



American Society of Crime Lab Directors

"THE CRIME LAB MINUTE" NEWSLETTER

President's Message

ASCLD Board of Director's Meeting

We will be having a Board of Director's meeting this Friday and Saturday, December 12th and 13th. We have a full agenda this weekend. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding our activities.

ASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar Series - Course 3

Our next webinar is fast approaching. This Tuesday, December 9th at 13:00 EST, the American Society of Crime Lab Directors, along with FTCoe, will be hosting the third offering in our webinar series. The third Rapid DNA Webinar will focus on Rapid DNA (RDNA) integration of booking station instruments into CODIS for enrollment and searching of reference samples in the National DNA Index System (NDIS). The presentation will outline the FBI's concept for integration of RDNA machines with booking station LiveScan fingerprint instruments and state criminal history records. The concept involves using current LiveScan and Next Generation Identification messaging architecture to allow booking station developed DNA profiles to be submitted to State CODIS Labs and NDIS.

Here is the registration link for webinar #3:

<https://forensiccoe.org/module/registration/?moduleid=8F81E8B5-9DE2-41E8-90B3-FF82D6DAC6E7>

Archival links for the first two webinars:

#1: <https://forensiccoe.org/module/registration/?moduleid=6455EF69-1E67-4102-95F8-5C3D63A6C3A0>

#2: <https://forensiccoe.org/module/registration/?moduleid=D3C99D6D-4E73-47D8-A198-053957B6CAF0>

Exciting Symposium announcement:

The American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors is very excited to announce the open registration for Exhibiting at the 2015 ASCLD Symposium in Washington DC from April 26 – 30, 2015. We have listened to the feedback received in previous years and developed a new on-line format for this process. The process of registering for a booth is much more automated this year and we hope it makes this process easier. The main website, for attendees and prospective vendors is <http://www.ascldsymposium.com/>

Click on the “Sponsorship / Exhibitor” tab for more information including:

ASCLD remains dedicated to supporting the companies and vendors who benefit our membership and help the organization host a yearly symposium for them. This could not be done without your continued support and we thank you again for that! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Adam Becnel our Sponsorship Chairman.

ASCLD Bylaws - Suggested Changes:

You might recall at our 2014 ASCLD Symposium in Phoenix AZ, we voted to amend our Bylaws to allow for electronic voting. This BoD has approved a Motion to present our membership with the following proposed Bylaw changes.

In summary these changes deal with Sections 3 & 4 of current Bylaws. Both Sections involve the selection and service of the BoD. The most notable changes are:

- Instead of requiring the Nominating Committee to identify two nominees for every vacancy, they can limit the number to one more nominee than there are vacancies (e.g. old way, 3 vacancies = 6 nominees; new way, 3 vacancies = 4 nominees).
- The rules regarding the size and make-up of the Nominating Committee Membership will be more flexible.
- The BoD will, by a majority vote, be able to immediately fill BoD vacancies rather than wait for the next Symposium annual election.

Click [here](#) to view the existing and proposed changes side-by-side. The BoD will consider all of member comments during this 30 day review period. If no serious concerns are raised, per

Article IX of our Bylaws, we will end debate/discussion and vote on the language presented in the attachment. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jeff Salyards our Ethics and By-Laws Chairman.

Have a good week
Brady Mills
ASCLD President

How is the Ohio BCI handling 9,000 rape kits that need testing?

In late 2011, Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine announced a statewide initiative to get previously-untested sexual assault kits (SAKs) off law enforcement departments' shelves and into the lab for testing. Since then, 147 agencies have submitted 9,021 SAKs to the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), which is handling most of the testing. To date, about 60% of these kits have been tested. Hear from David Miller, a forensic scientist, about how BCI is handling the influx of cases while maintaining current turnaround times for new cases. The success of BCI's program demonstrates that managing testing for large numbers of SAKs can be accomplished. As more communities discover untested kits, it's likely other crime labs will face this issue soon.

December 16, 2014 1:00 PM

<http://victimsofcrime.org/our-programs/dna-resource-center/training/2014/12/16/default-calendar/how-is-the-ohio-bci-handing-9-000-rape-kits-that-need-testing>

News Around the Globe

California court strikes down DNA collection law Sacramento Bee

A California appeals court Wednesday struck down a state law that requires the collection of DNA from anyone arrested on suspicion of committing a ...

Officials: No rape kit backlog in Frederick County Frederick News Post (subscription)

At the end of October, 25 of the 27 rape kits at the lab were assigned for analysis, ... Black noted there is no backlog of rape kits at the crime lab, either

Crime lab expansion aims to speed up test results

StarNewsOnline.com

The Wilmington Police Department's crime lab is poised to extend service in ... On average, the turnaround time for the Wilmington lab to test



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,

blood for alcohol is 10 days or less, said Bethany Pridgen, forensic lab manager. It could ...

[Ohio AG: More than 5600 rape kits tested for DNA](#)

WLWT Cincinnati

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) —Ohio's attorney general says the state's crime lab has tested more than 5,600 rape kits as it seeks DNA matches that could ...

[DNA Test That Distinguishes Identical Twins May Be Used in Court for First Time](#)

Wired

Traditional forensic methods can't differentiate between DNA belonging to identical twins, and without a clear way ... is based on standard, generally accepted forensic DNA sequencing technology, and has an infinitesimally low risk ...

[DNA is Hardier Than We Thought](#)

Air & Space Magazine

Astrobiology was in the news recently after a group of researchers led by Cora Thiel from the University of Zurich in Switzerland reported in the journal ...

[Forensic crime lab receives county, city support](#)

Port City Daily

Wilmington's three-person forensic crime lab is getting some help thanks to additional funding from city and county governments. Wilmington City ...

[Wildlife scientists tapped for federal task force](#)

San Francisco Chronicle

Frazier is a certified wildlife forensic scientist and is the wildlife forensics program manager for the lab. Bauman, a forensic analyst at the lab, is a ..

[State budget cuts affecting local police forensic testing](#)

WSLS

ROANOKE - Roanoke (WSLS) - State budget cuts are forcing the Virginia Department of Forensic Science to stop performing several different kinds of ...

[World-Herald editorial: Crime lab merger still a good option](#)

Omaha World-Herald

The head of the Douglas County crime lab has

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.



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[Quality Assurance Manager](#), US Secret Service, Washington, DC, Expires: December 19, 2014

been off the job for seven weeks now. Sheriff Tim Dunning says he's investigating a "personnel matter" ...

[Cuts to forensic lab evidence analysis](#)

WWBT NBC12 News

The Department of Forensic Science is cutting back on the analysis of trace evidence of gun shot residue, hair, fibers, and chemicals--evidence often ...

[Del. struggles to find forensic science director](#)

Chron.com

Randall Hughes, Schiliro's chief deputy and interim director of the Division of Forensic Science, said the lab has resumed accepting drug evidence ...

[FBI Updates DNA Quality Assurance Standards to Now Include Rapid DNA Analysis](#)

Officer.com

"This expansion of the QAS enables improved productivity in forensic laboratories, which can aid in the reduction of the DNA testing backlogs that ...

[After 2-yr fight, FSL has DNA test facility](#)

Pune Mirror

After a two-year fight with red tapism, the Regional Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL), Pune, finally has a DNA testing facility of its own. Police officials ...

[Mt Prov crime lab gets equipment](#)

Baguio Midland Courier

BONTOC, Mountain Province – Crime-solution efficiency in the province is ... government of basic forensic tools to the Provincial Crime Laboratory.

[Fox Valley Technical College Training Center Integrates Fire, Police, EMS, Forensics Instruction](#)

JEMS.com

The forensic laboratory is a complete lab with all appropriate equipment for forensic analysis, including fume hoods. The college owns a variety of ...

[Alameda County gets new state-of-the art Coroner's Bureau](#)

SFGate

The coroner's office will join the crime lab and public health lab in a renovated building in a

[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

[Forensic Scientist Supervisor](#), WI Dept. of Justice, Madison, WI, Expires: December 8, 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

[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

woody enclave just south of the Oakland Zoo

[Hard questions after litany of forensic failures at US labs](#)

Royal Society of Chemistry

At least five high profile cases of serious malpractice at US forensic crime labs have come to light in the last two years, most resulting in the arrest of ...

[NHC Commissioners to consider funding forensic chemist to handle drug cases](#)

WECT-TV6

The Wilmington Police Department's forensic lab provides blood alcohol analysis services to 16 local and state law enforcement agencies, primarily in ...

[Local crime lab offers Cyber Monday safety tips](#)

NEWS10 ABC

ALBANY, N.Y. -- As thousands across the Capital Region participate in Cyber Monday, the New York State Police Technical Computer Crimes Lab ...



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[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

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

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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](#)

[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

[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



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN: [Bode's 2014 DNA Technical Conferences](#), providing DNA training on the latest techniques and technologies to the forensic scientific community.

[Bode Technology](#) provides advanced forensic solutions offering crime labs ways to reduce their workloads and budgets.

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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](#)

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

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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 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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Accreditation Training

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 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 \(A2LA\)](#)

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.)

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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