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American Society of Crime Lab Directors Crime Lab Minute

General Announcements

President's Message

Executive Education Digest

The 2014 Executive Education Digest has been published. A special thanks to John Collins, Beth Kroupa, and Jeremy Triplett for coordinating all of the submissions, meeting the deadlines and making this publication possible. I also want to thank the training and education committee and all of the content submitters for their good work!

<http://www.ascld.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/2014-EEG-1-2.pdf>

ASCLD 2014!!



0645 - Registration Desk - Before the crowds hit

The workshops began today and all indicators show that they were very highly rated. You can follow along in the "symposium memories" tab of the Guidebook! We wish you were here. I want to thank CBI Director Jan Girten for her excellent work in creating the guidebook.

In closing...

This is my last CLM message as President and I want to



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thank you for allowing me to represent you. It has indeed been an honor to serve the organization. The interaction with the board, the membership and other professionals has helped me to become a better laboratory director and practitioner of forensic science. I feel like the connections and friendships that I have made with ASCLD will be with me for the rest of my career and life. I leave you in good hands. President-Elect Brady Mills is very capable and will serve the organization well. The Board of Directors are amazing professionals and I look forward spending my last year as Past-President helping them in any way that I might.

Thank you again and I wish you all every imaginable success.

Jay Henry
ASCLD President

This Week's Forensic Metric: 831

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 **Blood Alcohol**. 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.

ASCLD 2014 Guidebook

To get the app either...

- Open up your device's web browser and visit guidebook.com/getit
- Search for 'Guidebook' in the Apple, Google, or Amazon app stores
- In the 'Guidebook' App, search for ASCLD. We'll be there!

The feedback from last year's symposium was very positive and from all indications this App will be how we continue to distribute schedule updates, plenary session handouts and solicit feedback throughout the conference. I would encourage all members to download the App and participate.



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN: [Bode's 2014 DNA Technical Conferences](#), providing DNA training on the latest techniques and technologies to the forensic scientific community.

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

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News Around the Globe

CDC statistics show prescription drug abuse has become national 'epidemic'

Taunton Daily Gazette

ATLANTA, Ga. — Statistics do not tell a whole story, but they do underscore the national "epidemic" that the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and ...

[Midtown rebirth: Lindenwood, crime lab give Belleville new purpose](#)

Belleville News Democrat

With the crime lab nearing completion and the second of two new Lindenwood dorms taking shape, Mayor Mark Eckert said the big-picture dreams of ...

[DNA sought to close 1926 missing-person case](#)

Walla Walla Union-Bulletin

PORTLAND, Ore. — Marvin A. Clark vanished during a short trip to Portland on Halloween weekend 1926, but the search to find out what happened to ...

[CDFW and university researchers use forensic genomics to track down a killer](#)

Lake County News

NORTH COAST, Calif. – Similar to the "CSI" television series, California Department of Fish and Wildlife and university researchers have used a ...

[This company wants to make your DNA untraceable](#)

The Verge

BioGenFutures, a new company-cum-art-project launched by information artist Heather Dewey-Hagborg, hopes to bring DNA surveillance back to the ...

[If police say it's cocaine, no lab test required for drug conviction, court rules](#)

al.com (blog)

The Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals said it accepted the word of a ... testing by the state crime lab, but no test results were presented in court

[Crusading forensic scientist Dr Jim Sprott dies at 89](#)

New Zealand Herald

Dr Jim Sprott, crusading forensic scientist and controversial cot-death and road safety campaigner, has died in Auckland, aged 89. "He was quite out ...

[JSU planning new forensic sciences program](#)



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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

Anniston Star

Two of the center's employees, Shane Golden and Mark Hopwood, both worked in the state crime lab before it closed. Now, they teach classes and do ...

[DNA project ending for Colorado inmates](#)

SFGate

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. (AP) — Colorado's Justice Review Project, which reviewed hundreds of old cases statewide over recent years to ensure ...

[Impact of DNA snafu not yet clear on Columbus police cases](#)

Columbus Dispatch

Columbus police are working to determine which cases might have been affected by a DNA reporting omission in the crime lab over a four-year period ...

[Monroe Co. gets forensic computer, software grant](#)

Pocono Record

U.S. Rep. Matt Cartwright announced the awarding of a \$37,858 Paul Coverdell National Forensic Science Improvement Act grant to Monroe County ...

[FORENSIC FAILS: Forget 'CSI' — What's Happening In America's Crime Labs Is A Complete Disaster](#)

Business Insider

The crime lab procedural has been among the most popular genres at least since "CSI" debuted in 2000, and devotees of blood-spatter patterns and ...

[Del. lawmakers eye problems in drug testing lab](#)

Chron.com

"While the petitioner's case was pending, crime lab employees were illegally tampering with and/or stealing drug evidence from the lab," the defense ...

[Baltimore City Police Crime Lab Receives Highest Accreditation](#)

Fox Baltimore

The Baltimore City Police Crime Lab has earned the highest level of accreditation. It is the first police agency in Maryland to achieve the accreditation.

[Bode Technology Launches Accelerated Processing of Sexual Assault Kits](#)

DigitalJournal.com

This new service will process untested rape kits for law enforcement agencies and crime laboratories to support near real-time investigation

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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Employment Opportunities

[Computer Evidence Specialist III](#), Onondaga County Center for Forensic Sciences, Syracuse, NY, Expires: May 23, 2014

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

[Computer program could help solve arson cases](#)

ECNmag.com

Harynuk's team began working with the RCMP's forensic lab in 2008, looking to develop tools for interpreting chemical data. Arson investigation was a ...

[Crime labs must be accredited](#)

Minnesota Lawyer

All forensic laboratories in the state of Minnesota must be accredited. Gov. Mark Dayton signed legislation on Friday that created the mandate. The bill ...

[Bad Forensic Science and Wrongful Convictions](#)

The Epoch Times

More than 250 wrongfully convicted prisoners have been exonerated in the United States on the basis of DNA testing. While DNA testing has ensured ...

[Beaufort County sheriff requests staff attorney, DNA analyst to cut backlogs](#)

The State

The office's forensic lab also needs help processing more samples, Tanner said. The Sheriff's Office has two DNA analysts for the lab, which opened ...

[Brave new world for justice: DNA test for identical twins](#)

Boston Globe

WHILE THE advent of DNA testing has revolutionized some aspects of criminal justice, the system is still easily confounded by a not uncommon ...

Laboratory Division, Nashville,

TN, Expires: July 14, 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

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

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](#)

Conferences

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.

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:

- 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>).

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 information.

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

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.

[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.

[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.