President's Message

Dear Colleagues;

At our next board meeting the board of directors will be voting on new members. I have asked Ray to present the list of potential new members to the membership for your review.

Brady W. Mills
ASCLD President

With one month to our annual meeting, the Membership Committee presents the list of candidate applicants for ASCLD membership, which is now posted on the ASCLD website accessible via the following link:


Members, we strongly encourage you to review the list of candidates and provide any feedback you might have. We also encourage you to forward the contact information of any additional prospective members you may know so we can reach out to them. This is a very exciting time to be involved in forensic science with many rapid developments, therefore we want to include all crime labs in our collective voice, as well as provide opportunities for training, development and engagement. We look forward to hearing from you.

Ray Wickenheiser
Membership Chair

New SWGDAM Guidelines for the Validation of Probabilistic Genotyping Systems is now posted for public comment on SWGDAM.org:
http://swgdam.org/public_review.html
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**News Around the Globe**

**Crime lab receives local helping hand**
Glendale News Press

“DNA evidence is one of the emerging sciences in criminal justice that ... as other regional labs face a large backlog of forensic evidence which can ..."
Synthetic Cannabinoids - Please Don't Call It Fake Weed
Science 2.0
There is an ongoing competition of bureaucratic one-upmanship between the U.S. government and renegade pharmacists. The government is playing ...

40/29 Investigates: Arkansas State Crime Lab backup for testing rape kits
4029tv
In a 40/29 investigation we uncovered how many rape kits were collection dust. And, the average time it took the state crime lab to process kits.

Cayman's forensic lab more than a real-life CSI
Cayman 27
"It's a cozy laboratory that's fit for our purpose, but definitely not as glamorous as CSI," said Forensic DNA Specialist Angela Tanzillo-Swarts. Here, the ...

Govt plans to seek foreign suggestions for forensic lab
Deccan Herald
“Soon experts from other countries may visit Delhi’s forensic lab at Rohini and suggest steps to upgrade facilities or setting up a new unit,” said an ...

Legislator pitches plan for second state crime lab in Billings
Bakken.com
HELENA — Eastern Montana prosecutors and law officers Tuesday made an appeal to state lawmakers to fund a satellite state crime lab in Billings, ...

Forensic Science Lecture Series At State University of NY
YourErie
FREDONIA, N.Y. - “Discovering the Truth: Forensic Science in Action,” a ... who will give an inside look at what really happens in a forensic lab

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Employment Opportunities

Crime Lab Director, Washoe County Sheriff’s Office Forensic Science Division, Reno, NV, Expires: May 4, 2015

Director of Methods and Validation, Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: May 31, 2015

Forensic Analyst- Toxicology, Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: May 15, 2015
Critics: DNA bill raises concerns
Winston-Salem Journal
Under the current law, DNA samples may be taken from a person arrested on ... Other offenses that could trigger a DNA sample include sexual battery; ... another potential obstacle may play a role: The State Crime Lab is already ... 

Results are in for tests on Crime Lab mold
KUAM.com
Test results are in for mold found at the Crime Lab and asbestos at the Evidentiary Control Facility. As you may recall, employees were sent home ...

KY bill authorizes a study on backlogged rape kits
WPSD Local 6
There is also a backlog at the state crime lab. Sgt. Frommeyer has a case right now that he sent off in December. He's still waiting for those results.

Inside the Idaho State Police Crime Lab
KTVB
The state crime lab in Meridian is one of three throughout Idaho, but it's the only lab that can test DNA. Hall says that the lab could be sent items ...

City's forensic dreams to come true
Pune Mirror
Pune's dream of having a Central Forensic Science Laboratories (CFSL) ever since the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) had mooted the plan last year ...

Long road to DNA profiling nears an end
BDlive
“The act is only paper until the building up of a forensic DNA database of our criminal population is truly under way,” she explains, adding that five ...

FACT SHEET: Investments to Reduce the National Rape Kit Backlog and Combat Violence Against 
Whitehouse.gov (press release)

Evidence Technician, Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: April 30, 2015

Forensic Analyst - Audio/Video, Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: May 31, 2015

Forensic Scientist 3- Firearm and Toolmark Identification Unit, Metro Nashville Police Department- Crime Laboratory, Madison, TN, Expires: June 18, 2015

Forensic Manager, Contra Costa County Sheriff, Martinez, CA, Expires: March 27, 2015

Supervising Criminalist, Sacramento County, Sacramento, CA, Expires: April 6, 2015

Forensic Scientist E7, Latent Print Identification Unit Supervisor, Indiana State Police, Indianapolis, IN, Expires: April 3, 2015

Latent Print Examiner II, Oakland Police Department, CA, Oakland, California, Expires: April 10, 2015

Forensic Scientist – Forensic Biology, Virginia Dept. of Forensic Science, Richmond, VA, Expires: April 2, 2015


Sheriff’s Supervising Forensic Scientist – Fingerprint Comparison, Ventura County Sheriff’s Office, Ventura, Expires: April 10, 2015

Deputy Sheriff-Forensic Manager, Contra Costa County Sheriff’s Department, Martinez, CA, Expires: March 27, 2015

Forensic Manager, Contra Costa County Sheriff’s Department, Martinez, CA, Expires: March 27, 2015
Rape kits, when tested by crime labs, have proven vital to successful investigations and prosecutions of sexual assault crimes, and thus to holding ...

Crime authors to speak on misperception of forensic science in movies
The Daily Titan
Burke founded Crime Lab Project, a nonprofit that aims to increase public awareness of the issues facing forensic science agencies, and the gap ...

Layoffs at forensic lab despite govt order
Hindustan Times
Over two dozen employees at the forensic science laboratory in Rohini — the only government facility for testing of forensic samples in Delhi — are ...

Modern Forensic Science: Solving the Oldest and Coldest Cases
The Global Dispatch
Modern forensic science is useful for investigators as a means of solving the most complex crimes. But, most people mistakenly believe that it's only ...

**Forensic Training**

“Legal” Drug Use through Chemistry: An Overview of the Synthetic Drug Dilemma
Date: Thursday, April 16 @ 1pm EDT
Cost: FREE
Registration Link: attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6725142344836578305

This webinar provides an overview of the most common synthetic drugs including their origin, marketing strategies, pharmacology, and current legal status in an effort to provide a better understanding of the danger...

Forensic Scientist II – DNA, Tri County Regional Forensic Laboratory, Andover, MN, Expires: March 31, 2015

Deputy Forensic Toxicologist (DOH/SLD position #55101), NM Department of Health – Scientific Laboratory Division, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Expires: April 2, 2015


Section Head (Chemistry), Ontario Public Service, Toronto, Ontario, Expires: March 27, 2015

Forensic Scientist – Firearm and Toolmark Examiner, Kansas Bureau of Investigation Forensi Science Laboratory, Topeka, Kansas, Expires: March 26, 2015

Forensic Scientist – Firearm and Toolmark Examiner, Kansas Bureau of Investigation Forensic Science Laboratory, Kansas City, Kansas, Expires: March 26, 2015

Forensic Specialist I, Montgomery County Department of Police – Personnel Division, 100 Edison Park Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20878, Expires: March 30, 2015

Forensic Analyst – Trace, Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: April 10, 2015

Firearms and Toolmarks Lab Supervisor, Cuyahoga County Medical Examiners Office, Cleveland, OH, Expires: May 23, 2015

Forensic Scientist, Oregon State Police, Pendleton, Or, Expires: March 31, 2015
these drugs pose to our communities and the difficulties they pose to the law enforcement agencies, hospitals, and judicial system tasked with protecting the public’s safety. Case studies will be presented demonstrating the typical signs of impairment presented by individuals under the influence of these drugs.

**Outsourcing Property Crime for DNA Analysis:**

**An Eleven Year Perspective**  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 29 @ 1pm EDT  
**Cost:** FREE  
**Registration Link:** [attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/923382323833360129](attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/923382323833360129)

The presenters will give a brief background on the reasons the analysis of evidence from property crimes is important, a historical perspective of the FBU’s experiences with outsourcing and the current state of the outsourcing program, including the importance of the DNA database (CODIS). Lastly, the presenters will share the results of a recent study that examined data trends that supported a revision to the FBU’s policy on the types of evidentiary samples that may submitted from property crimes for DNA analysis.

The American Society of Crime Lab Directors, along with RTI, have made the below webinars available.  
**ASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 1 – Archival Version**

**ASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 2 – Archival Version**

**Crime Scene Investigator**, Flagler County Sheriff’s Office, Bunnell, Florida, Expires: May 22, 2015

**Forensic Analyst- Digital Evidence**, Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: April 15, 2015

**Experienced Forensic Controlled Substances Analyst**, Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: March 31, 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

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**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, increasing throughput, reducing turnaround time and eliminating backlogs.  
Visit [www.bodetech.com](http://www.bodetech.com) or email [bode.service@bodetech.com](mailto:bode.service@bodetech.com) for more information.
ASCLD Webinar Series: Case Acceptance Policies and Guidelines – Archival Version

ASCLD Webinar Series: Developing a Statewide Approach to Backlog Management – Archival Version

ASCLD Webinar Series: Efficiency Improvements – Archival Version

ASCLD Webinar Series: How to Increase your Staff without Increasing Budget – Archival Version

ASCLD Webinar Series: Managing Customer Expectations and Education – Archival Version

ASCLD Webinar Series: Taking the First Steps Toward Backlog Reduction – Archival Version


**Forensic Conferences**

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

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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

**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**

**ASCLD/LAB-International Preparation Course for Testing 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.)
CLM March 16, 2015

(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.
