



American Society of Crime Lab Directors

"THE CRIME LAB MINUTE" NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Dear colleagues,

What an exciting time in forensic science, and there is no better time than now to become more involved in ASCLD by serving on the Board of Directors! There are several committees on the Board that you may be interested in becoming involved, such as research, advocacy, training and education, membership, nominations and awards, and communications. Nominations for the Board of Directors are now being accepted and will be voted on by the membership during the business meeting at the upcoming symposium in April 2015 in Washington, DC. There will be three vacancies to fill this year. If you are interested in getting more involved in the organization this is a great way to do it. Please email your nominations to kcano@scottsdaleaz.gov by January 15, 2015.

Also it is that time of year to submit nominations for the prestigious Briggs White Award. The award was established at the direction of past President Bill Hartner to recognize an ASCLD member, past or present, who demonstrated managerial excellence in forensic science. Nominations are being accepted and a recommendation from the committee will be forwarded to the Board of Directors. If the Board concurs with the committee's recommendation the award plaque will be presented at the annual banquet. An engraved name plate will be added to the dedication plaque. Please submit nominations through the ASCLD website by February 1, 2015 to be considered at this year's symposium. If you have any questions please contact nomination and award committee chair Kris Cano at kcano@scottsdaleaz.gov.

Brady Mills
ASCLD President

[News Around the Globe](#)

[Russia Plans World's Largest Collection of DNA Samples](#)

Gizmodo

The New Cold War is about to live up to its name a bit more literally. Researchers in Russia want to build the world's largest repository for DNA, storing ...

[Van Hollen says Wisconsin ready for DNA on arrest](#)

Wisconsin Radio Network

Wisconsin's outgoing attorney general says state crime labs are ready for a new law that requires police to collect DNA from many criminal suspects.

[State bans sale of new drug kratom to minors](#)

Chicago Tribune

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration said kratom is on its list of drugs and chemicals of concern. Kratom as a synthetic drug has also been ...

[In 2014, many states experimented with marijuana laws](#)

Boston Globe

Across the country, states have relaxed their drug laws and experimented with new policies that ease penalties for marijuana use or make it available ...

[A look back: Eight years for justice](#)

Superior Telegram



Please mark your calendars; the **2015 symposium is April 26th-30th, 2015** at the **Washington Marriott Wardman Park**, 2660 Woodley Road NW, Washington, D.C. 20008.



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[Forensic Scientist 1, DNA Analyst \(DPS #17973\).](#), New Mexico DPS Forensic

When I took office, our Wisconsin State Crime Lab faced a decades-old problem. In 2007, the Lab had pending 2,000 cases for DNA analysis, with a ...

[Kentucky fares well in new drug report](#)

The Middlesboro Daily News
Kentucky, which has long been known as an epicenter of the national prescription drug epidemic, was absent from the top 10 worst performing states ...

[Local funeral home will preserve](#)

[deceased's DNA, for a fee](#)

Columbus Dispatch
For \$295, Schoedinger funeral homes in central Ohio will swab inside the deceased's cheek and send the collected material to DNA Memorial, ...

[Oklahoma State opening crime lab campus in](#)

[Tulsa](#)

Daily Journal
Oklahoma State opening crime lab campus in Tulsa ... a former fire station in Tulsa and plans to convert it into a crime scene investigation laboratory.

[Shortage of lab techs hampering Austin burglary investigations](#)

Austin American-Statesman
The low number of cases “cleared” — by indicting suspects or recovering stolen property — has persisted despite 20 years of declining crime rates.

Laboratory, Santa Fe, NM, Expires: January 18, 2015

[Forensic Scientist I \(Agent\) Toxicology](#), Colorado Department of Public Safety, Grand Junction, CO, Expires: January 2, 2015

[Forensic Scientist II \(Agent\) Toxicology](#), Colorado Department of Public Safety, Grand Junction, CO, Expires: January 2, 2015

[Supervisor Forensic Services – Drug Chemistry](#), NY State Police Lab System, Newburgh, NY, Expires: January 15, 2015

[Supervisor Forensic Services – Drug Chemistry](#), NY State Police Lab System, Port Crane, NY, Expires: January 15, 2015

[Supervisor Forensic Services – Firearms](#), NY State Police Lab System, Albany, NY, Expires: January 15, 2015

[Forensic Scientist 2](#), MN BCA Lab, St. Paul, MN, Expires: December 29, 2014

[Forensic Scientist – DNA – 2 vacancies](#), NY State Police Crime Laboratory System, Albany, NY, Expires: January 2, 2015

[Director Quality Assurance](#), NY State Police Crime Laboratory System, Albany, NY, Expires: January 2, 2015

[Director Biological Science](#), NY State Police Crime Laboratory System, Albany, NY, Expires: January 2, 2015

[Forensic Scientist IV DNA CoDIS/SDIS Index Custodian](#), NY State Police Crime Laboratory System, Albany, NY, Expires: January 2, 2015

[San Diego's new FBI chief a science guy](#)

U-T San Diego

... in San Diego to supervising criminal and intelligence cases in San Francisco to becoming second-in-command at the FBI crime lab to leading all FBI ...

[Montgomery County Forensic Center director seeks program expansion](#)

Your Houston News

The forensic pathologist best known for conducting autopsies in ... He will perform very few autopsies in his new role at the forensic service center, ...

[Attorney General attends 'BCI Science School' designed for Ohio students](#)

Xenia Gazette

"We are proud of the work done by our scientists at our BCI Crime Labs in London, Richfield, and Bowling Green," said Attorney General DeWine.

[Task force pushes again for meth lab bill](#)

Charleston Gazette

The recommendation comes despite a 40 percent drop in meth lab seizures ... "Not only do meth labs affect children and property, and create toxic ... with critical intelligence that stops meth crime at its source," Gutierrez said.

[Forensic Scientist – Trace/Criminalistics](#), NY State Police Lab System, Albany, NY, Expires: January 2, 2015

[Latent Fingerprint Examiner](#), Metro Nashville Police Department, Nashville, TN, Expires: February 26, 2015

[Criminalist Sr, Firearms / Tool Mark Examiner](#), Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Golden, CO, Expires: January 23, 2015

[Forensic Scientist III-Quality Assurance Specialist](#), City of Saint Paul, Saint Paul, MN, Expires: February 17, 2015

[Forensic Scientist II-Latent Print Examiner](#), City of Saint Paul, Saint Paul, MN, Expires: February 17, 2015

[DNA Analyst II](#), Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, Texas, Expires: February 14, 2015

[DNA Analyst III](#), Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, Texas, Expires: February 14, 2015

[Forensic Division Manager](#), FORT WORTH POLICE DEPARTMENT, FORT WORTH TEXAS, Expires: December 31, 2014

[Toxicology Fellow / Toxicologist IV](#), Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, Texas, Expires: February 28, 2015

[Associate/Full Professor of Forensic Science](#), Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX, Expires: December 31, 2014

[Forensic Scientist](#), Tulsa Police Department



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Forensic Laboratory, Tulsa,
OK, Expires: January 14, 2015

[Quality Specialist](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: December 31, 2014

[Firearms Examiner](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: December 31, 2014

[Forensic Analyst – Controlled Substances](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: December 31, 2014

[Crime Laboratory Director](#), Nashville Police Department, Nashville, TN, Expires: January 7, 2015

[Senior Forensic Analyst- Toxicology](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: December 29, 2014

[Manager of Toxicology](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: December 29, 2014

[Chemist](#), Brazoria County S.O., Angleton, Texas, Expires: January 31, 2015



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Forensic Training

The American Society of Crime Lab Directors, along with RTI, have created a webinar series designed to investigate the validation, current use, and future implementation of Rapid DNA.

This three-part series will begin on November 6th and conclude on December 9th.

ASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 1 - [Archival Version](#)

ASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 2 - [Archival Version](#)

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:

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[Increasing Your Staff without Increasing Your Budget](#)

Webinar #7:

[Developing a Statewide Approach to Backlog Management](#)

Forensic Conferences

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

April 19-24, 2015: [International Association for Chemical Testing \(IACT\)](#) in Newport, Rhode Island

May 18-22, 2015: [Mid-Atlantic Association of Forensic Scientist](#) in Chesapeake Bay Cambridge, MD

May 24-29, 2015: [The Association of Firearm and Tool Mark Examiners \(AFTE\)](#) in Dallas, TX.

July 20-24, 2015: [NIST to Host International Symposium on Forensic Science Error Management](#) in Gaithersburg, MD.

August 2-8, 2015: [100th International Association for Identification \(IAI\)](#) in Sacramento, CA.

August 8-13, 2015: The [2015 Annual General Meeting](#) of the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners (ASQDE) will be held in Toronto, Canada.

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Accreditation Training

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FQS is a member of the ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board family of brands. FQS provides accreditation for ISO/IEC 17025 forensic test laboratories and ISO/IEC 17020 forensic inspection agencies and a wide variety of training, workshops, and academic programs.

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.

[March 23-25, 2015](#), Tampa FL
[September 7-9, 2015](#), 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

September 20 - 25th, 2015: [Midwestern Association Forensic Scientist](#) fall meeting will be held in Mackinac Island, Michigan.

October 12-16, 2015: [Southern Association Forensic Scientist \(SAFS\) Annual 2015 Meeting](#) in Atlanta, GA.

April 3-8, 2016: [International Association for Chemical Testing](#) (IACT) in Orlando, FL.

September 18-23, 2016: [23rd International Symposium on the Forensic Sciences](#) (ANZFSS) in Auckland, New Zealand.

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.

[March 26-27, 2015](#), Tampa FL

[June 22-23, 2015](#), Durham, NC

[September 10-11, 2015](#), 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.

[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*.

[ASCLD/LAB-International Assessor Training Course for Testing Laboratories](#)

[ASCLD/LAB-International Assessor Training Course for Breath Alcohol Calibration](#)

[ASCLD/LAB-International Internal Auditor Training Course](#)

- San Antonio, TX February 3-6, 2015

[ASCLD/LAB-International Preparation Course for Testing Laboratories](#)

[ASCLD/LAB-International Preparation Course for Calibration Laboratories](#)

[American Association for Laboratory Accreditation \(A2LA\)](#)

A2LA's Training Program provides a variety of courses designed to help organizations achieve and maintain accreditation to international standards.

Title: [Fundamentals of Force Calibration and Measurement Uncertainty Boot Camp](#)

March 23 - 24, 2015 - York, PA (\$500
one-day, \$750 two-days)
*(This course is held at in partnership with
Morehouse Instrument Company, Inc.)*

The Center for Advanced Forensic DNA Analysis (CAFDA) would like to thank all the attendees that came to their Genome ID Forum 2014 - Emerging Forensic Genomic Applications held on September 9 and 10, 2014 in Greenville, North Carolina. Thought leaders from forensic science, research, academia, law enforcement, legal and technology development came together for an open dialogue regarding emerging science and technology applications and adoption through the forensic community. Over 65 forensic scientists, lawyers and researchers across the United States and England attended to discuss the implementation of new technologies and scientific applications in forensic human identification, new challenges in adoption, compliance and acceptance in a court of law. The presentations focused on research on emerging science and technology and the effect these emerging science and technology applications may have on forensic science practitioners. The program included thoughtful roundtable discussions that provided a meaningful exchange of ideas related to the direction of the forensic community concerning emerging technologies. The Center for Advanced Forensic DNA Analysis™ plans for the 2015 [Genome ID](#) Forum have already begun.



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