President's Message

Dear Members,

LinkedIn
ASCLD has joined the social media world and is now on LinkedIn. Using LinkedIn will allow us to better interface with stakeholders, media, legislative offices, and our members. Please connect with us. Below is our first post.

Message One
Subject: 2015 ASCLD Exhibit Floor 80% Sold
Don’t wait any longer to secure your booth and to begin to receive your valuable benefits. Click here to learn more about exhibit and sponsorship opportunities: http://www.ascldsymposium.com/#/sponsors-exhibitors/c17jc

Visiting our sponsor
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!

Brady W. Mills
ASCLD President

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**News Around the Globe**

**County now looks to East End for crime lab home**
Cincinnati.com
The search for a new home for Hamilton County's crime lab moves to the ... The crime lab handles DNA tests, ballistics research, blood analysis and ...

**Your DNA can be collected and used in court without your permission**
Business Insider
The DNA matched DNA found at the crime scene, and the prosecution built their case around that fact, leading to a 100-year prison sentence.

**Untested DNA evidence leaves rape victims and communities vulnerable: Editorial**
NOLA.com
DNA also is used to rule out suspects who are innocent and to free wrongly convicted people from prison. ... Is there a lack of crime lab resources?

**Bill Introduced to Overhaul Oregon’s Post-Conviction DNA Testing Law**
Jefferson Public Radio

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**2015 Symposium April 26th-30th, 2015**

*The only way to register this year is online, click here to complete your registration.*

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**2015 ASCLD Symposium Agenda Posted**
ASCLD received a record number of quality abstract submissions this year and will be offering concurrent sessions on Wednesday morning which will provide you more opportunities for you to receive the information you need to excel at your job. Register before March 26th to receive the early rates. Click here to see the agenda and to register: [http://www.ascldsymposium.com/](http://www.ascldsymposium.com/)
Oregon, like most states, allows people who say they have been wrongfully convicted to request DNA testing of evidence that might prove their ...

Gujarat Forensic Sciences University: Creating an army of Indian forensic students
Economic Times
It simply turned to the Directorate of Forensic Sciences (DFS), a criminal investigative science laboratory, in Gandhinagar, the capital of Gujarat.

Ruben Rosario: Number of untested rape kits? No one knows
TwinCities.com-Pioneer Press
In 2009, Hennepin County, which has its own crime lab, got a federal grant and began reviewing thousands of cold cases with an emphasis on those ...

A third of Louisiana's 1333 untested rape kits at least 5 years old
NOLA.com
Agencies submitted data to the Louisiana State Crime Lab, which compiled the information into a report then sent to the Senate Judiciary B.

DOJ introduces bill to revamp Montana's DUI laws
The Bozeman Daily Chronicle
That money would be put into a special revenue account to help pay for the cost of processing blood draws at the Montana State Crime Lab in ...

State has DNA databases from cradle to jail
Modesto Bee
Legislators are working on bills tied to DNA privacy and expanded ... Sacramento District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert called forensic DNA “the ...

New date rape drug causing concern
WJXT Jacksonville
BEING ABUSED AND IT COULD BECOME THE NEXT BIG DATE RAPE DRUG IT'S A SEDATIVE THAT CAN PRODUCE TEMPORARY AMNESIA.

Employment Opportunities

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

Forensic Scientist – Firearm and Toolmark Examiner, Kansas Bureau of Investigation Forensic 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
CBS Local
Analyzing that evidence is the job of forensic lab investigators here in Chicago. The 2008 attack on a hotel in Mumbai, India and the Boston Marathon ...

Vernon PD to benefit from upgrade of regional computer forensics
Hartford Courant
... in a Regional Computer Forensic Laboratory. The lab, which already runs with personnel from departments including Vernon's and Glastonbury's, ...

Real life 'CSI: Cyber' at work in Louisville
WLKY Louisville
The Regional Computer Forensic Lab in Louisville is one of only 15 such labs in the country, and serves the FBI and state and local law enforcement ...

House passes bill for rape kit testing
TheNewsTribune.com
The bill won't require agencies to send untested kits now on their evidence shelves to the crime lab, but would require those agencies to request ...

Goa Forensic lab yet to pass the test
Goa com
It is said that justice delayed is justice denied. And in today's high-tech world forensic examination is a very important part of the investigation.

Women Deserve Better Than a Backlog of Over 400000 Untested Rape Kits
Care2.com
... city has instituted new regulations as of 2010 where all kits associated with newly reported crimes are sent directly to the county crime lab for testing.

Backlog of untested rape kits affects cases throughout the state
Lexington Herald Leader
Each agency would report its findings to the state police forensic lab by Sept. 1. The lab would compile the information and provide it to the Legislative ...

The OJ Simpson Effect and forensic science reform

Edison Park Drive, Gaithersburg, MD
20878, Expires: March 30, 2015

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

Criminalist II-DNA, County of San Diego, San Diego, CA, Expires: March 18, 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

Forensic Scientist, Virginia Dept. of Forensic Science, Manassas, VA, Expires: March 11, 2015

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

Asst/Assoc/Full Professor, Forensic Science, UIC, Chicago, IL, Expires: March 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

DNA Analyst/Crime Scene Examiner, Lake County Crime Laboratory, Painesville, OH, Expires: March 20, 2015

Forensic Unit Supervisor, Washington County, Washington County, Oregon, Expires: March 15, 2015
Science Codex
Forensic science expert John Collins has published a commentary at Science 2.0 in which he cites the 1995 murder trial of O.J. Simpson as ...

Researches test 'Forensic Holodeck' device KGNS.tv
A team at the University's Institute of Forensic Medicine has created what they say is the first system in the world to visualize the 3D data of forensic ...

Inside look at FBI's new mobile forensics lab KCTV Kansas City
CBS debuted the new series CSI: Cyber on Wednesday. It's a look at how investigators have gone high tech to hunt down and arrest cyber criminals.

Indianapolis crime lab updating to 3-D HD tech WISH-TV
INDIANAPOLIS (WISH) — Cutting edge software used in less than a handful of crime labs across the United States is making its way to our state.

Odisha CM inaugurates DNA Lab at State Forensic Science Laboratory in Bhubaneswar Orissadiary.com
Among others DG of Police Sri Sanjeev Marik, Addl. DGP of Crime Branch Sri B.K.Sharma, and Director of State Forensic Science Lab Dr A.K. ...

DC mayor orders audit of crime lab amid dispute over DNA testing Washington Post
D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser has commissioned an audit of the city's new crime lab after forensic experts hired by the U.S. Attorney's Office said they ...

Bode Technology provides advanced forensic solutions offering crime labs ways to reduce their workloads and budgets.

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able to tour the lab, which showcased advanced crime-fighting ...

**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.

**Forensic Training**

Palm Beach County Sheriff personnel will be presenting the below webinars.

- April 16: Synthetic Drug Investigation
- April 29: Property Crime and DNA testing

Register at:
http://www.justiceclearinghouse.com/

The Baltimore Forensic Institute of Technology and Innovation

**Course Title:**
Shooting Incident Reconstruction

**Instructor:**
Cory Latham & Troy Wilson

**Location:**
Baltimore Police Department Laboratory Section
601 E. Fayette St,
Baltimore, MD 21202

**Dates:**
March 16-20, 2015

**Times:**
8:00 am – 5:00 pm EST (lunch breaks given)

**Registration:**
$650

**Contact Info:**
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**Webpage:**
“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 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

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.

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.)

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
ASCLD/LAB-International Preparation Course for Calibration Laboratories

http://goo.gl/3hM2K2
ASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 1 – Archival Version

ASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 2 – Archival Version

ASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 3 – Archival Version

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

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.

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 6-9, 2015: 14th Annual AFQAM Training Conference will be held in Pensacola Beach, FL.

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.