



American Society of Crime Lab Directors

"THE CRIME LAB MINUTE" NEWSLETTER

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

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/>

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.

[2 Investigators: Chicago Lab Analyzes Cyber Evidence To Track Down Criminals](#)



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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 400,000 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 ...

[DNA Lab Gets Generous Boost From the Cusumano Family Foundation](#)

PR Newswire (press release)

The announcement was made at a gathering of invited guests who were also



[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 or email bode.service@bodetech.com for more information.

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

[Accreditation Training](#)

[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

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[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](#)

<http://goo.gl/3hM2K2>

**“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 be 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](#)

[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](#)

[ASCLD Webinar Series: The Paradox of Backlog Reduction – How Doing Less Can Be Doing More – 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.

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