

May 27, 2014



General Announcements

President's Message

Dear Colleagues:

The Fifth Annual American Bar Association Prescription for Criminal Justice Forensics will be held June 6, 2014 at Fordham University in New York City. This yearly event is sponsored by American Academy of Forensic Sciences, American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Innocence Project, Inc. and the Federal Defenders, Inc. This one day course includes the following topics:

- Strengthening Forensic Science: A Light at the End of the Path?
- Strengthening the Science in Forensic Science: An Update on Research and Development
- DNA Profiling
- Lab Code of Ethics and Enforcement Standards and Model Rules of Professional Conduct and Post-Conviction Exonerations
- Cybercrime and Breach Response

Please join us at this event to listen to the discussion between panel members on these topics and their thoughtful viewpoints on either side of the issues at hand. I am attaching a brochure for this event and encourage you to attend.

<http://www.ascl.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/ABA-Prescription-Forensics-5-12-14.pdf>

Free Crime Lab Report Print Edition

All accredited laboratories can register to receive the Crime Lab Report print-edition for no charge by visiting www.crimelabreport.com/labs. Your lab will receive multiple copies of the print edition each quarter, which will include an expanded array of articles and perspectives of interest to forensic science laboratories. Your information will remain private.



Forensic Research Committee

- Would you like to take part in developing best practices for using Rapid DNA in a forensic casework lab 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 (sstoiloff@mdpd.com) or George Herrin (george.herrin@qbi.ga.gov) by June 9, 2014 to express your interest and on which project you'd like to participate.

We're also still collecting names for volunteers to serve on the symposium planning committee. If you are interested, please contact me at the email address below.

Thanks
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ASCLD President
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August Vollmer Excellence in Forensic Science Award

IACP recognizes the significant impact forensic science has on the criminal justice system.

The August Vollmer Excellence in Forensic Science Award has been created to honor the proactive, innovative use of forensic technologies by law enforcement.

Nominations for selection of the 2014 awards are now being accepted through June 2nd, 2014 in the following four categories:

- Current or Past Contribution by a Police Agency or Individual
- Current or Past Forensic Science Collaboration
- Innovation in Forensic Technology (by an Individual or Forensic Science/Private Sector Provider).
- Significant Investigative Value in a Major Crime

Visit <http://www.theiacp.org/IACP-August-Vollmer-Excellence-in-Forensic-Science-Award> or contact Michael Rizzo at Rizzo@theiacp.org for more information

Crime Lab Report

John Collins and Jay Jarvis are announcing the expansion of their publication to a print newspaper format. Accredited laboratories can register to receive multiple copies of Crime Lab Report for no charge by registering at www.crimelabreport.com. The newspaper is distributed quarterly.

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2014 Symposium Presentations

The presentations are available for review on the ASCLD website (<http://www.asclcd.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

News Around the Globe

Madison Crime Lab prepares for DNA at arrest law

WMTV

Under current state law, only convicted felons and sex offenders in Wis. have to give up their DNA. Come April 1, 2015, police will be required to take ...

Toxicology reports ordered at coroner's discretion

Cullman Times Online

CULLMAN — A county coroner's discretion to utilize toxicology reports to determine a cause of death has far-reaching consequences, from financial ...

Familial DNA is debatable procedure

Appleton Post Crescent

Familial DNA testing is something police can use after a routine search of a DNA database doesn't show a match to evidence gathered at a crime ...

Forensic pathology research

Phys.Org

Forensic pathology at the NIPH. Credit: Jimmy Linus
There is currently considerable media attention around the forensic pathology activities at the ...

DNA Database For Missing Kids Reunites Daughter And Mother

Austrian Times

DNA Database For Missing Kids Reunites Daughter And Mother. It was the moment the mother had waited 25 years for - the chance to hold her ...

Former St. Louis police chemist alleges she was fired for reporting drug testing errors

STLtoday.com

"A police department crime lab is never allowed to needlessly put people in danger," said one of her attorneys, Hugh Eastwood, in his opening ...

EDITORIAL: A state dying from drug use

Insurance News Net

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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Bode LeanLab™ service utilizes Lean Six Sigma principles and delivers custom solutions to forensic labs improving efficiency, increasing throughput, reducing turnaround time and eliminating backlogs.

Visit www.bodetech.com or email bode.service@bodetech.com for more information.

May 21-- Alabama coroners, with the power to order and log results of toxicology reports, hold the key to important information for families and law ...

[Delays still plague Indiana tox lab](#)

Indianapolis Star

The toxicology department purchased 250 of the devices more than four and a half years ago at a taxpayer cost of \$1.5 million. Yet they have been ...

[State crime lab scientists could get 10 percent pay hike, under new bill](#)

TWC News

State Crime Lab Director Judge Joe John said more evidence continues piling up and forensic scientists are struggling to get through the case load ...

[DNA Links Rhino Horns to Namibia](#)

AllAfrica.com

DNA tests done in South Africa indicate that the rhino horns allegedly discovered in the luggage of three Chinese men at Hosea Kutako International ...

[Forensic Science Lab, Legal Medicine Unit to merge](#)

Jamaica Observer

THE Cabinet submission for the formal merger of the Forensic Science Laboratory with the Legal Medicine Unit is to be tabled in the first quarter of the ...

[Indiana toxicology lab still faces long backlog - 1 Hours Ago](#)

pharostribune.com

The Indiana Department of Toxicology has struggled with staff turnover and other troubles before it was moved out of the Indiana University School of .

[Under the Lens: A look inside the Mississippi Crime Lab](#)

WDAM-TV

According to Sam Howell, the Director of the Mississippi Crime Lab, television portrays forensic science in a false light. "Part of the issue with television ...

[DNA Analysis Exposes an Inexact Forensic Science](#)

New York Times

Before DNA testing, prosecutors relied on less sophisticated forensic ... The Federal Bureau of Investigation's vaunted crime lab had asserted that ...

[Bill would expand DNA sampling powers of police in R.I.](#)

The Providence Journal



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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

The FBI system, according to the bill, allows storage and exchange of DNA records submitted by state and local forensic laboratories “for the ...

[Leading QC in crime labs warning](#)

Herald Scotland

He believes such problems would not arise if Scotland followed the practice of England and Wales, where forensic services are not in the same ..

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

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

[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

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

[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

[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

[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.

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

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: 22nd 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