



## American Society of Crime Lab Directors

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

Dear Members,

I have asked Ray to update us with the current membership application cycle. Please take a look inside your agency and reach out to potential new members for our organization.

This is a friendly reminder to have any ASCLD membership applications submitted by February 01, 2015, in order to permit us time to process prior to this year's annual meeting. Please consider ASCLD applications for all of your management/supervisory staff. Advise us if you know of a colleague in a neighboring lab that is not an ASCLD member, so that someone on the membership committee can reach out to them. With the many ongoing developments impacting the world of forensic science, we want to ensure that all crime labs have a voice and are updated.

Ray Wickenheiser, ASCLD Membership Chair

I also wanted to highlight the importance of visiting our sponsors this week. As we gear up for the symposium this year it reminds me that they are truly the life blood of our organization.

It wasn't too many years ago, as you may recall, when our organization was struggling to financially stand on its own. Today, I'm pleased to report that we have achieved a measure of conservative financial independence which has been due, in part, to the development of symbiotic partnerships with laboratory vendors. We're very fortunate to receive their support and I'm grateful that they recognize us as worthy of investing time, money and effort.

So, please, if you haven't already done so, click on the link(s) in the Crime Laboratory Minute and visit our vendor gallery. Check out their websites and show them our support!

Have a good week.

Brady W. Mills

## [News Around the Globe](#)

### [Cheating scandal fouls State Police test](#)

Albany Times Union

A dozen State Police forensic scientists have been temporarily removed ... scandal related to a qualification test for a new type of DNA technology.

### [St. Tammany Sheriff's Office crime lab employees obtain international certification](#)

NOLA.com

These women, who are employees of the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office's Crime Lab, recently received certification through the International ...

### [Deal's budget includes SSU classrooms, crime lab](#)

Savannah Morning News

It includes \$16 million for construction of SSU's new science and technology facility as well as \$1.1 million to design a crime lab the Georgia Bureau of ...

### [Houston Forensic Science Center hires COO](#)

Your Houston News

The Houston Forensic Science Center has hired Dr. Peter Stout as the ... Crime Lab, have been managed by Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc., ...

### [Senator Jones is calling GBI crime lab backlog a serious problem](#)

WRDW-TV

"The backlog at the state crime lab is a serious problem. Because of the backlog, criminal investigations are being severely delayed and sadly families ...

### [Bill would require DNA sampling in misdemeanors](#)

Rutland Herald

MONTPELIER — A pair of senators is looking to pass legislation that would require the collection of DNA samples from people convicted of ...

### [Acadiana Crime Lab suffering budget woes](#)

KATC Lafayette News

A budget shortfall could force the Acadiana Crime Lab to scale back on important



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.



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resources that help solve some of Acadiana's most serious crimes.

### [Centre says its needs legislative sanction to DNA data bank](#)

Daily News & Analysis

The Centre has told Supreme Court that "legislative sanction" is required for establishment of a DNA profiles data bank which will help to identify the ...

### [US National Toxicology Program issues systematic reviews handbook](#)

Chemical Watch (subscription)

The US National Toxicology Program's (NTP) Office of Health Assessment and Translation (OHAT) has issued a handbook to help with conducting ...

### [Rape evidence ignored by police departments statewide](#)

KING5.com

Once the kit is collected, it's up to police to submit it to the Washington State Crime Lab, where forensic scientists examine the evidence and tease out ...

### [Animal DNA Helping To Solve Crimes](#)

Here And Now

But what if your pet could help solve crimes by just being around? ... Then the crime lab conducts a probability test to determine how likely it is that the ...

### [Editorial: Local drug lab should speed up justice](#)

Winston-Salem Journal

While evidence related to DNA and firearms will still go to the state crime lab – for now – the local lab will be able to test alcohol and drug evidence.

### [DA Requests Progress Report On AG's Recommendations to Fix Forensic Labs](#)

AllAfrica.com

The AG's report declares that 'adequate accommodation to house the Forensic Chemistry Laboratories (FCL) was lacking' and called on Minister ...

### [Oman ITA signs cybercrime lab deal with KISA, Duzon BizOn](#)

Telecompaper (subscription)

[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

[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

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

... with the South Korean Internet and Security Agency (KISA) and Duzon BizOn Company to build a national digital forensic laboratory in Oman.

#### [Govt to revise bill on DNA profiling](#)

Deccan Herald

Around 40,000 unidentified bodies found in the country annually could be identified and traced back to their families in the future as the Centre is ...

#### [State to expand DNA collection for anyone under suspicion of felony](#)

WNEM Saginaw

LANSING, MI (WNEM) - The Michigan House and Senate unanimously passed a bill allowing for the collection of DNA samples to include people ...

#### [Officials: Backlog at NC crime lab leads to canceled prosecutions](#)

myfox8.com

Prosecutors sometimes agree to dismiss such cases because the State Crime Lab takes too long to test toxicology or drug-chemistry evidence, and ...

#### [University opens forensic science crime scene house](#)

BBC News

Forensic science students at University of Derby now have the chance to practise their skills in a custom-built crime scene house. Hidden inside what ...

#### [Paul McGarry, noted Coast forensic pathologist, dies at 86](#)

SunHerald.com

Decades ago, when Harrison County Coroner Gary Hargrove was working as a paramedic and studying to be a medical examiner, forensic ...

#### [DNA and case preparation](#)

Law Gazette

Some major changes in DNA technology and analysis have recently come on to the .... Things are changing fast in the world of forensic DNA testing.

#### [All W.Va. Crime Scene Evidence Lands at State's Forensic Lab](#)

[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

[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

West Virginia Public Broadcasting  
"Every day I come to work and it's something different," Acting Director/Quality Assurance Manager at the West Virginia State Police Forensic ...

### [Bill proposes to expand Virginia criminal DNA bank](#)

University of Virginia The Cavalier Daily  
8 is moving to expand criminal DNA data banks in Virginia. ... helped turn up forensic evidence in a number of homicides and sexual assault cases.

### [Proposed Wash. Bill Would Require All Rape Kits Be Sent To Crime Lab Within 30 Days](#)

KPLU News for Seattle and the Northwest  
FILE - Tools used for DNA testing are pictured in a lab at the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation in Edmond, Okla, Friday, Aug. 1, 2014.

### [Omaha mayor says now's not right time to merge crime labs](#)

91.5 KIOS-FM  
(AP) — Omaha's mayor says now's not the time to merge the city and county crime labs. Mayor Jean Stothert told the Omaha World-Herald on ...

### [Salary shortfalls lead to forensics backlog](#)

State Journal  
... Virginia State Police crime lab short-staffed and with a 3,400-case backlog. ... The lab has lost four trained analysts and technicians over the past six ...

### [Career in Forensic Science](#)

The Sangai Express  
Forensic science is a multi-disciplinary branch of study that deals with the ... Most of the work of forensic specialists is laboratory based. ... fluids and hair are identified and compared using forensic DNA analysis, microscopic analysis ...

### [Drug lab scandal: Man released after cocaine retested](#)

The News Journal  
After a retest of two kilograms of cocaine led to a man's 20-year prison sentence being overturned and his release, the Delaware Public Defender's ...

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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



Forensics professor sees digital data as future crime solver

Washington Times

The forensic science program has a 95-percent placement rate, with students hired by private laboratory DNA Solutions Inc., OSBI, Missouri Highway ...

## [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](#)

#### **Webinar #3:**

[Managing Customer Expectations and Education](#)

#### **Webinar #4:**

[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.)*

[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

July 20-24, 2015: [NIST to Host International Symposium on Forensic Science Error Management](#) in Gaithersburg, MD.



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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: [23<sup>rd</sup> International Symposium on the Forensic](#)



Sciences (ANZFSS) in Auckland, New Zealand.