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## American Society of Crime Lab Directors Crime Lab Minute

### General Announcements

#### President's Message

#### ASCLD Webinar Series Begins this Wednesday!

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving Day holiday. This week's message is just a reminder to tune into the Webinar Series which begins on Wednesday! I hope to see you there.

[ASCLD-Webinar-Series-Flyer-1.pdf](#)

#### This Week's Forensic Metric: 45

The median turn-around time in days (45) for a latent print report with the timeline defined as beginning at the date of the first submission of evidence to report submission. This information is derived from those laboratories who participated in the 2011-2012 FORESIGHT program. Next week, toxicology stats...

Jay Henry  
ASCLD President

### News Around the Globe

#### [NLSIU to get cyber forensic lab](#)

The Hindu  
The National Law School of India University (NLSIU) expects to get its own cyber forensics laboratory on its Nagarbhavi campus in two months. A. Nagarathna ...

#### [Iredell sheriff's office defends crime lab](#)

Statesville Record & Landmark  
The Iredell County Sheriff's Office Crime Laboratory at the corner of Stockton and Harrill streets has been under heavy scrutiny from the Iredell County Board of ...



#### Call for Workshops, Presentations and Posters!!

I'm excited to announce that President Elect Brady Mills and the Symposium Planning Committee are releasing the 2014 ASCLD call for presentation abstracts. The theme for this year's meeting is "The Efficiency of Quality". If you've got an idea for a workshop, the plenary session or poster, please download the form below and return by **December 16, 2013**.

[2014 ASCLD Symposium Abstract Form](#)

#### Speaking of the meeting

The planning committee still has room for volunteers. Your degree of participation can be very flexible with opportunities ranging from working a shift at the registration table to running the meeting's plenary session. How much time you commit is up to you! If you're interested, please contact President Elect Mills at [brady.mills@dps.texas.gov](mailto:brady.mills@dps.texas.gov).

We will be electing new members to the Board of Directors at the business meeting to be held at the Symposium. If you or someone you know is a regular member and is interested in becoming a candidate for the ASCLD Board, please contact [Sabrina.Cillessen@DFS.Virginia.gov](mailto:Sabrina.Cillessen@DFS.Virginia.gov)

### [Drug tax effective tool in hurting dealers' pocketbooks](#)

Topeka Capital Journal

If you want to deter or derail a drug dealer, target what drives them. ... with just the tool to financially cripple dealers — a drug tax assessed by the state that piles ...

### [Forensic lab director's financial powers seized](#)

Times of India

LUCKNOW: Ghosts of the past have come to haunt Shyam Bihari Upadhyay, director of Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) located in Mahangar in the state ...

### [Police forensic services could merge to cut costs](#)

Salisbury Journal

This agreement will ensure that Wiltshire, alongside the other four forces involved, can continue to provide the best possible forensic service provision.”.

### [Drug compounding, tracking bill signed into US law](#)

Chicago Tribune

The Drug Quality and Security Act clarifies the authority of the Food and Drug Administration over compounded medications and creates a new class of ...

### [I-Team: Inside The FBI Crime Lab In Quantico](#)

CBS Local

All of the evidence from both the bomb site and the other crime scenes were brought to the FBI Lab. It's all being analyzed in secure rooms, with a sign that says ...

### [Forensic nurses help ease rape trauma for victims](#)

San Francisco Chronicle

Forensic nurses have the added expertise to document wounds, collect DNA and look for evidence of neglect or abuse, as well as the ability to comfort a sexual ...

### [Slowly cooled DNA transforms disordered nanoparticles into orderly ...](#)

[Phys.Org](#)

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### [Forensic analysis of car paint](#)

[Phys.Org](#)

The use of statistical techniques to interpret chemical information has played a key role in developing a more discriminating model for the forensic analysis of car ...

### [University, County Partner for Drug Enforcement Lab](#)

NBC 5 Dallas-Fort Worth

The University of North Texas and Denton County have agreed to create the county's first forensic drug-analysis lab. The lab's main purpose will be to run blood ...

### [Davis County crime lab seeks accreditation](#)

[fox13now.com](#)

The Davis County Sheriff's Office crime lab has been operating for decades, but now they're working toward getting accreditation.

### [DNA act draft gets cabinet nod](#)

Daily Star Online

The interim cabinet today gave final approval to the draft of DNA law which will help ... The DNA Act-2013 will regulate how DNA tests will be carried out, how ...

## *Training*

The **West Virginia University Forensic Science Initiative** invites you to utilize their FREE webinar series on a variety of topics in forensic science! Experts in the field will present on a wide range of forensic science topics from the reliability of eye witness identification to fire scene investigation. Sign up now for the Texas Forensic Science Commission: Justice Through Science presentation. Follow the [link](#) for a list of upcoming webinars.

Try your CSI skills at the Basic Crime Scene Investigation for Legal Professionals course at West Virginia University's forensic crime scene complex. This four day course will offer hands-on training specifically for the legal professional. Learn how to properly identify, collect, and preserve evidence at a crime scene. To better assist each student, class seating will be limited. For more information, click [here](#).

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**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=fdf2f9c6-4d9e-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>).

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## Employment Opportunities

[Firearms Examiner](#), Dallas County Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences, Dallas, TX, Expires: February 26, 2014  
[Forensic Toxicologist or Trainee](#), Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Norfolk, VA, Expires: January 6, 2014  
[Assistant Professor](#), Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA, Expires: January 31, 2014  
[Criminalist Firearm & Fingerprint](#), City of Canton, Canton, Ohio, Expires: December 6, 2013  
[Chairperson](#), Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA, Expires: February 18, 2014  
[Forensic Scientist – Firearms](#), Kansas Bureau of Investigation Forensic Laboratory, Topeka, KS, Expires: December 13, 2013  
[Tenure-Track Position in Forensics](#), Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières, Trois-Rivières, Expires: December 31, 2013  
[Forensic Scientist – Forensic Biology](#), Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Manassas, VA, Expires: December 1, 2013  
[Crime Scene Analyst – Denver](#), Colorado Department of Public Safety, Denver, CO, Expires: December 31, 2013  
[Forensic Scientist – Latent Prints](#), Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Roanoke, VA, Expires: December 31, 2013  
[Forensic DNA Analyst](#), Sorenson Forensics, Salt Lake City, UT, Expires: January 11, 2014  
[Forensic Lab Manager – Biology/DNA Detail](#), Las Vegas Metro PD, Las Vegas, NV, Expires: December 2, 2013  
[Criminalistics Manager, Police Laboratory](#), NYPD, New York, NY, Expires: January 6, 2014  
[Manager – Case Management, Training and Professional Development Section](#), NYPD, New York, NY, Expires: January 6, 2014  
[Latent Print Examiner Supervisor](#), Orange County Sheriff's Office, Orlando,

## Conferences

February 17-22, 2014: American Academy of Forensic Sciences in Seattle, WA. See

<http://www.aafs.org/aafs-66th-annual-scientific-meeting> for more information.

April 6 -14, 2014: International International Association for Chemical Testing (IACT) in Newport, CA. See <http://www.iactonline.org/> for more information.

May 3-8, 2014: ASCLD Symposium at the Doubletree Resort, Paradise Valley in Scottsdale, AZ, See <http://www.asclد.org/meetings-list/> for more information.

May 11-16, 2014: Association of Firearm and Toolmark Examiners in Seattle, WA. See <http://www.afte.org/TrainingSeminar/AFTE2014/announcements/afte2014.htm> for more information.

May 19-23, 2014 Mid-Atlantic Association of Forensic Scientists in State College, PA. See <http://www.maafs.org/#!annual-meeting> for more information.

May 21-23, 2014 European Conference on Child Abuse (EUCCAN) in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. See <http://www.euccan.eu/en/> for more information.

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

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 information.

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.

Florida, Expires: December 5, 2013

[Tenure Track Faculty Position in Forensic Biology](#), Indiana Univ Purdue Univ Indpls (IUPUI), Indianapolis, IN, Expires: December 31, 2013

[Assistant/Associate Professor in Forensic Sciences](#), Arizona State University, Phoenix, Arizona, Expires: December 6, 2013

[Crime Scene Sciences Supervisor \(Unit Manager\)](#), 202 727-8239, Washington, DC, Expires: December 23, 2013

[Forensic Science Full-Time Faculty Position](#), Cedar Crest College, Allentown, PA, Expires: December 23, 2013

[Faculty \(Rank Open\) Trace Evidence Analysis](#), University of Baltimore, Baltimore, MD, Expires: December 6, 2013

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