President's Message

Greetings Colleagues,

As you know, the ASCLD Board of Directors offered a proposed bylaws change for public comment at the beginning of September on the 3-2-1 requirements to run for the ASCLD Board of Directors. To date, we have received three comments and these have been posted to the ASCLD website for membership's review (http://www.ascld.org/3-2-1-board-eligibility-proposal/). The Chairs of the Ethics and Bylaws Committee and the Membership Committee along with the Board are drafting responses to these comments. We expect to distribute these responses later this week. A comment period will resume for a period of 2 weeks to give members another opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding this proposed bylaws change.

Regards,

Jody

NIJ recently released a solicitation for Forensic Science Research & Development in Forensic Science for Criminal Justice Purposes - http://nij.gov/funding/Documents/solicitations/nij-
The Forensic Technology Center of Excellence Presents
ASCLD: FBI Allele Frequency Amendments - Technical Discussion
On-Demand (Approximately 75 Minutes)

Click here for registration information.

Ron Smith & Associates – National Latent Print Examiner Training Academy. October 2015 Camp Shelby, MS
Click here for more information.

Bode’s Annual DNA & Investigators Conference, November 9-12, 2015 in Old Town Alexandria, providing DNA training on the latest techniques and technologies to the forensic scientific community.

The American Society of Crime Lab

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.
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

ASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 2 – Archival Version

ASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 3 – Archival Version

**ASCLD Webinar Series: 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

IntegenX, headquartered in Pleasanton, California, is the market leader of Rapid human DNA identification technology. IntegenX technology platforms integrate advanced fluidics, optics, and biochemistry capabilities to produce sample-to-answer products for DNA-based human identity testing for forensics and law enforcement applications.
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

**ASCLD/LAB** is a not-for-profit corporation specializing in the accreditation of public and private forensic laboratories. Since 1982, we have been committed to the ongoing accreditation, support, education and oversight of forensic organizations striving for excellence in forensic analysis. Visit our website to learn more about our accreditation programs, the assessment process and training opportunities.

**Employment Opportunities**


**Supervisor Forensic Services (DNA), New York State Police Crime Lab System, Albany, NY**, Expires: October 30, 2015

**Forensic Scientist III (Fingerprint Analyst)**, Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington, DC, Expires: October 16, 2015


**Assistant/Associate Professor of Forensic Science**, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX, Expires: December 31, 2015

**Laboratory Accreditation Specialist 2**, New
News Around the Globe

Countywide grant to buy new fingerprint scanners for Marysville, other departments
New Baltimore Voice Newspapers
"What a live scan unit does is digitally capture fingerprints – unlike the old latent prints which we would roll in ink. Our current live scan machine is ...

5 Investigates: Review of old forensic hair cases begins
WCVB Boston
BOSTON — Massachusetts State Police began reviewing cases where its crime lab analysts conducted the kind of pre-DNA forensic hair analysis that ...

Results back on hundreds of rape kits tested by State Crime Lab
KUTV 2News
(KUTV) The Utah State Crime Lab reports it has received the results after processing more than one hundred previously untested rape kits. The testing ...

Utah working through backlog of untested rape kits

York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, Albany, NY, Expires: October 16, 2015

Section Head, Organizational Development, Government of Ontario, Toronto, Expires: October 13, 2015

Forensic Scientist – Controlled Substances, Virginia Dept. of Forensic Science, Manassas, VA, Expires: October 16, 2015

Toxicology Forensic Technical Leader, Tulsa Police Department Forensic Laboratory, Tulsa, OK, Expires: October 31, 2015

Latent Print Examiner, St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department Crime Lab, Saint Louis, Missouri, Expires: November 1, 2015

FORENSIC TOXICOLOGIST (FORENSIC LAB QUALITY CONTROL MANAGER), OCME, Washington, Expires: October 15, 2015

Assistant Professor of Forensic Sciences, Chaminade University of Honolulu, Honolulu, Expires: November 30, 2015

Laboratory Director, DC Government – Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington, DC, Expires: October 14, 2015

Director, Crime Scene Sciences, DC Government – Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington, DC, Expires: October 11, 2015

Director of Evidence Collection Division
A report released Tuesday says that police have submitted about 1,200 kits to the crime lab, and authorities are sending them to private labs for testing ...

CPSO hosts fingerprint training workshop
Shreveport Times
Detectives and crime scene officers who previously had little to no ... Parker County, Texas, Sheriff's Office; and the Northwest Louisiana Crime Lab.

How London's Metropolitan Police use forensic imaging and CCTV investigation to produce ...
SourceSecurity.com
Historically the MPS inLondon, like police forces worldwide, have had highly skilled individuals working within forensic labs. They deal with cases ...

DNA At the Fringes: Twins, Chimerism, and Synthetic DNA
Daily Beast
Forensic DNA testing is to some extent a field of frontiers. Researchers continue to probe how our DNA works, filling the pages of science journals with ...

New Bucks DNA database is the first of its kind nationally
Philly.com
Bensalem director of public safety Fred Harran says the new DNA database will do the work of uniting departments. (TRACIE ... Police Department’s forensic science office, which analyzes DNA evidence in about 2,000 cases a year.

(Report from KSL.com)

(Report from Shreveport Times)

(Report from SourceSecurity.com)

(Report from Daily Beast)

(Report from Philly.com)
Crime Lab Deficit Affects Local Law Enforcement Agency
MyArkLaMiss (press release) (blog)
The West Monroe Police Department says they are starting to feel the affects of the crime lab's lack of funds. Just last night the crime lab requested a ...

Community Foundation of the Verdugos Presents $250000 to the Verdugo Regional Crime Lab
PR Newswire (press release)
This campaign was an initiative to keep the Verdugo Regional Crime Lab operational and self-sustaining after a successful initial phase in January ...

Rape-kit results trickle in and offer closure, but much more is to be done
Salt Lake Tribune
The state crime lab on Tuesday reported that it had finalized results from 102 of 1,248 rape kits police in Utah have submitted since October 2014.

NAB allowed to run own forensic lab
The Nation
ISLAMABAD - The National Accountability Bureau (NAB) has been allowed to operate its forensic laboratory for which it had sought permission about ...

New DNA Standards Could Lead To Thousands Of Texas Retrials
CBS Local
New DNA Standards Could Lead To Thousands Of Texas Retrials ... The Texas Forensic Science Commission met last week

Quality Assurance Manager, Crime Scene Unit, New York City Police Department, New York, NY, Expires: November 13, 2015

Manager, Case Management, Training and Professional Development Section, New York City Police Department, New York, NY, Expires: November 13, 2015

Faculty Position in Forensic Chemical Science, Washburn University, Topeka, KS, Expires: October 15, 2015

Forensic Audio/Video Supervisor, Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: October 31, 2015

Firearm / Tool Mark examiner, City of Albuquerque Police Crime Lab, Albuquerque, NM, Expires: November 5, 2015

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

Bode Cellmark Forensics provides advanced forensic solutions offering
and announced a review ...

**Florida forensic scientists to use 3D printing to recreate skulls from nine unsolved murders**
3ders.org (blog)
While prime time TV shows typically suggest otherwise, not all murders are solved after a night of reflection in the lab. Having nothing to go on but a ...

**Lawmaker calls for statewide audit of untested rape kits**
Beaumont Enterprise
New Hampshire forensic lab director Tim Pifer said last week he had seven rape kits that had yet to be tested, calling it a "very low backlog."

**LabCorp’s link to solving Backlog in crime testing**
Burlington Times News
The grant programs will provide about $79 million to qualified police departments and crime labs for forensic DNA testing, and to improve the handling ...

**Did New York State Police scapegoat its crime lab scientists?**
Albany Times Union
Last December, a dozen State Police forensic scientists arriving for work ... 30, 2014: 12 DNA analysts are locked out of the lab and moved to State ...

**Cops want gear to sniff out anyone with a hand in crime**
Times of India
"There are patent prints which can be crime labs ways to reduce their workloads and budgets.

**Bode’s newest offerings include:**

* Bode’s Annual DNA & Investigators Conference, November 9-12, 2015 in Old Town Alexandria, providing DNA training on the latest techniques and technologies to the forensic scientific community.

* 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.

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

**Forensic Conferences**

Oct 12-16, 2015: Southern Association Forensic Scientists 2015 Meeting – Atlanta,
located with naked eyes, like a ... But the most difficult to detect are the latent prints that may have been left on a ...

Oct 18-25, 2015: Society of Forensic Toxicologists – Atlanta, GA.

Oct 19-23, 2015: Southwestern Association of Forensic Scientists – Oklahoma City, OK

Oct 2015: Northwest Association of Forensic Scientists – Spokane, WA


April 3-8, 2016: International Association for Chemical Testing – Orlando, FL

May 5-7, 2016: 2nd Annual Middle East Congress of the International Association of Law and Forensic Sciences (IALFS) – Istanbul, Turkey

May 17-20, 2016: Mid-Atlantic Association of Forensic Scientist (MAAFS) – Richmond, VA

May 28-June 3, 2016: The Association of Firearm and Tool Mark Examiners – New Orleans, LA

Aug 7-13, 2016: International Association for Identification – Cincinnati, OH

Sep 18-23, 2016: International Symposium on the Forensic Sciences – Auckland, New Zealand

Oct 3-7, 2016: Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientist (MAFS) – Branson,
Missouri


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.

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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