



American Society of Crime Lab Directors

"THE CRIME LAB MINUTE" NEWSLETTER

President's Message



Dear Colleagues,

Later this week I will be traveling to Washington, DC to testify in front of the House of Representatives Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, Homeland Security, and Investigations on H.R. 320, the Rapid DNA Act.

The hearing will be on Thursday, June 18, 2015 at 9:00 am in the Rayburn House Office Building. The ASCLD Board of Directors and the Forensic Research Committee have been working together to prepare materials to inform the Committee members on the Rapid DNA technology. A special thanks goes to Past Presidents Jay Henry and Brady Mills, FRC Co-Chairs Stephanie Stoiloff and George Herrin, FRC members Mike Garvey, Jan Girten, and Vince Figarelli, and ASCLD member Rick Tontarski for their efforts in preparing the information in advance of the hearing.

Rapid or Fast Capture DNA is an exciting technology and ASCLD is encouraged by the possibilities this technology brings to the forensic community. Given the interest and potential of the technology, ASCLD and its members have led the effort to explore its implementation and impact to the community in many different ways. In the past year, the Training and Education Committee hosted a 3-part webinar series; the ASCLD FRC members are exploring the technology in real-world settings through novel investigative and testing programs; and, the ASCLD Board published a position statement on Rapid DNA.

ASCLD acknowledges the importance of this technology and encourages the development of partnerships between law enforcement agencies, crime laboratories, and regulatory agencies for a careful and well thought out approach to the implementation of this technology. I am looking forward to sharing ASCLD's activities and perspective on this exciting new technology later this week.

Kind Regards,

--Jody

Next Board Teleconference: July 10, 2015

Director and CFSO Chair, Matthew Gammette has provided the following update from CFSO and the current events from Washington, D.C.

ASCLD is a very active member of the Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations (CFSO). CFSO has been very busy giving presentations, working on legislation, providing input and advocacy on appropriations issues, and working on a number of forensic issues. The new CFSO newsletter has been published and contains an enormous amount of helpful information to keep you current on forensic events. CFSO anticipates a very busy

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summer with efforts ramping up on the Cornyn/Leahy legislation and grant reform efforts going into full swing. We encourage you to visit the CFSO website on a regular basis for updates on forensic advocacy efforts.

Here is the link for the CFSO newsletter.

<http://www.thecfso.org/advocacy/><http://www.thecfso.org/advocacy/>

NIST Seeks to Fill Three Vacancies on Forensic Science Standards Organization

The Organization for Scientific Area Committees (OSAC) has announced the intention to fill three vacancies in the organization. There is one vacancy on each of the following committees: the Forensic Science Standards Board, the Legal Resource Committee, and the Biology Scientific Area Committee. Please see the information at the following link for additional information, including how to apply.

<http://www.nist.gov/forensics/osac-vacancies.cfm>



The American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA) is the largest, multi-discipline accreditation body in the U.S., having accredited over 3,500 labs to various ISO standards over its 35-year history. A2LA is a non-profit, membership organization and its accreditations to ISO standards are recognized and accepted world-wide. The A2LA Forensic Accreditation Program offers accreditation to ISO/IEC 17025 for forensic testing laboratories and ISO/IEC 17020 for crime scene units. In addition, A2LA offers a diverse training program. Don't miss A2LA's workshop, "ISO/IEC 17025: Non-conformances and Strategies to Prevent Recurrence" which will be presented by Program Manager, Karin Athanas, at the ASCLD Symposium in April.

Forensic Training

The Forensic and Investigative Science Outreach, at West Virginia University, is offering many onsite forensic science courses and workshops through September 30, 2015, as part of an award from the National Institute of Justice. Click [here](#) for additional information.

Itiel Dror's "Cognitive Factors in Forensic Decision Making" 2-day workshop June 30 & July 1 at the Houston Forensic Science Center. Click [here](#) for additional information.

International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)
Women's Leadership Institute
Branson, Missouri
August 2-7, 2015
Click [here](#) for additional information.



Advanced Topics for Human Identification & Data Interpretation

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This 4 day course will offer world-class training for experienced forensic biology practitioners, technicians, and technical leaders involved in testing and testimony for forensic serological and human identification related testing. Each day will focus on issues of current interest in the field and conclude with an open dialogue panel discussion. Topics Include: Current issues with variability in the interpretation of complex mixtures; strategies for the implementation of Rapid DNA technology and sexual assault backlog reduction; alternate novel approaches to biological fluid identification; evaluation of statistical models and probabilistic modeling for mixed sample sources; improved methods for recovery of low template DNA; and legal implications of new strategies and developments in the field. Distinguished faculty include: John Butler, PhD, Niels Morling, MD, DMSc, Michael Coble, PhD, Mechthild Prinz, PhD, Jack Ballantyne, PhD, JoAnne Bright, PhD, and other forensic biology professionals.

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deadline for the 2015 - 2016 session of
the NFEA is August 21, 2015. It is
anticipated that the class will start in
October 2015 however the training
schedule is dependent on the receipt of
funding and may be adjusted
accordingly.

Additional information and the
application form can be found at:
<http://www.atf.gov/content/firearms/firearms-enforcement/national-firearms-examiner-academy-course-id-frms-pg-0002>

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[Forensic Scientist III \(Digital Evidence\)](#), DC
Government – Department of Forensic Sciences,
Washington, DC, Expires: June 22, 2015

[Forensic Scientist Technical Leader \(DNA\)](#), DC
Government – Department of Forensic Sciences,
Washington, DC, Expires: June 22, 2015

[Computer/Digital Examiner](#), Houston Forensic
Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: July 31,
2015

[Supervisor- Biology/DNA section](#), Houston
Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires:
July 31, 2015

[Forensic Firearms Examiner I, Forensic Firearms
Examiner II, Forensic Firearms Examiner III](#), City
of Mesa, Mesa, AZ, Expires: June 25, 2015

[Forensic Scientist – Forensic Biology Unit](#), Palm

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The American Society of Crime Lab Directors, along with RTI, have made the below webinars available.

[False-Positive and False-Negative Error Rates in Cartridge Case Comparisons](#)

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

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

[ASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 3 – Archival Version](#)



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[Beach County Sheriff's Office, West Palm Beach, Florida, Expires: June 19, 2015](#)

[Fingerprint Technician](#), St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department Crime Lab, Saint Louis, Expires: July 31, 2015

[Forensic Scientist – Toxicology](#), Virginia Dept. of Forensic Science, Roanoke, VA, Expires: June 25, 2015

[Forensic Analyst- Trace](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: August 31, 2015

[Criminalist II Latent Print Examiner](#), University of Rhode Island State Crime Laboratory, Kingston, RI 02881, Expires: June 24, 2015

[Forensic Scientist III – Drug Supervisor](#), Massachusetts State Police Crime Laboratory, Sudbury, MA, Expires: June 23, 2015

[Sheriff's Forensic Scientist II/III – Firearm & Toolmark Examiner](#), Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Ventura, CA, Expires: July 22, 2015

[Forensic Laboratory Supervisor](#), Oregon State Police, Springfield, Or, Expires: August 18, 2015

[Forensic Laboratory Director](#), Oregon State Police, Central Point, Oregon, Expires: August 18, 2015

[Firearms Examiner](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: July 31, 2015

[Forensic Analyst- Toxicology](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: July 31, 2015

[Crime Scene Investigator](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: July 31, 2015

[Forensic Scientist III/Quality Assurance Specialist – Latent Print Examiner](#), City of Saint Paul, Saint Paul, MN, Expires: August 11, 2015

News Around the Globe

Drug court judge calls for Hillsborough crime lab

FOX 13 Tampa Bay, WTVT-TV
Charges were later dropped after FDLE lab results confirmed it wasn't ... The Pinellas Forensic Lab has been conducting drug, DNA, toxicology and ...

Q&A: Peter Vallone of NIST Talks Trends in Rapid PCR for Forensics

GenomeWeb
In a recent review article in the journal Forensic Science International: ... requires less operator training, and you can have it in a lab or it can go out in ...

Prosecutors spread word of DNA calculation errors

azcentral.com
And the American Society of Crime Lab Directors told member laboratories that some statistical frequencies will increase in rarity ... The bureau said it will announce its findings in the July issue of the Journal of Forensic Sciences.

Forensic science in search of the 'disappeared'

SciDev.Net
Using forensic sciences, the Forensic Anthropology Foundation of Guatemala (FAFG) ... We also ask the relatives to provide DNA reference samples.

Bill restores DNA collection for some California criminals

News10.net
The California Assembly approved legislation allowing law enforcement to once again take DNA samples from criminals convicted of crimes that were ...

SF police chief rejects chance to test backlog of rape evidence

SFGate

Forensic Scientist II-Latent Print Examiner, City of Saint Paul, Saint Paul, MN, Expires: August 11, 2015

Associate Medical Examiner (Forensic Pathologist), GA Bureau of Investigation, Decatur, Georgia, Expires: August 7, 2015

Quality Assurance Manager – Police Laboratory, New York City Police Department, New York, NY, Expires: August 3, 2015

DIRECTOR: Department of Forensic Sciences (DFS), Government of the District of Columbia, Washington, DC, Expires: July 31, 2015

Crime Lab Quality Assurance Manager, Metro Nashville Police Department- Crime Laboratory, Nashville, TN, Expires: July 22, 2015

Director of Forensic Toxicology, NYC Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, New York, NY, Expires: July 21, 2015

Training Specialist, Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: June 15, 2015

Deputy Forensic Toxicologist (DOH/SLD #55101), State of New Mexico – Department of Health – Scientific Laboratory Division, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Expires: July 8, 2015

Temporary Part-Time Lecturer in Justice Systems, Truman State University – Justice Systems Department, Kirksville, MO, Expires: June 30, 2015

Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice, Gannon University, Erie, PA, Expires: June 22, 2015

Forensic Scientist 3- Firearm and Toolmark Identification Unit, Metro Nashville Police Department- Crime Laboratory, Madison, TN, Expires: June 18, 2015

The crime lab has been plagued by problems in recent years — from the but that getting the crime lab to the position where it can accomplish that ...

[State forensics lab gains national accreditation](#)

Charlotte Observer

A toxicology lab that helps look into unexplained deaths in North Carolina for the first time has received national accreditation for the quality of its ...

[Is a new crime wave on the horizon?](#)

CNN

These statistics go up and down," said Harold Pollack, co-director of the University of Chicago Crime Lab. "It's like asking why did the stock market go ...

[7500-plus Ohio rape kits tested by state for DNA matches](#)

SFGate

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The state says its forensic scientists have tested more than 7,500 of the roughly 9,900 rape kits submitted by law ...

[Former crime lab analyst sentenced for stealing drugs on the job](#)

KTUU.com

Stephen Palmer, 54, admitted stealing opiates from the crime lab over an eight-year time frame, sometimes everyday, to feed his addiction. He worked ...

[National Forensic Science Technology Center CEO to Appear on Ask the Dom Show](#)

PR.com (press release)

Lothridge will discuss the fascinating world of forensic science, including debunking television myths, tools of the trade, industry gadgets, and some ...

[Reprogramming bacteria DNA may reverse antibiotic resistance](#)

UPI.com

By delivering edited DNA to bacteria in lab experiments, researchers ... of bacteria have been shown to be susceptible to having their DNA edited in ...

[The uncertainties of forensic science](#)

Washington Post



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LabCorp Specialty Testing Group

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REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN: [Bode's 2015 DNA Technical Conferences](#), providing DNA training on the latest techniques and technologies to the forensic scientific community.

Accreditation Training

[ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board \(ANAB\)](#)

ANAB is a member of the ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board family of brands. ANAB 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 17020 and Audit Preparation Workshop for Forensic Police Agencies

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

[October 29-30, 2015](#), Alexandria, VA

Cost: ASQ member \$600, non-ASQ member \$650

Regarding the May 30 news article “FBI discloses errors in DNA analysis”: Shaken baby syndrome, forensic hair analysis and now DNA match ...

[Drug charges dropped against 14, dozens more in jeopardy over California FBI agent](#)

Fox News

LOS ANGELES – Drug charges against 14 people have been dropped and cases against dozens more defendants in California are in jeopardy ...

[Anoka County Sheriff's Office adds mobile digital forensic lab](#)

ECM Publishers

Detective James Schilling and other investigators with the Anoka County Sheriff's Office can use a new mobile digital forensic vehicle to download ..

Forensic Conferences

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

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

[October 26-28, 2015](#), Alexandria, VA

Cost: ASQ member \$750, non-ASQ member \$800

For more information about these workshops, contact ANAB 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

ASCLD/LAB-International Preparation Course for Testing Laboratories

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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.

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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.
