

March 31, 2014



## American Society of Crime Lab Directors Crime Lab Minute

### General Announcements

#### President's Message

##### **Senators Leahy and Cornyn issue a bipartisan press release!**

This past week ended with an exciting announcement. The long-awaited "new" draft of the Leahy legislation was released with support from Senator Cornyn. Please follow the link below to view more information and the newly released bill. If you have comments, please get them back to your Advocacy Point of Contact (POC) and Advocacy Chair Jill Spriggs at [SpriggsJ@sacda.org](mailto:SpriggsJ@sacda.org).

<http://www.leahy.senate.gov/press/leahy-and-cornyn-introduce-sweeping-forensics-reform-legislation>

#### **Strategic Planning Meeting and a visit with NIST**

Several of your board of directors met this past week for a strategic planning session designed to plot the path of the organization for the next year. We're excited about what we have to offer the membership and we will be providing details of that plan for review.

During that same time, we had the opportunity to meet with Director Mark Stolorow and Program Managers Susan Ballou and John Paul Jones regarding ASCLD's role in the new OSAC chart. It was a great meeting for both organizations and as details are finalized, we will provide that information for review. I want to thank Mark, Susan and John for traveling to our meeting to speak with us.

#### **Audio recordings of the February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> National Commission on Forensic Science Meeting**

We are pleased to present audio recordings of the



**Registration** for the 2014 ASCLD Symposium is open at [www.asclد.org](http://www.asclد.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](mailto:brady.mills@dps.texas.gov).

Commission meeting. A special thanks to ASCLD BOD Jeremy Triplett and President-Elect Brady Mills for attending the meeting and making the recordings.

[NCFS-Audio\\_Links.pdf](#)

## ASCLD 2014 Guidebook is now ready for download –

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.

## Hotel reservations for ASCLD!

The hotel block is at **78% capacity** and we haven't identified an overflow hotel so please make sure to get your reservations within the week!! President-elect Mills and Executive Director Stover were very successful in acquiring a fantastic rate of just \$88! It's such a great deal that it should compel you want to make a reservation even if you weren't attending the meeting ;)

The symposium schedule, workshop descriptions, registration form and hotel accommodations can be found on the ASCLD website at: [www.ascl.org](http://www.ascl.org)  
We all look forward to seeing you in a month!

Jay Henry  
ASCLD President

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## ***News Around the Globe***

### [Drunk Driving Deaths Are Underreported, CDC Says, As Coroners Face Time Crunch With ...](#)

Medical Daily

U.S. government researchers say death certificates rarely list alcohol as a contributing cause of death in fatal crashes, despite toxicology evidence ...

### [Long waits for police toxicology reports common](#)

Bakersfield Californian

Because toxicology results take time. A breath test gives an immediate result, but testing for alcohol in the blood usually takes a couple weeks.

### [Pa. drug abuse bill under review](#)

The Sentinel

Prescription drug monitoring programs aim to help doctors, pharmacists and law enforcement identify patients who are doctor-shopping or going to ...

### [Drug driving limits announced](#)

Telegraph.co.uk

Drivers will be allowed to get behind the wheel if they have traces of illegal drugs such as cocaine or cannabis in their system under new drug driving ...

### [Anti-drug task force withholds data and blocks probes, new report says](#)

Washington Times

A federal multi-agency anti-drug task-force has withheld some of its data to law-enforcement workers, obstructed internal investigations, and retaliated ...

### [Drug trafficking raids: inside the alleged syndicates](#)

Brisbane Times

\$7 million drug haul in south east. Police seize cash,

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Boston Globe

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[State lab uses science in fight against crime](#)

[Seacoastonline.com](#)

Pifer knows these and other facts about crimes across the state as a 25-year employee of the state crime lab where evidence is analyzed for every ...

[Rape kit backlog light in central Indiana](#)

WRTV Indianapolis

The Marion County Crime Lab shows a current backlog of 32 rape kits. Numbers obtained by Kenney show the lab has picked up more than 2,000 kits ...

[State initiatives fuel Madison Crime Lab expansion](#)

UW Badger Herald

The Madison Crime Lab, one of the nation's first state-level laboratories, will be expanded in April to accommodate the recent DNA at arrest initiatives.

[Berkeley Assemblywoman's Bill to Reduce Rape](#)

[DNA Kit Backlog Approved by Committee](#)

[Patch.com](#)

"We are finding that the focus has been on crime labs but there are too many rape kits sitting in evidence rooms that never make it to the crime lab," ...

[Battle Creek Police have new weapon to fight crime](#)

WWMT-TV

Until recently, police were sending evidence up to the state police crime lab for testing, which is known for having a backlog. Now, instead of waiting ...

[How DNA variations shape the human face](#)

[DigitalJournal.com](#)

According to new research, just variants of 20 genes can predict the shape of a person's face. It is possible that DNA fragments left at a crime scene ...

[Gov. Perry appoints 6 to Forensic Science](#)

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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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The Glen Rose Reporter  
Gov. Rick Perry has appointed six members to the Forensic Science Commission. The commission oversees professional conduct in ...

### [New Gene 'Atlas' Maps Human DNA Activity Philly.com](#)

Scientists say they've constructed an "atlas" that maps the ways human genes are turned on and ...

## 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

## Employment Opportunities

[Forensic Scientist or Trainee – Firearms & Toolmarks](#), Virginia Dept. of Forensic Science, Roanoke, VA, Expires: April 18, 2014

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

• [Forensic Scientist](#), Columbus Police Crime Laboratory, Columbus, Ohio, Expires: April 9, 2014

• [Instructional Coordinator \(FIS 14-0030\)](#), West Virginia University Forensic and Investigative Science Outreach, Morgantown, WV, Expires: April 3, 2014

• [Firearms Section Supervisor](#), Texas DPS Crime Laboratory – Austin, Austin, Texas, Expires: April 3, 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

• [Section Supervisor Regional Laboratories \(DNA\), Corpus Christi](#), Texas Department of Public Safety, Corpus Christi, Texas, Expires: April 25, 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 Prints](#), Virginia

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=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

Department of Forensic Science, Roanoke, VA, Expires: May 27, 2014

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

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.

## Conferences

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

April 14-17, 2014: [11<sup>th</sup> 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.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 19-22, 2014: [13<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Conferences

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. 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