

January 6, 2014



American Society of Crime Lab Directors Crime Lab Minute

General Announcements

President's Message

Webinar #3: Managing Customer Expectations and Education

I hope that you will consider joining your colleagues on **Wednesday January 8, 2014** for ASCLD's third webinar in a series dissecting the issues surrounding backlogs. John Collins is our featured speaker and he will be discussing critical concepts needing consideration prior to tackling a backlog. Please follow this link for registration!

<https://www.forensiced.org/training/viewcourse.cfm?moduleid=624372a7-8af3-4d5f-8fa5-7caeba562b1d>

We need your feedback by the end of the week!

To date, we've heard from about one third of you. As you may recall from the last symposium, we discussed some proposed language changes and realized that we needed to do a better job of understanding the viewpoints of the members, hence, the survey. Please, if you haven't done so already, take a few minutes to share with us your thoughts.

The link for the survey

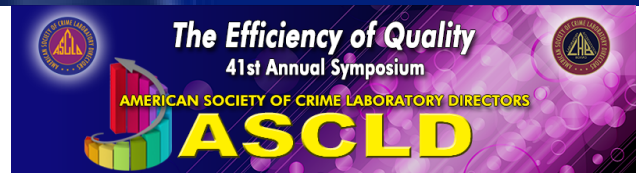
is: <http://questionpro.com/t/AGGeDZQb9c>

Jay Henry

ASCLD President

This Week's Forensic Metric: 48

The median turn-around time in days (48) for a Serology/Biology 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.



Call for Posters!!

The deadline for submitting abstracts for posters and workshops has passed, but there is still time to submit one for a poster. The theme for this year's meeting is "The Efficiency of Quality". If you've got an idea for a poster, please download the form below and return by **March 1, 2014**.

[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.

Symposium Details...

In the next couple of weeks, we will be releasing the registration information for the Scottsdale meeting. Suffice to say, we're excited about having the membership come together again and are looking forward to an amazing conference. If you have any questions, please contact Brady Mills at 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

News Around the Globe

[Advances In DNA Tests Helped Solve East Hampton Cold Case](#)

Hartford Courant

In 1999, East Hampton police and the state crime lab were able to link the biological material found in the Volvo to evidence recovered from third floor ...

[Few rape kits from Yakima sent to state crime lab](#)

KIMA CBS 29

Dozens of rape cases a year here in Yakima don't get analyzed in the state crime lab. Despite processing several rape kits, YPD ...

[EXCLUSIVE: Nassau County Taxpayers Secretly Charged Millions ...](#)

Long Island Press

These were but a few of the daily, costly antics that took place at the Nassau County Police Department (NCPD) Crime Lab—where drugs were tested, ...

[Several Utah police agencies have stockpiles of unprocessed rape kits](#)

Salt Lake Tribune

So Russo took the problem to the state crime lab only to make another disturbing discovery: It would take the lab at least two years to get all the old kits ...

[Study: Majority of rape cases in Salt Lake County never prosecuted](#)

Salt Lake Tribune

Reasons » Backlogged crime lab, traumatized victims and lack of evidence lead to many cases fizzling. By Erin ALberty and Janelle Stecklein.

[Drug Lab Scandal Leaves Criminal Cases In Limbo](#)

WBUR

In the new year, Congress could take up legislation aimed at improving oversight of the nation's crime labs. But critics are skeptical and say reform is ...

[Indicting DNA mixtures and unknown males -- cutting edge or legally ...](#)

Plain Dealer

DNA indictments based on mixtures and police report descriptions are ... a consensual partner or suspect, a cleaner forensic analysis can be done.

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[Regional forensic center to cost \\$5.25 million](#)

Lebanon Democrat

The cost of a regional forensic center is expected to be \$5.25 million, according to a Knox County official.

[DNA sampling rule considered for sea burials](#)

BBC News

Taking DNA samples from bodies to be buried at sea could become a legal requirement, in a move being considered by the government.

[Idaho appellate court upholds drug conviction](#)

San Francisco Chronicle

But in 2011, he received a letter indicating that the Idaho State Police had just discovered misconduct occurred at the forensic laboratory that tested ...

[New Kiwi crime tool unravels mixed DNA](#)

Southland Times

A shoe found at the scene contained a mixture of his DNA and another ... in collaboration with Duncan Taylor from Forensic Science South Australia, ...

[More than 5000 previously untested rape kits submitted to Ohio DNA ...](#)

Toledo Blade

Attorney General Mike DeWine says Ohio's crime lab has received more than 5,000 previously untested rape kits as it searches for ...

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](#)

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

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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](#).

[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

Employment Opportunities

[Computer Forensics Investigation Specialist](#), City of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma City, Expires: January 10, 2014

[Supervisor of Forensic Services – Firearms](#), New York State Police, Albany, NY, Expires: January 21, 2014

[DNA Analyst II](#), Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, TX, Expires: January 31, 2014

[Latent Print Examiner II](#), City of Oakland, Oakland, CA, Expires: January 24, 2014

[Quality Assurance and Technical Manager – Toxicology](#), Ontario Public Service, Toronto, ON, Expires: January 6, 2014

[Latent Print Examiner Supervisor](#), Orange County Sheriff's Office, Orlando, FL, Expires: March 4, 2014

[Forensic Scientist III/Quality Assurance Specialist-Latent Print Examiner](#), City of Saint Paul, Saint Paul, MN, Expires: March 2, 2014

[Forensic Scientist II-Latent Print Examiner](#), City of Saint Paul, Saint Paul, MN, Expires: March 2, 2014

[Information Technology Specialist \(LIMS\)](#), DC Government – Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington, DC, Expires: February 24, 2014

[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

[Chairperson](#), Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA, Expires: February 18, 2014

[Forensic DNA Analyst](#), Sorenson Forensics, Salt Lake City, UT, Expires: January 11, 2014

[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

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>).

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 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.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 19-23, 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 information.