

January 27, 2014



## American Society of Crime Lab Directors Crime Lab Minute

### General Announcements

#### President's Message

#### Last week to sign up for ASCLD's Leadership Academy!

The deadline to register for **ASCLD's 1st Leadership Academy** is this Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. ASCLD Training and Education Committee Chair Jeremy Triplett reports that we have had a great response to this training and can still accommodate a few more registrations. If you or one of your staff is interested in participating, please register by Friday. The 2 hour weekly webinars begin on February 6th.

For more information about the Academy, visit: [www.asclد.org/academy/](http://www.asclد.org/academy/)

To download the registration form, visit: [ASCLD-Leadership-Academy-Registration-Form](#)

Finally, if you have questions about the Academy, please contact Jeremy Triplett at [jeremy.triplett@ky.gov](mailto:jeremy.triplett@ky.gov).

#### Wow, another great webinar completed!

A special thanks to Brian Gestring and Dr. Cecelia Crouse for an excellent presentation on Case Acceptance, Policies and Guidelines. Please find below the link to the Archival Version of the Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 webinar.

[Webinar #4: Case Acceptance, Policies and Guidelines](#)

Please add webinar #5: Efficiency Improvements with ASCLD board member Adam Becnel to your calendar. His presentation is scheduled for Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 @ 1:00 pm (EST) Certificates of attendance will be made available for those who have signed up and attended the webinar.



#### 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](mailto: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](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

If you attended one of the previous webinars but did not print a certificate, you may still obtain one by registering for the archived version.

Jay Henry  
ASCLD President

### **This Week's Forensic Metric: 119**

The median number of cases completed for each full-time equivalent (FTE) employee in the investigative area of Firearms and Ballistics for one full year. This metric 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.

### **SOFT Survey**

The Society of Forensic Toxicologists (SOFT) Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault (DFSA) Committee is gathering data from laboratories that perform analyses on DFSA cases. This survey (<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YD5H2GQ>) is designed to determine the most frequently encountered drugs utilized in suspected DFSA cases. By defining these drugs, the committee's intent is to utilize this information to direct research and define any demographic trends in drug use that may exist.

## **News Around the Globe**

[Chief Judge Kozinski's Ninth Circuit Dissent in U.S. v. Olsen Offers ...](#)

The National Law Review

Prior to joining the Washington State Police, the forensic scientist ran the Montana State Crime Lab. While there, he conducted a hair sample analysis ...

[Heated Debate on Moving Hamilton County Crime Lab](#)

WKRC TV Cincinnati

Architectural plans to move the Hamilton County Crime Lab into the the old Mount Airy Hospital were ...

someone you know is a regular member and is interested in becoming a candidate for the ASCLD Board, please contact [Sabrina.Cillesen@DFS.Virginia.gov](mailto:Sabrina.Cillesen@DFS.Virginia.gov)

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[Rape-Kit Backlog Bill Introduced Patch.com](#)

Measure would require rape kits be sent for processing to crime labs within ... The bill would also require the crime lab to process the evidence and ...

[DPS seeks \\$32M more for budget](#)

Jackson Clarion Ledger  
Includes \$1 million in costs to move into the new crime lab in Rankin County in July; cover loss of federal funding and purchase vehicles. Medical ...

[Drug crimes: AG backs more discretion for judges](#)

Washington Post  
Attorney General Eric Holder is backing a bill to give federal judges more discretion over sentencing for some drug crimes.

[Patterson forensics lab complete with mystery](#)

The Easterner  
Unused, unfurnished and locked, a new forensics lab unlike anything Eastern has seen before rests on the third floor of Patterson Hall. Yet even after ...

[FBI Audit of Database That Indexes DNA Finds Errors in Profiles](#)

New York Times  
The Federal Bureau of Investigation, in a review of a national DNA database, ... The errors identified so far implicate only a tiny fraction of the total DNA ... who was once on a forensic science commission for the State of Virginia and ...

[Law enforcement sees new Iowa DNA law as crime-fighting tool](#)

Sioux City Journal  
Scholl said it will take a little extra time for a probation officer to swab an offender, then seal and send the sample to the crime lab, but it won't lead to ...

[Federal grant will create database of DNA](#)

Atlanta Journal Constitution  
"It will just streamline the process of locating the old evidence to see if we have it," said George Herrin, head of the State Crime Lab at the GBI.

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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](#)

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](#).

[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

# Employment Opportunities

[Forensic Scientist – Forensic Biology](#), Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Roanoke, VA, Expires: February 13, 2014

[Forensic Advisor](#), Engility Corp, Colombo, Sri Lanka, Expires: January 31, 2014

[Forensics Advisor](#), Engility Corp., Mexico, Expires: February 7, 2014

[Forensic and Molecular Genetics Research Fellow](#), Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, TX, Expires: March 21, 2014

[Toxicologist](#), Johnson County Sheriff's Office, Criminalistics Laboratory, Olathe, Kansas, Expires: March 10, 2014

[Crime Scene Investigator](#), Johnson County Sheriff's Office, Criminalistics Laboratory, Olathe, Kansas, Expires: February 10, 2014

[Forensic Scientist – Toxicology](#), Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Norfolk, VA, Expires: February 6, 2014

[Assistant Professor in Biology](#), Alfred State SUNY College of Technology, Alfred, NY, Expires: March 1, 2014

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

[Assistant Professor](#), Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA, Expires: January 31, 2014

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

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=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,

## **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.

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.

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.