



## *President's Message*



### 2016 Symposium Planning Update

In this edition of the CLM, President Wolf has asked me to provide the membership an update on our 2016 symposium planning efforts.

I'm pleased to report that our symposium planning efforts are well underway. Based on the positive experience from last year, the ASCLD Board has again retained the services of Kinsley Meetings to help us with the meeting planning logistics. Kinsley has provided significant insight into ways we can continue to improve our symposium. Because of Kinsley's assistance and several hard-working Board members, we are significantly ahead of schedule this year in the symposium planning process. At this point in time, we have already launched the call for abstracts and secured contracts with the AV/media company, exhibiting support company, and mobile app vendor. Additionally, more than 1/3 of the exhibition booths are already spoken and paid for by vendors. We have also already visited the hotel and mapped out workshop, plenary, and exhibition locations.

The theme for the 2016 symposium is "INSPIRED LEADERSHIP: Developing a Culture of Excellence." My goal for the 2016 symposium is that crime lab leadership

will have a week to escape the day-to-day grind of the modern forensic laboratory and spend a week learning about practical ways they can improve their laboratory and their own leadership abilities. A key focus of 2016 will be to provide attendees with actionable items to take back to your laboratories.

We are currently working on several new and exciting workshops, and some interesting plenary talks from both inside and outside the forensic management space. **That said, we still need more abstracts submitted!** If you would like to present a workshop, plenary talk, or poster at 2016, please click on the following link and submit your abstract soon! The absolute deadline for abstract submission is close-of-business October 31, 2015. Please visit <http://www.ascldsymposium.com/#!abstract-submission/cdtk> for additional information.

I'm very excited about the progress of our symposium planning so far. 2016 will be a great program and I hope each of you are planning to attend! See you in Bellevue!

For more information about the 2016 symposium, please visit: <http://www.ascldsymposium.com>

Have a great week,  
Jeremy Triplett

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NIJ recently released a solicitation for Forensic Science Research & Development in Forensic Science for Criminal Justice Purposes - <http://nij.gov/funding/Documents/solicitations/nij-2016-4305.pdf>



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Ron Smith & Associates – National Latent Print Examiner Training Academy. October 2015 Camp Shelby, MS

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### [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 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](#)

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December 1-4, 2015 | Philadelphia, PA

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Register today: [www.ForensicBio2015.Eventbrite.com](http://www.ForensicBio2015.Eventbrite.com)

Learn

more: [www.ForensicScienceEducation.org/FBioCourse](http://www.ForensicScienceEducation.org/FBioCourse)

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## News Around the Globe

[New forensic lab promises to speed up investigations](#)

KRDO

Velez said the lab construction delayed CBI's ability to process evidence at its old Pueblo lab. Some of the evidence was sent to offices in Denver and ...

about our accreditation programs, the assessment process and training opportunities.

## Employment Opportunities

[Assistant/Associate Professor of Forensic Science](#), Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX, Expires: December 31, 2015

[Laboratory Accreditation Specialist 2](#), New 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

[Criminalist II DNA](#), County of Santa Clara Crime Laboratory, San Jose, California, Expires: October 5, 2015

[Criminalist III Toxicology](#), County of Santa Clara Crime Laboratory, San Jose, California, Expires: October 5, 2015

[Criminalist II Toxicology](#), County of Santa Clara Crime Laboratory, San Jose, California, Expires: October 5, 2015

[State police urge police, sheriffs to send sexual assault kits to lab within 14 days of receipt](#)

OregonLive.com

The state lab's forensic scientists also are creating a form to help identify trends and determine which kits should get priority for testing – "things the lab ...

[Ballistics imaging systems effective with good management Sam Houston State University](#)

EurekAlert (press release)

"This nation also possessed a professionalized forensic crime lab and advanced ballistic imaging technology. The analysis reveals that the effective ...

[Kansas City Artist Uses Creative Skills To Review FBI Cases](#)

KCUR

Microscopic hair analysis is the process of comparing hair found at a crime ... The ride-alongs led Farrar to begin volunteering at the city's crime lab.

[In crime investigations, digital evidence 'outweighs' DNA](#)

Montgomery Advertiser

It's the stereotypical crime scene: police struggling with a tough case search a seemingly bare crime scene only to miraculously find a strand of hair or ...

[Stetson Law gets grant to start forensic evidence training program](#)

Bay News 9

It goes to Stetson's National Clearinghouse for Science, Technology and the Law to develop a forensic evidence training program for lawyers who ...

[Criminalist DNA Analyst \(grant funded\)](#), Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department Crime Lab, Charlotte, NC, Expires: October 9, 2015

[Criminalist DNA Analyst](#), Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department Crime Lab, Charlotte, NC, Expires: October 9, 2015

[Director, Crime Scene Sciences](#), DC Government – Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington, DC, Expires: October 11, 2015

[Director of Evidence Collection Division \(Crime Scene\)](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: October 31, 2015

[Experienced Firearms Examiner](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: November 30, 2015

[Experienced Latent Print Examiner](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: October 31, 2015

[Senior DNA Examiner](#), PAE, Fort Gillem, Georgia, Expires: December 8, 2015

[Senior Latent Print Examiner](#), PAE, Fort Gillem, Georgia, Expires: December 8, 2015

[Latent Print Supervisor](#), Kansas City Police Department, Kansas City, Missouri, Expires: October 16, 2015

[Laboratory Manager I – Forensic Chemistry Unit](#), Delaware Division of Forensic Science, Wilmington, DE, Expires: February 27, 2016

[Health and Safety Specialist](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston Forensic Science Center, Expires: October 31, 2015

[Forensic Scientist II](#), LVMPD, Las Vegas, NV, Expires: October 14, 2015

[Forensic Scientist I](#), LVMPD, Las Vegas, NV, Expires: October 14, 2015

[Technical Writer – II \(NIBIN\) Opening](#), NLT Management Services, Beltsville, MD, Expires: November 18, 2015

[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



[Now the Largest Full Service Accredited Municipal Crime Lab in US](#)

Siera Madre Weekly

After a thorough, on-site reaccreditation assessment of the Scientific Services Bureau crime laboratory, the bureau received two new accreditation ...

[My Lab Essentials: Forensic Soil Investigation – Mapping Criminal Influences](#)

SelectScience.net (press release) (registration)

In the latest in our Lab Essentials series, Prof.

Dawson ... From Roman times to Sherlock Holmes, soil has been used in crime scene investigation.

[Rape kits law passed](#)

Yale Daily News (blog)

The law, signed by Gov. Dannel Malloy in July, will require the state crime lab in Meriden to analyze rape kits — evidence obtained from a victim after ...

[Crime labs see test results for fentanyl double this year](#)

Columbus Dispatch

This year, Bureau of Criminal Investigation labs in London, Richfield and Bowling Green have seen huge jumps in drug test results for fentanyl and ...

[Authorities Ask Family of Missing Persons for DNA Records](#)

ABC News

Authorities are urging Southern California residents with missing family members to give DNA samples to try to find them among unidentified human ...

[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 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

[Community Briefs: Workshop explores criminal justice system](#)

Arizona Daily Sun

They can also expect presentations from the County Medical Examiner and a criminalist from the Department of Public Safety Crime Lab.

Participants ...

[Long road ahead to deal with thousands of untested rape kits in Washington](#)

The Olympian

The city's crime lab also had a backlog of 1,400 kits that had been submitted to a crime lab but not tested, on top of an anticipated influx of 1,000 new ...

[Our View: Sexual assault cases need to be more of a priority](#)

Rockford Register Star

... Submission Act, which required the testing of rape kits and established a statewide protocol to submit new rape kits to the crime lab within 10 days.

[Off the Cuff: Douglas Rohde, forensic scientist](#)

The Oberlin Review

Douglas Rohde is the supervisor of chemistry and toxicology at the Lake County Crime Lab. He delivered two lectures on a campus visit Wednesday ...

[Crime fighters get tech boost](#)

Pueblo Chieftain

Jan Girten, deputy director for forensic services, said the same operations ... over 30 to 40 years of forensic analysis and created a lab," Girten said.

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Oct 6-9, 2015: [14<sup>th</sup> Annual AFQAM Conference](#) - Pensacola Beach, FL

Oct 12-16, 2015: [Southern Association Forensic Scientists 2015 Meeting](#) - Atlanta, GA

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

February 22-27, 2016: [American Academy of Forensic Science](#) - Las Vegas, NV

April 3-8, 2016: [International Association for Chemical Testing](#) - Orlando, FL

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



[Forensic crime lab malpractice surfaces in Oregon](#)

Royal Society of Chemistry

New revelations that a chemist at an Oregon state forensics lab appears to have tampered with drug evidence have led the state's governor to launch ...

[Who Should Have Access to DNA Evidence?](#)

New York Times

Buffey was appointed a lawyer, Thomas Dyer, who asked prosecutors about the DNA testing that the West Virginia State Police Forensic Laboratory ...

[Forensic evidence often vital](#)

Bowling Green Daily News

Often, having DNA evidence is enough for someone who commits a sexual assault to enter a guilty plea, Warren County Commonwealth's Attorney ...

[The Smell Of Death Could Become A Powerful Forensic Tool](#)

Science 2.0

Understanding the pattern of change of the chemicals that make up the scent during the process of decomposition could be of huge benefit to forensic ...

['CSI effect' impacts forensic science in Johnson County](#)

KCTV Kansas City

Allen Hamm, interim director at the Johnson County crime lab, says people often don't realize how long it can take to run a DNA test or get the results ...

[Prop 47 could purge DNA database](#)

The San Diego Union-Tribune

SAN DIEGO — The fate of as many as 500,000 DNA samples collected from felony arrestees and stored in a state database is at the center of the ...

['Bone detective' to share forensic findings in Halifax](#)

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.

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### **ASCLD-LAB Training**

Training classes to help forensic laboratory personnel understand the requirements

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TheChronicleHerald.ca

Douglas Owsley sees human skeletons in ways he never thought possible. The forensic anthropologist, known as the Smithsonian Institute's "bone ...

[Gujarat to help Uganda fight crime with forensic laboratory](#)

Economic Times

Gujarat forensic scientists will study current crime scenario in Uganda and assess the country's requirements such as ballistics, DNA testing, blood ...

[DNA policy; funding to speed up state crime lab](#)

Mount Airy News

The samples are processed in a DNA database specific section of the lab that is ... The budget included \$547,030 to add a forensic scientist and three ...

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 \(A2LA\)](#)

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