President's Message

Dear Colleagues,

In this week’s Crime Lab Minute, President Wolf has asked me to provide you an update on OSAC. I’m excited to share with you that OSAC is really beginning to get to work! As of early July, the formal procedures and forms were approved to begin routing standards and guidelines through the process. In fact, as this time there are 8 standards in the Chemistry / Instrumental Analysis SAC that the subcommittees have approved to post for public comment. This means that you will begin to see OSAC work products very soon! Please bookmark the webpage https://workspace.forensicosac.org/kws/public in your favorite internet browser, as this is the site where standards and guidelines will be posted for your feedback and public comment.

In addition to starting the formal standards and guidelines approval process, OSAC is also been busy working on several other initiatives. The Forensic Science Standards Board is currently working on the following:

- The mechanism by which the community can request additional disciplines to be added to OSAC and the process by which the FSSB will evaluate those requests
- A mechanism for OSAC subcommittees to publish identified research priorities for each discipline to the public
- A Forensic Science Code of Practice

OSAC is also planning to begin publishing a monthly newsletter of activities and announcements in August. This is one way that the community can stay updated on current OSAC news. This newsletter will also serve as the venue for official notification of OSAC vacancies and upcoming Public Comment Periods for standards and guidelines. If you are not already on the email list for OSAC, please visit this website and put your email address in the brown box. http://www.nist.gov/forensics/osac.cfm

Lastly, I wanted to make the ASCLD community aware that there will be an opening on the Quality Infrastructure Resource Committee in the coming months. I would encourage anyone who is interested, but who has not yet applied to OSAC, to fill out an application here: https://www.nist.gov/forensics/osac-application.cfm If you have previously submitted an application, it is still on file. You are always welcome to update it, though!

It’s a busy time in OSAC! Your ASCLD board and many ASCLD members have been very involved on all levels of OSAC. Thank you to those of you who have participated in OSAC yourselves, and thank you to those of you who allow your employees to participate. The input of both forensic science management and practitioners is vital to this process.

Kindest regards,

Jeremy Triplett
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 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

Questions can be directed to either:
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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
Rapid DNA Webinar 3 – Archival

News Around the Globe
Montana Crime Lab: Bullock allowed problematic doctor to perform infant autopsies
The Missoulian
Over the course of more than a decade, head medical examiner Gary Dale at the...
State Crime Lab in Missoula repeatedly ordered Bennett, whom he ...

Police agencies flood state crime lab with 'rape kits' | Online Athens
Online Athens
ATLANTA | The State Crime Lab has been swamped with rape kits — the name given to evidence gathered in sexual assault cases — awaiting DNA ...

Editorial: State should mandate rape kit testing - Argus Leader
Sioux Falls Argus Leader
The state already has the needed crime lab technology and training to do so. A few states already have adopted laws requiring the testing, and South ...

Scots police could be given DNA test kits to solve murders in minutes
Express.co.uk
And Scottish forensic anthropologist Sue Black believes the automated process could save police in Scotland a "tremendous" amount of money.

Texas Body Farm Researchers Use Corpses to Solve Crimes
Texas Tribune
After bodies decompose into bones, researchers organize the skeletons in the labs of the Forensic Anthropology Center at Texas State University.

West African drug officials see 'alarming' rise in meth trade | Fox News
Fox News
Local and international drug enforcement officials say West African criminal groups are now producing and exporting hundreds of millions of dollars in ...

DCSO partners with other agencies for new crime lab | The-Dispatch.com
Lexington Dispatch
The Davidson County Sheriff's Office is one of 10 law enforcement agencies in the Triad partnering to create a new regional crime lab that will ...

Wright County delays crime lab action | Hometown Source
ECM Publishers
For the past two months, much of the discussion at the Wright County Board of Commissioners has centered on whether Wright County would remain ... 

Rape-kit testing concerns continue to be raised as some progress develops | jacksonville.com
Florida Times-Union
Jacksonville Sheriff Mike Williams said his office doesn't have a crime lab and must send all kits to the FDLE for DNA testing. He said the Sheriff's ...

Shattered Window Sparks Building Concerns at Santa Clara County Crime Lab | NBC Bay Area
NBC Bay Area
Add a shattered window to the list of possible structural issues that has plagued Santa Clara County’s crime lab. Damian Trujillo reports. (Published ... 

Hundreds of DNA rape kits on backlog at State Police Crime Lab
WVVA TV (registration)
BECKLEY (WVVA) Hundreds of DNA rape kits that could identify serial attackers await analysis at the State Police Crime Lab in Charleston.

Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office adds a new crime fighting vehicle
KROE News 13
The tool is a brand new 37 foot long CSI command post and crime lab. The mobile lab is being picked up from the factory today in Columbus, Ohio and ...

Guilford County leads push for new forensics lab
Greensboro News & Record
Agencies often feel they have no control of when their evidence gets processed in the N.C. State Crime Lab. The State Crime Lab operates a ...

Victim support groups call for rape kit testing protocol - WTVM.com-Columbus, GA News Weather ...
WTVM
"Once we get them, we take them to the crime lab within 10 days of receiving them, and the GBI crime lab analysis our rape kits," said Dent-Fitzpatrick.

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

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

Crime Scene Investigator, Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: July 31, 2015

ICE unveils expanded cyber forensics lab -- FCW
FCW.com
Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s Cyber Crimes Center (C3) in Fairfax, Va., unveiled a 5,000-square-foot forensic laboratory July 22 that has ...

Backlog of sexual assault kits under review
Ledger Independent
Auditor of Public Accounts Adam Edelen talked about the backlog of sexual assault forensic examination kits at the state crime lab during a meeting ...

Former Florida Judge says Memphis’ Rape Kit Testing Numbers are Misleading
wreg.com
Nineteen-percent of the kits are at the laboratory going through the ... The City counted in its 53% progress, kits that were sitting at the forensic lab but ...

Q&A: Timothy Kupferschmid of the NYC Office of Chief Medical Examiner on New Forensic DNA ...
GenomeWeb
Besides the forensic biology lab, OCME operates three other laboratories, focusing on forensic toxicology, molecular genetics, and histology.

Why police say 400 rape kits have gone untested
KSFY
In Sioux Falls, police say the state crime lab just began clearing a backlog of nearly 400 untested rape kits last year. Right now the Sioux Falls Police..

Backlog of 11K Abandoned Rape Kits almost Cleared - TV Newsroom
TV Newsroom
... be found, or is found, but chooses not to have the case investigated, Nunn said the rape kits from those cases would not be sent to the crime lab.

Forensic Conferences


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

Independent Validation Services are customized to meet your laboratory’s needs. Validation services provide completely unbiased analysis on your equipment, chemistries, or process.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN: Bode’s 2015 DNA Technical Conferences, providing DNA training on the latest techniques and technologies to the forensic scientific community.

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

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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.

Bode Cellmark provides Independent Validation Services are customized to meet your laboratory’s needs. Validation services provide completely unbiased analysis on your equipment, chemistries, or process.
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

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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.

**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**  
**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.

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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**

**ASCLD/LAB-International Preparation Course for Calibration Laboratories**
April 3-8, 2016: International Association for Chemical Testing (IACT) in Orlando, FL.


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.