President’s Message

Dear Colleagues:

Jody Wolf and I have traveled to Seoul Korea this week to represent the membership at the World Forensic Festival. Our work this week will include a poster presentation outlining the organizations achievements from last year, our plans for this year, and promoting our upcoming annual symposium. We also have the honor of representing the membership at the International Forensic Strategic Alliance (IFSA) annual meeting. IFSA will release a number of minimum requirement documents (MRD) to the worldwide forensic community this morning during the AFSN opening ceremony. ASCLD’s contribution to these deliverables was completed by members and past board members Soraya McClung and Kermit Channell. They drafted and edited a MRD outlining the practices for DNA testing in forensic science. This work has been completed over the last two years. Thank you Soraya and Kermit for all of your hard work.

The Forensic Innovation Center is working on achieving funding from the Chase Mission Main Street grant. They need 250 votes to move on. The voting is done only via Facebook. They currently have 57 votes and would like us to help. The link is below.
Chase Mission Main Street Grants
missionmainstreetgrants.com
Chase’s $3M Mission Main Street Grants program for Small Business is in full swing! Apply or vote today! Learn more here

The planning for the 2015 ASCLD Symposium is in full swing, if you are interested in submitting an abstract for a presentation please use the link below.
http://www.ascldsymposium.com/#abstract-submission/cdtk

Thank you,
Brady Mills
ASCLD President
Minnesota Detectives Crack Case With Digital Forensics
Times Record
Digital forensics — the examination of cellphones, tablets and personal ... The office also is setting up the first mobile digital forensic lab in the state.

The lab detectives
Laboratory Talk
But are real-life forensic laboratories as enthusiastic as their on-screen counterparts when it comes to adopting the latest analysis techniques?

GCC gets USDA loan for renovations
KUAM.com
GCC president Mary Okada told KUAM News, "The forensic lab extension will be a single story structure with approximately 1,980 square feet for ..."

Council OKs plan for city, county to share some crime lab services
Omaha World-Herald
The Omaha City Council approved Mayor Jean Stothert's plan to share some crime lab services between the city and the Douglas County Sheriff's ..."

Fitzgerald proposes $839 million Allegheny County budget for 2015 with no tax increase
Pittsburgh Post Gazette
The budget continues funding of about $4.5 million for the Allegheny County Crime Lab, and it fills what the county estimates will be a $5 million ...

Mayor Addresses Rape-Kits Backlog
KTRH
“We took a historic step in creating an independent crime lab, independent of police, independent of prosecutors and independent of political ...

How Crime Novelists Get Their Forensic Science Ideas
Slate Magazine

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.

If you are interested in serving on the Symposium Planning Committee, please contact President Elect Jody Wolf at jody.wolf@phoenix.gov.

Employment Opportunities

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

DNA Analyst, Austin Police Department, Austin, TX, Expires: November 7, 2014

Assistant Professor, Emporia State University, Emporia, KS, Expires: November 11, 2014

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Physical Science Technician, Defense Forensic Science Center, Forest Park, GA, Expires: October 20, 2014

Forensic Science Manager, Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office, Clearwater, FL, Expires:
To coincide with a new Wellcome Trust exhibition, she has written a nonfiction book on the history of forensic science, Forensics: The Anatomy of a ...

State hosts study on collecting DNA profile of arrestees
KOKH FOX25
Denney hosted a study this week on the issue to speak to the issues raised on DNA collection by police agencies without a warrant. Concerns from ...

World leading forensic scientists take to Twitter
STV Dundee
But world-renowned forensic anthropologist and University of Dundee Professor Sue Black will be taking to Twitter next week to lead a live Q&A ...

Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences to study the next generation of DNA testing
Your Houston News
“The next generation of forensic DNA tests will provide more information from a crime scene,” said Roger Kahn, Ph.D., Crime Laboratory Director for ...

Grant money could go long way toward solving Harrison County’s cold cases
SunHerald.com (press release)
The grant will pay overtime, travel and DNA processing fees, which Maj. ... The board also approved a $38,000 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science ...

New funding aims to erase rape kit, forensic testing backlog
KSAT San Antonio
"Since then, San Antonio has stayed up to date and they have a 30-day window to get it tested, and the crime lab has been able to keep up," Floyd ...

Discredited state blood analyst makes final bid for reinstatement
WRAL.com
A 2010 independent review of the crime lab concluded that SBI analysts had frequently misstated or falsely reported blood evidence in about 200 ...

California audit calls for better use of rape kits

October 15, 2014
Deputy Forensic Toxicologist (DOH/SLD #55101), NM DOH Scientific Laboratory Division, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Expires: November 3, 2014

Criminalist III (Forensic Biology / DNA), Broward Sheriff’s Office, Fort Lauderdale, FL, Expires: October 17, 2014

Section Head, Biology, Ontario Public Service, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, Expires: October 21, 2014

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

Crime Laboratory Director, State of Wyoming – Attorney General – Department of Criminal Investigation, Cheyenne, WY, Expires: November 28, 2014

Latent Print Laboratory Director, New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, Albany, NY, Expires: October 14, 2014

Forensic Scientist III – Latent Print Unit, Scottsdale Police Department, Scottsdale, AZ, Expires: October 19, 2014

Criminalist, Ohio State Highway Patrol Crime Lab, Columbus, OH, Expires: October 31, 2014

Vis Analytic Forensic Toxicology Specialist, UIC, Chicago, IL, Expires: November 15, 2014, Center for Advanced Forensic DNA Analysis, Greenville, NC, Expires: December 16, 2014

Chemist, Brazoria County S.O., Angleton, Texas, Expires: October 31, 2014

Forensic Chemist / Toxicologist, Brazoria...
State Auditor Elaine Howle said the Legislature also should require crime labs to finish analyzing the evidence within two years of the assault. The kits ...

**SLED Forensic Lab achieves International Accreditation**
WBTW - Myrtle Beach and Florence SC
SLED Forensic Lab achieves International Accreditation ... of Crime Laboratory Directors Laboratory Accreditation Board International Program, SLED ...

**Lawmaker wants to expand Oklahoma's DNA database**
Washington Times
All states require DNA from people convicted of a serious felony, but 28 states ... Denney wants authorities to be able to secure DNA samples earlier in the ... unsolved until 2004, when forensic examiners matched DNA from semen ...

**New state law puts deadline on rape kit DNA testing, but will have little impact on SF's backlog**
San Francisco Examiner
1, as part of that effort, the department has sent all forensic evidence from new sexual assault cases to labs for testing to keep its decade-old backlog ...

**Metro faced with thousands of untested DNA rape kits**
MyNews3 Las Vegas KSNV
Director Kim Murga from Metro's forensic lab acknowledges the issue, but says investigators don't always ask rape kits to be analyzed because the ...

**Election preview: Lorain County Crime Lab seeks voter approval of .08-mill additional levy**
The Morning Journal
Lorain County Crime Lab Director Emmanuel G. de Leon with the lab's Gas Chromatograph Mass Spectrometer, used to identify unknown substances.

**WVCPD is first to send in backlogged rape kits to state crime lab**
Good4Utah
Nearly 2,700 victims of sexual assault cases have
been processed by police departments from all over the state. Their rape kits sat as departments...

Houston police work to clear rape kit backlog
Chron.com
DNA testing at the department’s crime lab was temporarily suspended in 2002 after an independent audit revealed shoddy forensic work including...

New state law puts deadline on rape kit DNA testing, but will have little impact on SF's backlog
San Francisco Examiner
... from victims to a lab within five days or to send all forensic evidence in rape cases to the crime lab within 20 days of being booked into evidence.

Rape kit backlog yields 19 new suspects
Houston Chronicle
The rape kit backlog was one of the most troublesome aspects of the Houston Police Department crime lab breakdown. In 2002, DNA testing at the lab...

Construction underway on new crime lab
Mid-Hudson News
NEW WINDSOR - Construction of the new Mid-Hudson Regional Crime Laboratory for the State Police is about 35 percent complete. The facility is...

Cleveland-area crime, forensic lab is expanded
WTRF
The facility for a number of years served as the crime lab for the Cleveland police department and other law enforcement agencies in the county

Advanced Topics for Human Identification & Data Interpretation
December 2-5, 2015 | Philadelphia, PA

This 4 day course will offer training for forensic...

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

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biologists and technicians involved in testing and testimony for forensic human identification. 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, 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. Distinguished faculty include: John Butler, PhD, Niels Morling, MD, DMSc, Michael Coble, PhD, Charles Brenner, PhD, Charlotte Word, PhD, and other forensic biology professionals.

Learn more: www.ForensicScienceEducation.org

It’s all because of a massive backlog of cases at the state’s only full service forensic lab at the West Virginia State Police Headquarters in South.

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Forensic Training

For many years RTI International, which hosts NIJ’s Forensic Science Technology Center of Excellence, has offered a number of live and on-demand training courses free of charge. On October 1, 2014 RTI will begin charging nominal course registration fees for content. Once registered, you will have a 90-day period to access as much on-demand content for that course as you desire and revisit the training as often as you like.

To view a list of affected course, visit the All Courses webpage and search for "RTI International" in both "Scheduled Event" and "On-Demand" course list.

Accreditation Training

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.

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

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California Clinical Forensic Medical Training Center has partnered with the California District Attorney’s Association to offer the below listed webinars.
Touch DNA in Sexual Assault Cases: Practical Considerations and Unanswered Questions
Date: September 30, 2014 Time: 12:00 pm—1:30 pm

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 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!

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.

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:**
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.**

Computer Forensics I is a hybrid program with a combination of traditional face-to-face and online courses. The program includes hands-on experience using EnCase, the industry standard in computer forensic investigation technology, and Forensic Toolkit (FTK), a suite of technologies used to perform forensic examinations of computer systems.

**Forensic Conferences**

October 6-8, 2014: 3rd International Conference on Forensic Research and Technology in San Antonio, TX.


October 19-23, 2014: 36th Annual Southwestern Association of Forensic Scientists (SWAFS) in South Padre Island, TX.


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


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.