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President's Message



Greetings Colleagues,

This week the **International Association for Identification** is celebrating their 100th Anniversary. The IAI is the oldest and largest forensic science professional association in the world and is dedicated to the highest quality physical forensic sciences. Congratulations on a tremendous milestone!

In this Week's CLM, I have asked ASCLD member Mr. Kermit Channel, Chair of the U.S. Technical Advisory Group (TAG) to the **ISO Technical Committee 272** to provide an update on their efforts regarding international standards development for forensic science. ASCLD continues to lead the U.S. TAG and we will continue to provide periodic updates on their progress.

Finally, I wanted to remind everyone that the **National Commission on Forensic Science Meeting #7** is upcoming on August 10th – 11th. There are documents available for public comment. Additional information can be found at <http://www.justice.gov/ncfs>.

Documents available for public comment are:

- [Ensuring that Forensic Analysis is Based Upon Task-Relevant Information](#)
- [Report Content](#)
- [National Forensic Science Curriculum](#)

I encourage all members to participate in the review and comment of these documents.

Regards,

Jody

Next Board Teleconference: August 28th

ISO TC 272 Forensic Science Update

As many of you know, the original scope of the ISO Forensic Science Committee was to create a ISO Standard that would address issues related to DNA contamination in products used by all of our DNA laboratories. This document, ISO 18385:2015 "Minimizing the risk of human DNA contamination in products used to collect, store and analyze biological material for forensic purposes — Requirements" has gone for final review and publication.

So what's next for the ISO TC 272 Forensic Science Committee? At the Washington DC ISO Committee meeting,

several important resolutions were passed which include the following:

- **The development of the new “Scope” of the committee:** “Standardization and guidance in the field of forensic science”. This includes products, techniques, methodology and reporting across broad general areas of

forensic science such as : Detection, collection and preservation of physical evidence; Analysis and interpretation of results and findings.

- **Creation of Working Groups:** These working groups will be established for future work items that will include the following:
 - Working Group 1 Terminology – this WG will concentrate on Forensic Science vocabulary.
 - Working Group 2: Processes – this WG will concentrate on the recognition, recording, recovery, transport and storage of physical material from crime scenes in order to preserve its integrity for forensic purposes.
 - Working Group 3: Products – this WG will concentrate on specifications for consumables used in the collection, preservation and processing of material for forensic analysis.
- **Establish a Task Force to draft the Strategic Business Plan (SBP):** Mr David Neville from Australia (Taks Forece Leader) and I have been appointed to develop a preliminary draft.

The role of ASCLD through the US-TAG will continue as we engage our strategic partners moving forward in the creation of new ISO Standards. The ISO Committee will meet in December of this year to develop a more detailed plan for all ISO member countries to help in the development of the Working Groups.

Kermit B. Channell, U.S. –TAG Chair

[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.

Shimadzu's triple quad GCMS-TQ8040, providing exceptional sensitivity, selectivity, and specificity for detection and quantitation of targeted drugs in the presence of background interferences, is the most powerful choice for your toxicological applications. It enables the analysis of more than 400 compounds in one run, and features automatic method creation, scan/SIM acquisition mode, and an MRM optimization tool.

The Smart Forensic Database includes hundreds of compounds with optimized transitions and collision energies, CAS registry numbers and retention indices (RI). The database supports simultaneous high-sensitivity analysis of samples using GC-MS/MS, eliminating the need to configure complicated analysis conditions.

[Employment Opportunities](#)

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 VersionASCLD](#)

[Rapid DNA Webinar 3 – Archival VersionASCLD Webinar Series:](#)

[Director \(OCME Toxicological Laboratory\)](#), NYC CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER, New York, Expires: October 31, 2015

[Toxicologist Site Manager](#), NMS Labs, Jacksonville, FL, Expires: October 30, 2015

[Crime Scene Technician](#), City of Wilmington, Wilmington, NC, Expires: August 5, 2015

[Forensic Scientist III- Biology](#), Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory, Anchorage, Alaska, Expires: August 17, 2015

[Forensic Scientist – Forensic Biology – Western Laboratory](#), Virginia Dept. of Forensic Science, Roanoke, VA, Expires: August 6, 2015

[Forensic Scientist – Firearms & Toolmarks](#), Virginia Dept. of Forensic Science, Roanoke, VA, Expires: August 4, 2015

[Firearms Examiner](#), Kansas City Police Crime Laboratory, Kansas City, Missouri, Expires: October 1, 2015

[Forensic Latent Print Examiner](#), Johnson County Sheriff's Office, Criminalistics Laboratory, Olathe, Kansas, Expires: August 21, 2015

[Firearms and Tool Marks Examiner](#), St. Louis County Police Crime Laboratory, St. Louis, MO, Expires: August 31, 2015

[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

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

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

[Forensic Lab Technician \(Biology/DNA\)](#), NLT 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 Specilaist](#), NLT Management Services, LLC, Walnut Creek, CA, Expires: September 17, 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



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

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more: www.ForensicScienceEducation.org/FBioCourse

[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
[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



[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.

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News Around the Globe

[Gov. Scott Walker: What Are You Doing to Clear Rape Kit Backlog?](#)

Blue Nation Review

In that plan, they recommended that police do not submit evidence from sexual assault exams to the state crime labs unless victims have consented to ...

[To create a master's in forensic science, Emporia State educator looks to Johnson County](#)

Kansas City Star

Gary Howell, director of Johnson County's crime lab, offered to let Bailey intern with them for the summer so she could get up to date with techniques ...

[Odd Jobs: Firearms examiner](#)

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

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.

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.

Accreditation Training

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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,

WCAX

Every time a gun kills or seriously injures someone in Vermont it ends up at the Vermont Forensic Lab in Waterbury. Wilbur and her boss processed ...

[New police training and forensic science centers cut in Sedgwick County budget](#)

KAKE

Also on the budget chopping block, a \$4.2 million expansion of the Forensic Science Center. It's where all of the forensic evidence from crime scenes ...

[Can regional crime labs ease backlog of DNA tests?](#)

Greensboro News & Record

The state crime lab, part of the N.C. Dept. of Justice, offers DNA analysis, toxicology tests and other evidence-based services to law enforcement ...

[Police scramble to test old rape kits leads to crime backlog | savannahnow.com](#)

Savannah Morning News

ATLANTA — The State Crime Lab has been swamped with rape kits awaiting DNA analysis since March, accelerating in June when police agencies ...

[Houston County now relying solely on GBI for autopsies](#)

Macon Telegraph

"It stayed in the county, where now, if we need a medical examiner, we have to transport the body to Macon to the crime lab. And we have to have ...

[Wildlife investigations get forensic at East Stroudsburg DNA lab](#)

Scranton Times-Tribune

At 8 a.m. the day after New Jersey's first deadly bear attack since the 1850s, forensic scientist Nicole Chinnici's phone rang. New Jersey Department of ...

[DNA profiling the new headache for NDA government](#)

Hindustan Times

The bill also provides forensic procedure to collect DNA samples from both ... As both sides are providing strong arguments in and against the DNA ...

[DPS processing thousands of untested rape kits](#)

KSAT San Antonio

Although the Bexar County **Crime Lab** regularly processes rape kits, Carian said the staff would have been overwhelmed by the volume of kits.

[BCA Trace Evidence Lab Unlocks Unseen Clues in Cases](#)

KSTP.com

The BCA **trace evidence** lab uses carbon strips and high-tech machinery to extract vapors from the evidence samples to see if ignitable liquids are ...

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.

[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.

[Untested rape kits to be released to police](#)

KMOV.com

Under ideal circumstances, the kit is sent to a **crime lab** to identify the suspect's DNA, which is then uploaded into a national crime database called ...

[Groups hail law speeding transfer of rape kits to state forensic lab](#)

New Haven Register

Gov. Dannel P. Malloy joined victim advocates last week to commemorate passage of a new law that improves the processing and collection of sexual ...

[Advocates Praise Passage of Law To Speed Transfer of Rape Kits](#)

CT Newsjunkie

The new law speeds the transfer of all sexual assault evidence kits from police stations to the Connecticut **Forensic Science Lab** in Meriden. According ...

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