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American Society of Crime Lab Directors Crime Lab Minute

General Announcements

President's Message

Dear Colleagues:

I'm very excited to provide to the membership our new policy statement flowchart and the first board policy that was created from this process. Past President Jay Henry has been the driving force behind this board project and I have asked him to outline our new process.

Have a good week.
Brady Mills
ASCLD President

For the last several weeks, the ASCLD Board of Directors has been "test driving" a new policy flowchart which is intended to better document and formalize our position statement making process. This is also the same mechanism that was announced at the ASCLD Business meeting in Scottsdale. Please reference the new flowchart below:

<http://www.asclد.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Policy-Statements-v2.pdf>

Recently, your Board of Directors needed to quickly respond to a request for an updated position statement regarding accreditation. Following our process, we issued a revised document under the "time-sensitive" cue and a new "ASCLD BOD position statement" on accreditation was issued last week. Please reference the new statement below:

<http://www.asclد.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/ASCLD-Board-Position-on-Accreditation.pdf>

Following our flowchart, we are now seeking membership's input and/or comment. Please send your responses to ASCLD Past-President Jay Henry at

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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 **Ted Hunt, J.D.**, Chief Trial Attorney, Jackson County (Kansas City) Missouri Prosecutor's Office speaking on "*The Legal Perspective of the Adoption of Advanced Technologies*". To foster open discussions, space is limited. Registration is available through our website at www.genomeIDforum.com.



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jhenry@utah.gov. We'd like to get this statement transitioned to an "ASCLD position statement" by November, so please get your feedback to me by October 31st, 2014.

Thank you,

Jay Henry
ASCLD Past-President

Retirement Celebrations

Congratulations to Renee Artman of Ventura County, CA
Click the link below for details of the celebration.

<http://www.asclcd.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Artman-Flyer-copy-3.jpg>

News Around the Globe

[New State Police Building Provides Forensic Capability for Southern Illinois Law Enforcement ...](#)

eNews Park Forest

Governor Pat Quinn today was joined by state and local officials to open a new State Police Metro-East Forensic Science Laboratory in Belleville

[Tulare County's new mobile crime lab](#)

Visalia Times-Delta

"This was custom built to our specification and needs," on a new, Ford F-550 chassis, and is the newest, biggest mobile crime lab currently in California ...

[Judge agrees crime lab agent's firing should be upheld](#)

Burlington Times News

RALEIGH — An administrative law judge says the state's firing of a North Carolina crime lab agent linked to dozens of misreported lab results should ...

[NC administrative judge says firing of SBI agent involved in lab problems should be upheld](#) - The Republic

[Firing of discredited state blood analyst upheld](#) -

WRAL.com

[Judge agrees SBI agent's firing should be upheld](#) - WNCN

[Leading forensic pathologist to retire](#)

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[Bode LeanLab™](#) service utilizes Lean Six

A leading forensic pathologist who has played a key role in many of the north and north-east's most prolific criminal cases will retire later this year.

[DNA From This Ugly Fish Is Being Used to Synthesize Bulletproof Slime](#)

Motherboard

If you have ever seen a picture or a video of a hagfish, it's probably been on some roundup of the ocean's most horrifying creatures. But the DNA within ...

[Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences seeks next of kin](#)

Your Houston News

The Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences is requesting the public's assistance in locating next of kin for the following deceased individuals.

[Grave lessons: Study of human decomposition leads forensic anthropologists to an NC slope](#)

News & Observer

A forensic anthropologist at Western Carolina University, Johnston oversees one of our nation's six human decomposition facilities. On a mountain ...

[Mayor: Columbia, Richland County Crime Lab Merging](#)

WLTX.com

I am committed to assisting them in making a Metro Crime Lab a reality," Benjamin said. "It's smart, efficient and in the interests of a much safer ...

[Columbia mayor wants to consider merging city's troubled crime lab with Richland County](#) - The Republic

[The girl with three biological parents](#)

BBC News

Except she's not, because every cell in Alana's body isn't like mine and yours - Alana is one of a few people in the world who have DNA from three ...

[Swiss identified as winner of US forensic award](#)

swissinfo.ch

Pierre Margot, director of the School of Criminal Justice at the University of Lausanne, has become the first non-American to be awarded the ...

[Crime lab probe continues; some charges reduced or dropped](#)

Sun Sentinel

Crime lab probe continues; some charges reduced or dropped ... He was transferred to the crime lab in January, "to kind of see what was going on ... The lab processed

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evidence in 14,697 cases since January: 1,566 for DNA (269 in

[New crime lab brings opportunities for criminal justice students](#)

BG News

Crime Lab continues to be under construction and will be finished in November or December. The lab is a working crime lab for the Bureau of Criminal ..

[Number of DNA cases processed by Sheriff's Department Crime Lab increases 500 percent in five ...](#)

Fontana Herald-News

A visit to the Crime Lab can illustrate the advances that the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department has made over the past several years.

[Columbia PD shuts down its drug lab](#)

SCNow

Holbrook said his goal is to reopen a top crime lab, "to have a functioning, accredited forensic drug laboratory that follows sound, accepted scientific ...

Training

Basic Bloodstain Pattern Analysis

Instructor: Craig C. Moore

Dates: November 17-21, 2014 (40 hours total)

Registration: \$600

Location:

Baltimore Police Department Laboratory Section

601 E. Fayette St.

Baltimore, MD 21202

Hotel Recommendation:

Marriott Fairfield Inn and Suites

101 S. President St.

Baltimore, MD 21202

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A2LA courses are designed with forensic professionals in mind, including a new courses to be hosted in Minnesota this September on ISO/IEC 17025 and 17020. See the below link for a full listing with dates and topics.

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

[Latent Print Examiner II](#), Oakland Police Department, Oakland, CA, Expires: September 12, 2014

[Forensic Supervisor](#), Anchorage Police Dept, Anchorage, AK, Expires: September 14, 2014

http://www.a2la.org/training/course_schedule.cfm

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.

[September 22-24, 2014](#), Alexandria, VA
[October 27-28, 2014](#), Worcester, MA

- 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.

[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.

[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*.

George Mason University's Office of Continuing Professional Education in Virginia is hosting a 2-day seminar:

Sexually Violent Crime: The Body as Evidence
Taught by Dr. Henry Lee and Dr. Leah Bush
November 3-4, 2014

Sexually violent crime continues to challenge investigators and concern the general public. It has been estimated that every two minutes, someone in the United States is sexually assaulted. In many cases, sexual assault results in homicide. Dr. Henry

[Forensic Science Technician \(FSL\)](#), Department of Forensic Sciences (DFS), Washington, D.C., Expires: December 31, 2014

[Drug Chemist](#), City of Fort Worth Police Dept, Fort Worth, TX, Expires: November 14, 2014

[Forensic Scientist II – Forensic Biology](#), Columbus Police Crime Laboratory, Columbus, Ohio, Expires: September 15, 2014

[Forensic DNA Analyst](#), Center for Advanced Forensic DNA Analysis, Greenville, NC, Expires: November 28, 2014

[Forensic Scientists – Forensic Biology](#), Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Richmond, VA, Expires: September 18, 2014

[Forensic Chemical Science Program Director](#), Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas, Expires: October 20, 2014

[Crime Laboratory Manager](#), City of Chula Vista Police Department, Chula Vista, CA, Expires: September 12, 2014

[Forensic Scientist III – Latent Print Unit](#), Scottsdale Police Department Crime Laboratory, Scottsdale, AZ, Expires: September 14, 2014

[Forensic Scientist I or II](#), LVMPD, Las Vegas, NV, Expires: September 2, 2014

[Director of Forensic Investigations](#), Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, Texas, Expires: November 21, 2014

[Forensic Scientist – DNA Analyst \(Part-time, Grant Funded\)](#), DuPage County Forensic Science Center, Wheaton, IL, Expires: October 17, 2014

[Quality Manager](#), Raleigh/Wake City-County Bureau of Identification (Wake County), Raleigh, Expires: September 4, 2014

[Forensic Scientist \(Firearms & Toolmark\)](#),

Lee and Dr. Leah Bush, two of the country's top forensic scientists, will share their individual and collective expertise to help the participants understand the importance of the body as evidence as it relates to sexually violent crimes.

Please visit our course page at http://www.ocpe.gmu.edu/programs/legal/cold_case.php for more information on this exciting opportunity to learn from two of the top forensic scientists in the country!

Forensic and Investigative Science Outreach is pleased to provide quality, continuing education courses for forensic professionals. We would like to announce several on-site courses which will be offered for FREE at West Virginia University in Morgantown, West Virginia. Please feel free to visit our [website](#) for additional registration information and to share this information with other interested individuals.

Continuing Education Courses – Summer 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](#)
 - 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](#)
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Cal State Fullerton Certificates in Crime & Forensics. Contact Veronica Martinez at 1-657-278-3123

DC Gov't – Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington, DC, Expires: September 12, 2014

[Forensic Scientist](#), Nebraska State Patrol Crime Lab, Lincoln, NE, Expires: September 16, 2014

[Sheriff's Supervising Forensic Scientist – Fingerprint Comparison](#), Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Ventura, CA, Expires: September 19, 2014

[Forensic Technician](#), City of Newport News, Newport News, VA, Expires: September 4, 2014

[Lab Manager](#), WI Dept. of Justice, Madison, WI, Expires: September 14, 2014

[Forensic Scientist 2 – Drug Chemistry](#), Cuyahoga County – Medical Examiners Office, Cleveland, Ohio, Expires: September 2, 2014

[Crime Lab Director, Sheriff](#), Los Angeles County Sheriff, Los Angeles, California, Expires: September 26, 2014

[Forensic Scientist III](#), Scottsdale Police Department, Scottsdale, AZ, Expires: September 14, 2014

[Forensic Management Analyst](#), Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, Texas, Expires: November 14, 2014

[Forensic Scientist I \(Chemical\)](#), Suffolk County Crime Laboratory, Hauppauge, NY, Expires: November 14, 2014

[Forensic Science Technician](#), Charles County Sheriff, La Plata, Expires: September 8, 2014

[Forensic Scientist- Chemist](#), Beaufort County Sheriff's Office, Beaufort, South Carolina, Expires: September 1, 2014

[Forensic DNA Analyst](#), Beaufort County Sheriff's Office, Beaufort, South Carolina, Expires: September 1, 2014

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?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>).

[Latent Print Examiner-Forensic Scientist III/Quality Assurance Specialist](#), City of Saint Paul, Saint Paul, MN, Expires: November 3, 2014

[Sheriff's Forensic Services Bureau Manager II](#), Ventura County Sheriff, Ventura, CA, Expires: September 30, 2014

[Forensic Toxicology Analyst](#), St. Tammany Parish Coroner's Office, Lacombe, LA, Expires: September 12, 2014

[DNA Analyst III](#), Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, Texas, Expires: September 30, 2014

[Chief Medical Examiner](#), Travis County, Austin, TX, Expires: September 23, 2014

[Forensic Scientist II-Latent Print Examiner](#), City of Saint Paul, Saint Paul, MN, Expires: October 23, 2014

[Forensic Analyst – Biology-DNA](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: September 30, 2014

[Latent Print Examiner](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: September 30, 2014

[Quality Specialist](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: September 30, 2014

[Forensic Scientist I or II](#), LVMPD, Las Vegas, NV, Expires: September 3, 2014

[DNA Technical Leader](#), Idaho State Police, Meridian, Idaho, Expires: September 12, 2014

Conferences

September 9-10, 2014: Emerging Forensic Genomic Applications – genomeID forum In Greenville, NC. See www.advancedforensicedna.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