



## American Society of Crime Lab Directors

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

Dear Members,

#### 42nd Annual ASCLD Symposium

The ASCLD Symposium Planning Committee has done a great job putting together a very exciting meeting this Spring. They are excited to announce that registration is now open for the 42nd Annual ASCLD Symposium at Washington Marriott Wardman Park in Washington, D.C. The Committee has worked very hard to bring you a full agenda of workshops and plenary presentations covering a range of topics to assist today's forensic leaders in addressing the many different issues facing our community.

This year's agenda includes the 2nd year of the ASCLD Leadership Academy, 14 different workshops, 10 different blocks during the plenary sessions, and various meetings and special events. We are excited to announce we will be offering grant management workshops facilitated by the National Institute of Justice, a workshop on 'Cognitive Factors in Forensic Decision Making' sponsored by the National Forensic Science Center of Excellence, and other workshops geared to assist crime laboratory directors and leaders in practicing excellence in forensic leadership.

During the plenary sessions, attendees will hear updates from the Organization of Scientific Area Committees, a technology session led by the ASCLD Forensic Research Committee sharing information on technology developments in the forensic community, and presentations dedicated to leading the 21st century crime laboratory.

Take this opportunity to listen to speakers on topics pertinent to leadership in forensics, share information with other forensic laboratory leaders throughout the U.S. and even international, receive updates on recent issues in forensics including new and pending legislation, and talk to vendors about new and innovative products in the forensic field.

Please go to [www.ascldsymposium.com](http://www.ascldsymposium.com) or the ASCLD website and register today.

#### [SWGAM Guidelines for the Collection and Serological Examination of Biological Evidence](#)

I wanted to make everyone aware that a new SWGDAM guideline document is now posted on [SWGAM.org](http://SWGAM.org) under news and updates.

Have a good week.  
Brady W. Mills  
ASCLD President

## [News Around the Globe](#)

### [Forensic lab closure 'put price on justice' warns MP Lindsay Hoyle](#)

Lancashire Evening Post

Now, a report released by the National Audit Office (NAO) has revealed that spending on costly forensic examinations has been cut by more than ...

### [Former state crime lab worker pleads guilty to theft of drugs](#)

Fairbanks Daily News-Miner

ANCHORAGE, Alaska - A former state employee has pleaded guilty to stealing drugs from the state crime lab in Anchorage. The Alaska Dispatch ...

### [The cost of death: Why the morgue has a budget problem](#)

Cincinnati.com

The coroner's crime lab, where most of this testing takes place, is an odd combination of costly, high-tech equipment, and clever short cuts designed to ...

### [Maine State Crime Lab battles backlog of cases](#)

WCSH-TV

AUGUSTA, Maine (NEWS CENTER) -- For years, the e Maine State Crime Lab has been battling a backlog of cases, but a tech upgrade and vacant ...

### [The Bureau of Criminal Investigations Lab fully functional, open for students experience](#)

BG News

The newly opened BCI crime lab will be giving future students opportunities to work first hand with criminal cases. A building such as this has never ...

### [Director of LSU's forensic laboratory to retire](#)

KATC Lafayette News



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, bold, red serif font. To the right of the letters is a circular emblem containing a world map, a scale of justice, and a microscope, all 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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(AP) - Mary Manhein, the longtime director of LSU's forensic laboratory who has been involved in hundreds of cases to identify human remains, will ...

### [Inside look at Arizona Department of Public Safety crime lab](#)

ABC15 Arizona

PHOENIX - ABC15 has a look inside an Arizona crime lab following Phoenix Police cracking two cold cases from the early 1990's. Police said DNA ...

### [How do I become a forensic musicologist?](#)

The Guardian

Joe Bennett is also professor of popular music at Bath Spa University – and he is one of just a handful of forensic musicologists working in the UK.

### [North Louisiana Crime Lab will close cases faster, expand services with new space](#)

KTBS

Donnie Ray Baker evaded arrest for almost a month after a April 2013 carjacking until DNA evidence recovered from the stolen car made a match.

### [Human DNA Profiling Bill likely in Budget session: Centre to SC](#)

Economic Times

NEW DELHI: Government intends to introduce the Human DNA Profiling Bill, to enable identification of bodies and missing persons and create a DNA ...

### [DNA testing facility: To build or not to build](#)

The Express Tribune

“Only forensic labs can perform the analysis on dead tissue, not genetic labs,” he explained, adding that the laboratories in academic institutions, such ...

### [Houma has most untested rape kits in area](#)

Houma Courier

He said the other six were sent to the crime lab for testing after the department submitted the numbers. “We discovered them while doing our research ...

### [DNA could help determine what crime suspects look like](#)

## [Employment Opportunities](#)

[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

[Fingerprint Analyst 1](#), Miami-Dade Police Department, Miami, FL, Expires: January 30, 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

Fox 59

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (Jan. 23, 2015)— Catching criminals could soon have a new scientific twist. IUPUI biology professor Dr. Susan Walsh is cooking ...

[Judge who acquitted theft suspect over single fingerprint at the crime scene has ruling overturned](#)

The Province

The owners had a hobby or business of purchasing novelty items and a single latent fingerprint — the only print police found in the home — was found ...

[From AKs to Uzis: Hottest new guns at SHOT Show](#)

CNBC

The annual Shooting, Hunting, Outdoor Trade Show—better known as the SHOT Show—is the launching pad for a plethora of new firearms and ...

[Sheriff Suspends Douglas County Crime Lab Director](#)

1011now

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) -- The Douglas County crime lab director has been suspended and an investigation has been ordered for several cases handled ...

[Frederick police's new crime scene supervisor still willing to get her hands dirty](#)

Frederick News Post (subscription)

Emma Sentz has been promoted recently to crime scene supervisor for the ... work currently outsourced to the Maryland State Police's crime lab.

[Seattle Police to start DNA testing on more than 1200 stored rape kits](#)

The Week Magazine

Seattle Police to start DNA testing on more than 1,200 stored rape kits ... Following a sexual assault, victims often undergo a forensic examination that ... State Patrol Crime Lab enters the results into the Combined DNA Index System, ...

[Criminalist Supervisor](#), Boulder Police Department, Boulder, CO, Expires: January 26, 2015

[Forensic Scientist – Controlled Substances](#), Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Roanoke, VA, Expires: January 26, 2015

[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

[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:

[\*\*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](#)

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

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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 Educating](#)

#### **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](#)

#### **[BodeLIMS™ – The First True Forensic DNA](#)**

**[LIMS](#)**. BodeLIMS is a web-based LIMS that tracks samples from receipt through reporting.

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completely configurable, thus adaptable to changing technologies.

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Sigma principles and delivers custom

solutions to forensic labs improving efficiency, increasing throughput, reducing turnaround

time and eliminating backlogs.

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information.

## **[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**



## **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.

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.

## **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.

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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](#)

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.



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[and Measurement Uncertainty Boot Camp](#)

March 23 - 24, 2015 - York, PA (\$500 one-day, \$750 two-days)

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