American Society of Crime Lab Directors

"THE CRIME LAB MINUTE" NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Dear colleagues,

Members of the Association of Forensic Quality Assurance Managers invite you to participate in a brief survey to capture the current landscape of accreditation and certification in forensic laboratories. The seven questions of the survey should take less than 5 minutes to complete. Once the survey is closed the results will be compiled, analyzed and built into a presentation which will be available to the forensic science community. Only aggregate data will be presented to show current status and trends.

To complete the survey please follow this link, or copy and paste the text into your browser:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CD9D7ZW

Brady Mills
ASCLD President

News Around the Globe

Embattled St. Paul police crime lab earns accreditation

TwinCities.com-Pioneer Press

The crime lab earned accreditation in forensic testing, which includes crime-scene inspection, evidence collection, and latent fingerprint processing ...

Cuyahoga County forensic lab to offer free services to most local law enforcement

cleveland.com

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.

Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner Dr. Thomas Gilson shows off the new ballistics room of the new Cuyahoga County Forensics Lab in Cleveland ...

[2 Denver Crime Lab Get First-Hand Dangerous Experience With 'Spice']

CBS Local

DENVER (CBS4) – Two crime lab workers in Denver were rushed to the hospital after inhaling what's often called synthetic marijuana on Monday.

[New regional forensic center opens in Knox Co.]

WBIR-TV

Officials welcomed a new regional forensics center to Knoxville on Tuesday. The center will perform autopsies and other investigative operations for

[Updated: Connecticut Police Chiefs Association lauds improvements at state crime lab]

theday.com

Chronic understaffing at the crime lab coupled with a huge spike in DNA evidence submissions had led to at one point 12,000 pieces of untested ...

[WV State Police Crime Lab gets high marks]

West Virginia MetroNews

“This is the highest achievement you can attain as a forensic laboratory,” crime lab acting director Sheri Lemons said Monday. “We've been working ...

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Employment Opportunities

Forensic Scientist I (Agent) Toxicology, Colorado Department of Public Safety, Grand Junction, CO, Expires: January 2, 2015

Forensic Scientist II (Agent) Toxicology, Colorado Department of Public Safety, Grand Junction, CO, Expires: January 2, 2015

Supervisor Forensic Services – Drug Chemistry, NY State Police Lab System, Newburgh, NY, Expires: January 15, 2015

SD crime lab reduces DNA test turnaround times

Rapid City Journal

PIERRE | South Dakota's Criminal Investigation Division says it has significantly reduced the average turnaround time for forensic testing this year.

Delta College opens new crime scene lab

Monroe News Star

CSI: Delta College will kick off next semester with a new crime scene lab to aid students in forensic investigation. The lab opened in early December ...

Just Ask Us: Why does Wisconsin 'outsource' some DNA testing?

Madison.com

If a 'hit' occurs, the sample is then re-analyzed using the retained sample by a trained forensic scientist within our Madison Crime Laboratory and a ...

DNA forensics helping crack more property crimes

Minneapolis Star Tribune

They've found DNA in saliva on half-eaten food left at crime scenes, ... of the 1,500 DNA cases handled at the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office crime lab ... The Tri-County Regional Forensic Lab at the Anoka County Sheriff's Office ...

Forensic Science Is Not CSI, in Ferguson or Anywhere Else

Huffington Post

A 2009 report from the National Research Council went into exhaustive detail on the

Supervisor Forensic Services – Drug Chemistry, NY State Police Lab System, Port Crane, NY, Expires: January 15, 2015

Supervisor Forensic Services – Firearms, NY State Police Lab System, Albany, NY, Expires: January 15, 2015

Forensic Scientist 2, MN BCA Lab, St. Paul, MN, Expires: December 29, 2014

Forensic Scientist III, Scottsdale Police Department Crime Laboratory, Scottsdale, AZ, Expires: December 21, 2014

Forensic Scientist – DNA – 2 vacancies, NY State Police Crime Laboratory System, Albany, NY, Expires: January 2, 2015

Director Quality Assurance, NY State Police Crime Laboratory System, Albany, NY, Expires: January 2, 2015

Director Biological Science, NY State Police Crime Laboratory System, Albany, NY, Expires: January 2, 2015

Forensic Scientist IV DNA CoDIS/SDIS Index Custodian, NY State Police Crime Laboratory System, Albany, NY, Expires: January 2, 2015

Forensic Scientist – Trace/Criminalistics, NY State Police Lab System, Albany, NY, Expires: January 2, 2015

Evidence Technician I – 1 Position Each Lab, NY State Police Laboratory System, Albany, Newburgh and Port Crane, NY, Expires: December 23, 2014

Senior Laboratory Technician, NY State Police Crime Laboratory, Albany, NY, Expires: December 23, 2014

Latent Print Laboratory Director, New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, Albany, NY, Expires: December 23, 2014

Latent Fingerprint Examiner, Metro Nashville Police Department, Nashville, TN, Expires: February 26, 2015

substantial unreliability of forensic science. Essentially, DNA ...

North Louisiana crime lab to be complete by end of 2015

Shreveport Times

The new building of North Louisiana Criminalistics Laboratory is taking shape, with the arched spine of its atrium visible from the corner of Linwood ...

Bills OK'd to require DNA from felony suspects

UpNorthLive.com

The Michigan Legislature has approved bills to expand the collection of DNA samples to include people arrested on suspicion of any felony charge.

Columbus Police Push Legislation That Would Require DNA Samples For Sex Crimes

10TV

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Columbus Police are pushing a change in Ohio law, that they believe will help connect serial predators to their crimes. There are ...

Half of rape kits stored by NOPD don't require testing, Harrison says

The New Orleans Advocate

Of the 429 sexual assault kits in the NOPD Crime Lab & Evidence Division, 209 require additional investigation by the department and may require ...

Applied DNA Sciences Invited to Serve on

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

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

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

AATCC Fiber Analysis Test Committee

IT Business Net

STONY BROOK, NY--(Marketwired - December 18, 2014) - Applied DNA Sciences, Inc. (NASDAQ: APDN), (Twitter: @APDN), a provider of ...

Crime Lab New York will help promote evidence-based policies to prevent crime, violence

UChicago News

Falco said the timing of Crime Lab New York's creation presents a wide variety ... “Crime Lab New York is thrilled to be partnering with New York City.

State forensic lab clears enormous backlog

theday.com

Chronic understaffing at the crime lab coupled with a huge spike in DNA evidence submissions had led to at one point 12,000 pieces of untested ...

State crime lab cuts down on backlog

FOX CT

... sampled more than 2,000 agencies to analyze their crime lab backlogs. ... forensics laboratory reduced wait times on testing DNA from two years to 60 ... and Dr. Guy Vallaro and other staff members from the state's forensic lab.

Pileup at the Morgue

Cincinnati CityBeat

She and Crime Lab Director Mike Trimpe would like to continue running what has become a

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

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

Chemist, Brazoria County S.O., Angleton, Texas, Expires: January 31, 2015

Bode Technology provides advanced forensic solutions offering crime labs ways to reduce their workloads and budgets.

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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.

ASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 1 - Archival Version
ASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 2 - Archival Version

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

ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board/FQS

FQS is a member of the ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board family of brands. FQS provides accreditation for ISO/IEC 17025 forensic test laboratories and ISO/IEC 17020 forensic inspection agencies and a wide variety of training, workshops, and academic programs.

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

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 Sacramento, CA.

August 8-13, 2015: The 2015 Annual General Meeting of the American Society of Questioned

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

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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.

Title: Fundamentals of Force Calibration and Measurement Uncertainty Boot Camp

March 23 - 24, 2015 - York, PA ($500 one-day, $750 two-days)

(This course is held at in partnership with Morehouse Instrument Company, Inc.)

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: 23nd International Symposium on the Forensic Sciences (ANZFSS) in Auckland, New Zealand.

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.

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