



## American Society of Crime Lab Directors

### ***"THE CRIME LAB MINUTE" NEWSLETTER***

Dear Members,

As part of the Study of Familial DNA Searching Policies and Practices funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice (NIJ), ICF International (ICF) has recently launched a survey of all CODIS laboratories to learn about key considerations, opinions, and varied practices related to familial DNA searching in the U.S.

In order to allow more time for CODIS laboratories to complete this important survey, the survey deadline has been extended. To ensure that survey results produce the most accurate and comprehensive information from the forensic community related to familial DNA searching, ICF is asking all Laboratory Directors representing CODIS laboratories to complete the online survey. Laboratory Directors are also encouraged to seek input from and/or complete the survey in coordination with their CODIS Administrator as needed.

Thank you to those who have already completed the survey. If you have not yet responded, please complete the survey at your earliest convenience using the unique survey link provided by ICF. Your response will help increase the field's knowledge about these topics and help inform policy and practice.

For additional information about the survey, please contact the ICF Survey Administrator at

[ICFResearchTeam@icfi.com](mailto:ICFResearchTeam@icfi.com).

Have a good week.

Brady W. Mills  
ASCLD President

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The DC Department of Forensic Sciences and West Virginia University are conducting a survey on the demographics of forensic agencies. The survey covers topics such as areas of specialty, education, career choices, and other aspects that lead professionals to work and stay in forensic science. The survey will assist agency managers and directors to better understand their staff profile, intellectual capital, and how to attract and retain valuable employees. The survey is short and should only take a few minutes to complete. The link to the survey is:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8TMCWHP>

Please distribute to your staff as widely as possible. The survey is anonymous as to participants and their agencies. The results will be submitted to *Forensic Science Policy and Management* and ASCLD members will have access to the article via their membership subscriptions. The deadline for completing the survey is March 1, 2015.

## [News Around the Globe](#)

### [Sneak peek: Miami Valley Regional Crime Lab and its future](#)

Dayton Daily News

Taxpayers foot the bill for the both state and regional labs, which have become increasingly high-tech - and expensive - with advances in DNA ...

### [Western Sydney crime lab gives police the edge over criminals](#)

The Daily Telegraph

INVESTIGATIONS into some of the state's biggest crimes have been accelerated with the help of cutting-edge technology in Western Sydney.

### [Judge Rakoff returns to forensic panel after Justice Department backs off decision](#)

Washington Post

Citing crime lab scandals and hundreds of exonerations in recent years, critics have said that police and prosecutors exercise too much control over ...

### [Mother Of Slain Student Pushes To Expand DNA Databases](#)

WBUR

Virginia mother Gil Harrington is pushing Virginia to expand its database of DNA to include people convicted of Class 1 misdemeanors — a move she ...

### [FOX 19 Investigates: Using trace evidence to catch a criminal](#)

WXIX

The smallest speck of evidence can lead to an arrest. It's called trace evidence and it can yield big results in criminal cases (Photo: FOX19 NOW/Hagit ...

### [WORK TO START SOON ON \\$15 MILLION CRIME LAB IN EDNEYVILLE](#)

WHKP



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

The logo for Ron Smith and Associates, Inc. (RS&A) features the letters "RS&A" in a large, red, serif font. To the right of the letters is a circular emblem containing a world map, a scale of justice, and a magnifying glass. The emblem is crossed out with a red "X". Below the logo, the text reads "Ron Smith And Associates, Inc. is your #1 source for:" followed by a list of services: "Forensic Evidence Training", "Forensic Consulting Services", "Backlog Reduction/Elimination Services", "Attorney Services", "Multi-Level Competency Testing for LPE's", "Proficiency Testing for LPE's", and "ISO Accreditation Mentoring". At the bottom, it says "Need a custom solution? RS&A is the answer! Contact us today to discuss your specific needs." and provides the phone number "1-866-832-6772" and the website "www.RonSmithandAssociates.com".

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John Byrd, who is the North Carolina Crime Lab Director, told WHKP News in an exclusive update on the new crime lab that ground will be broken ...

#### [ATF partners with police to link shell casings, crime](#)

USA TODAY

DENVER — A new partnership between federal agents and local police is helping put gun-toting criminals behind bars by linking shell casings left ...

#### [Column: Michigan criminal code encroaching on civil liberties](#)

MLive.com

If you were acquitted of a crime, would you want your blood samples stored in a crime lab, not knowing when the police could use those samples ...

#### [Forensic lab 'up and running next month'](#)

Independent Online

Durban - Work is in progress at the forensic laboratory which would fast-track the testing of blood alcohol samples in the province, the department said.

#### [Forensic Chemistry Laboratories: Aaron Motsoaledi's reply to Wilmot James](#)

Politicsweb

The Minister of Health Dr. Aaron Motsoaledi has read with shock the statement issued by Dr. Wilmot James on the Forensic Laboratory Services in ...

#### [More Dangerous Synthetic Pot Compounds Added to the Banned Substances List](#)

KATC Lafayette News

"Public safety officials must remain proactive in removing these dangerous drugs from our streets through the efforts of our State Police Crime Lab, ...

#### [Exonerations of US criminals hit record in 2014](#)

Daily Times

Another reason for the large number of 2014 exonerations involves 33 drug cases in the Houston area. Prosecutors found that crime lab analysis ...

#### [LSU FACES Lab Director Mary Manhein will still have itch to solve cases after she retires](#)

## [Employment Opportunities](#)

[Forensic Chemist](#), City of Wilmington, Wilmington, NC, Expires: February 6, 2015

[Forensic Scientist III](#), Chandler PD Forensic Services Section, Chandler, AZ, Expires: February 8, 2015

[Biology-DNA Section Supervisor](#), Kansas Bureau of Investigation Forensic Laboratory, Topeka, KS, Expires: February 16, 2015

[Quality Specialist](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: April 22, 2015

[Firearms Examiner](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: April 22, 2015

[Latent Print Laboratory Director](#), NYS DCJS, Albany, NY, Expires: February 11, 2015

[Director of Biological Science](#), NY State Police Lab System, Albany, NY, Expires: February 20, 2015

[Senior Forensic Scientist \(DNA/Serology\)](#), Utah Bureau of Forensic Services, Salt Lake City, Expires: February 6, 2015

[DNA Analyst/Crime Scene Examiner](#), Lake County Crime Laboratory, Painesville, OH, Expires: March 20, 2015

[Latent Print Trainee](#), DuPage County Forensic Science Center, Wheaton, Illinois, Expires: February 13, 2015

[Forensic Unit Supervisor](#), Washington County, Washington County, Oregon, Expires: March 15, 2015

[Teaching Assistant Professor/Teaching Instructor](#), West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV, Expires: February 11, 2015

[Senior Forensic Scientist-Deployable](#), Integrated Forensic Laboratories, TBD, Expires: March 6, 2015

NOLA.com

As director of LSU FACES Laboratory, Manhein has been fielding calls for the ... Manhein, a well respected forensic anthropologist who has worked on ...

### [Halton police will be getting a new headquarters](#)

InsideHalton.com

But the new headquarters is expected to serve policing requirements until at least 2042. The new headquarters will include an up-to-date forensics lab ...

### [DNA Evidence Would Have To Be Preserved Under Proposed Law](#)

KPLU News for Seattle and the Northwest

DNA preservation in felony cases is something 35 states require, but Washington State isn't one of them. A bill being considered in Olympia would ...

### [Army goes open source with forensic analysis tool](#)

Defense Systems

Effective cyber defense has never been more sought after, with leaders in the public and private sectors seeking more efficient and robust methods to ...

### [BC judge admonished for doing too much homework](#)

Canadian Lawyer Magazine

A latent fingerprint was found on the plastic wrapping of a box that was part of a ... The fingerprint analysis research "had not been properly introduced.

### [Homicide trial postponed due to Wisconsin Crime Lab issues](#)

TwinCities.com-Pioneer Press

A Columbia County judge postponed a homicide trial after questions were raised about the analysis of some evidence by the Wisconsin Crime Lab.

### [Forensic facilities](#)

DAWN.com

Sindh has a forensic lab, but the facility lacks the capability for DNA analysis. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan have no satisfactory forensic ...

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

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



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

Bode's solutions include [BodeDirect™](#), [Outsourcing](#) and [Same-Day DNA Service™](#), and the [Bode Buccal DNA Collector™](#), a direct collection system, reduces processing time, saving money for crime laboratories.

Bode's newest offerings include:

[BodeLIMS™ – The First True Forensic DNA LIMS](#). BodeLIMS is a web-based LIMS that tracks samples from receipt through reporting. The software documents and captures the entire DNA analysis process and is completely configurable, thus adaptable to

'Massive' effort in Flint Howard Boys gang investigation earns Michigan State Police forensic ...

MLive.com

View full sizeSpecial Lt. Ronald Crichton, who works at the Michigan State Police Bridgeport Forensic Science Lab, recently received the Meritorious ...

CSI Lahore: US forensics big shot comes home to help Pakistan

Daily Times

Tahir, a dual Pakistani and US. citizen, has his own forensics lab in the Unites States. He spent 36 years working with US. police and helped write the ...

## [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 Versic](#)

ASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 2 - [Archival Versic](#)

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### **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](#)

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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



**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

March 30 – April 2, 2015: 12th Annual Bode Technical Workshop in Coronado, CA

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.

May 26-29, 2015: 14th Annual DNA Technical Workshop – Bode East in Orlando, FL

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.

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### [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](#)

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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.)*

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.

August 31- September 5, 2015: [The 26th Congress of the International Society for Forensic Genetics \(ISFG\)](#) will be held in Krakow, Poland.

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.

October 18-25, 2015: [Society of Forensic Toxicologists \(SOFT\)](#) in Atlanta, GA.

October 19 – 23, 2015: [Southwestern Association of Forensic Science \(SWAFS\)](#) in Oklahoma City, OK.

October 2015: [Northwest Association of Forensic Scientists](#) in Spokane, WA



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