

April 28, 2014



General Announcements

President's Message

May 2nd Deadline for letter of support to QIC

As announced last Thursday, ASCLD will be represented on the OSAC through the appointment of one of our Board members to the Forensic Science Standards Board (FSSB). Crime lab managers, as a community, will also have representation on the OSAC with the appointment of five laboratory directors/managers to the Quality Infrastructure Committee (QIC). It is anticipated that these directors will review potential standards and give feedback in regards to the impact to the quality and/or operations of the laboratory. In our efforts to support the selection process, the ASCLD Board of Directors will be nominating three ASCLD Board members for the FSSB position and we will be providing a letter of support to NIST for crime lab directors/managers applying for appointment to the QIC. Final selection of the FSSB and the QIC members is at the discretion of the NIST-DOJ leadership/membership committee.

If you are interested in serving on the QIC, please apply to NIST for participation in OSAC through the portal available on their website by May 11th, 2014 **AND** submit a letter of interest and CV to the ASCLD Board of Directors by **May 2nd, 2014**. Please email your letter of interest and CV to Jody Wolf, ASCLD Board of Directors Secretary at jody.wolf@phoenix.gov. For questions about this process, please contact her at [602-534-8751](tel:602-534-8751).

<http://www.asclcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/OSAC-Letter-to-Professional-Organizations-for-Applicants-1-1.pdf>

Link for ASCLD 2014 Guidebook–

<http://guidebook.com/g/asclcd2014/?ref=email>

The Guidebook App will be your primary tool for interface, participation and providing feedback at the ASCLD meeting. I would encourage all members to download the App and check it out!

ASCLD 2014 Survey

Please find below the results of the 2014 ASCLD survey of the membership. We appreciate the feedback and will



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.

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.

use that information to help guide us in our decision making processes.

<http://www.asclcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/2014-ASCLD-Membership-Survey-Results.pdf>

ASCLD 2014 is next week!

It's hard to believe that almost a year has passed since we were last together in Durham. One week from now the workshops begin!

Jay Henry
ASCLD President

This Week's Forensic Metric: 468

This measure is simply the median number of Cases completed for each full-time equivalent (FTE) employee (the work input of a full-time employee working for one full year) retained by the laboratory in the investigative area of **Controlled Substances**. It gives an indication of the level of productivity within the average laboratory by investigative area. This information is derived from those laboratories who participated in the 2011-2012 FORESIGHT program.

News Around the Globe

[DNA swab kits to help MTA bus drivers bust spitters](#)

New York Post

City bus drivers will soon be armed with DNA swabs to gather evidence in the all-too-common event of an unhinged passenger spitting on them.

[Why your fingerprints may not be unique](#)

Telegraph.co.uk

Fingerprint evidence linking criminals to crime scenes has played a fundamental role in convictions in Britain since the first forensic laboratory was set ...

[Montana State Crime Lab is backed up for months with work](#)

NBC Montana

Criminal evidence is used to put criminals in jail, but with only one crime lab in ... We found out one reason for the delay; the crime lab's chemistry ... work," said Phil Kinsey,

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Division Administrator for the Forensic Science Lab. ... Other things factor in, like the kind of evidence, like DNA, and the number of ...

[DNA tags protect olive oil from false labelling](#)

E&T magazine

Researchers in Switzerland have developed an invisible tag to mark the origin of expensive high-quality olive oil, protecting consumers and producers ...

[Why no DNA database yet?](#)

Trinidad News

"Why is it taking so long to establish a DNA bank or database so the State, the defence ... office holders and stakeholders such as forensic science centres, prosecution officers and public defender officers than what obtains locally.

[Gannon Opens Forensic Investigative Center](#)

ErieTVNews

Gannon University today opened it's new Forensic Investigative Center. It is in a former fraternity house on West 6th Street. And instead of using a ...

[Del. AG Calls for New State Crime Lab](#)

WBOC TV 16

In calling for an independent, state-of-the-art crime laboratory, Biden said, "For too long, police and prosecutors have had to overcome the challenges ...

[Heroin submissions to GBI Crime Lab increase by over 300 percent since 2011](#)

WTVM

(WTVM) -. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation announced Thursday, April 24, that an analysis of drug submissions to the GBI Crime Lab reveals that ...

[KBI, Washburn announce groundbreaking for crime lab](#)

Topeka Capital Journal

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation and Washburn University will break ground April 30 on a \$55 million forensic laboratory, officials announced ...

[Oregon drug deaths: More people dying from meth use, cocaine-related deaths at a low](#)

The Oregonian

Drug-related deaths in Oregon , from 2003 to 2013, according to the state ... There was one less drug-related death in Oregon last year, compared to ...

[Drug company cites abuse, pop culture hype in ending cough syrup production](#)

Chron.com (blog)

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[York County coroner wants to double fee for toxicology reports](#)

The Herald | HeraldOnline.com

The York County Coroner's Office now charges \$25 for toxicology reports, which show what substances were present in a person's body when they ...

[FDLE Members Recognized For Exceptional Performance](#)

WCTV

In 2013, Senior Crime Laboratory Analyst Tamara Monville recognized the dire need to quickly identify the increasing number of synthetic drugs in ...

[Deadbolt Forensics Comments on Growth of Digital Forensics Industry](#)

DigitalJournal.com

According to a recent report from the Marietta Daily Journal, Middle Georgia State College recently opened a digital forensics lab on campus as part of ...

[Proposal would require all arrestees to provide DNA samples](#)

WRTV Indianapolis

The Indiana State Police crime lab is the central repository for DNA collection throughout the state. The lab collects 18,000 new samples per year

[Ku urges better DNA identification protocols](#)

China Post

TAIPEI, Taiwan -- The Taiwan Association for Innocence (TAFI, 冤獄平反協會理事) held a press conference yesterday, using the first successful case in ...

[Sheriff responds to grand jury findings on county's crime lab](#)

The San Luis Obispo Tribune

In a response to a San Luis Obispo County civil grand jury report on the poor condition of the county's forensic crime lab, Sheriff Ian Parkinson agreed ...

[Inspectors General Office recommends changes to FDLE to prevent lab tampering](#)

WESH Orlando

WESH 2 NEWS OBTAINED A REPORT DETAILING STATEWIDE CHANGES IN THE WAKE OF A SERIOUS CRIME LAB SECURITY BREACH AFTER ...

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WVU Center for Executive Education offers unique customized programs for forensic professionals interested in improving their individual and organizational knowledge of contemporary business practices.

Registration is now open for the 2014 Forensic Management Academy, a unique one-week management program geared specifically to current and aspiring forensic laboratory managers, law enforcement professionals and other forensic service providers. Instructors include forensic practitioners and college professors experienced in the field of forensics. The program will be offered September 14 – 19, 2014 in Morgantown, WV on the WVU campus. Please visit our website at <http://www.be.wvu.edu/execed/fma> for more information and to register.



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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](#)

Webinar #7: [Developing a Statewide Approach to Backlog Management](#)

[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:

Employment Opportunities

[Forensic Scientist \(Crime Scene\)](#), DC Government, Washington, DC, Expires: July 17, 2014

[Forensic Scientist – Chemistry Unit](#), Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Crime Laboratory, West Palm Beach, Florida, Expires: May 2, 2014

[Supervisory Physical Scientist](#), Department of Justice, Washington, DC, Expires: May 16, 2014

[Forensic Scientist 3](#), Metro Nashville Police Department- Crime Laboratory, Nashville, TN, Expires: July 14, 2014

[Forensic Scientist 2- Drug Unit](#), Metro Nashville Police Department- Crime Laboratory Division, Nashville, TN, Expires: July 14, 2014

[Forensic Scientist – Latent Prints](#), Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Manassas, VA, Expires: May 1, 2014

[Supervisor Forensic Services Drugs – Mid-Hudson Lab](#), New York State Police Crime Laboratory, Newburgh, NY, Expires: April 28, 2014

- 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=fd2f9c6-4d9e-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.

[Forensic Laboratory Manager](#), Nebraska State Patrol Crime Laboratory, Lincoln, NE, Expires: April 30, 2014

[Forensic Lab Director](#), Oregon State Police, Central Point, Or, Expires: May 14, 2014

[Crime Scene Investigator](#), Johnson County Sheriff's Office, Criminalistics Laboratory, Olathe, Kansas, Expires: June 20, 2014

[Sheriff's Supervising Forensic Scientist \(Firearms and Toolmark\)](#), Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Ventura, CA, Expires: June 17, 2014

[Forensic Biostatistician](#), Office of Chief Medical Examiner, New York, NY, Expires: April 30, 2014

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

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

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

Conferences

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 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://afgam.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.

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