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](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](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 -
Forensic Training
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 Directors,
along with RTI, have made the below webinars
available.

False-Positive and False-Negative Error Rates in
Cartridge Case
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Archival
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hundreds of compounds with optimized
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registry numbers and retention indices (RI).
The database supports simultaneous high-
sensitivity analysis of samples using GC-
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complicated analysis conditions.
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](http://www.ForensicScienceEducation.org/FBioCourse)

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.

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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 ...
State police urge police, sheriffs to send sexual assault kits to lab within 14 days of receipt

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 ...
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.

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Community Brief: 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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Forensic Conferences
Oct 6-9, 2015: 14th Annual AFOAM 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


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 ...
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 ...

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