



American Society of Crime Lab Directors

"THE CRIME LAB MINUTE" NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Dear colleagues,

The ASCLD Board of Directors recommends that ANSI vote to approve the transformation of ISO/PC 272 Forensic Sciences into a TC.

As most of you are aware, ANSI is the U.S. member body to ISO. ASCLD has become a member of ANSI in order to represent the forensic community on potential ISO standards that can directly impact our processes.

ASCLD, partnering with ANSI has taken on the role of US-TAG (Technical Advisory Group) Administrator. Our role in this process is to review the proposed standard and consult with our US-Technical Advisory Group. The ISO/PC 272 Forensic Sciences committee's scope is "Standardization in the field of forensic sciences". The proposed standard that our US-TAG is currently working on is ISO/DIS 18385, "Minimizing the risk of DNA contamination in products used to collect and analyze biological material for forensic purposes".

The US TAG voted earlier this year to not support the conversion of the PC 272 to the TC272 due to a lack of a work proposal for consideration. Given the recent submission by Standards Australia, ASCLD now believes the conversion of the PC to the TC is in the best interest of the global forensic community. The scope of the TC would move towards the standardization and guidance in the field of Forensic Science. This includes the development of standards that pertain to laboratory and field based forensic science techniques and methodology in broad, general areas such as the detection and collection of physical evidence, the subsequent analysis and interpretation of the evidence and the reporting of results and findings.

The ASCLD Board of Directors continues its support of standards development for forensic science in cooperation with existing bodies both domestically and internationally. The ASCLD community of forensic scientists is appropriately positioned through its existing US TAG to actively participate in the development of proposed ISO standards that will benefit the United States as well as our global partners.

<http://www.asclد.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/ASCLD-BOD.pdf>

Brady Mills
ASCLD President

Advocacy Corner:

On behalf of the Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations (CFSO) and ASCLD, we would like to sincerely thank our membership for all your work on Coverdell funding. This year has been a huge endeavor for all of us to get Coverdell funded. Most do not understand how very close we came this year to losing this funding program. Due in large part to the efforts of ASCLD members and our CFSO partners and colleagues, the appropriation of 12 million dollars was recently passed in the FY15 federal budget and is now law. You made this possible. Each one of you that wrote a letter, made a phone call, or talked personally to your delegations in Washington. Many of you distributed information and hosted tours. There was a huge response to education during National Forensic Science Week. Congress heard a united message from all of us that this funding is essential for the crime labs and medical examiner offices in this country. ASCLD has been very active this year pushing for changes in the Coverdell program that will benefit your lab. You saw the first results of those ASCLD/NIJ discussions in the recent RTI publication. Those discussions with NIJ continue, and we will continue to push Congress to appropriate the authorized 35 million for Coverdell. You will hear much more about Coverdell next year, but we wanted to finish up the year with a simple message. As we celebrate this holiday season and give thanks for many things, we wanted to say thank you to all of our members for your hard work on this issue.

<http://www.asclد.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Final-Forensic-Budget-CFSO-Infomation.pdf>

<http://www.asclد.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/AG-letter-RE-Coverdell.pdf>

Jeremy Triplett and Matthew Gamette
Advocacy Co-chairs

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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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[OPD Officer Receives Latent Print Examiner Certification](#)

SurfKY News

The preparation consisted of 150 hours of classroom training as well as the analysis of latent prints alongside a certified latent print examiner for a ...

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Bend Bulletin

Twelve years later, Nelson now supervises two detectives at the Deschutes County Sheriff's ComputerForensics Lab. Together, Nelson estimates they ...

[ITA inks contract for digital forensic lab](#)

Oman Tribune

Once functional, the laboratory will meet the growing need to deal with the digital forensic evidence which is crucial in tackling cybercrimes.

[Using science and detective work to make Orange County safer](#)

OCRegister

Armed with test tubes and a lab coat, Daher, who joined the Orange County Sheriff's Department Crime Lab in 1988, uses his expertise in toxicology, ...

[State police look to construct new District 5 complex in Pocatello](#)

Idaho State Journal

Dayley said the four ISP divisions — patrol, investigations, POST training and the forensic laboratory — are now housed in three separate buildings in ...

[Miami Twp. ends contract with local crime lab](#)

Dayton Daily News



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.



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The Miami Township Police Department is ending its 40-year relationship with the Miami Valley Regional Crime Laboratory, according to letter written ...

[Editorial: New standards for next crime lab director](#)

Canton Repository

The Canton-Stark County Crime Lab has undergone a tumultuous two years. A cut in funding, staffing changes and other factors led to a backlog of ...

[Crime lab ready for more DNA samples](#)

WHBY

The state crime labs are getting ready for an influx of DNA samples to add to Wisconsin's database. Anyone arrested for a violent felony, or convicted ...

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Vancouver Sun

There, he has access to a virtual forensic analysis lab, which includes industry standard software and tools previously reserved for law enforcement ...

[Cleveland Municipal Court Judge Ronald Adrine to enforce state DNA collection law in felony arrests](#)

cleveland.com

Cleveland Municipal Court Administrative Judge Ronald Adrine is going to require that all people arrested for felony crimes submit to DNA collection.



www.ForensicScienceEducation.org

[Employment Opportunities](#)

[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



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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.

[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

[Crime Laboratory Director](#), Nashville Police Department, Nashville, TN, Expires: January 7, 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,

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](#)

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

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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.

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.

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.

April 3-8, 2016: [International Association for Chemical Testing \(IACT\)](#) in Orlando, FL.

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

[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-LAB Training](#)

September 18-23, 2016: [23rd International Symposium on the Forensic Sciences](#) (ANZFSS) in Auckland, New Zealand.

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.)

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.



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