

June 16, 2014



American Society of Crime Lab Directors Crime Lab Minute

General Announcements

President's Message

Dear Colleagues:

During our officer retreat last week the officers assigned board members committee assignments. The assignments for 2015 are as follows:

- Advocacy Committee - Director Jeremy Triplett, Chair
- Communication Committee – Director Sabrina Cillesen, Chair
- Ethics & Bylaws Committee – Director Jeff Salyards, Chair
- Training and Education Committee – Directors Andrea Swiech and Adam Becnel Co-Chairs
- Finance Committee – Treasurer Matthew Gamette, Chair
- Membership Committee – Director Ray Wickenheiser, Chair
- Nominating & Awards Committee – Director Kris Cano, Chair
- Symposium Planning Committee – President Elect Jody Wolf, Chair
- Forensic Research Committee – George Herrin and Stephanie Stoiloff Co-Chairs
- International Committee – Past President Jay Henry and President Elect Jody Wolf, Co-Chairs
- Sponsorship Committee – Director Adam Becnel, Chair

National Forensic Science Week

I'm very pleased to announce that ASCLD, along with our CFSO colleagues and partners at IACP, MCC, ASCIA and MCSA have teamed up for the second year to participate

Vendor Sponsors



The Center for Advanced Forensic DNA Analysis (CAFDA) is pleased to announce the [Genome ID Forum 2014 - Emerging Forensic Genomic Applications](#); a conference to take place on September 9 and 10 at the Hilton Greenville, North Carolina. Genome ID Forum brings together thought leaders from forensic science, research, academia, law and technology development for an open on-going dialogue regarding emerging science, technology applications and adoption by the forensic community. The program includes **Dr. Kenneth Kidd**, Professor of Genetics, of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology and of Psychiatry at Yale University speaking on *"The critical role of SNPs and NGS (Now Generation Sequencing) in the future of forensics"*. To foster open discussions, space is limited. [Click Here to Register for Genome ID Forum 2014.](#)



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in the National Forensic Science Week. I will have more information about the National Forensic Science Week in the weeks to come.

<http://www.ascl.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/National-Forensic-Science-Week-2014.pdf>

Have a good week!

Brady 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. The newspaper is distributed quarterly.

News Around the Globe

Mitochondrial DNA Reveals Origin of Near Eastern Farmers

Nature World News

Researchers for the first time have sequenced the mitochondrial DNA of Near Eastern farmers, revealing the origins of their transformation to the ...

Scientists trace citrus DNA ancestry to combat shortage

Daily Digest

Go to any bar and order a "Cuba Libre" and see if the bartender adds a lime garnish without provocation. They won't, because due to something ..

Marijuana playing larger role in fatal crashes

USA TODAY

Columbia University researchers performing a toxicology examination of nearly 24,000 driving fatalities concluded that marijuana contributed to 12% ...

Report: Virginia drug crimes on the increase

Roanoke Times

Dana Harris, a forensic scientist/drug chemist, works in the drug lab at the Department of Forensic Science's Western Laboratory in Roanoke. This is .

Godsey unveils new proposal for Sullivan County's forensicservices

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Bode's newest offerings include:

[BodeLIMS™ – The First True Forensic DNA LIMS](#). BodeLIMS is a web-based LIMS that tracks samples from receipt through reporting. The software documents and captures the entire DNA analysis process and is completely configurable, thus adaptable to changing technologies.

[Bode LeanLab™](#) service utilizes Lean Six Sigma principles and delivers custom solutions

Kingsport Times News

BLOUNTVILLE — Outgoing Sullivan County Mayor Steve Godsey made public Thursday that a new deal is on the table between the county and The ...

[Why forensic science isn't really science and how it could be killing innocent people](#)

National Post

How could forensic evidence, widely seen as factual and unbiased, nearly send an innocent person to his death? The answer is profoundly ... Aside from DNA analysis, not a single forensic practice held up to rigorous inspection.

[New cyber-crime lab to open at UA](#)

Alabama's13.com

Assisting in cyber-crime cases will be the main goal of a new crime lab being created in Tuscaloosa. University of Alabama professors are partnering ...

[Forensic faculty achieve top certifications in their fields](#)

Huntsville Item

HUNTSVILLE — Two faculty members in the Department of Forensic ... molecular biology and DNA, fire debris and explosives, photography and trace ...

[Legislation passed to establish DNA database](#)

Irish Examiner

The Criminal Justice (Forensic Evidence and DNA Database System) Bill 2013 will now go before the President to be signed into law. A spokesman at ...

[FORENSICS - Proponents say bill would improve state's forensic science lab. Page 9](#)

Laurel Star

Much of the State Medical Examiner's investigatory role would be taken over by a new state forensic science lab under legislation proposed by Sen

[About 20 percent of guns recovered by police in Pa. crossed state lines, analysis shows](#)

Pocono Record

... according to the analysis of data from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, which maps destination and origin data for recovered guns by ..

[Drug lab scandal: Markell plan draws critics](#)

The News Journal

The legislation came in response to thefts of drug evidence from the medical examiner's Controlled Substances Laboratory that have imperiled ...

[Forensic evidence cleared for trial](#)

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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.

Sturgis Journal

At a Daubert hearing Thursday in St. Joseph County Circuit Court, Judge Paul Stutesman ruled that forensic evidence could be used during the ...

[GTB Khalsa to offer BTEch course in forensics](#)

Financial Express

Besides teaching alternative methods of forensics, the college is also planning on setting up a separate lab for teaching DNA forensics.

[Forensic training moves to new facility](#)

Tampa Bay Newspapers

LARGO – In the new laboratory of the National Forensic Science Technology Center in Largo, a group of military law enforcement students learned ...

[Forensic Science Northern Ireland: Senior scientist leaves job after inquiry](#)

BBC News

A senior scientist at a government agency is to leave his post after an investigation by Northern Ireland's Department of Justice (DoJ). It found that it ...

[SBI would move under House budget, but not crime lab](#)

WRAL.com

The House spending plan would keep the State Crime Lab under the Department of Justice, unlike the Senate budget which called for it to also be ...

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

Newser

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

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

Training

Forensics Training | National Institute of Justice
www.nij.gov/training/Pages/forensics.aspx

[FORENSIC COMPUTER ANALYST](#), F &
TSD LABORATORY,
CHICAGO,IL, Expires: June 16, 2014

NIJ sponsors a variety of courses, both online (live, self-paced and prerecorded) and in a classroom, for criminal justice professionals. Courses are free unless ...

Basic Crime Scene Photography for Law Enforcement
West Virginia University
July 1, 2014 - July 2, 2014 Morgantown, WV

Blood Presumptive Testing & Enhancement
West Virginia University
July 10, 2014 - July 11, 2014 Morgantown, WV

Characterization & Comparison of Dyed Fibers
West Virginia University
July 22, 2014 - July 24, 2014 Morgantown, WV

Familial DNA Searching: Current Approaches - Session Two
RTI International
June 26, 2014 - June 26, 2014 Online

Forensic GC-MS Workshop
West Virginia University
July 15, 2014 - July 17, 2014 Morgantown, WV

Identification of Natural and Man-made Fiber
West Virginia University
July 15, 2014 - July 17, 2014 Morgantown, WV

Introduction to Firearm Examination
West Virginia University
July 28, 2014 - July 30, 2014 Morgantown, WV

Paint Evidence and the Forensic Laboratory
West Virginia University
July 8, 2014 - July 10, 2014 Morgantown, WV

The Crime Scene Is Fluid: From Land to Water-Based Scenes
RTI International
June 25, 2014 - June 25, 2014

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](#)

[Forensic Scientist – Forensic Biology](#),
Virginia Department of Forensic Science,
Manassas, VA, Expires: July 2, 2014

[Deputy Director Toxicology, Controlled Substance and Chemistry](#), Department of
Emergency Services and Public Protection,
Meriden, Connecticut, Expires: July 11, 2014

[Crime Lab Quality Assurance Specialist](#),
Broward Sheriff's Office, Fort Lauderdale,
FL, Expires: June 20, 2014

[Criminalist I \(Controlled Substances/Forensic Chemistry\)](#), Broward Sheriff's Office, Fort
Lauderdale, FL, Expires: June 20, 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

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 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

[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

[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

[Forensic Scientist \(Crime Scene\)](#), DC Government, Washington, DC, Expires: July 17, 2014

in taking this course, please direct them to: <https://www.forensiced.org/training/viewcourse.cfm?moduleid=fdf2f9c6-4d9e-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

[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

<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 9-10, 2014: Emerging Forensic Genomic Applications – genomID forum
In Greenville, NC. See www.advancedforensicdna.com/corporate/snpforum/ for more information.

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