



American Society of Crime Lab Directors

"THE CRIME LAB MINUTE" NEWSLETTER

President's Message



Dear Colleagues,

On June 30th ASCLD is sponsoring two webinars on the FBI Allele Frequency Amendments. These webinars are designed to inform lab directors, quality assurance managers, DNA technical leaders, DNA supervisors, and DNA analysts of the background, methodology, and impact.

Here is information about two webinars that ASCLD is sponsoring:

Click [here](#) to register for - ASCLD: FBI Allele Frequency Amendments Overview - Managers Perspective and Legal Considerations

Date & Time: June 30, 2015 10:00 am EST

Description:

This presentation will assist Crime Lab Management to provide timely assessment, correction, notification, reporting and documentation; enabling Crime Labs to continue to earn and keep public trust. This webinar will provide a high level overview of the issue by the FBI including history on the errors, their detection, correction, and the dissemination of information. It will also the laboratory directors' perspective and legal issues that laboratories may need to consider.

Presenters:

- Tina Delgado, Biometrics Analysis Section, Laboratory Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Ray Wickenheiser, Crime Lab System Director for the New York State Police Crime Lab System
- An attorney will also be presenting

Click [here](#) to register for- ASCLD: FBI Allele Frequency Amendments - Technical Discussion

Date & Time: June 30, 2015 1:00 pm EST

Description:

This presentation will assist quality managers, DNA technical leaders and forensic scientists to provide timely assessment, correction, notification, reporting and documentation; enabling Crime Labs to continue to earn and keep public trust. This webinar will provide for a technical discussion of the issue by the authors of the FBI's Erratum. It will also include presentations by a quality manager and technical leader on how they have handled the issue in their laboratories.

Presenters

- Tamyra Moretti, Ph.D. is a Research Biologist in the DNA Support Unit of the FBI Laboratory in Quantico, Virginia.
- John Buckleton, Ph.D. is the Principal Scientist for the Institute of Environmental Science & Research Ltd in Auckland, New Zealand.
- Bruce Budowle, Ph.D. is the Executive Director of the Institute of Applied Genetics, University of North Texas Health Science Center, and Professor in the Department of Molecular and Medical Genetics, in Fort Worth, Texas

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-Steven Myers of the California Department of Justice
-Alyson Saadi, MNS, DNA Technical Leader for the Louisiana State Police Crime Laboratory
-Cyndi Hall, Quality Manager, Idaho State Police Forensic Services Laboratory

If you are unable to attend these webinars, archived versions will be available in the future at <http://www.asclid.org/meetings-and-training/forensic-conferences/>.

Best Regards,
- Jody

Next ASCLD Board Teleconference: July 10, 2015

Also provided to membership in this week's CLM is the NIJ Report on [*The Evaluation of the Forensic DNA Unit Efficiency Improvement Program*](#). This report provides a summary of six crime labs that participated in this program and implemented a series of efforts to increase operational efficiency in their DNA units.

Click [here](#) for the most recent legislative alert provided by CFSO and an update on the congressional appropriations activities. For additional information on CFSO activities please visit their website at <http://www.thecfso.org/>.

Dear colleagues,

I am presenting a paper at EAFS entitled "Forensic Science – a Profession". I need some information to assist me in my preparation. I would most grateful if you could take 5-10 minutes to complete the attached survey dealing mainly with selection criteria for entry to your Institute. The reporting of the data you provide will be anonymous. Thank you in anticipation. Please take the time to access the survey now by clicking on the attached link - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NTGZH6G>

Kind regards.
Sheila Willis



Click [here](#) to register for only \$178 for the entire symposium. For information about the Symposium hotel, speakers, panels, posters and program please go to the Symposium [website](#).



The American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA) is the largest, multi-discipline accreditation body in the U.S., having accredited over 3,500 labs to various ISO standards over its 35-year history. A2LA is a non-profit, membership organization and its accreditations to ISO standards are recognized and accepted world-wide. The A2LA Forensic Accreditation Program offers accreditation to ISO/IEC 17025 for forensic testing laboratories and ISO/IEC 17020 for crime scene units. In addition, A2LA offers a diverse training program. Don't miss A2LA's workshop, "ISO/IEC 17025: Non-conformances and Strategies to Prevent Recurrence" which will be presented by Program Manager, Karin Athanas, at the ASCLD Symposium in April.

Forensic Training

The Forensic and Investigative Science Outreach, at West Virginia University, is offering many onsite forensic science courses and workshops through September 30, 2015, as part of an award from the National Institute of Justice. Click [here](#) for additional information.

Itiel Dror's "Cognitive Factors in Forensic Decision Making" 2-day workshop June 30 & July 1 at the Houston Forensic Science Center. Click [here](#) for additional information.

International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)
Women's Leadership Institute
Branson, Missouri
August 2-7, 2015
Click [here](#) for additional information.



Advanced Topics for Human Identification & Data Interpretation

December 1-4, 2015 | Philadelphia, PA

This 4 day course will offer world-class training for experienced forensic biology practitioners, technicians, and technical leaders involved in testing and testimony for forensic serological and human identification related testing. Each day will focus on issues of current interest in the field and conclude with an open dialogue panel discussion. Topics Include: Current issues with variability in the interpretation of complex mixtures; strategies for the implementation of Rapid DNA technology and sexual assault backlog reduction; alternate novel approaches to biological fluid identification; evaluation of statistical models and probabilistic modeling for mixed sample sources; improved methods for recovery of low template DNA; and legal implications of new strategies and developments in the field. Distinguished faculty include: John Butler, PhD, Niels Morling, MD, DMSc, Michael Coble, PhD, Mechthild Prinz, PhD, Jack Ballantyne, PhD, JoAnne Bright, PhD, and other forensic biology professionals.

Register

today: www.ForensicBio2015.Eventbrite.com

Learn

more: www.ForensicScienceEducation.org/FBioCourse

2015 Impression, Pattern and Trace Evidence Symposium
August 25 - 27, 2015
San Antonio, TX
Click [here](#) for additional information.

Ron Smith & Associates – National Latent Print Examiner Training Academy
October 2015
Camp Shelby, MS
Click [HERE](#) for more information

The NFEA provides training for apprentice/entry level firearm and toolmark examiners from Federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. The Academy curriculum is composed of the fundamentals of firearms & toolmark examinations and serves as a basis for the trainee, under supervision, to develop into a qualified firearm and toolmark examiner. The application deadline for the 2015 - 2016 session of the NFEA is August 21, 2015. It is anticipated that the class will start in October 2015 however the training schedule is dependent on the receipt of funding and may be adjusted accordingly.

Additional information and the application form can be found at:
<http://www.atf.gov/content/firearms/firearms-enforcement/national-firearms-examiner-academy-course-id-frms-pg-0002>

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[Employment Opportunities](#)

[Senior Research Forensic Scientist](#), RTI International, Durham, NC, Expires: August 4, 2015

[Forensic Scientist Supervisor](#), City of Mesa, Mesa, AZ, Expires: July 9, 2015

[Criminalist II – DNA Section](#), Boston Police Department Crime Laboratory, Boston, Massachusetts, Expires: September 1, 2015

[Biology / DNA Analyst](#), City of Albuquerque Police Crime Lab, Albuquerque, NM, Expires: July 24, 2015

[Forensic Scientist \(Quality Control Manager\), Grade 25](#), Montgomery County Police Department, Gaithersburg, Maryland, Expires: July 7, 2015

[Forensic Firearms Examiner I – III](#), The City of Mesa, Mesa, AZ, Expires: July 25, 2015

[Criminalist – Arson/Trace](#), Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation, Ankeny, Iowa, Expires: July 21, 2015

[Forensic Scientist – Trace Evidence](#), Virginia Dept. of Forensic Science, Richmond, VA, Expires: July 6, 2015

[Firearm / Tool Mark examiner](#), City of Albuquerque Police Crime Lab, Albuquerque, NM, Expires: July 20, 2015

[Forensic Scientist I – Drug Unit](#), Massachusetts State Police Forensic Services Group, Springfield, MA, Expires: July 17, 2015

[Criminalist](#), City of Long Beach, Long Beach, CA, Expires: July 17, 2015

[Forensic Lab Technician \(Biology/DNA\)](#), NLT Management Services, LLC, Beltsville, MD, Expires: September 16, 2015

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The American Society of Crime Lab Directors, along with RTI, have made the below webinars available.

[False-Positive and False-Negative Error Rates in Cartridge Case Comparisons](#)

[ASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 1 – Archival Version](#)

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

[ASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 3 – Archival Version](#)

[Quality Assurance Specialist](#), NLT Management Services, LLC, Beltsville, MD, Expires: September 16, 2015

[Quality Assurance Specialist](#), NLT Management Services, LLC, Atlanta, GA, Expires: September 17, 2015

[Quality Assurance Specilaist](#), NLT Management Services, LLC, Walnut Creek, CA, Expires: September 17, 2015

[Forensic Scientist Manager \(DNA\)](#), DC Government – Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington, DC, Expires: July 30, 2015

[Forensic Scientist Technical Leader \(DNA\)](#), DC Government – Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington, DC, Expires: July 30, 2015

[Computer/Digital Examiner](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: July 31, 2015

[Supervisor- Biology/DNA section](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: July 31, 2015

[Fingerprint Technician](#), St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department Crime Lab, Saint Louis, Expires: July 31, 2015

[Forensic Analyst- Trace](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: August 31, 2015

[Sheriff's Forensic Scientist II/III – Firearm & Toolmark Examiner](#), Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Ventura, CA, Expires: July 22, 2015

[Forensic Laboratory Supervisor](#), Oregon State Police, Springfield, Or, Expires: August 18, 2015

[Forensic Laboratory Director](#), Oregon State Police, Central Point, Oregon, Expires: August 18, 2015



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[Firearms Examiner](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: July 31, 2015

[Forensic Analyst- Toxicology](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: July 31, 2015

[News Around the Globe](#)

[Dakota County to begin collecting DNA from people charged with violent crimes](#)

Minneapolis Star Tribune

The Dakota County Sheriff's Office is poised to revive the practice of collecting DNA samples from people who have been arrested and charged with ...

[Times Insider | Synthetic Drug Manufacturing Is an Open Secret in China](#)

New York Times

Just before dawn on Dec. 29, 2013, the southern Chinese fishing village of Boshe awoke to a scene reminiscent of a Hollywood action flick: Over .

[Chaklala house fire: Absence of forensic lab delaying police investigations](#)

The Express Tribune

ISLAMABAD: The absence of a forensic laboratory in the twin cities and reliance on the Punjab Forensic Science Agency (PFSA) in Lahore is delaying ...

[A Deeper Look into DPS Crime Lab](#)

Northern Arizona Today

David Lane, DPS Regional Crime Lab Manager, says they are in charge of covering all of northern Arizona. Richard MacLean, Fingerprinting ...

[Retaliation Suit by Former HPD Lab Supervisors Will Finally Go Forward](#)

Houston Press

Thanks to a ruling by the federal Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals Monday, a lawsuit filed by two former Houston Police Department crime lab supervisors, ..

[Crime-scene DNA errors spark complex legal questions](#)

USA TODAY

Vince Figarelli, the Arizona Department of

[Crime Scene Investigator](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: July 31, 2015

[Forensic Scientist III/Quality Assurance Specialist – Latent Print Examiner](#), City of Saint Paul, Saint Paul, MN, Expires: August 11, 2015

[Forensic Scientist II-Latent Print Examiner](#), City of Saint Paul, Saint Paul, MN, Expires: August 11, 2015

[Associate Medical Examiner \(Forensic Pathologist\)](#), GA Bureau of Investigation, Decatur, Georgia, Expires: August 7, 2015

[Quality Assurance Manager – Police Laboratory](#), New York City Police Department, New York, NY, Expires: August 3, 2015

[DIRECTOR: Department of Forensic Sciences \(DFS\)](#), Government of the District of Columbia, Washington, DC, Expires: July 31, 2015

[Crime Lab Quality Assurance Manager](#), Metro Nashville Police Department- Crime Laboratory, Nashville, TN, Expires: July 22, 2015

[Director of Forensic Toxicology](#), NYC Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, New York, NY, Expires: July 21, 2015

[Deputy Forensic Toxicologist \(DOH/SLD #55101\)](#), State of New Mexico – Department of Health – Scientific Laboratory Division, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Expires: July 8, 2015

[Temporary Part-Time Lecturer in Justice Systems](#), Truman State University – Justice Systems Department, Kirksville, MO, Expires: June 30, 2015

Public Safety 's crime-lab superintendent, stressed that the discrepancies do not amount to mismatching a ...

[Forensic Science Center DNA analyst delivers training on DNA's role in sexual assault investigations](#)

HNN Huntingtonnews.net

Teams may include SANEs, physicians and other medical personnel, victim advocates, members of law enforcement, prosecutors and crime lab ...

[Exhibits left lingering at JCF Forensic Lab](#)

Jamaica Observer

KINGSTON, Jamaica - The Jamaica Constabulary Force's Forensic Laboratory is having space issues as a result of police officers' failure to collect ...

[Probes suffer as manpower crisis dogs forensic lab](#)

Times of India

The case, insist police officers across Bengal, shows the need to immediately modernize the state forensic science laboratory (FSL) so that the ...

[Ex-death row inmate Anthony Graves appointed to Houstoncrime lab board](#)

CBS News

HOUSTON - A man who spent almost 20 years in prison, including 12 on death row, for killings he did not commit has been appointed to the board of ...

[WHY ARE 137 RAPE KITS UNTESTED IN EL CAJON?](#)

East County Magazine

The rest won't be forwarded by SDPD to a crime lab for testing. The reasons include victims who don't want an investigation, cases where detectives ...

[Government taking steps to create a new bill to boost forensic science research](#)

Economic Times

The proposed National Forensic Science Standards Bill, 2014, will provide for ... from chemical tests to determine arsenic to fingerprint and DNA testing to ... The forensic bureau and board will help establish a comprehensive ...



LabCorp Specialty Testing Group

[Bode Cellmark](#) Forensics provides advanced forensic solutions offering crime labs ways to reduce their workloads and budgets.

Bode's newest offerings include:

[Sexual Assault Kit Backlog Reduction Program](#)

streamlines processes to eliminate backlogs of untested sexual assault kits.

[Bode Buccal 2™](#) is uniquely designed to improve DNA databanking collecting and automate processing. The Bode Buccal 2 is a **DIRECT COLLECTION SYSTEM** that requires minimal training. There is **NO Transfer Step Required**.

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REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN: [Bode's 2015 DNA Technical Conferences](#), providing DNA training on the latest techniques and technologies to the forensic scientific community.

[**Accreditation Training**](#)

[ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board \(ANAB\)](#)

ANAB is a member of the ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board family of brands. ANAB 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 17020 and Audit Preparation Workshop for Forensic Police Agencies

[October 29-30,2015](#), Alexandria, VA

Cost: ASQ member \$600, non-ASQ member \$650

ISO/IEC 17025 and Audit Preparation Workshop for Forensic Test Agencies

[DA's Office Adds Staff In Anticipation of Influx Rape Cases from DNA Testing](#)

Dallas Observer

Dallas police and the county prosecutors are testing the city's 4,140 backlogged rape kits. That's good. What's less good is the strain the inevitable ...

[Wildlife Forensics Lab Uses Tech To Sniff, Identify Illegal Wood](#)

NPR

The world's only wildlife forensic lab is in southern Oregon. The lab usually specializes in endangered animal cases, but armed with a high-tech ..

[Forensic Science Center director addresses W.Va. prosecutors with information on advances in ...](#)

HNN Huntingtonnews.net

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. - Marshall University Forensic Science Center Director Dr. Terry W. Fenger delivered a presentation to West Virginia ...

[ASU summer camp offers CSI experience](#)

Arizona State University

The woman in the white lab coat is their instructor, Kimberly Kobjek, a 17-year veteran of the City of Phoenix Police Department Crime Laboratory, ...

[State requires DNA tests, but who pays what?](#)

Stevenspointjournal

STEVENS POINT – People found guilty of crimes in Wisconsin must pay to have their DNA collected — but ambiguous wording in the law may mean ...

[COTC forensic program adds microscope](#)

The Newark Advocate

NEWARK – Central Ohio Technical College has added a Unitron CFM Digital Comparison Microscope to its forensic science technology program.

[Head Of Forensics Lab Says Vermont Has A 'Robust System' For Handling Rape Kits](#)

Vermont Public Radio

This doesn't seem to be a huge issue in Vermont, says the director of Vermont's Forensics Lab, where the current backlog of un-tested kits is 39.

[October 26-28, 2015](#), Alexandria, VA

Cost: ASQ member \$750, non-ASQ member \$800

For more information about these workshops, contact ANAB at 703-836-0025, ext 208. To register, please click on any of the dates above.

[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](#)

[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.

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[Tanzanian Defense Force service members attend forensic training](#)

U.S. Africa Command (press release)
TDF military members visited the forensic lab to gain a better understanding of what Tanzania requires for the development of forensic capabilities.

Forensic Conferences

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 \(SWAFS\)](#)

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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.
