

June 9, 2014



## American Society of Crime Lab Directors Crime Lab Minute

### General Announcements

#### President's Message

Dear Colleagues:

The ASCLD board continues to be active in representing the membership at functions that are important to our community. This week, Treasurer Matthew Gamette attended the American Bar Association (ABA) Prescription for Criminal Justice Forensics on Friday June 6th in New York City. ASCLD co-sponsored this event with the ABA. Topics included laboratory code of ethics, updates on research and development, cybercrime, and DNA mixture interpretations. This event was a great opportunity for outreach and provides a different perspective to the legal community.

Brady W Mills  
ASCLD President

#### 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](http://www.crimelabreport.com). The newspaper is distributed quarterly.

### News Around the Globe

[New DNA technique solves Cottage Grove boy's medical mystery](#)

Madison.com

Josh Osborn, 15, laughs at his brother, Tim, 3, as they play at their home in Cottage Grove. Josh had life-threatening encephalitis last year. After tests ...

#### 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](mailto:sstoiloff@mdpd.com)) or George Herrin ([george.herrin@qbi.ga.gov](mailto:george.herrin@qbi.ga.gov)) by June 9, 2014 to express your interest and on which project you'd like to participate.

## Forensic Unit hones skills with instructors from the National Forensic Academy

Clarksville Leaf Chronicle

Over the last three days, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office Forensic Unit team members participated in a battery of crime scene management drills, ...

## Univ. of Alabama to launch program to fight cyber crimes

MyFoxAL

The school's Criminal Justice Department hopes to open a cyber crime lab to assist law enforcement prosecute cyber crimes later this year. Governor ...

## How the OJ Simpson case changed what police do at the scene of the crime and back at the lab

Minneapolis Star Tribune

LOS ANGELES — The O.J. Simpson murder trial cast a harsh light on police and forensic work, and gave law enforcement a textbook example of what ...

## Backlogs affect autopsy results, narcotics analyses in Worcester

Worcester Telegram

WORCESTER — The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner's decision to move its toxicology laboratory services last year from UMass Memorial ...

## RCMP avoids cuts to key services including DNA analysis, at least for now

GlobalPost

Today they include forensic laboratory services, the Canadian Firearms ... The revised deals better reflect the actual cost of providing DNA analysis, .

## Local crime lab is safest bet

Cincinnati.com

But the proposed "shared services" of the crime lab with the state does not make sense for law enforcement and, most of all, for the people of our ...

## Kuwaiti DNA identification laboratory completed -- Ministry

Kuwait News Agency

Kuwaiti DNA identification laboratory completed -- Ministry ... The forensic evidence department at the ministry is so keen on attaining specialized ...

## NC Senate Approves \$22 Billion Spending Plan

TWC News

The bill makes some major policy changes, including moving the State Bureau of Investigation and Crime Lab out from under the Department of ..

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training on the latest techniques and technologies to the forensic scientific community.

[Bode Technology](#) provides advanced forensic solutions offering crime labs ways to reduce their workloads and budgets.

### [Backlogs plague Valley police crime labs](#)

Arizona Republic

Valley crime labs have reported a backlog of hundreds of requests to analyze fingerprint evidence. Lower-level property crimes often fall to the bottom ...

### [Senate tries again to move SBI from attorney general](#)

News & Observer

The Senate budget would also strip the State Crime Lab from Cooper's Department of Justice and, along with the SBI, move their 638 employees to ...

### [Scientific ground: 'Forensic scientists and LEA officials must collaborate'](#)

The Express Tribune

A closer collaboration between forensic scientists and the criminal justice system is ... "DNA analysis has become the new form of scientific evidence.

### [New forensic tool detects ethnicity and gender in single hair](#)

Medical News Today

The tool produces results faster than current DNA analysis techniques used in law enforcement, and in early tests showed a 100% success rate at ...

### [Newswatch 12 visits state crime lab, expert highlights advancements in forensic technology](#)

WJFW-TV

MADISON - Police and sheriff's offices around the country depend on crime labs to help them solve cases. But when the labs opened, science and ...

### [Oregon leads Washington in DNA crime testing](#)

KOIN.com

(KOIN 6) — There is one area where Oregon is way ahead of Washington – using DNA to solve crimes. The Oregon State Crime Lab solves property ...

### [Good news for the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences](#)

The Huntsville Times - al.com (blog)

Good news for the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences ... American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors-Laboratory Accreditation Board, said ...

### [State Crime Lab earns dual accreditation under international standards](#)

Jacksonville Daily News

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The Crime Lab received notice late last week from the American Society of ... The State Crime Lab also requires that each forensic scientist undergo ... and hire 10 DNA analysts to add forensic biology to the services provided at the ...

#### [Dutch crime lab develops fingerprint aging process](#)

NL Times

The Netherlands Forensic Institute (NFI) has figured out how to determine the age of a fingerprint. What day a fingerprint was left at a crime scene, ...

#### [Pregnant drug users in TN face prosecution starting July 1](#)

Gant Daily

Nashville, TN, United States (4E) – Starting next month, Tennessee's pregnant women using illegal drugs will be prosecuted as a law criminalizing ..

#### [SLCPD posts details on untested rape kits online](#)

fox13now.com

Four detectives will be looking over every detail of each case — again — to determine if the kits warrant processing at the crime lab. “Every single kit is ..

#### [Former FDLE chemist arraigned on new charges](#)

Pensacola News Journal

Investigators allege that while working with evidence in a Pensacola crime lab, Joseph Wayne Graves, 33, pocketed prescription drugs and replaced ...

#### [Independence could be safer if MHP gets crime lab control, say Independence police](#)

KSHB

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. - Independence police say a piece of paper sitting on Governor Jay Nixon's desk could help them solve a growing crime ...

## *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](#)

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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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# Employment Opportunities

**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 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?mo>

[Laboratory Manager – Training, Development and Research](#), Colorado Bureau of Investigation – Forensic Services, Denver, CO, Expires: June 12, 2014

[Laboratory Manager – Biological Services](#), Colorado Bureau of Investigation – Forensic Services, Denver, CO, Expires: June 12, 2014

[Deputy Director of Identification Services](#), Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Meriden, CT, Expires: July 3, 2014

[Criminalist III Quality Assurance Program Supervisor](#), Oakland Police Department, Oakland, CA, Expires: June 27, 2014

[Criminalist III Forensic Biology Supervisor](#), Oakland Police Department, Oakland, CA, Expires: June 27, 2014

[Criminalist III](#), Tucson Police Dept. Crime Lab, Tucson, AZ, Expires: June 16, 2014

[Criminalist III](#), Tucson Police Dept. Crime Lab, Tucson, AZ, Expires: June 16, 2014

[Laboratory Accreditation Specialist](#), New York State, Albany, NY, Expires: June 30, 2014

[Director-Crime Lab](#), Broward Sheriff's Office, Fort Lauderdale, FL, Expires: June 13, 2014

duleid=dfdf2f9c6-4d9e-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 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.

[FORENSIC COMPUTER ANALYST](#), US Postal Service, ORLANDO, FL, Expires: June 16, 2014

[FORENSIC COMPUTER ANALYST](#), US Postal Service, CHICAGO, IL, Expires: June 16, 2014

[Forensic Scientist](#), Fort Worth Police Department, Fort Worth, Texas, Expires: August 30, 2014

[Forensic Scientist III – Drug Unit](#), MA State Police Crime Laboratory, Sudbury, MA, Expires: June 24, 2014

[Forensic Scientist-Blood and Breath Alcohol](#), Idaho State Police, Meridian, Idaho, Expires: June 11, 2014

[Senior Forensic Chemist](#), Vermont Forensic Lab, Waterbury, VT, Expires: June 15, 2014

[Forensic Scientist \(Toxicology\)](#), Washington State Patrol, Seattle WA, Expires: June 19, 2014

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

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.

[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

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