



Greetings Colleagues,

The issue of sexual assault kit processing is one of significant importance to our community. Director Kris Deters attended the 2015 Sexual Assault Kit Summit on behalf of ASCLD and I've asked her to share her report with our membership.

Additionally, our Symposium Planning Committee is busy reviewing abstracts submitted for consideration of our 2016 annual symposium in Bellevue, WA. Thank you to everyone who submitted abstracts. We will be following up with everyone who submitted abstracts in December with registration for the symposium opening in January 2016.

As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, I want to express my appreciation and sincere thanks to all of my colleagues on ASCLD who volunteer their time and efforts to support our mission of "Excellence through leadership in forensic science management." You are amazing individuals and an incredible team of experts. Thank you for the opportunity to serve with you!

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season!

Next Board Teleconference Meeting: December 4, 2015

--Jody

Fellowship Opportunity: Graduate Research in STEM

Research from science, technology, engineering and mathematics disciplines can have important implications for the U.S. criminal justice system. NIJ is looking for doctoral students with innovative research that aims to solve problems faced by criminal justice practitioners.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2016 Graduate Research Fellowship program, which provides a student stipend of \$35,000 annually, as well as up to \$15,000 annually to cover tuition and research expenses. Up to \$150,000 and three years of support are possible, with demonstration of continued enrollment and satisfactory progress.

Students from PhD programs in all STEM fields are encouraged to apply, including but not limited to: the physical sciences, life sciences, computer and information sciences, engineering, mathematics and statistics. International students are also eligible. [Learn more about the NIJ Graduate Research Fellowship.](#) Deadline: Dec. 15, 2015.



Forensic Training

New courses and class locations are added daily so be sure to check the website at:

www.RonSmithandAssociates.com/Training

December 2015

Essential Ridgeology Concepts

Location: Alachua, FL

Class Dates: 12-07-2015 thru 12-11-2015

Tuition: \$600.00 | Hours: 40

Advanced Sequential Processing - A Hands On Workshop

Location: Denver, CO

Class Dates: 12-08-2015 thru 12-11-2015

Tuition: \$600.00 | Hours: 32

Introduction to the Science of Friction Ridge Examination



Shimadzu's triple quad GCMS-TQ8040, providing exceptional sensitivity, selectivity, and specificity for detection and quantitation of targeted drugs in the presence of background interferences, is the most powerful choice for your toxicological applications. It enables the analysis of more than 400 compounds in one run, and features automatic method creation, scan/SIM acquisition mode, and an MRM optimization tool.

The Smart Forensic Database includes hundreds of compounds with optimized

Location: Glendale, CA
Class Dates: 12-14-2015 thru 12-18-2015
Tuition: \$600.00 | Hours: 40

Understanding Exclusion and Sufficiency Decisions
Location: Clearwater, FL
Class Dates: 12-14-2015 thru 12-18-2015
Tuition: \$600.00 | Hours: 36

Digital Crime Scene and Evidence Photography
Location: Rio Rancho, NM
Class Dates: 12-15-2015 thru 12-17-2015
Tuition: \$400.00 | Hours: 24

January 2016

Introduction to the Science of Friction Ridge Examination
Location: Bethlehem, PA
Class Dates: 01-18-2016 thru 01-22-2016
Tuition: \$600.00 | Hours: 40

February 2016

Essential Ridgeology Concepts
Location: Bourne, MA
Class Dates: 02-08-2016 thru 02-12-2016
Tuition: \$600.00 | Hours: 40

Forensic Examination of Violent Crime Scenes
Location: Cumming, GA
Class Dates: 02-16-2016 thru 02-18-2016
Tuition: \$400.00 | Hours: 24

Fundamentals of Crime Scene Examination and
Evidence Collection
Location: Grand Forks, ND
Class Dates: 02-22-2016 thru 02-26-2016
Tuition: \$600.00 | Hours: 40

March 2016

Scientific Analysis (ACE-V): From the Laboratory to the
Witness Stand
Location: Dallas, TX
Class Dates: 03-07-2016 thru 03-11-2016
Tuition: \$600.00 | Hours: 40

transitions and collision energies, CAS registry numbers and retention indices (RI). The database supports simultaneous high-sensitivity analysis of samples using GC-MS/MS, eliminating the need to configure complicated analysis conditions.



IntegenX, headquartered in Pleasanton, California, is the market leader of Rapid human DNA identification technology. IntegenX technology platforms integrate advanced fluidics, optics, and biochemistry capabilities to produce sample-to-answer products for DNA-based human identity testing for forensics and law enforcement applications.

Introduction to the Science of Friction Ridge Examination
Location: Melbourne, FL
Class Dates: 03-21-2016 thru 03-25-2016
Tuition: \$600.00 | Hours: 40

Palm Print Comparison Techniques
Location: Bethlehem, PA
Class Dates: 03-22-2016 thru 03-24-2016
Tuition: \$400.00 | Hours: 24

Thursday, November 26th 2pm (UK time) the Forensic Genetics Congress is hosting a free webinar on “The Applications of NGS Technology in Forensic Science” presented by Christopher Philips. Click [here](#) for additional details.

The Houston Forensic Science Center offers a variety of training opportunities.



November:

40-hour Forensic Photography course taught by two IAI-certified instructors will instruct participants on how to best document a crime scene. Click [here](#) for details.


One-day Beretta Armorer Course 90 series. This course will provide participants with a three-year certification. Click [here](#) for details.

Introduction to Fingerprint Comparison course. The course is designed for those with no prior experience with fingerprint comparison. Click [here](#) for details.

Root Cause Analysis Workshop
This four-hour class is a combination of lectures and group exercises. It provides participants with processes and techniques to identify factors that may have led to different incidents or problems. Click [here](#) for details.



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[Employment](#)

Opportunities

February:

Crime Scene Investigation class will provide participants with hands-on instruction in a unique training environment, a house specifically designed to teach such courses. Click [here](#) for details.

One-day Sig Sauer Pistols. Armorer Certification. Click [here](#) for details.

On-demand Webcast: The Public Health Challenge of Synthetic Cannabinoids

This one day symposium, recorded live on September 30th, 2015, addresses different aspects of synthetic cannabinoid use, including pharmacology, clinical symptoms, assessment and treatment of synthetic cannabinoid use and laboratory testing related to these compounds. Click [here](#) for additional information.

The Forensic Technology Center of Excellence Presents ASCLD: FBI Allele Frequency Amendments - Technical Discussion

On-Demand (Approximately 75 Minutes)

Click [here](#) for registration information.

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

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

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

[VersionASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 2 – Archival VersionASCLD](#)

[Rapid DNA Webinar 3 – Archival VersionASCLD](#)

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

[Forensic Scientist II \(DNA\) *Grant Funded Position](#), Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington, DC, Expires: November 28, 2015

[Sheriff's Supervising Forensic Scientist – Fingerprint and Crime Scene Investigation](#), Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Ventura, CA, Expires: November 25, 2015

[Forensic Services Assistant Manager](#), Austin Police Department, Austin, Texas, Expires: November 30, 2015

[Criminalist II and Deputy Sheriff-Criminalist II](#), Contra Costa County, Martinez, CA, Expires: November 27, 2015

[Forensic Scientist Latent Prints Unit](#), Michigan State Police, Sterling Heights, Michigan, Expires: November 27, 2015

[Toxicology Discipline – Forensic Scientist 1](#), Idaho State Police, Pocatello, Idaho, Expires: December 3, 2015

[DEPUTY SHERIFF-CRIMINALIST II](#), Contra Costa County, Martinez, CA, Expires: November 27, 2015

[CRIMINALIST II](#), Contra Costa County, Martinez, CA, Expires: November 27, 2015

[Latent Print Examiner I, II, III, or Senior](#), Center

Webinar Series:



Advanced Topics for Human Identification & Data Interpretation

December 1-4, 2015 | Philadelphia, PA

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.

Register today: www.ForensicBio2015.Eventbrite.com

Learn

more: www.ForensicScienceEducation.org/FBioCourses

for Forensic Sciences, Syracuse,
NY, Expires: December 18, 2015

[Forensic Scientist \(Biology\) I, II, or III](#), Center for Forensic Sciences, Syracuse,
NY, Expires: December 18, 2015

[Forensic Analyst](#), Washington County, Hillsboro,
Oregon, Expires: November 27, 2015

[Forensic Scientist, Biology](#), Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, Sault Ste. Marie, ON, Expires: November 26, 2015

[Program Manager – Toxicology](#), VA Dept. of Forensic Science, Richmond,
VA, Expires: November 27, 2015

[Biology Forensic Scientist – Limited Term](#), Michigan State Police, Multiple Lab Locations, Expires: November 23, 2015

[Criminalist IV – Quality Assurance Manager](#), City of Long Beach, Long Beach,
CA, Expires: December 4, 2015

[Forensic Scientist – Controlled Substances](#), VA Dept. of Forensic Science, Manassas,
VA, Expires: November 24, 2015

[Director of Toxicology](#), Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston,
Texas, Expires: February 3, 2016

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

[Forensic Scientist III Biology\(DNA\)](#), Alaska



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News Around the Globe

[Editorial: Florida crime labs need more funding](#)

Sarasota Herald-Tribune

The question is whether the FDLE's proposed \$35 million increase -- less than \$8 million of which is targeted for the crime labs -- is enough.

[Controversy in FDLE chemist drug case](#)

Pensacola News Journal

Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory,
Anchorage, Alaska, Expires: November 27,
2015

[Forensic Scientist-DNA](#), Northeastern Illinois
Regional Crime Laboratory, Vernon Hills
IL, Expires: November 20, 2015

[Non-tenure faculty position](#), Penn State,
Forensic Science, University Park,
PA, Expires: December 31, 2015

[Forensic Scientist](#), MT Forensic Science
Division, Billings, MT, Expires: November 30,
2015

[Forensic Scientist I/II – Latent Prints](#), Las Vegas
Metropolitan Police Department, Las
Vegas, Expires: December 7, 2015

[Assistant/Associate Professor of Forensic
Science](#), Sam Houston State University,
Huntsville, TX, Expires: December 31, 2015

[Assistant Professor of Forensic Sciences](#),
Chaminade University of Honolulu,
Honolulu, Expires: November 30, 2015

[Experienced Firearms Examiner](#), Houston
Forensic Science Center, Houston,
TX, Expires: November 30, 2015

[Senior DNA Examiner](#), PAE, Fort Gillem,
Georgia, Expires: December 8, 2015

[Senior Latent Print Examiner](#), PAE, Fort Gillem,
Georgia, Expires: December 8, 2015

[Laboratory Manager I – Forensic Chemistry Unit](#),
Delaware Division of Forensic Science,
Wilmington, DE, Expires: February 27, 2016

... tampering with evidence after allegedly stealing prescription pills from a Pensacola crime lab and replacing them with over-the-counter medicines.

[Illinois State Police warn of new cannabis drug 'shatter'](#)
WLS-TV

Police say it's up to six times stronger than the average marijuana cigarette. Illinois state police say the drug can cause users to disconnect from reality.

[DA: OSP has suspended drug testing at Bend, Pendleton labs](#)

Bend Bulletin

A forensic analyst, Nika Larsen, has been on paid administrative leave since the state police suspected she mishandled drug evidence at the Bend lab ...

[Murder mystery at Matanzas: Students discover forensics](#)

YourObserver.com

–Matanzas High School Forensic Science teacher Gloria Barton ... Different interactive lab stations were set up inside the schools dining hall and in ...

[Defense Attorneys Demand Closer Look at Software Used to Detect Crime-Scene DNA](#)

Wall Street Journal

The software's name refers to an allele, or a stretch of DNA. ... They sent it to the county crime lab to see if it bore the DNA of their top suspect, Mr. Robinson. ... forensic tools, including hair and bite-mark analysis and arson evidence.

[A forensic formula for solving crimes](#)

Irish Times

A forensic scientist could answer that virtually all the mathematics we learn at ... drug samples, hairs and fibres, pollen grains and DNA sequences.

[LabRoots Hosts Thermo Scientific Webinar that Turns Up the Heat on Designer Drugs for Forensic ...](#)

PR Web (press release)



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

Bode's newest offerings include:

[Bode's Annual DNA & Investigators Conference](#), November 9-12, 2015 in Old Town Alexandria, providing DNA training on the latest techniques and technologies to the forensic scientific community.

[Sexual Assault Kit Backlog Reduction Program](#)

streamlines processes to eliminate backlogs of untested sexual assault kits.

[Bode Buccal 2™](#) is uniquely designed to improve DNA databanking collecting and automate processing. The Bode Buccal 2 is a **DIRECT COLLECTION SYSTEM** that requires minimal training. There is **NO Transfer Step Required**.

[Independent Validation Services](#) are customized to meet your laboratory's needs. Validation services provide completely unbiased analysis on your equipment, chemistries, or process.

[Forensic Conferences](#)

February 22-27, 2016: [American Academy of Forensic Science](#) – Las Vegas, NV

March 14-15, 2016: [Genetics in Forensics Congress](#) – London

Dr. Pearson earned her PhD in pharmacology, toxicology, and environmental toxicology from Michigan State University. She has authored more than ...

[Forensic Lab set to reopen soon under new management](#)

St. Lucia News Online

The sudden closure of the forensic lab at Tapion has been met with several criticisms, but government is currently working to have it re-opened under ...

[British experts visit drug testing lab](#)

The News International

Later, the delegation of Laboratory and Management Services of LGC visited Forensic Laboratory Thokar Niaz Beg. Adviser to Chief Minister on ...

[Governor Scott seeks funding increase for state crime lab](#)

Tampabay.com (blog)

Rick Scott said on Wednesday that he will propose a new state budget that will include more funding to the state's crime lab to address a backlog that ...

[Aurora police, Arapahoe and Douglas sheriffs eye crime lab consolidation](#)

Aurora Sentinel

"We have some very serious cases that are sitting there, waiting for the DNA test results to come back," Metz said. That wait time on DNA tests is often ...

[MSP defends marijuana crime lab reporting after FOX 17 investigation](#)

Fox17

Last month, FOX 17 was the first to show you emails accusing the crime labs of falsely reporting marijuana extracts, leading to trumped up felony ...

[Fighting Crime, With Pollen](#)

The Atlantic

Bryant, the director of the palynology laboratory at Texas A&M University, ... As recounted in Criminal Psychology and Forensic Technology, a local ...

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

May 5-7, 2016: [2nd Annual Middle East Congress of the International Association of Law and Forensic Sciences \(IALFS\)](#) – Istanbul, Turkey

May 17-20, 2016: [Mid-Atlantic Association of Forensic Scientist \(MAAFS\)](#) – Richmond, VA

May 28-June 3, 2016: [The Association of Firearm and Tool Mark Examiners](#) – New Orleans, LA

Aug 7-13, 2016: [International Association for Identification](#) – Cincinnati, OH

Sep 18-23, 2016: [International Symposium on the Forensic Sciences](#) – Auckland, New Zealand

Oct 3-7, 2016: [Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientist \(MAFS\)](#) – Branson, Missouri

Oct 10-14, 2016: [15th Annual AFQAM Conference](#) – Little Rock, AR

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

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

[NJ economy, legal system could benefit from legalizing pot, advocates say](#)

New Jersey 101.5 FM Radio

"There are so many of these samples piling up in the crime labs," he said. "The analysis cannot be done in a reasonable amount of time, it is creating ...

[FDLE chief: Backlog of rape test kits being resolved](#)

Sarasota Herald-Tribune

The rape kit testing is related to a problem with retaining crime lab technicians and supervisors. In its budget request for 2016-17, the agency said it ...

[CSI:3D imaging helps lab link crimes](#)

Valdosta Daily Times

VALDOSTA — The Valdosta-Lowndes County Regional Crime Lab recently made a high-tech upgrade to its ballistic imaging system to increase the ...

[Real-life 'CSI'](#)

Arizona State University

... State University's West campus, Kobjek worked for 17 years as a forensic scientist with the City of Phoenix Police Department Crime Laboratory.

[New Mexico officials find more than 5000 untested rape kits](#)

KRQE News 13

The Albuquerque department and Bernalillo County, whose evidence kits are tested by Albuquerque's forensic lab, together account for nearly 72 ...

[Forensic Pseudoscience](#)

Boston Review

The crime lab in Detroit was so riddled with malpractice that in 2008 the city DNA also has the advantage of

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

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](#)

[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

producing reliable results, one can ...

standards.

[NYPD's new phones will be an 'on the go' crime lab](#)

New York Post

The NYPD smartphones that every cop is set to be issued by next year will become an invaluable resource in fighting crime in real time, officials said .

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