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American Society of Crime Lab Directors Crime Lab Minute

General Announcements

President's Message

A Big thanks to the ASCLD membership for a great webinar series!!

Brian Gestring's webinar "***Developing a Statewide Approach to Backlog Management***" concluded our seven part series dealing with the topics of backlogs. It's hard to believe that we began this series right after Thanksgiving and have just now come to a completion. A special thanks to our RTI support colleagues Erica Fornaro, Josh Vickers and Cameron Johnson. I want to thank our moderators and instructors: Adam Becnel, John Collins, Dr. Cecelia Crouse, Brian Gestring and Beth Kroupa. Collectively, we all want to thank the membership for the participation, feedback and dialogue. Incidentally, if you have topics for future webinars, please send them to me at jhenry@utah.gov. Certificates of attendance for past webinars in our series can still be downloaded by accessing the archive links located on the ASCLD website under Jobs & Training, Training Opportunities tab. If you need additional assistance, please email Cameron Johnson at RTI customer service at cfs-forensic-ed@rti.org.

Strategic Planning Meeting

Your ASCLD Board of Directors will be meeting in a few weeks to review our mission and chart our course for the next year. If you have any thoughts on our mission and where or what we should be doing as an institution, please let meet know at jhenry@utah.gov.



Registration for the 2014 ASCLD Symposium is open at www.asclcd.org. The theme of this years meeting is 'The Efficiency of Quality'. The scheduled workshops and talks offer something for individuals at every level of crime lab management. You can pay registration fees online via Paypal after using the new online form or print out a registration form to send in to the ASCLD office with credit card information. **Submit your registration and payments before April 8, 2014 to avoid increased registration fees.**

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.

ASCLD Annual Meeting

In case you haven't heard, the 2014 Symposium will be held May 4-8, 2014 at the Paradise Valley Resort in Scottsdale, AZ. The symposium schedule, workshop descriptions, registration form and hotel accommodations can be found on the ASCLD website at: www.ascl.org
We all look forward to seeing you in May!

Uncle ASCLD needs you!!

We have three ASCLD Board of Director positions to fill in May and we would like interested members to consider running. It's an amazing opportunity to serve and I promise that it will change and enhance your professional views of our field forever. If you are interested or would like to nominate someone, please contact Nomination & Award Committee Chair Sabrina Cillessen at sabrina.cillessen@dfs.virginia.gov.

Jay Henry
ASCLD President

This Week's Forensic Metric: \$820.00

The median **cost** for a case in the investigative area of **Firearms and Ballistics**. The **cost** includes allocations for capital, wages & salary, benefits, overtime & temporary hires, chemicals, reagents, consumables, gases, travel, quality assurance and accreditation, subcontracting, service of instruments, advertisements, non-instrument repairs and maintenance, equipment leasing, utilities, telecommunications, overhead, and other expenses. This information is derived from those laboratories who participated in the 2011-2012 FORESIGHT program.

News Around the Globe

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MyFox Washington DC

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analysis has been found to be wrong. Martin will tell you he was no angel. As a teenager, he was part of ...

[DNA testing confirms guilt in 1987 sexual assault near the Plaza](#)

Kansas City Star

But using technology available at the time, a forensic chemist testified that a hair with characteristics matching those of Wright's hair was found on the ...

[State's highest court grants DNA testing in 20-year old Lakeville murder](#)

Taunton Daily Gazette

The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court has allowed DNA testing in a 20-year-old case, where a mildly retarded man raped an elderly woman with ...

[Drug Task Force Cracks Down On "Pure Meth" Dealers](#)

KULR-TV [NBCRightNow.com](#)

NBC right now is taking a closer look at a drug trend that local ... It all started with a sting operation from the local drug task force.

[New digs, new equipment for JPSO's digital forensic team](#)

The Times-Picayune

"This digital forensic stuff is the new DNA," said Col. Tim Scanlan, commander of the crime lab. "We have to stay ahead of the curve so we can better ...

[Crime lab receives plaque from ATF](#)

Pittsburgh Post Gazette

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives on Thursday honored the Allegheny County Crime Lab for its successes in making links ...

[Local State Crime Lab in Kennewick is Drug Focused](#)

KULR-TV

A lot of us are big fans of crime shows like CSI or ... The local Crime Lab handles cases from most of eastern Washington and ...

[I-Team: State DNA Crime Lab Explains Delays](#)

CBS Local

But the I-Team found the state's other high profile crime lab, which handles DNA, has had its own problems. Chief Correspondent Joe Shortsleeve ...

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[Drug and alcohol overdoses now NJ's leading cause of accidental death](#)

Hunterdon County Democrat

Accidental poisonings — chiefly drug and alcohol overdoses — have supplanted motor vehicle crashes as the biggest cause of unintentional death in ...

[RI Senate to vote on expanded DNA collection Boston.com](#)

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — The Rhode Island Senate is poised to vote on a proposal to require DNA samples from anyone arrested for a violent crime.

[DNA database moves a step closer](#)

Irish Examiner

Some seven years on from when the system was first proposed, the Criminal Justice (Forensic Evidence and DNA Database System) Bill 2013 ...

[Police may collect DNA for felons under bill](#)

Salt Lake Tribune

In addition to taking a mugshot and a fingerprint, police may be collecting DNA samples from those accused of a felony at the time of booking under a ...

[Holder endorses proposed drug sentencing changes](#)

Washington Post

Attorney General Eric Holder is endorsing a proposal that would result in shorter prison sentences for many nonviolent drug ..

[Wyoming Police offer sneak peek at new crime lab](#)

WWMT-TV

"We shouldn't have any problem handling the work load that we have in Wyoming right now," said Crime Lab Supervisor Terra Wesseldyk, who came ...

[Wisconsin Senate votes to change DNA law](#)

Houston Chronicle

The Senate voted Tuesday to have the DNA go directly to the state crime lab rather than have the local law enforcement agency that makes the arrest ...

[Backlogged Forensic Lab Sends Back Evidence Untested](#)

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Employment Opportunities

[DNA Analyst](#), Indian River Crime Laboratory, Fort Pierce, Florida, Expires: June 12, 2014

- [Forensic Firearms Examiner I / II / III](#), City of Mesa, Mesa, AZ, Expires: March 20, 2014

- [Asst/Assoc/Full Professor, Forensic Science](#), UIC, Chicago, IL, Expires: May 2, 2014

- [Forensic Scientist Trainee – Controlled Substances](#), DuPage County Forensic Science Center, Wheaton, IL, Expires: March 21, 2014

- [Forensic Advisor/Instructor](#), Engility Corporation, Algiers, Algeria, Expires: April 7, 2014

- [Forensic Lab Manager](#), Nebraska State Patrol Crime Lab, Lincoln, NE, Expires: March 31, 2014

- [Forensic Scientist-Latent Fingerprint](#), City of Albuquerque, Albuquerque, NM, Expires: March 31, 2014

- [Forensic Scientist-Firearms/ToolMark](#), City of Albuquerque, Albuquerque, NM, Expires: March 31, 2014

- [Forensic Scientist- Biology/DNA](#), City of Albuquerque, Albuquerque, NM, Expires: March 31, 2014

- [Forensic Scientist – Latent Prints](#), Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Roanoke, VA, Expires: May 27, 2014

- [Forensic Scientist III – DNA](#), Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory, Anchorage, Expires: March 24, 2014

- [Director, Forensic Sciences](#), Maryland State Police, Pikesville, Maryland, Expires: March 21, 2014

- [DNA Analyst III/Serologist/DNA Operations Tech.](#), Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences Forensic Genetics Laboratory, Houston, Texas, Expires: May 21, 2014

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Hundreds of pieces of unprocessed DNA evidence were returned to the Hartford Police Department from the Connecticut State Forensic Laboratory, ...

[State's Crime Lab Humming After Years Of Disarray](#)

Hartford Courant

Serve the defense as well as the prosecution, practice timely science that rules suspects in or out quickly enough for the cops to act on it; to apply new ..

[Drug lab backlog slows heroin overdose probe](#)

WCVB Boston

The wait to find out exactly what type of heroin is killing people in Norfolk County has been too long for District Attorney Michael Morrissey. Morrissey is ...

Training

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](#)

2014 Spring Essentials of Forensic Science for Legal Professionals Program

Where: West Virginia University Downtown Campus, Morgantown, WV

When: March 11 – 12, 2014

The Forensic Science Initiative, in collaboration with the National Institute of Justice, is holding the 4th and final **FREE 2014 Spring Essentials of Forensic Science for Legal Professionals** program. The two day program will provide the basic precepts of forensic science training and supply the tools to effectively apply this information for trial

2014

- [DNA Analyst I DNA Operations Mgr.](#), Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences Forensic Genetics Laboratory, Houston, Texas, Expires: May 21, 2014
- [Forensic Manager Biology/DNA](#), LVMPD, Las Vegas, NV, Expires: April 10, 2014
- [ICITAP Forensics Advisor/Trainer](#), Engility Corporation, Mexico City, Expires: March 17, 2014
- [Forensic Scientist – Firearms and Toolmarks](#), Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Roanoke, VA, Expires: May 5, 2014
- [Latent Print Examiner Supervisor](#), Orange County Sheriff's Office, Orlando, Florida, Expires: May 2, 2014
- [DNA Criminalist II](#), County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino, CA, Expires: March 31, 2014
- [Forensic and Molecular Genetics Research Fellow](#), Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, TX, Expires: March 21, 2014

Conferences

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

April 14-17, 2014: [11th Annual DNA Technical Workshop – Bode West](#) in San Diego, CA.

May 4-8, 2014: ASCLD Symposium at the Doubletree Resort, Paradise Valley in Scottsdale, AZ, See <http://www.asclid.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 19-22, 2014: [13th Annual DNA](#)

to members of the legal community. Members of the academic community, lab personnel, and legal professionals will instruct and apply practical examples to the content presented. This is an excellent opportunity for the legal community to broaden their knowledge of important forensic science topics while also receiving continuing legal education.

Some topics include:

Relevant Questions to the Interpretation of Physical Evidence

Anatomy of a Wrongful Arson Conviction

Bias in Forensic Science Evidence

Frye, Daubert, and Their Application to Current Issues in Forensic Science

Basic Statistical Concepts in Forensics

and many more!

To find out more information, visit

<http://fsi.research.wvu.edu>.

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*.

Cal State Fullerton Certificates in Crime & Forensics.

Contact Veronica Martinez at 1-657-278-3123 or see

<http://extension.fullerton.edu/professionaldevelopment/Crime-Forensic>.

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

Technical Workshop – Bode East in Lake Buena Vista, FL.

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: 22nd 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.

October 13-18, 2014: World Forensic Festival in Seoul, South Korea. See <http://www.wff2014korea.org/info/index.php> for more information.

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

- 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>).

The ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board/FQS offers 2 workshops for accreditation preparation to the forensic community.

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.

[April 21-23, 2014](#), Tampa, FL

[September 22-24, 2014](#), 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 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.

[April 24-25, 2014](#), Tampa, FL

[May 19-20, 2014](#), Milwaukee, WI

[September 25-26, 2014](#), 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.

information.

November 3-6, 2014: [Annual DNA & Investigators Workshop– Bode Mid-Atlantic](#) in Crystal City, VA