

May 19, 2014



## General Announcements

### President's Message

Dear Colleagues:

I have asked Director Jeremy Triplett, Advocacy Committee Chair, to provide us with an update from the meeting of the National Commission of Forensic Science that was held early last week. His update is below.

Brady Mills  
ASCLD President

On the Monday and Tuesday following the ASCLD Symposium in Scottsdale, the National Commission on Forensic Science held their second meeting in Washington, DC. During the first day of the meeting, the Commission heard presentations on cognitive bias and ethics in forensic science. The second day was reserved for a report from each of the subcommittees and an update from NIST on the OSAC applications.

Later this week I plan to provide the notes I took while attending the Commission meeting in order that you may stay informed of the discussions. By way of information I would like to let everyone know in this CLM, though, that many of the Commission's subcommittees are looking for additional members and it was announced at the Commission meeting that non-commissioners are allowed to serve on the subcommittees. Please consider serving and representing our community as the subcommittees discuss the important issues facing our laboratories. You may volunteer by contacting the Commission's vice chairs, Nelson Santos or John Butler.

The Commission's subcommittees are as follows:

Accreditation and Proficiency Testing  
Reporting and Testimony  
Medicolegal Death Investigation  
Training on Science and Law  
Scientific Inquiry and Research  
Interim Solutions



- Would you like to take part in developing best practices for using Rapid DNA in a forensic casework labs or in a booking station environment? If so, do you have or plan to have a Rapid DNA instrument for use within the next 12 months?
- Can you help in gathering information on unique validation studies or research projects done in forensic labs? Would you like to serve as a Point of Contact (POC) for your region?
- Would you like to be involved in setting R&D priorities for ASCLD that can be incorporated into discussions with NIJ and other funding entities?

If the answer to any of these questions is YES, then consider joining the ASCLD Forensic Research Committee (FRC). Please email ASCLD FRC co-chairs Stephanie Stoiloff ([slstoiloff@mdpd.com](mailto:slstoiloff@mdpd.com)) and George Herrin ([george.herrin@gbi.ga.gov](mailto:george.herrin@gbi.ga.gov)) by June 9, 2014 to express your interest and on which project you'd like to participate.

Lastly, thank you once again to the ASCLD members serving on the Commission for your hard work for our community. Thank you for being a voice for our nation's crime laboratories and educating your fellow commissioners on prudent ways to advance forensic science in the US.

Director Jeremy Triplett  
Advocacy Committee Chair

Brady Mills  
ASCLD President

### 2014 Symposium Presentations

The presentations are available for review on the ASCLD website (<http://www.asclد.org/2014-symposium-presentations/>). If you have a presentation or poster not listed, please contact or send a PDF version to [Sabrina.Cillessen@dfs.virginia.gov](mailto:Sabrina.Cillessen@dfs.virginia.gov)

## News Around the Globe

### Supreme Court looks at wrinkle in right to face your accuser

MiamiHerald.com

This week, meeting behind closed doors, justices will weigh 11 different cases that test when certain crime lab or autopsy reports can be presented to ...

### Old forensic lab goes to auction

Chorley Guardian

A former forensic science laboratory in Euxton, which was used to solve some of the most high-profile crimes in Britain in its heyday, will be offered for ...

### Changes To Florida's Drug Crime Lab Operations To Take Effect Early July

WFSU

In the coming months, there will be some major shifts in the way statewide crime lab currently operate. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement is ...

### Moving lab would hurt crime-solving speed

Cincinnati.com

Regarding "Would state crime lab leave us unsafe?" (May 10) on the possibility of moving our crime lab to a "regional" crime lab, not a single word was ...

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### [Special Assignment: Autopsy Pending](#)

WRDW-TV

Now that Augusta has lost its medical examiner, bodies must be sent to the GBI Crime Lab in Atlanta for an autopsy. It's an expensive trip that makes ...

### [Clyde Snow, Forensic Detective Who Found Clues in Bones, Dies at 86](#)

New York Times

Beginning in the 1960s, long before DNA experts perfected their forensic magic, Dr. Snow exposed ghastly crimes, solved mysteries, brought killers to ...

### [How Forensic Nurses Support Wellbeing for Assault Survivors](#)

Huffington Post

"I just want to make sure that I am okay." Those are the first words I hear from a sexual assault patient when they arrive at a health care facility for a ...

### [Alaska class action lawsuit says Family Tree DNA posted info on public websites](#)

Washington Examiner

JUNEAU, Alaska (Legal Newsline) – A class action lawsuit has been filed against Family Tree DNA after customers claimed their privacy was violated.

### [Columbia County hopes DNA technology can identify Jane Doe](#)

WISN Milwaukee

Her remains were exhumed last month in hopes of using DNA technology to figure out exactly who she is. The Sheriff's Office is working with the FBI ...

### [Delaware confirms 6 fentanyl-laced heroin deaths](#)

Washington Post

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner announced Friday that toxicology reports confirm the fentanyl-laced heroin overdose deaths of four men and ...

### [Drug Enforcement Unit faces 15 percent budget cut next year](#)

Gadsden Times

The Etowah County Drug Enforcement Unit has faced several budget cuts in recent years, and the unit will face another 15 percent to 20 percent cut ...

### [Wyoming sets up its own crime lab](#)

WOODTV.com

(WOOD) — For years, there have been reports of delayed justice due to backlogs at state crime labs. Police in Wyoming think they have found a ...

### [New evidence tracker at Stark County Crime Lab](#)

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The-review

A new tracking system has been installed at the Stark County Crime Lab that has cut evidence handling time for police departments while also ...

### [Report shows lax oversight in Delaware medical examiner's office](#)

Newsworks.org

"The operation of a crime lab for state public safety would not be that far out of our sweet spot," Schiliro said. "We're the ones that collect evidence; we ...

### [State lags in testing for causes of deaths](#)

Boston Globe

Since last July, the time it takes for the office to generate post-mortem toxicology test results has increased eightfold, from an average of two weeks to ...

### [Rape kits would have to be tested in timely fashion under legislation sparked by Detroit's backlog](#)

MLive.com

A state House committee on Wednesday approved a bill that requires Michigan law enforcement agencies and crime labs to process and analyze ...

### [New DNA testing machine to help 'rapidly' catch suspects](#)

KPHO Phoenix

It can provide an officer with a DNA profile within 90 minutes. (Source: ... "I think it is a game changer for DNA analysis," said Arizona DPS Crime Lab ...

### [Bill would require DNA to be collected from arrestees](#)

Providence Eyewitness News

According to DNA Saves, a non-profit group that educates "about the value of forensic DNA," "Every day innocent people needlessly become victims of ...

### [St. Paul police crime lab to seek accreditation](#)

Winona Daily News

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — The St. Paul police crime lab plans to seek accreditation through a national board that evaluates forensic testing, a move that ...

### [Crime lab uses wrong chemical in 2500 meth tests in county](#)

Santa Cruz Sentinel

Crime lab analysts used the wrong chemical to conduct preliminary methamphetamine tests earlier this year on the blood samples of 2,500 people ...

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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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Five years ago, the National Academy of Sciences put out a report condemning the state of forensic science. It concluded that many common forensic ...

[CACI digital forensics lab receives American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors accreditation](#)

Government Security News

Arlington, VA-based CACI International has announced that its CACI Digital Forensics Laboratory, a full-service computer and audio forensics facility ...

## 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

## Employment Opportunities

[Firearms Examiner](#), Houston Forensic Science LGC, INC., Houston, TX, Expires: August 12, 2014

[Forensic Chemist II](#), City of Henderson Nevada, Henderson, Nevada, Expires: May 31, 2014

[Forensic Scientist – Controlled Substances](#), Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Richmond, VA, Expires: May 29, 2014

[Lead Forensic Scientist \(DNA\)](#), DC Government/Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington, DC, Expires: July 31, 2014

[Asst/Assoc/Full Professor, Forensic Science](#), UIC, Chicago, IL, Expires: June 20, 2014

[Forensic Scientist II – DNA](#), Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory, Anchorage, Alaska, Expires: May 19, 2014

[Quality and Information Management Manager](#), Ontario Public Service, Toronto, Expires: May 22, 2014

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

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=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.

[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

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

[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

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.

## *Conferences*

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.

August 10-16, 2014: International Association for Identification in Minneapolis, MN. See <http://www.theiai.org/conference/2014/index.php> for more information.

August 11-15, 2014: The [2014 Annual General Meeting](#) of the American Society of Questioned Document Examiners (ASQDE) will be held in Honolulu, Hawaii. The meeting will be a joint meeting with the [Australasian Society of Forensic Document Examiners, Inc.](#)

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

September 23-26, 2014: [Southern Association Forensic Scientist \(SAFS\) Annual 2014 Meeting](#) in Savannah, GA.

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 19-23, 2014: [36th Annual Southwestern Association of Forensic Scientists \(SWAFS\)](#) in South Padre Island, TX.

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

November 3-6, 2014: [Northeastern Association of Forensic Scientist \(NEAFS\) Annual Meeting](#) in Hershey, PA.

February 16-21, 2015: [AAFS 67th Annual Scientific Meeting](#) in Orlando, FL