



American Society of Crime Lab Directors

"THE CRIME LAB MINUTE" NEWSLETTER

Dear Members,

IMMEDIATE ATTENTION -- ASCLD ELECTRONIC VOTE!

Fellow ASCLD Members,

We only have a few hours left in the response period for our first electronic vote. The proposed bylaw changes are mostly about our process for electing the Board of Directors. The response so far has been overwhelmingly positive; however, not enough of us have voted to establish a quorum. If you have not voted yet, please take this opportunity to respond before 5:00 pm (EST) on Monday, February 9. We would really like this vote to pass or fail on its merits, not a lack of participation.

The voting link can be found at : <http://questionpro.com/t/AGGeDZRuiz>

Please contact Jean Stover at asclddirector@gmail.com if you have any questions.

NIST call for papers:

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) has officially opened registration and issued a call for papers for the International Symposium on Forensic Science Error Management in Washington, DC, July 20-24, 2015. This symposium focuses on error management from a broad range of perspectives including death investigation, human factors, digital evidence, legal factors, quality assurance, laboratory management, and criminalistics. There will be a plenary track, workshops, and poster presentations. For those interested in attending or presenting, please visit the links below.

Orals: <http://www.nist.gov/director/orals.cfm>

Posters: <http://www.nist.gov/director/posters.cfm>.

Registration: <http://www.nist.gov/director/registration.cfm>"

Brady W. Mills
ASCLD President

Advocacy Corner:

ASCLD is a member of the Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations (CFSO). ASCLD partners with other large groups interested in forensic science legislation and policy to communicate our common interests with a stronger and united voice. Other partners in CFSO include AAFS, IAI, NAME, SOFT, ABFT, IAFN, and ASCLD/LAB. ASCLD Board Member Matthew Gamette is the ASCLD representative on CFSO and currently holds the Vice-Chair position on the CFSO Board.

CFSO has been very active representing ASCLD interests in the last few months. CFSO has written position statements on NCFS documents, planned forensic training events, weighed in on several forensic bills, and lobbied for federal funding for laboratories. Even though it was ultimately not included, CFSO wrote a letter to the Attorney General requesting that Coverdell be placed in the FY16 federal budget request for the Department of Justice. Coverdell funding for FY15 came down to the wire and the fight for FY16 will be even harder than FY15.

Because the Justice for All Act was not renewed in the last Congress, there is currently no authorizing bill for Coverdell. We have heard from many of you that this is the life-blood of your equipment purchases and training programs. We encourage you to engage with your elected officials on this issue. We will be providing additional information going forward.

<http://www.ascl.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/CFSO-February-2015-Newsletter-Final.pdf>

Matthew Gamette
Advocacy Co-Chair

News Around the Globe

Local crime lab seeks national accreditation WFLX FOX 31

The lab run by both the city and the county will be inspected for the accreditation by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors (ASCLD).

Virginia State to collect DNA for more offences The Next Digit

This will ensure that the forensic lab will have samples of all the offenders who did petty crimes in the past. The list of offences will expand if the new ...

WSP Crime Lab solves crime scene puzzles KHQ Right Now

The first step when the forensic team is scientists are called out to a crime scene is ... "It's pretty methodical," explained Forensic Scientist Trevor Allen. ... Firearms, DNA and Microanalysis sections for the scientists to categorize their ...



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.

[Vermont Senate bill would expand DNA database](#)

Rutland Herald

MONTPELIER — Top officials with the state attorney general's office and Department of Public Safety called this week for expanding the state's DNA ...

[New study has found that fingerprint examiners make extremely few errors](#)

Biometric Update

... that explores the accuracy and reliability of decisions made by latent fingerprint examiners, which found that examiners make extremely few errors.

[King Co. moves to ensure convicted criminals submit DNA samples](#)

KING5.com

The DNA of the alleged perpetrator was put into a state and federal ... State Patrol Crime Lab where scientists enter it into the CODIS database.

[One cannot be forced to undergo second DNA test: High Court](#)

The Hindu

Court cannot compel a person to undergo a DNA test for the second time, the Madras High Court has said. It made it clear that the first test could not be ...

[Libyan justice and investigative experts trained in handling forensic to solve and prosecute missing ...](#)

Libya Herald

Libyan judges, prosecutors and forensic experts attended a workshop in The Hague that focused on improving the use of forensic evidence in the ...

[Crime lab needs to be priority](#)

Pacific Daily News

Let's discuss the mounting problems at our crime laboratory and challenge the powers that be to find immediate resolution. Sen. Dennis Rodriguez Jr.

[Commissioner vs. coroner: Is crime lab a 'luxury?'](#)

Cincinnati.com

Commissioner Greg Hartmann called Hamilton County's crime lab "a luxury item" Thursday in



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Employment Opportunities

[Lecturer, Forensic Science](#), Arizona State University, Phoenix, Expires: March 5, 2015

[Toxicology Laboratory System Quality Specialist](#), Pennsylvania State Police, Harrisburg, PA, Expires: February 23, 2015

[Forensic Scientist Biology/DNA](#), Kansas Bureau of Investigation Forensic Science Laboratory, Great Bend, KS, Expires: February 25, 2015

[Forensic Scientist Drug Chemistry](#), Kansas Bureau of Investigation Forensic Science

a speech attended by most of the county's top officials.

['Typo' led to wrongful jailing of Denver man](#)
9NEWS.com

DPD says this error doesn't call into question other DNA cases the crime lab works on or the work of this analyst. "What it shows is that we have checks ...

[DA seeks task team to tackle state lab delays](#)
BDlive

THE government should establish a ministerial task team to address the backlog at the Department of Health's forensic chemistry laboratories, ...

[Memphis forensic center gathering data on unexplained deaths](#)
The State

The West Tennessee Regional Forensic Center in Memphis is one of four ... DNA samples and information from death certificates, medical records, ...

[OC Crime Lab Goes 3D](#)
FOX 11 Los Angeles

The Orange County Crime lab is going 3D. It's not movies they are watching, but patterns on bullets - casings and actual bullets from crime scenes in ...

[Lorain County to contribute to National Forensic Laboratory Information System](#)
The Morning Journal

Lorain County Crime Lab Director Emmanuel G. de Leon with the lab's Gas Chromatograph Mass Spectrometer, used to identify unknown substances.

[Pitt County Sheriff's Office opens new forensic lab](#)
WCTI12.com

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[Deer DNA used for first time in UK to prosecute poacher](#)
BBC News

DNA from a red deer has been used for the first time in the UK to help prosecute a poacher.

Laboratory, Great Bend,
Kansas, Expires: February 25, 2015

[Forensic Scientist Latent Prints](#), Kansas
Bureau of Investigation Forensic Science
Laboratory, Topeka, KS, Expires: March 3,
2015

[Laboratory Accreditation Specialist 2](#), New
York State Division of Criminal Justice
Services, Albany, NY, Expires: February 27,
2015

[Forensic Scientist III \(Tox or Latents\)](#),
Scottsdale Police Department Crime
Laboratory, Scottsdale, AZ, Expires: February
22, 2015

[Forensic Scientist III](#), Chandler PD Forensic
Services Section, Chandler,
AZ, Expires: February 8, 2015

[Biology-DNA Section Supervisor](#), Kansas
Bureau of Investigation Forensic Laboratory,
Topeka, KS, Expires: February 16, 2015

[Quality Specialist](#), Houston Forensic Science
Center, Houston, TX, Expires: April 22, 2015

[Firearms Examiner](#), Houston Forensic Science
Center, Houston, TX, Expires: April 22, 2015

[Latent Print Laboratory Director](#), NYS DCJS,
Albany, NY, Expires: February 11, 2015

[Director of Biological Science](#), NY State Police
Lab System, Albany, NY, Expires: February
20, 2015

[DNA Analyst/Crime Scene Examiner](#), Lake
County Crime Laboratory, Painesville,
OH, Expires: March 20, 2015

[Latent Print Trainee](#), DuPage County Forensic
Science Center, Wheaton,
Illinois, Expires: February 13, 2015

[Forensic Unit Supervisor](#), Washington County,
Washington County, Oregon, Expires: March
15, 2015

James Kennedy, 70, illegally shot and killed and then ...

[DNA evidence would extend statute of limitations for rape cases, under new legislation](#)
cleveland.com

New legislation in the Ohio Senate would extend the statute of limitations for rape and sexual battery when DNA evidence is found. (Plain Dealer file).

[Pitt County Sheriff's Office opens forensic blood lab](#)

WCTI12.com

Chemists in the Forensic Services division at the Pitt County Sheriff's Office ... Sheriff Neil Elks says the lab is significant, because it'll cut the wait for ...

[Public Safety Commission Seeks More Employees to Clear up Crime Lab Back Log](#)

TWC News

Two years ago, Austin leaders took steps to clear a growing mound of cases at its DNA crime lab. Just down the hall, staff at the forensic lab--which ...

[Tucson remembers 83-year-old crime-solver, Dr. Walter Birkby](#)

KVOA Tucson News

Birkby designed the Forensic Anthropology lab at the Pima County's Forensics Science Center. The center was renamed in dedication to Birkby in ...

[NC to get \\$21M as states, feds settle S&P ratings complaints](#)

WRAL.com

Unlike the teaching program, Cooper's office oversees the state crime lab. North Carolina sometimes takes up to two years to train forensic scientists ...

[Property crimes could be cut with 3 more forensics staff, APD says](#)

KXAN.com

AUSTIN (KXAN) – Hiring three more senior latent fingerprint experts could rid the division of a two-year backlog within 24- to 36 months, according to ...

[Army 'commits' to open source with net forensic tool](#)

[Teaching Assistant Professor/Teaching Instructor](#), West Virginia University,

Morgantown, WV, Expires: February 11, 2015

[Senior Forensic Scientist-Deployable](#),

Integrated Forensic Laboratories, TBD, Expires: March 6, 2015

[Latent Fingerprint Examiner](#), Metro Nashville

Police Department, Nashville, TN, Expires: February 26, 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

[Toxicology Fellow / Toxicologist IV](#), Harris

County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, Texas, Expires: February 28, 2015



[Bode Technology](#) provides advanced forensic solutions offering crime labs ways to reduce their workloads and budgets.

Bode's solutions include [BodeDirect™](#)

[Outsourcing](#) and [Same-Day DNA Service™](#),

and the [Bode Buccal DNA Collector™](#), a direct collection system, reduces processing time, saving money for crime laboratories.

Bode's newest offerings include:

[BodeLIMS™ – The First True Forensic DNA](#)

[LIMS](#). BodeLIMS is a web-based LIMS that

GCN.com

The Army Research Lab recently posted its first application code to the ... the digital forensic and incident response community, said William Glodek, ...

Forensic Training

The Baltimore Forensic Institute of Technology and Innovation

Course Title:

Shooting Incident Reconstruction

Instructor:

Cory Latham & Troy Wilson

Location:

Baltimore Police Department Laboratory Section
601 E. Fayette St,
Baltimore, MD 21202

Dates:

March 16-20, 2015

Times:

8:00 am – 5:00 pm EST (lunch breaks given)

Registration:

\$650

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<http://goo.gl/3hM2K2>

**“Legal” Drug Use through Chemistry:
An Overview of the Synthetic Drug
Dilemma**

Date: Thursday, April 16 @ 1pm EDT

Cost: FREE

Registration Link:

attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6725142344836578305

This webinar provides an overview of the most common synthetic drugs including

tracks samples from receipt through reporting.

The software documents and captures the entire DNA analysis process and is completely configurable, thus adaptable to changing technologies.

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Accreditation Training

ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board/FQS

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

their origin, marketing strategies, pharmacology, and current legal status in an effort to provide a better understanding of the danger these drugs pose to our communities and the difficulties they pose to the law enforcement agencies, hospitals, and judicial system tasked with protecting the public's safety. Case studies will be presented demonstrating the typical signs of impairment presented by individuals under the influence of these drugs.

Outsourcing Property Crime for DNA

Analysis:

An Eleven Year Perspective

Date: Wednesday, April 29 @ 1pm EDT

Cost: FREE

Registration Link:

attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/923382323833360129

The presenters will give a brief background on the reasons the analysis of evidence from property crimes is important, a historical perspective of the FBU's experiences with outsourcing and the current state of the outsourcing program, including the importance of the DNA database (CODIS). Lastly, the presenters will share the results of a recent study that examined data trends that supported a revision to the FBU's policy on the types of evidentiary samples that may be submitted from property crimes for DNA analysis.

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 Versic](#)

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

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.

[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.)

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 Backlog Management](#)

Forensic Conferences

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

March 30 - April 2, 2015: [12th Annual Bode Technical Workshop](#) in Coronado, CA

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.

May 26-29, 2015: [14th Annual DNA Technical Workshop - Bode East](#) in Orlando, FL

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.

August 31- September 5, 2015: [The 26th Congress of the International Society for Forensic Genetics \(ISFG\)](#) will be held in Krakow,
Poland.

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

October 6-9, 2015: [14th Annual AFQAM Training Conference](#) will be held in Pensacola
Beach, FL

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

October 18-25, 2015: [Society of Forensic Toxicologists \(SOFT\)](#) in Atlanta, GA.

October 19 - 23, 2015: [Southwestern Association of Forensic Science \(SWAFS\)](#) in Oklahoma City, OK.

October 2015: [Northwest Association of Forensic Scientists](#) in Spokane, WA

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.