



President's Message

ICF International (ICF), with funding from the National Institute of Justice (NIJ), U.S. Department of Justice, is conducting the Study of Familial DNA Searching Policies and Practices. The primary goal of the study is to produce a national portrait of familial DNA searching policies, practices, and legislation to guide states in making informed decisions regarding familial searching.

As a key part of this study, ICF is surveying all state and local CODIS laboratories to learn about key considerations, opinions, and varied practices related to familial DNA searching in the U.S. To help accomplish this, ASCLD is encouraging all Laboratory Directors representing CODIS laboratories to complete a brief online survey. All eligible Laboratory Directors will receive an email in early December with a unique link to complete the survey. To ensure the survey is completed as fully as possible, Laboratory Directors are also encouraged to seek input from and/or complete the survey in coordination with their CODIS Administrator as needed.

For additional information about the survey, please contact the ICF Survey Administrator at ICFResearchTeam@icfi.com

FORENSIC SERVICE PROVIDERS REPORT

The American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors (ASCLD) began the Data Collection on Forensic Service Providers project to determine the full scope of forensic science services provided in the United States beyond those offered in publicly funded, accredited crime laboratories. A link to the report is below.

<https://rti.connectsolutions.com/p8oomk25pts/>

2015 ASCLD Symposium Abstracts

The deadline to submit your abstracts for the 2015 ASCLD Symposium is fast approaching. If you are interested in presenting a workshop, plenary presentation, or a poster for the upcoming symposium, please use the following link:

<http://www.ascldsymposium.com/#!abstract-submission/cdtk>

Abstracts are due by the close of business on December 5th. If you have any questions

or need additional information, please contact President Elect Jody Wolf at jody.wolf@phoenix.gov.

Have a good week
Brady Mills
ASCLD President

[News Around the Globe](#)

[State to hire 20 more workers for Madison crime lab](#)

WISN Milwaukee

MADISON, Wis. —The state Department of Justice has hired nearly twenty more workers and begun a pricey renovation of its Madison crime lab so .

[Fingerprints taken from crimes sit untouched for months](#)

KXAN.com

AUSTIN (KXAN) – Tucked inside an office in the Austin Police Department Crime Lab sits a rather ordinary looking metal file cabinet. But inside of it ...

[Local Professor Part Of Group Working To Develop Program To Improve How DNA Evidence Is ...](#)

CBS Local

CAMDEN, NJ (CBS) — This may sound like something ripped out of an episode of CSI, but it's all too real. A Rutgers-Camden computer scientist is ...

[Judges chip away at NC crime lab backlog](#)

News & Observer

So far proposals to speed up tests have focused



Please mark your calendars; the **2015 symposium is April 26th-30th, 2015** at the **Washington Marriott Wardman Park**, 2660 Woodley Road NW, Washington, D.C. 20008.

ASCLD invites you to submit an abstract for consideration to be included in the symposium. The symposium planning committee welcomes all submissions and would be especially excited to see presentations that demonstrate effective implementation of crime lab projects, tools that integrate efficiency and quality, and presentations on technological developments, especially those that will have demonstrated an impact on laboratory operations. To submit your abstract for consideration, please click [here](#).

Submission Deadline: December 5

Notification Date: Week of December 29

[Employment Opportunities](#)

[Latent Fingerprint Examiner](#), Metro Nashville Police Department, Nashville, TN, Expires: February 26, 201

[Criminalist](#), Ohio State Highway Patrol Crime

...including more employees at the state crime
Laboratory and working around a court ruling that
requires ...

[KBI Forensic Science Lab Employees Honored](#)

WIBW

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Forensic Science Laboratory Director Michael Van
Stratton of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation ...

[SPD leaves most rape kit evidence on the shelf](#)

KING5.com

Orwall has drafted a bill that would require every
rape kit booked into evidence to be sent within 30
days to a Washington state crime lab for ...

[UAlbany selected to host cyber security lab](#)

WNYT

The ARC Group of New York, a leader in
computer forensics, has donated over \$500,000 in
software and services to support the laboratory.
The lab ...

[Wisconsin police department to expand felon DNA collection program](#)

Genetic Literacy Project

The state Department of Justice has hired nearly
20 more workers and begun a pricey renovation of
its Madison crime lab so that it will be able to ...



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Interpretation

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biologists and technicians involved in testing and
testimony for forensic human identification. Each

Lab, Columbus, OH, Expires: December 5,
2014

[Forensic Scientist](#), Indiana State Department of
Toxicology, Indianapolis, IN, Expires:
December 25, 2014

[Criminalist Sr, Firearms / Tool Mark Examiner](#),
Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Golden, CO,
Expires: January 23, 2015

[Latent Print Examiner](#), Houston Forensic
Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires:
December 19, 2014

[Quality Assurance Specialist](#), Texas
Department of Public Safety Tyler Crime
Laboratory, Tyler, Texas, Expires: December 2,
2014

[Forensic Scientist \(Digital Evidence\)](#), DC Govt
– Department of Forensic Sciences,
Washington, DC, Expires: December 4, 2014

[Forensic Scientist \(Digital Evidence\)](#), DC Govt –
Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington,
DC, Expires: December 4, 2014

[Forensic Scientist \(Firearms & Toolmark
Analyst\)](#), DC Govt – Department of Forensic
Sciences, Washington, DC, Expires: December
2, 2014

[Forensic Scientist III-Quality Assurance
Specialist](#), City of Saint Paul, Saint Paul, MN,
Expires: February 17, 2015

[Forensic Scientist II-Latent Print Examiner](#), City
of Saint Paul, Saint Paul, MN, Expires:
February 17, 2015

[Forensic Scientist \(Crime Scene\) II](#), DC Govt –
Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington,
DC, Expires: December 1, 2014

[2 Firearm & Toolmark Examiner Positions](#),

field and conclude with an open dialogue panel discussion. Topics Include: Current issues with variability in the interpretation of complex mixtures, designing internal validation studies and interpretation guidelines, alternate approaches to mixture interpretation for challenging samples, evaluation of statistical models for mixed sample sources, and the use of novel techniques.

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Kansas Bureau of Investigation, Kansas City, KS, Expires: December 10, 2014

[DNA Analyst II](#), Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, Texas, Expires: February 14, 2015

[DNA Analyst III](#), Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, Texas, Expires: February 14, 2015

[Forensic Division Manager](#), FORT WORTH POLICE DEPARTMENT, FORT WORTH TEXAS, Expires: December 31, 2014

[Toxicology Fellow / Toxicologist IV](#), Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, Texas, Expires: February 28, 2015

[Associate/Full Professor of Forensic Science](#), Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX, Expires: December 31, 2014

[Forensic Scientist](#), Tulsa Police Department Forensic Laboratory, Tulsa, OK, Expires: January 14, 2015

[Quality Specialist](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: December 31, 2014

[Firearms Examiner](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: December 31, 2014

[Forensic Analyst – Controlled Substances](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: December 31, 2014

[Crime Laboratory Director](#), Nashville Police Department, Nashville, TN, Expires: January 7, 2015

[Senior Forensic Analyst- Toxicology](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: December 29, 2014

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Forensic Training

The American Society of Crime Lab Directors, along with RTI, have created a webinar series designed to investigate the validation, current use, and future implementation of Rapid DNA.

This three-part series will begin on November 6th and conclude on December 9th.

The first webinar titled "Rapid DNA, the QAS and NDIS" will be presented by Jennifer Wendel, Chief of the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) Unit.

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

[Forensics@NIST 2014 to take place Dec. 3-4](#) in Gaithersburg, Md.

ASCLD Webinars:

Links to these webinars can also be found on the ASCLD [Training Opportunities](#) webpage.

Webinar #1:

Manager of Toxicology, Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: December 29, 2014

Forensic DNA Network, Member Manager, Center for Advanced Forensic DNA Analysis, Greenville, NC, Expires: December 16, 2014
DNA Technical Leader, Idaho State Police, Meridian, Idaho, Expires: December 12, 2014



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[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](#)

Forensic Conferences

February 16-21, 2015: [AAFS 67th Annual Scientific Meeting](#) in Orlando, FL

April 19-24, 2015: [International Association for Chemical Testing](#) (IACT) in Newport, Rhode Island

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

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

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

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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.

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

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

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

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



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The Center for Advanced
Forensic DNA Analysis™

The Center for Advanced Forensic DNA Analysis (CAFDA) would like to thank all the attendees that came to their Genome ID Forum 2014 - Emerging Forensic Genomic Applications held on September 9 and 10, 2014 in Greenville, North Carolina. Thought leaders from forensic science, research, academia, law enforcement, legal and technology development came together for an open dialogue regarding emerging science and technology applications and adoption through the forensic community. Over 65 forensic scientists, lawyers and researchers across the United States and England attended to discuss the implementation of new technologies and scientific applications in forensic human identification, new challenges in adoption, compliance and acceptance in a court of law. The presentations focused on research on emerging science and technology and the effect these emerging science and technology applications may have on forensic science practitioners. The program included thoughtful roundtable discussions that provided a meaningful exchange of ideas related to the direction of the forensic community concerning emerging technologies. The Center for Advanced Forensic DNA Analysis™ plans for the 2015 [Genome ID](#) Forum have already begun.

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.

[March 23-25, 2015](#), Tampa FL

[September 7-9, 2015](#), 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.

[March 26-27, 2015](#), Tampa FL

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

[September 10-11, 2015](#), 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*.

[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](#)

- San Antonio, TX February 3-6, 2015

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

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

[American Association for Laboratory Accreditation \(A2LA\)](#)

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Title: [Fundamentals of Force Calibration and Measurement Uncertainty Boot Camp](#)

March 23 - 24, 2015 - York, PA (\$500 one-day,

\$750 two-days)

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Title: [ISO/IEC 17025:2005 and Laboratory
Accreditation](#)

December 8-9, 2014 - Frederick, MD (\$795.00
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(Please note that this is a 2-day course)

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