



## American Society of Crime Lab Directors

### ***"THE CRIME LAB MINUTE" NEWSLETTER***

#### **President's Message**



Dear Colleagues,

During our 2015 ASCLD Business meeting, the Board of Directors presented the [2015-2016 Strategic Plan](#) to the members in attendance. I am including it so that it is available to the entire membership. Upon review, you will see the Board has recognized several key areas of importance for this next year including initiatives for ASCLD's Forensic Research, Training & Education, and International committees.

Additionally, the ASCLD BOD has identified several key topics for consideration and publication in the form of position/policy statements including grant reform, defining a forensic service provider, examiner certification, rape kits, and work products/recommendations of national bodies such as the National Commission. The International Committee will also be incredibly busy this year with IFSA and ISO TC 272 initiatives. Finally, the other ASCLD committees have full agendas to ensure ASCLD's mission is continually supported.

The ASCLD BOD is very excited about the upcoming year and is committed to seeing the goals and initiatives included in our strategic plan come to fruition!

Thanks!

- Jody

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Attorney General renewed the charter for the [National Commission on Forensic Science](#) for two more years. As part of that renewal, it was also announced that the Commission is soliciting applications for additional members, including a Commissioner and subcommittee members. A primary focus for the expansion is in the area of digital forensics. All interested parties are encouraged to apply.

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Applications are due no later than **May 28, 2015**. All applications should be submitted to: Andrew Bruck, Counsel to the Deputy Attorney General, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20530, by email at [Andrew.J.Bruck@usdoj.gov](mailto:Andrew.J.Bruck@usdoj.gov), or by phone at (202) 305-3481. The subject of the email should be NCF5 Membership 2015.

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Some of the 2015 ASCLD Symposium presentations are available on the ASCLD website. More will be added in the upcoming week. Click [here](#) to view a list of available presentations.

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Click [here](#) to learn more about the Manhattan District Attorneys Funding to Test Backlogged Rape Kits. Completed applications are due by June 1, 2015.

- View the full RFP [here](#)
  - Complete a profile and submit your application through our grant application [here](#).
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Click [here](#) to learn more about the IACP Forensic Committee's 2015 Vollmer Awards.



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## **[News Around the Globe](#)**

[FBI review finds a hair-analysis tangle](#)  
Northwest Arkansas News  
PHILADELPHIA -- Before DNA testing became the gold standard in forensic science, hair analysis was often a prosecutor's trump card. Developed by ...

[Errors helped stall serial killer investigation](#)  
Newbritainherald



Advanced Topics for Human Identification & Data Interpretation

December 1-5, 2015 | Philadelphia, PA

This 4 day course will offer world-class training for experienced forensic biology practitioners, technicians, and technical leaders involved in testing and testimony for forensic serological and human identification related testing. Each day will focus on issues of current interest in the field and conclude with an open dialogue panel discussion. Topics Include: Current issues with variability in the interpretation of complex mixtures; strategies for the implementation of Rapid DNA technology and sexual assault backlog reduction; alternate novel approaches to biological fluid identification; evaluation of statistical models and probabilistic modeling for mixed sample sources; improved methods for recovery of low template DNA; and legal implications of new strategies and developments in the field. Distinguished faculty include: John Butler, PhD, Niels Morling, MD, DMSc, Michael Coble, PhD, Mechthild Prinz, PhD, Jack Ballantyne, PhD, JoAnne Bright, PhD, and other forensic biology professionals.

Register

today: [www.ForensicBio2015.Eventbrite.com](http://www.ForensicBio2015.Eventbrite.com)

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However, the state crime lab at the time was falling into disorganization. Although DNA was extracted from Jane Doe 1 and Jane Doe 2, they didn't ...

### [Govt sets up cyber forensic lab to protect identity credentials from hackers](#)

Web India

In order to tackle the rising instances of cyber crimes in financial transactions, Government has set up cyber forensic training and investigation labs in ...

### [Hands off my DNA!](#)

BioEdge

Michael Usry Jr., a young filmmaker, was arrested by police last year based on supposed DNA links to the 1996 murder of a young woman.

### [Metro police crime lab receives accreditation](#)

WSMV Nashville

"This will allow a quicker turnaround time because the TBI does not have all of the cases coming from Metro," said Ann Talbot, director of the crime lab

### [New lab will aid fight against crime](#)

Columbus Dispatch

Columbus residents can expect better law-enforcement thanks to a much-larger, state-of-the-art police crime lab opened last month on the South Side.

### [Gov. Inslee signs bill to encourage testing of rape kits](#)

Bellingham Herald

Additionally, it will require the State Patrol crime lab to track how many kits await testing, which will help the Legislature determine whether more lab ...

### [New test uses single fingerprint to detect drug use](#)

Fox News

Previous testing methods were limited to finding if cocaine had been handled, but the new technique finds whether the drug has actually been ...

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## **[Employment Opportunities](#)**

[Forensic Serologist](#), Austin Police Department, Austin, TX, Expires: May 28, 2015

[Firearms Examiner](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: July 31, 2015

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[Flaws of earlier forensic science growing evident](#)

Columbus Dispatch

His experience is but one example of flawed forensic science from the pre-DNA era, a problem apparently far more widespread than once thought.

[State to collect thousands of DNA samples under new law](#)

Stevenspointjournal

Felons and sex offenders have undergone DNA testing for years, but the new ... that the Wisconsin Crime Lab data bank has helped police match DNA left at ... Wisconsin has about 14,000 samples of DNA in its forensic database, ...

[State launching review of convictions to find faulty hair forensics](#)

WCVB Boston

Cases where the hair analysis was used would then be reviewed by prosecutors together with the state's public defender's office and the Innocence ...

[Jefferson Parish sues contractors over leaky crime lab](#)

The New Orleans Advocate

It was touted as a state-of-the-art facility when it was unveiled in the fall of 2010. But the \$16.8 million crime lab set up in Harvey for the Jefferson ...

[Cuts to state forensic science labs, closures, to have local impact, says county coroner, prosecutor](#)

Anniston Star

Local officials worry that cuts to state forensics labs, which seem likely if lawmakers in Montgomery don't find new revenue, could mean trouble.

[US Announces New Way to Ensure Accuracy of DNA Tests](#)

New York Times

WASHINGTON — The federal government opened the door to a new era of genetic medicine on Thursday by introducing a standard way to ensure the ...

[Forensic Analyst- Toxicology](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: July 31, 2015

[Crime Scene Investigator](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: July 31, 2015

[Forensic Scientist \(Crime Scene\)](#), DC Government – Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington, DC, Expires: May 18, 2015

[Forensic Scientist III/Quality Assurance Specialist – Latent Print Examiner](#), City of Saint Paul, Saint Paul, MN, Expires: August 11, 2015

[Forensic Scientist II-Latent Print Examiner](#), City of Saint Paul, Saint Paul, MN, Expires: August 11, 2015

[Associate Medical Examiner \(Forensic Pathologist\)](#), GA Bureau of Investigation, Decatur, Georgia, Expires: August 7, 2015

[Forensic Scientist – Forensic Biology](#), Virginia Dept. of Forensic Science, Norfolk, VA, Expires: May 21, 2015

[Crime Scene Unit Supervisor](#), City of Wilmington, Wilmington, NC, Expires: May 21, 2015

[Forensic Scientist – Forensic Biology](#), Virginia Dept. of Forensic Science, Richmond, VA, Expires: May 20, 2015

[Quality Assurance Manager – Police Laboratory](#), New York City Police Department, New York, NY, Expires: August 3, 2015

[DIRECTOR: Department of Forensic Sciences \(DFS\)](#), Government of the District of Columbia, Washington, DC, Expires: July 31, 2015

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[DNA expert shows how evidence is found](#)  
WTNH  
(WTNH) — Nuclear DNA is how investigators were able to identify six of the seven human remains found behind a New Britain shopping plaza.

[Oakland police: Too many robberies, too few detectives](#)

San Jose Mercury News  
The department is short-staffed in the crime lab and also in the field, where police evidence technicians sweep scenes for DNA and fingerprints.

[Georgia Authorities Uncover Thousands of Untested Rape Kits #EndTheBacklog](#)

Blue Nation Review  
He cited previous policies that allowed officer discretion, saying they were not required to submit kits to the crime lab if they did not believe the victim ...

[Tobiko Wants State to Build Forensic Lab](#)  
The Star

Director of Public Prosecutions Keriako Tobiko has urged the state to revive plans to set up a forensic laboratory. He also asked the government to set ...

[Retention of offenders' DNA profiles not illegal, supreme court rules](#)

The Guardian  
Retaining DNA profiles of convicted adults indefinitely is not an illegal breach of their privacy, the supreme court has ruled in a test case involving a ...

[New KBI Crime Lab Called Needed Investment In Public Safety](#)

WIBW  
The Kansas Bureau of Investigation says a \$55 million crime lab taking ... Each forensic specialty can expect double to triple the space, with features ... each discipline in the forensic lab will have an intern who'll work with them

[Huntington Station residents to get DNA kits in Suffolk program to combat burglaries](#)

[Forensic Science Instructor or Assistant Professor](#), Marian University, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, Expires: May 26, 2015

[Crime Lab Quality Assurance Manager](#), Metro Nashville Police Department- Crime Laboratory, Nashville, TN, Expires: July 22, 2015

[Director of Forensic Toxicology](#), NYC Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, New York, NY, Expires: July 21, 2015

[Training Specialist](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: June 15, 2015

[Forensic Analyst- Biology](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: May 31, 2015

[Digital/Computer Forensic Examiner](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: May 31, 2015

[Digital/Computer Forensic Examiner](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: May 31, 2015

[Crime Lab Director](#), City of Canton, Canton, OH, Expires: May 29, 2015

[Division Director, Forensic Science](#), Kern County, Bakersfield, California, Expires: June 9, 2015

[Analytical Statistician](#), Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, Texas, Expires: June 12, 2015

[Deputy Forensic Toxicologist \( DOH/SLD #55101\)](#), State of New Mexico – Department of Health – Scientific Laboratory Division, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Expires: July 8, 2015

[Temporary Part-Time Lecturer in Justice Systems](#), Truman State University – Justice

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Newsday  
Legis. William Doc Spencer (D-Centerport) said on Friday, April 10, 2015, his district is partnering with Applied DNA Sciences to bring its ...

[Bacteria on shoes could help forensic teams catch suspects](#)

The Conversation UK  
This is also what makes them excellent as a forensic tool. In fact, like DNA and fingerprints, a suspect can unknowingly leave microbes behind on a ...

[7th Circuit: Man wrongly imprisoned for 29 years can sue prosecutor, crime lab workers](#)

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (blog)  
A man freed after 28 years in prison on an unlawful homicide conviction can sue the prosecutor and some crime lab workers who destroyed evidence ...

[Gov. Inslee signs law on post-conviction preservation of DNA](#)

TheNewsTribune.com  
A DNA preservation bill is seen before being signed by Gov. Jay Inslee, Monday, May 11, 2015, in Olympia, Wash. The new law requires DNA ...

[Next Steps for Eastern Montana Crime Lab](#)

KULR-TV  
The state crime lab's administrator, Phil Kinsey, says they'll be making a trip to ... They will need space for two forensic chemists and one evidence ...

[Atlanta Police get new crime lab](#)

MyFox Atlanta  
A murder at a popular Atlanta bar stymied investigators for months. Using crime scene investigative tools, detectives quickly got the ballistics ...

[New star scientist heads Atlanta crime lab](#)

Atlanta Journal Constitution  
Candace Walker, the new director of the Atlanta Police Department forensic lab, in

Systems Department, Kirksville, MO, Expires: June 30, 2015

[FORENSIC UNIT SUPERVISOR](#), Washington County Sheriff's Office, Hillsboro, OR, Expires: May 31, 2015

[Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice](#), Gannon University, Erie, PA, Expires: June 22, 2015

[Director of Methods and Validation](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: May 31, 2015

[Forensic Analyst- Audio/Video](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: May 31, 2015

[Forensic Scientist 3- Firearm and Toolmark Identification Unit](#), Metro Nashville Police Department- Crime Laboratory, Madison, TN, Expires: June 18, 2015

[Firearms and Toolmarks Lab Supervisor](#), Cuyahoga County Medical Examiners Office, Cleveland, OH, Expires: May 23, 2015

[Crime Scene Investigator](#), Flagler County Sheriff's Office, Bunnell, Florida, Expires: May 22, 2015



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**LabCorp Specialty Testing Group**

[Bode Cellmark](#) Forensics provides advanced forensic solutions offering crime labs ways to reduce their workloads and budgets.  
**Bode's newest offerings include:**

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the gun room — which keeps a multitude of firearms to help with ...

### [House Gives Early OK to Expanding DNA Testing](#)

Texas Tribune

The Texas House on Monday gave early approval to expanding DNA ... Morton was exonerated in 2011 when forensic analysis of a bandana found ...

### [A decade after Katrina, New Orleans eyes new DNA crime lab](#)

The New Orleans Advocate

Nearly 10 years after Hurricane Katrina inundated the New Orleans Police Department's crime lab, city officials are finalizing plans to build a new lab ...

### [Why securing forensic proof at crime scene is crucial for strong case](#)

Economic Times

But factoring in a staff crunch at Bengaluru's recently-upgraded forensic sciences laboratory - it has 85 technical staff against a sanctioned strength of ...

### [Why I oppose DNA law](#)

Jamaica Gleaner (subscription)

In this photo taken January 11, 2012, forensic scientist Heather Feaman tests samples at the Portland Metropolitan Forensic Laboratory in Clackamas, ...

## **Forensic Training**

Itiel Dror's "Cognitive Factors in Forensic Decision Making" 2-day workshop June 30 & July 1 at the Houston Forensic Science Center. Click [here](#) for additional information.

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International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)  
Women's Leadership Institute  
Branson, Missouri  
August 2-7, 2015

Click [here](#) for additional information.

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## **Accreditation Training**

### [ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board \(ANAB\)](#)

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### **ISO/IEC 17020 and Audit Preparation Workshop for Forensic Police Agencies**

[June 22-23, 2015](#), Durham, NC

[October 29-30, 2015](#), Alexandria, VA

Cost: ASQ member \$600, non-ASQ member \$650

### **ISO/IEC 17025 and Audit Preparation Workshop for Forensic Test Agencies**

[October 26-28, 2015](#), Alexandria, VA

Cost: ASQ member \$750, non-ASQ member \$800

For more information about these workshops,

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The application period for admission to the 2015-2016 session of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) National Firearms Examiner Academy (NFEA) is open to all qualified candidates. It is important to note that in addition to personal qualifications, trainees must be assigned to an established firearms section within the State and local agency laboratory. Agencies must also have an experienced firearm and toolmark examiner on staff to mentor and continue training upon completion of the NFEA.

The NFEA provides training for apprentice/entry level firearm and toolmark examiners from Federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. The Academy curriculum is composed of the fundamentals of firearms & toolmark examinations and serves as a basis for the trainee, under supervision, to develop into a qualified firearm and toolmark examiner. The application deadline for the 2015 - 2016 session of the NFEA is August 21, 2015. It is anticipated that the class will start in October 2015 however the training schedule is dependent on the receipt of funding and may be adjusted accordingly.

Additional information and the application form can be found at: <http://www.atf.gov/content/firearms/firearms-enforcement/national-firearms-examiner-academy-course-id-frms-pg-0002>

Questions can be directed to either:  
Sheila Hopkins  
NFEA Program Manager  
[202-648-6061](tel:202-648-6061)  
[Sheila.Hopkins@atf.gov](mailto:Sheila.Hopkins@atf.gov)  
or  
Jodi Marsanopoli

contact ANAB at 703-836-0025, ext 208. To register, please click on any of the dates above.

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### [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*.

#### [ASCLD/LAB-International Assessor Training Course for Testing Laboratories](#)

#### [ASCLD/LAB-International Assessor Training Course for Breath Alcohol Calibration](#)

#### [ASCLD/LAB-International Internal Auditor Training Course](#)

#### [ASCLD/LAB-International Preparation Course for Testing Laboratories](#)

#### [ASCLD/LAB-International Preparation Course for Calibration Laboratories](#)

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### [American Association for Laboratory](#)

#### [Accreditation \(A2LA\)](#)

A2LA's Training Program provides a variety of courses designed to help organizations achieve and maintain accreditation to international standards.

### [Forensic Conferences](#)

May 18-22, 2015: [Mid-Atlantic Association of Forensic Scientist](#) in Chesapeake Bay  
Cambridge, MD

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The American Society of Crime Lab  
Directors, along with RTI, have made the  
below webinars available.

[False-Positive and False-Negative Error  
Rates in Cartridge Case Comparisons](#)

[ASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 1 – Archival  
Version](#)

[ASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 2 – Archival  
Version](#)

[ASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 3 – Archival  
Version](#)

[ASCLD Webinar Series: Case Acceptance  
Policies and Guidelines – Archival Version](#)

[ASCLD Webinar Series: Developing a  
Statewide Approach to Backlog  
Management – Archival Version](#)

[ASCLD Webinar Series: Efficiency  
Improvements – Archival Version](#)

[ASCLD Webinar Series: How to Increase  
your Staff without Increasing Budget –  
Archival Version](#)

[ASCLD Webinar Series: Managing  
Customer Expectations and Education –  
Archival Version](#)

May 24-29, 2015: [The Association of Firearm  
and Tool Mark Examiners \(AFTE\)](#) in Dallas, TX.

May 26-29, 2015: [14th Annual DNA Technical  
Workshop - Bode East](#) in Orlando, FL

July 20-24, 2015: [NIST to Host International  
Symposium on Forensic Science Error  
Management](#) in Gaithersburg, MD.

August 2-8, 2015: [100th International  
Association for Identification \(IAI\)](#) in  
Sacramento, CA.

August 8-13, 2015: The [2015 Annual General  
Meeting](#) of the American Society of Questioned  
Document Examiners (ASQDE) will be held in  
Toronto, Canada.

August 31- September 5, 2015: [The 26th  
Congress of the International Society for  
Forensic Genetics \(ISFG\)](#) will be held in  
Krakow, Poland.

September 20 - 25th, 2015: [Midwestern  
Association Forensic Scientist](#) fall meeting will  
be held in Mackinac Island, Michigan.

October 6-9, 2015: [14<sup>th</sup> Annual AFQAM Training  
Conference](#) will be held in Pensacola Beach, FL

October 12-16, 2015: [Southern Association  
Forensic Scientist \(SAFS\) Annual 2015  
Meeting](#) in Atlanta, GA.

October 18-25, 2015: [Society of Forensic  
Toxicologists \(SOFT\)](#) in Atlanta, GA.

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[ASCLD Webinar Series: Taking the First Steps Toward Backlog Reduction – Archival Version](#)

October 19 - 23, 2015: [Southwestern Association of Forensic Science \(SWAFS\)](#) in Oklahoma City, OK.

[ASCLD Webinar Series: The Paradox of Backlog Reduction – How Doing Less Can Be Doing More – Archival Version](#)

October 2015: [Northwest Association of Forensic Scientists](#) in Spokane, WA

April 3-8, 2016: [International Association for Chemical Testing \(IACT\)](#) in Orlando, FL.

September 18-23, 2016: [23<sup>rd</sup> International Symposium on the Forensic Sciences \(ANZFSS\)](#) in Auckland, New Zealand.

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