthorization Act of 2013. We are currently, in conjunction with the Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations, reviewing the specific text of the bill. However, please find below a summary of the Act for your edification at this time. This bill will need to go to the Senate floor for a vote whereby it will be amended further and then the House of Representatives will need to take the bill up in Committee and also take it to the floor. ASCLD is in dialogue with key policy-makers each step of the way.

This bill re-authorizes the Department of Justice to spend funds on certain law enforcement and forensic grants as they are appropriated. It is an extension of the 2004 law and will expire in 2018. Specifically this bill will authorize:

- the enforcement of crime victims' rights;
- DNA training and education for law enforcement officers;
- sexual assault forensic exams;
- DNA research and development;
- DNA programs of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI);
- identification of missing persons;
- improving the quality of legal representation for indigent defendants in capital cases;
- providing incentives to states to establish a reasonable process for resolving claims of actual innocence; and
- the Kirk Bloodsworth Post-Conviction DNA Testing Grant Program to help states defray the costs of post-conviction DNA testing.

It will do so by amending the Victims of Crime Act of 1984, the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 to extend the authorization of appropriations through FY2018 for the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program, the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to: (1) extend (until three years after enactment of this Act) the period for compliance by governmental entities with requirements for payment of the full cost of forensic medical exams for victims of sexual assault, and (2) extend (through FY2018) the authorization of appropriations for the Paul Coverdell forensic sciences improvement grant program and it requires the Director of the National Institute of Justice to: (1) establish best practices for evidence retention to focus on the preservation of biological evidence; and (2) assist state, local, and tribal governments in adopting and implementing such best practices.

It also Amends the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to require grant applicants under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to include in grant applications a comprehensive state-wide plan for the improvement of the administration of the criminal justice system.

And finally it makes all grants awarded by the Department of Justice (DOJ) under this Act subject to audits beginning in FY2014 to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse of funds by grantees.

Jay Henry
ASCLD President
Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), a partner with RTI in NIJ’s Forensic Technology Center of Excellence (FTCOE), recently completed a technical evaluation on 2D/3D scanning technologies. The 17 page executive summary titled, Technical Advances in the Visual Documentation of Crime Scenes: An Overview, can be located at https://forensiccoe.org/techtransfer.aspx# or downloaded as a pdf here. It includes background information on panoramic imaging technologies, descriptions of products selected for evaluation, and highlights of findings and recommendations. An expanded technical report complete with objective information an agency might consider prior to adopting this technology including a comprehensive explanation of the evaluation methodology and in-depth results, is scheduled to be released next month. For more information on recommendations for selecting a technology, please visit the FTCOE website.

**News Around the Globe**

**30 Years of Scientific Crime Fighting**
Lab Manager Magazine
“In my crime lab the women do not wear high heels and leather skirts; and the men do not have six pack abs. Forensic analysts hardly ever go out into the field to …

**Traces of DNA exposed by twisted light**
Phys.Org
Structures that put a spin on light reveal tiny amounts of DNA with 50 times better sensitivity than the best current methods, a collaboration between the …

**Ontario’s forensic pathologists better equipped in ‘search for truth’**
Toronto Star
After their daily case review, Pollanen, as the chief forensic pathologist for Ontario, mentally guides those present toward the body as the imaginary yellow police …

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**Call for Workshops, Presentations and Posters!!**

I’m excited to announce that President Elect Brady Mills and the Symposium Planning Committee are releasing the 2014 ASCLD call for presentation abstracts. The theme for this year’s meeting is “The Efficiency of Quality”. If you’ve got an idea for a workshop, the plenary session or poster, please download the form below and return by December 16, 2013.

2014 ASCLD Symposium Abstract Form

**Speaking of the meeting**
The planning committee still has room for volunteers. Your degree of participation can be very flexible with opportunities ranging from working a shift at the registration table to running the meeting’s plenary session. How much time you commit is up to you! If you’re interested, please contact President Elect Mills at brady.mills@dps.texas.gov.

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**Dutch DNA duo helps free another innocent man**
The Colorado Independent
DNA experts Richard and Selma Eikelenboom found and analyzed the genetic evidence that last week freed David Camm, the former Indiana state trooper who ...

**Minister backs DNA database**
The Nation
Justice Minister Chaikasem Nitisiri said yesterday that he agreed with the Institute for Forensic Medicine's recommendation that the government collect and store ...

**New forensic technique for identifying cloth fibers**
Phys.Org
"White cotton fibers are so common and have so few visual distinguishing features that they are largely ignored by forensic scientists at crime scenes," says ...

**Attorney-General Greg Smith's DNA appeal plan slammed by Barry**
The Daily Telegraph
ATTORNEY-GENERAL Greg Smith was slapped down by the Premier after he took a proposal to cabinet to make it easier for child-sex offenders to get off on ...

**High-Tech FBI Lab In Sorrento Valley Receives International**
KPBS
The FBI's San Diego Regional Computer Forensic Lab has received international accreditation from the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors. On Oct.

**Oakland Police Have Prioritized Drug Crimes Over Homicides**
East Bay Express
OPD crime lab director Mary Gibbons informed the city council's Public Safety ... Gibbons also presented a report that made it clear OPD's crime lab has been ...

**New lab will help Torrance police nab criminals**
Daily Breeze
The Torrance Police Department now has its own state of the art forensic lab to speed the processing
of scientific evidence. The lab comes at a cost of $1.5 ... 

**Murder probe delayed by lab backlog**
WKBN/WYFX-TV
Kochems said multiple blood swabs and other evidence was sent to the Pennsylvania State Police crime lab in Erie for testing, chemical analysis and ... 

**Forensic lab aiding drug peddlers exposed, SI arrested**
Times of India
Tarn Taran police have busted a gang allegedly working in connivance with the staff of forensic science laboratory at Kharar in Mohali district, ... 

**Multi-agency effort launched to crash AZ cold cases**
KPHO Phoenix
The partnerships of Phoenix police homicide detectives, the department’s crime lab and a newly-formed cold case unit in the Maricopa County Attorney’s Office ... 

**Prosecutors challenge judge’s tossing of Scottsdale lab’s DUI findings**
Arizona Republic
But Bernstein found that the testimony of crime-lab employees was misleading, particularly after some of the e-mails from crime-lab employees were introduced ... 

**Nearly 2100 untested rape kits processed in Ohio**
WKRC TV Cincinnati
Attorney General Mike DeWine says Ohio’s crime lab has processed almost 2,100 previously untested rape kits in its effort to solve ... 

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**Training**

The **West Virginia University Forensic Science Initiative** invites you to utilize their FREE webinar series on a variety of topics in forensic science! Experts in the field will present on a wide range of configurable, thus adaptable to changing technologies. **Bode LeanLab™** service utilizes Lean Six Sigma principles and delivers custom solutions to forensic labs improving efficiency, increasing throughput, reducing turnaround time and eliminating backlogs. Visit [www.bodetech.com](http://www.bodetech.com) or email bode.service@bodetech.com for more information.

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Cal State Fullerton Certificates in Crime & Forensics.  Contact Veronica Martinez at 1-657-278-3123 or see http://extension.fullerton.edu/professionaldevelopment/Crime-Forensic.

RTI International’s Center for Forensic Sciences Continuing Education is pleased to offer a second premium online course for legal professionals, titled “Managing Quality and Reliability in the Crime Laboratory: A Lawyer’s Perspective”. This low cost training was developed with the support of ASCLD/LAB, the North Carolina District Attorney’s Association and the National Association of Prosecutor Coordinators. This course is designed for legal professionals who interface with scientific experts and/or present scientific evidence in courts of law. The course provides information about how accredited crime laboratories control quality, ensure the reliability of results, and work to maintain a high level of customer satisfaction and confidence in the reliability of laboratory services. It is recommended, but not required, that users have taken the course; An Introduction to the Crime leader in the business. No one knows pipettes better. ISO 17025 Accredited since 2004 (by the American Association of Laboratory Accreditation, or A2LA, a signatory to the ILAC MRA), our focus is on quality.

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Employment Opportunities

Forensic Specialist I/II in Drug Chemistry, Sioux Falls Police Department Crime Lab, Sioux Falls, SD, Expires: November 15, 2013
Forensic Scientist I-III, DNA, Texas Department of Public Safety, Austin, TX, Expires: November 8, 2013
Director, North Carolina State Crime Laboratory, North Carolina Department of Justice, Raleigh,
Laboratory - Understanding its Role and Purpose before attempting this course.

By the end of this course, you should be able to:

• Evaluate the work of a scientific expert
• Name the two types of scientific analyses
• Name the international body that governs crime laboratory accreditation
• Recognize authoritative documents and court rulings critical to forensic science
• List five warning signs signaling problems in a crime laboratory

If you know of a legal professional who may be interested in taking this course, please direct them to: https://www.forensiced.org/training/viewcourse.cfm?moduleid=fd2f9c6-4d9e-4e7c-a6fd-c5301474a49d. In some states, this course has been approved for 1 hour of CLE and MCLE credits (https://www.forensiced.org/training/clestates.cfm?id=1128152721).

Conferences

Nov 11-12, 2013 Crime Scene and Shooting Incident Reconstruction. 2 day seminar at George Mason University in Fairfax, VA. See http://www.ocpe.gmu.edu/programs/legal/cold_case.php for more details.


Forensic Scientist I / II / III, City of Mesa, Mesa, AZ, Expires: November 7, 2013
Crime Lab Scientist (EL) – Firearms, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Columbus, Georgia, Expires: November 7, 2013
Crime Lab Scientist (EL)-Chemistry and Toxicology, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Decatur, Georgia, Expires: November 7, 2013
Forensic Scientist II, City and County of Denver, Denver, Colorado, Expires: November 16, 2013
Crime Lab Trainee / Technician, Omaha Police Department Crime Laboratory, Omaha, NE, Expires: November 4, 2013
Forensic Scientist 2- Drug I.D., Metro Nashville Police Department, Nashville, TN, Expires: January 11, 2014
Crime Lab Forensic Scientist 2- Toxicology, Metro Nashville Police Department, Nashville, Tennessee, Expires: January 11, 2014
Forensic DNA Analyst, Sorenson Forensics, Salt Lake City, UT, Expires: January 11, 2014
Forensic Lab Manager – Biology/DNA Detail, Las Vegas Metro PD, Las Vegas, NV, Expires: December 2, 2013
Criminalistics Manager, Police Laboratory, NYPD, New York, NY, Expires: January 6, 2014
Manager – Case Management, Training and Professional Development Section, NYPD, New York, NY, Expires: January 6, 2014
Forensic Science Faculty, Arcadia University, Glenside, PA, Expires: November 29, 2013
Latent Print Examiner Supervisor, Orange County Sheriff’s Office, Orlando, Florida, Expires: December 5, 2013
Tenure Track Faculty Position in Forensic Biology, Indiana Univ Purdue Univ Indpls (IUPUI), Indianapolis, IN, Expires: December 31, 2013
Assistant/Associate Professor in Forensic Sciences, Arizona State University, Phoenix, Arizona, Expires: December 6, 2013
Crime Scene Sciences Supervisor (Unit Manager), 202 727-8239, Washington, DC, Expires: December 23, 2013
Forensic Science Full-Time Faculty Position, Cedar Crest College, Allentown, PA, Expires: December 23, 2013


Faculty (Rank Open) Trace Evidence Analysis, University of Baltimore, Baltimore, MD, Expires: December 6, 2013

Tenure-Track, Assistant Professor, Criminalistics (Generalist Position), California State University, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA, Expires: December 1, 2013

Security Systems Manager, Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, Texas, Expires: November 15, 2013

Criminalist, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, Expires: November 6, 2013

Director, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, Expires: November 6, 2013

Forensic Scientist- Toxicology Unit, Metro Nashville Police Department, Nashville, TN, Expires: November 5, 2013

Forensic Scientist- Firearm and Toolmark Unit, Metro Nashville Police Department, Nashville, TN, Expires: November 5, 2013

Forensic Scientist- DNA/ Serology, Metro Nashville Police Department, Nashville, TN, Expires: November 5, 2013

Forensic Scientist- Drug ID, Metro Nashville Police Department, Nashville, TN, Expires: November 5, 2013