



American Society of Crime Lab Directors

"THE CRIME LAB MINUTE" NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Forensic Science Policy and Management can be accessed via the Members area of the ASCLD website, please check it out!

Forensic Science Policy and Management is the only journal directly addressing the topics of forensic science policy and management and is the official journal of ASCLD. As a member in good standing of ASCLD, you get a paid subscription to the journal and access to back issues. Articles in the current issue include:

- a roundtable of forensic scientists and managers discussing current issues and trends in the discipline and profession,
- a method for managing crime scene scientists, and
- how Australian forensic labs have dealt with benchmarking performance in property crimes.

The journal's success and its value to ASCLD depend on your input and submissions. Articles can be based on research, lessons learned, policy implementations, or position pieces about the profession. Past articles have ranged from case studies of new policies (in fingerprints) to the use of interns as a resource strategy.

Please make use of the journal and its resources! Please submit articles as well; the more we communicate our successes, the more we improve our profession and how we get and manage our resources.

If you have questions about the journal or ideas for articles, please contact Max Houck at 202-727-7370 or max.houck@dc.gov.

As a member your free access to this wealth of information is via the ASCLD website.

Have a good week.

Brady Mills
ASCLD President

Reminder! Crime Lab Report is available for free to all accredited forensic science laboratories. Over 100 labs and their employees now receive the quarterly printed newspaper. The Winter 2015 issue will examine special topics in drug chemistry, the cutting of laboratory services in the face of budget cuts, and an HR column on managing multiple

generations in your organization. Please sign up at www.crimelabreport.com/labs before February 1 to receive the Winter edition.

The New York District Attorney's Office will release a request for proposals in Spring 2015 for jurisdictions seeking to test backlogged rape kits. In order to develop the most effective grant program, we are soliciting the input of stakeholders across the country in jurisdictions with untested rape kits.

We are asking all local government bodies, police departments, prosecutor's offices, and forensic laboratories with untested kits in police storage, laboratories, or elsewhere, to complete a brief Expression of Interest. More information can be found [here](#).

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[News Around the Globe](#)

[NC Crime Lab takes steps to ease caseloads but funding woes remain](#)

WRAL.com

Raleigh, N.C. — The former director of the North Carolina State Crime Laboratory says the agency has instituted various changes to help clear a ...

[Forensic Lab to expand cyber crime division](#)

Daily News & Analysis

The long delay in DNA testing and solving of cyber crimes is likely to be resolved with



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.

Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) planning to set up more ...

[Judge tosses out two types of DNA testing](#)

New York Daily News

A Brooklyn judge has stirred up controversy by tossing out two types of DNA evidence regularly used in criminal ... and Forensic Statistical Tool, a program designed by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner's forensic biology lab ...

[State Courts Strike Blows to Criminal DNA Collection Laws in 2014—What to Look for in 2015](#)

EFF

DNA can reveal an extraordinary amount of private information about you, including familial relationships, medical history, predisposition for disease, ...

[Drunk driving cases pile up as labs battle to keep up with blood tests](#)

BDlive

Drunk driving cases pile up as labs battle to keep up with blood tests ... been raised over the ability of the country's forensic chemical laboratories to ...

[Winston-Salem gets new crime lab](#)

myfox8.com

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — The wait may be coming to an end — for backlogged evidence sent from Winston-Salem law enforcement agencies to the ...

[Publication for accredited forensic science laboratories hits milestone](#)

Press Release Rocket

Growth in Crime Lab Report readership is attributed to a logical, provocative examination of criminal justice controversies. Significant increases are ...

[Massachusetts court mulls case reviews after crime lab scandal](#)

Reuters

BOSTON (Reuters) - Civil rights lawyers on Thursday asked Massachusetts' top court for measures that would help thousands of people overturn drug ...

[Backlog of evidence is slowing justice process](#)



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Employment Opportunities

[Senior Forensic Scientist-Deployable](#),

Integrated Forensic Laboratories,

TBD, Expires: March 6, 2015

[Criminalist Supervisor](#), Boulder Police

Department, Boulder, CO, Expires: January

26, 2015

[Crime Lab Manager](#), City of Omaha, Omaha,

NE, Expires: January 21, 2015

[Forensic Scientist – Controlled Substances](#),

Virginia Department of Forensic Science,

Roanoke, VA, Expires: January 26, 2015

KY3

Millsap says processing times for high priority cases are faster since the Highway Patrol Crime Lab in Springfield opened in 2008. Before, area ...

[Vermont Crime Lab Struggles to Stay Legit](#)

Seven Days

Interim lab director Tara Tighe, whose agency handles physical evidence for almost all criminal prosecutions in the state, said it could meet the June ...

[Some Cities In North Carolina Now Bypassing State Crime Lab](#)

WUNC

Delays at North Carolina's State Crime Lab are a longstanding issue. Now, some local law enforcement agencies are seeking quicker assistance ...

[University of Chicago Crime Lab expands to New York City](#)

Hyde Park Herald

Crime Lab New York will provide policymakers with objective, scientific evidence to help reduce crime and violence and the toll the criminal justice ...

[How could so many rape kits go untested?](#)

Detroit Free Press

I sometimes marvel at how 11,000 rape kits came to languish for years in an old Detroit Police Department crime lab. Each kit is the product of four to ...

[Arizona DNA Advocacy Project Receives Almost \\$1M Grant From DOJ](#)

PR Newswire (press release)

6, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- The Arizona DNA Advocacy Project, a collaboration of the ASU Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law's Post-conviction Clinic ...

[NBR sets up data forensic lab to catch tax dodgers](#)

The Daily Star

To address the rising issue, the tax authority has procured equipment and software and set up a forensic lab at the Central Intelligence Cell (CIC) in its ...

[Crime Scene Specialist](#), City of Durham Police, Durham, NC, Expires: January 16, 2015

[DNA Technician](#), American Registry of Pathology, Dover DE, Expires: January 23, 2015

[Forensic Scientist 1, DNA Analyst \(DPS #17973\)](#), New Mexico DPS Forensic Laboratory, Santa Fe, NM, Expires: January 18, 2015

[Supervisor Forensic Services – Drug Chemistry](#), NY State Police Lab System, Newburgh, NY, Expires: January 15, 2015

[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

[Latent Fingerprint Examiner](#), Metro Nashville Police Department, Nashville, TN, Expires: February 26, 2015

[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

[CBI forensic lab under construction in Pueblo West](#)

KRDO

Construction of a forensic laboratory in Pueblo West is getting started, with the \$10.5 million building slated to be finished in August. The Colorado ...

[AZ Supreme Court to hear Scottsdale lab DUI case](#)

KPHO Phoenix

A software glitch at the Scottsdale crime lab in 2013 impacted at least 11 blood-test results, and left a few attorneys scratching their heads over the ...

[Crime labs' slips spur new calls for joint city-county lab](#)

Omaha World-Herald

And it — along with other recent metro area crime-lab problems — prompted the county's top law enforcement officer to renew calls for a combined ...

[How insects help solve murders](#)

U-T San Diego

Forensic entomology, the study of insects in death and other legal cases, helps solve some of homicide detectives' most mysterious cases.

[Augusta Considers Using Out Of State Lab To Speed Toxicology Reports](#)

WJBF-TV

"Sometimes it can be six to eight months before a family gets a toxicology report back and with that being said that holds them up from getting a death ...

[Facing drastic cuts, Acadiana Crime Lab pins hope on state study](#)

The Advocate

The crime lab that tests evidence for law enforcement agencies in Acadiana could face drastic cuts next year without substantial new revenue to shore ...

[World-Herald editorial: Kleine is right on merging labs](#)

Omaha World-Herald

"I'm not down on the (crime labs' employees). They are hardworking, well-educated professionals," he said. "But let's get them in an accredited lab.

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

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

[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.

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 changing technologies.

[Bode LeanLab™](#) service utilizes Lean Six Sigma principles and delivers custom solutions to forensic labs improving efficiency,

[In two cases — including Erica Jenkins trial — defense lawyers question lab's fingerprint slip](#)
Omaha World-Herald

The Omaha crime lab's recently disclosed misidentification of a fingerprint managed to smear proceedings in two adjacent courtrooms Friday.

[Lawmaker: Reducing delays at crime lab will be priority](#)

Winston-Salem Journal

The local testing will give faster results than sending evidence to the state crime lab. Equipment will be coming to the lab in the next month.

[DeWine announces nearly 6000 kits tested as part of Sexual Assault Kit Testing Initiative](#)

Circleville Herald (registration)

The law will also require that all newly collected rape kits be submitted to a crime lab within 30 days after law enforcement determines a crime has ...

[Forensic holodeck to transport jury to the crime scene](#)

New Scientist

Guilty or innocent? To help them decide, judges and juries are often presented with reams of evidence: crime scene photos, medical documents or ...

[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.

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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

ASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 1 - [Archival Version](#)
ASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 2 - [Archival Version](#)

[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 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

March 30 - April 2, 2015: [12th Annual Bode Technical Workshop](#) in Coronado, CA

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.*)

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

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

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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