President’s Message

Dear Colleagues,

This past week President Elect Jeremy Triplett, Director Adam Becnel, and Executive Director Jean Stover traveled to Belleview, Washington to review our symposium site for next year's symposium. The site visit went very well and we are looking to build an amazing agenda for next year. Stay tuned as we work to solidify the theme, announce the call for abstracts, and make next year's symposium website available.

The next National Commission on Forensic Science meeting is August 10-11th. The newest work products are available for review and comment. I encourage all members to review these documents and post your comments.

http://www.justice.gov/ncfs/meetings#s6

On June 30, ASCLD sponsored a webinar titled ASCLD: FBI Allele Frequency Amendments Overview - Managers Perspective and Legal Considerations which was a great success. There was over 450 participants. Tina Delgado from the Federal Bureau of Investigations, Gary Sims of California Department of Justice, Ray Wickenheiser of the New York State Police Crime Laboratory System and Matt Redle, Sheridan WY County and Prosecuting Attorney, presented.

This presentation was designed to 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 provided a high level overview of the issue by the FBI including history on the errors, their detection, correction, and the dissemination of information. It also included the laboratory directors’ perspective and legal issues that laboratories may need to consider.

Click HERE to view the webniar.
Free Access to Public Safety and First Responder Standards & Guides

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is now providing free access to ASTM standards to public safety professionals and first responders. Allowing agencies to easily identify and incorporate best practices into their operations, this portal includes standards and practice guides on a variety of topics, including:

- Standard Guide for Credentialing Access to an Incident or Event Site.
- Standard Practice for Radiological Emergency Response.
- Standard Guides for Emergency Operations Center Development and Management.
- Standard Guide for Operational Guidelines for Initial Response to a Suspected Biothreat Agent.

By registering for access, a user will be able to view and download ASTM standards, practices and test methods, which normally cost up to $49 each; compare them to previous versions; and annotate documents online free of charge.

Forensic Training

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

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

MAFS is announcing a Forensic Anthropology Workshop hosted by the Johnson County Sheriff's Office Criminalistics Laboratory in Olathe, Kansas on September 1st - September 3rd.
Click here for additional details.

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.

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

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.

Learn more: www.ForensicScienceEducation.org/FBioCourse
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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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

ComparisonsASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 1 – Archival

VersionASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 2 – Archival VersionASCLD

Rapid DNA Webinar 3 – Archival VersionASCLD Webinar Series:

News Around the Globe

Wildlife Forensics Unmask Poachers and Traffickers  
The Epoch Times  
Worldwide, the National Fish and Wildlife Forensic Lab in Ashland, Oregon is the only full-service crime lab dedicated to wildlife, meaning it includes ...

Employment Opportunities

Criminalist, Boulder Police Department, Boulder, Colorado, Expires: July 31, 2015

Forensic Scientist II – Biology/DNA, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Las Vegas, NV, Expires: August 12, 2015

Forensic Scientist I – Biology/DNA, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Las Vegas, NV, Expires: August 12, 2015

Quality Assurance Specialist, DC Government – Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington, DC, Expires: July 16, 2015

Forensic Scientist III (Digital Evidence), DC Government – Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington, DC, Expires: July 12, 2015

Crime Lab Superintendent, City of Tucson, Tucson
Untested DNA kits are a failure, and state's answer isn't multiple choice
The Virginian-Pilot
State officials have documented more than 2,000 kits of untested DNA ...
Officials at the state Department of Forensic Science released a report last ...

Editorial on rape kits gave complexity short shrift
Washington Post
The kits perhaps should be sent to the state crime lab by police and tested anyway because, as the article said, there may be other valuable ...

Cooks of hazard: Richmond rises to No. 2 in meth labs
Richmond County Daily Journal
Page — who started working in the crime lab 12 years ago and has spent the past decade responding to meth labs — said the chemical hazards ...

Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner chemist fired over botched test, county retests hundreds of ...
cleveland.com
Sran told his immediate supervisor and the crime lab's director, Dr. Harmeet Kaur, that the April 6 sample cited in his dismissal letter was his only ...

DNA helps solve case, highlights backlog
KXAN.com
AUSTIN (KXAN) — DNA evidence in a case more than 1.5 years old lead ... up with processing and entering DNA evidence into a computer system ...

13News Now Investigates: Inside Virginia's cyber crime lab
13newsonnow.com
13News Now takes you inside Virginia's computer crime lab. ... The forensic examination of Avitto's computers found 1,200 images and videos ...

New law requires arrestees in RI to provide DNA samples
WPRI 12 Eyewitness News
 PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — A new state ...
law requiring people arrested for violent crimes to provide DNA samples could help solve cold cases and lead ...  

Forensic spray glue might help police preserve remains and identify fatal burns victims  
ABC Online  
Dr John Berketa of Adelaide University's forensic odontology unit said the ...  
"Fingerprints and DNA are destroyed in temperatures of more than 250 ...  

Ethics Complaint Brought Against NY Forensic Science Commissioners  
Science 2.0 (blog)  
A copy of the the JCOPE complaint was provided to CRIME LAB REPORT (www.crimelabreport.com), for which I am the Chief Managing Editor.  

After singing its praises, City Auditor suggests moving crime lab  
The Denver Post  
Add projected growth in the demand for forensic services and budget concerns, Gallagher said, and the lab's "priorities could be at odds with ...  

Wait for forensic results frustrating for local police  
Saskatoon StarPhoenix  
Waiting for forensic evidence results can be frustrating, say police officers on the Prairies. RCMP labs scattered across the country are tasked with ...  

Fingerprints Gathering Dust At OKC Police Department  
News On 6  
The department has added two more full time examiners to their team recently, bringing the total number of people running latent prints to five.  

Crime lab earns international accreditation  
Richland Source  
Mansfield Division of Police Forensic Science Section Laboratory director Tony Tambasco and crime lab DNA analyst Dawn Fryback are presented ...  

Virginia needs to test its 2369 rape kits  
Washington Post  

Management Services, LLC, Beltsville, MD, Expires: September 16, 2015  

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 Specialist, 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  

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
Congress's final budget is also expected to include $117 million for DNA testing and increasing crime lab capacity under the Debbie Smith Act, at least ...

**Damaged crime lab may lead to overturned convictions, Jefferson Parish lawsuit says**

NOLA.com
The Jefferson Parish Sheriff’s Office's $16.8 million crime lab on the West Bank suffered damages due to Hurricane Isaac, according to a lawsuit.

**COMMENTARY: The licensing of forensic analysts in Texas**

Monitor
Studies show that a substantial number of failures of crime labs and forensic techniques — such as microscopic hair — involved “junk science,” or ...

**The gun ballistics lab is STL's secret to fighting crime**

KSDK
No TV audience has ever seen the inside of the gun ballistics lab. ... "We can compare this to other crimes that may have been done by this firearm," ...

**Sheriff's office low bid: $9.8 million**

Highlands Today
That would give the county 41,740 square feet, which will include property and evidence, crime scene investigations, the crime lab, and the 75 ...

**Limits at DNA lab add twist to cases**

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette
The state police crime lab is a finite resource, one plagued in the past by ... but to jurors used to their forensic evidence-heavy TV shows and movies, ...

**Harris County suspends testing of "touch DNA" evidence in property crimes**

Houston Chronicle (subscription)
The suspension will not affect the Houston Police Department, which relies on the city's crime lab to perform DNA analysis. The Houston Forensic ...

**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
They have not yet seen the inside of the Oregon State Police crime lab, where they could be tested for DNA or physical evidence. Some say testing the ...

**Forensic Conferences**

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.

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**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.

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

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**
October 2015: Northwest Association of Forensic Scientists in Spokane, WA

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


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.