

June 23, 2014



## American Society of Crime Lab Directors Crime Lab Minute

### General Announcements

#### President's Message

Dear Colleagues:

ASCLD Board Member Matthew Gamette and Past-President Jill Spriggs represented ASCLD at the Fifth Annual Prescription for Criminal Justice Forensics program in New York City on June 6. ASCLD is a co-sponsor of this annual training event. Most of the attendees are members of the American Bar Association. ASCLD had a large role in planning the program and obtaining speakers for various panels throughout the day. Mr. Gamette and Ms. Spriggs helped plan the meeting and each moderated a panel at the meeting. ASCLD facilitated obtaining speakers on forensic analysis, research, and ethics. ASCLD expresses appreciation to Mr. John Neuner (ASCLD-LAB), Ms. Leslie Hammer (IAI), Mr. Kenneth Melson (AAFS), Dr. Bruce Budowle (University of North Texas), Mr. Gerry LaPorte (NIJ), Mr. Peter Diaczuk (John Jay College), Dr. Nicholas Petraco (John Jay College), and Dr. Michael Coble (NIST) for their excellent presentations and contributions at this meeting. ASCLD will continue to be a co-sponsor of this event next year. Any ideas for speakers or topics for next year should be directed to Matthew Gamette or President Brady Mills. Below is a link to many of the presentations given during the meeting.

[http://www.americanbar.org/groups/criminal\\_justice/event\\_s\\_cle/forensics2014.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/criminal_justice/event_s_cle/forensics2014.html)

Have a good week,  
Brady Mills  
ASCLD President

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### Advocacy Corner

Happy Monday!!

In this week's Advocacy Corner, I wanted to bring everyone up to speed on two items: Coverdell funding and National Forensic Science Week.

As most of you know, the House passed the CJS Appropriations bill with no money for Coverdell. Thanks to many letters and phone calls, the Senate Committee included \$12million for Coverdell. At this point in time, the CJS appropriations bill has not yet been voted on, on the floor of the Senate. When that occurs, the House will either accept the Senate's revisions to the bill or a conference committee will be appointed. Stay tuned, as we will likely need more Coverdell letters and phone calls once we know where the bill goes.

National Forensic Science Week is rapidly approaching. This year it will be August 10-16. ASCLD is working with our partners at MCC, IACP, ASCIA, MCSA, and the other CFSSO organizations to get the word out. We are currently re-working the website and hope to have a packet of information to distribute to everyone within the next week. Forensic Science Week is both a week to recognize our forensic science professionals for all the hard work they do AND provide an opportunity to interface with your local, state, and federal officials to educate them on your lab's needs. More information is forthcoming!

Have a great week,  
Jeremy Triplett  
Advocacy Chair

## Crime Lab Report

John Collins and Jay Jarvis are announcing the expansion of their publication to a print newspaper format. Accredited laboratories can register to receive multiple copies of Crime Lab Report for no charge by registering at [www.crimelabreport.com](http://www.crimelabreport.com). The newspaper is distributed quarterly.

## *News Around the Globe*

### Forensic cuts are not 'savings'

Montgomery Advertiser

Alabama legislators love to talk about spending cuts, about their ceaseless devotion to frugality and to saving the taxpayers money. It may make for ...

### NJ Senate committee OKs bill allowing DNA collection in minor crime convictions

NorthJersey.com

Police would be able to collect DNA from people convicted of minor crimes, a move that would greatly expanding the number of those required to ...

### Lab results in scores of cases questioned after resignation of Houston technician

The Republic

The cases are being reviewed after an internal police investigation alleged a technician in the Houston police crime lab lied, followed improper ...

### To address glut of rape kits at the state crime lab, Utah plans to hire private firm

The Republic

When medical workers treat people for sexual assault, they collect DNA and other evidence, then lock it in a rape or "Code R" kit. Rape kits remain ..

### Challenges and Opportunities in Pharmacology and Toxicology Sciences

DigitalJournal.com

OMICS Group Toxicology Summit is unique in several ways as it is planning to discuss the most innovative and current issues in the diversified fields ..

### How much alcohol will trigger a BAC of 0.01 percent?

Indianapolis Star

A toxicology expert says an Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department officer who showed up at a shooting range Monday morning with a ...

## *Vendor Sponsors*



The Center for Advanced Forensic DNA Analysis (CAFDA) is pleased to announce the [Genome ID Forum 2014 - Emerging Forensic Genomic Applications](#); a conference to take place on September 9 and 10 at the Hilton Greenville, North Carolina. Genome ID Forum brings together thought leaders from forensic science, research, academia, law and technology development for an open on-going dialogue regarding emerging science, technology applications and adoption by the forensic community. The program includes **Dr. Timothy McMahon**, Deputy Director, Forensic Services, Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory speaking on "*Emerging Applied Technologies for Human Remains Identification*". To foster open discussions, space is limited. [Click Here to Register for Genome ID Forum 2014.](#)



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Houston Chronicle

Scores of pending criminal cases and past convictions could be in jeopardy in the wake of revelations that a former Houston Police crime lab ...

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ClaimsJournal.com

Changes in marijuana laws in Washington have affected operations at state crime labs, which still must process the drug for cases involving juveniles ...

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WRAL.com

Supporters of the change said it's needed because of ongoing backlogs at the StateCrime Lab. But the committee unanimously backed an ..

### [Iceland's DNA: The world's most precious genes?](#)

BBC News

Iceland's record of low immigration and its genealogical records going back 1,000 years make it a paradise for geneticists. A third or more of the ...

### [All synthetic cannabinoids illegal, WA minister says, after MP Phil Edman brings drugs into ...](#)

ABC Online

"The difficulty is that the police must prove that the substance in any one of these packets actually contains synthetic cannabinoids," she said.

### [County forensic investigator files discrimination suit](#)

Tribune-Review

Top administrators in the Allegheny County Medical Examiner's Office belittle and demean their female employees and retaliate against anyone who ...

### [DNA tests may expose 400000 rapists](#)

The Times (subscription)

Thousands of rape victims may finally receive justice decades after the crime as investigators examine DNA evidence that has lain untested for years.

### [EnCase Webinar Series Features Author Suzanne Widup, Who "Wrote the Book" on EnCase 7](#)

Wall Street Journal

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### [Congress set to approve \\$41 million to help clear backlog of untested rape kits](#)

Washington Post

While the problem of untested evidence kits in crime labs has been known, the discovery of kits never submitted to labs has reenergized advocates, ...

### [Drug lab scandal: More details from AG report](#)

The News Journal

Mismanagement, lax to nonexistent security and incompetence all contributed to an atmosphere that allowed an employee or employees to steal drug ...

### [Forensic center sought](#)

South Bend Tribune

Dr. Joseph Prahlow, a forensic pathologist with The Medical Foundation, asked the St. Joseph County Board of Health on Wednesday for support in ...

### [Almost half of Norwegians favor police access to newborn DNA](#)

allvoices

A study has been run by the Norwegian Data Protection Authority which shows two-fifths of the Norwegian public would be happy with their ...

## **Training**

### [Forensics Training | National Institute of Justice](#) [www.nij.gov/training/Pages/forensics.aspx](http://www.nij.gov/training/Pages/forensics.aspx)

NIJ sponsors a variety of courses, both online (live, self-paced and prerecorded) and in a classroom, for criminal justice professionals. Courses are free unless ...

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Registration is now open for the 2014 Forensic Management Academy, a unique one-week management program geared specifically to current and aspiring forensic laboratory managers, law enforcement professionals and other forensic service providers. Instructors include forensic practitioners and college professors experienced in the field of forensics. The program will be offered September 14 – 19, 2014 in Morgantown, WV

July 10, 2014 - July 11, 2014 Morgantown, WV

Characterization & Comparison of Dyed Fibers  
West Virginia University  
July 22, 2014 - July 24, 2014 Morgantown, WV

Familial DNA Searching: Current Approaches - Session  
Two  
RTI International  
June 26, 2014 - June 26, 2014 Online

Forensic GC-MS Workshop  
West Virginia University  
July 15, 2014 - July 17, 2014 Morgantown, WV

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West Virginia University  
July 15, 2014 - July 17, 2014 Morgantown, WV

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West Virginia University  
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West Virginia University  
July 8, 2014 - July 10, 2014 Morgantown, WV

The Crime Scene Is Fluid: From Land to Water-Based  
Scenes  
RTI International  
June 25, 2014 - June 25, 2014

### ASCLD Webinars:

Links to these webinars can also be found on the  
ASCLD [Training Opportunities](#) webpage.

**Webinar #1:** [Taking the First Steps Toward Backlog  
Reduction](#)

**Webinar #2:** [The Backlog Paradox: Doing Less is Doing  
More](#)

**Webinar #3:** [Managing Customer Expectations and  
Education](#)

**Webinar #4:** [Case Acceptance, Policies and Guidelines](#)

**Webinar #5:** [Efficiency Improvements](#)

**Webinar #6:** [Increasing Your Staff without Increasing  
Your Budget](#)

**Webinar #7:** [Developing a Statewide Approach to](#)

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## *Employment Opportunities*

[DNA Technical Leader](#), Idaho State Police,  
Meridian, Idaho, Expires: July 9, 2014

[Impressions Examiner](#), Virginia Department  
of Forensic Science, Richmond,  
VA, Expires: July 9, 2014

[Supervisory Physical Scientist](#), US Secret  
Service, Washington, DC, Expires: June 27,  
2014

## [Backlog Management](#)

[ASCLD-LAB Training](#) Training classes to help forensic laboratory personnel understand the requirements of *ISO/IEC 17025 General Requirements for the Competency of Testing and Calibration Laboratories*.

**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 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?cid=1128152721>).

The ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board/FQS offers 2 workshops for accreditation preparation to the forensic community.

[Forensic Laboratory Director](#), Tri County Regional Forensic Laboratory, Andover, Minnesota, Expires: June 30, 2014

[Senior Crime laboratory Analyst](#), State of Florida, State Fire Marshal, Havana/Midway, Florida, Expires: June 26, 2014

[Forensic Scientist – Latent Print Examiner](#), DuPage County Forensic Science Center, Wheaton, IL, Expires: July 25, 2014

[Forensic Scientist – Forensic Biology](#), Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Manassas, VA, Expires: July 2, 2014

[Deputy Director Toxicology, Controlled Substance and Chemistry](#), Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Meriden, Connecticut, Expires: July 11, 2014

[Deputy Director of Identification Services](#), Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Meriden, CT, Expires: July 3, 2014

[Criminalist III Quality Assurance Program Supervisor](#), Oakland Police Department, Oakland, CA, Expires: June 27, 2014

[Criminalist III Forensic Biology Supervisor](#), Oakland Police Department, Oakland, CA, Expires: June 27, 2014

[Laboratory Accreditation Specialist](#), New York State, Albany, NY, Expires: June 30, 2014

### **ISO/IEC 17025 and Audit Preparation Workshop for Forensic Test Agencies**

Attendees of this three-day workshop will obtain a general overview of ISO/IEC 17025 as it relates to forensic test agencies. All of the elements will be reviewed. The standard's applicability, origin, purpose and marketplace will be discussed. Some of the more important concepts will be reviewed such as document control, internal auditing, proficiency testing, traceability and measurement and method witnessing.

September 22-24, 2014, Alexandria, VA

### **ISO/IEC 17020 and Audit Preparation Workshop for Forensic Police Agencies**

Attendees of this two-day workshop will obtain a general overview of ISO/IEC 17020 for forensic police agencies. Individual elements of the standard will be reviewed; the standard's applicability to forensic police agencies, origin, purpose and marketplace will also be discussed. Some of the more important concepts, such as document control, internal auditing, proficiency testing, traceability and measurement, and method witnessing will be reviewed.

September 25-26, 2014, Alexandria, VA

For more information about these workshops, contact FQS at 703-836-0025, ext 208. To register, please click on any of the dates above.

## ***Conferences***

August 10-16, 2014: International Association for Identification in Minneapolis, MN. See <http://www.theiai.org/conference/2014/index.php> for more information.

August 11-15, 2014: The [2014 Annual General Meeting](#) of the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners (ASQDE) will be held in Honolulu, Hawaii. The meeting will be a joint meeting with the [Australasian Society of Forensic Document Examiners, Inc.](#)

[Forensic Scientist](#), Fort Worth Police Department, Fort Worth, Texas, Expires: August 30, 2014

[Forensic Scientist III – Drug Unit](#), MA State Police Crime Laboratory, Sudbury, MA, Expires: June 24, 2014

[Firearms Examiner](#), Houston Forensic Science LGC, INC., Houston, TX, Expires: August 12, 2014

[Lead Forensic Scientist \(DNA\)](#), DC Government/Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington, DC, Expires: July 31, 2014

[Forensic Scientist \(Crime Scene\)](#), DC Government, Washington, DC, Expires: July 17, 2014

[Forensic Scientist 3](#), Metro Nashville Police Department- Crime Laboratory, Nashville, TN, Expires: July 14, 2014

[Forensic Scientist 2- Drug Unit](#), Metro Nashville Police Department- Crime Laboratory Division, Nashville, TN, Expires: July 14, 2014

August 31 – September 4, 2014: 22<sup>nd</sup> International Symposium on the Forensic Sciences in Adelaide, South Australia. See <http://anzfss.org.au/international-symposium/> for more

September 9-10, 2014: Emerging Forensic Genomic Applications – genomeID forum  
In Greenville, NC. See [www.advancedforensicdna.com/corporate/snpforum/](http://www.advancedforensicdna.com/corporate/snpforum/) for more information.

September 23-26, 2014: [Southern Association Forensic Scientist \(SAFS\) Annual 2014 Meeting](#) in Savannah, GA.

October 4-10, 2014: Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists in St. Paul, MN. See <http://www.mafs.net/news-feeds-1/mafs-2014> for more information.

October 13-18, 2014: World Forensic Festival in Seoul, South Korea. See <http://www.wff2014korea.org/info/index.php> for more information.

October 14-17, 2014: Association of Forensic Quality Assurance Managers in Vancouver, B.C. See <http://afqam.org/wp12/annual-training-conference/> for more information.

October 19-24, 2014: Society of Forensic Toxicologists in Grand Rapids, MI. See <http://www.soft-tox.org> for more information.

October 19-23, 2014: [36th Annual Southwestern Association of Forensic Scientists \(SWAFS\)](#) in South Padre Island, TX.

October 20-24, 2014: Northwest Association of Forensic Scientists in Rohnert Park, CA. See <http://www.nwafs.org/meetings.htm> for more information.

November 3-6, 2014: [Annual DNA & Investigators Workshop– Bode Mid-Atlantic](#) in Crystal City, VA



November 3-6, 2014: [Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientist \(NEAFS\) Annual Meeting](#) in Hershey, PA.

February 16-21, 2015: [AAFS 67th Annual Scientific Meeting](#) in Orlando, FL