CFSO Update – Matthew Gammette, CFSO Chair

Last week all six member organizations of the CFSO had a member representative at the National Commission on Forensic Science Meeting and several other meetings with federal agencies. The member organizations were able to see the working of the NCFS and engage with the Commissioners.

In addition, there were several opportunities for the CFSO representatives to get together and discuss issues of immediate importance. CFSO representatives met with management representatives of NIST, DOJ, NIJ, OSTP, and the FBI to discuss areas of mutual interest. All these groups committed to meet more regularly with CFSO and the member organizations on issues of national forensic leadership, research, grants, funding, and quality related issues. Task groups have already been formed coming out of many of these meetings to put in action some great ideas for collaboration. We will keep you posted on many of these agenda items coming soon. These meetings were very positively received by these federal agencies.

We want to express our thanks to the very busy executives and staff at these federal agencies for their time in meeting with us and their dedication to forensic science.

We discovered through these meetings that ASCLD and CFSO are very involved in many initiatives of these federal agencies and we also learned that CFSO now represents over 21,000 memberships in our six forensic organizations.

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3-2-1 Bylaws Vote Update – Jeff Salyards, Ethics and Bylaws Committee Chair

Our vote to amend our Bylaws to specify requirements for Board of Directors eligibility requirements (nicknamed 3-2-1) failed to reach enough responses to establish a quorum. As a result, this vote has failed. It’s important to note that of the votes received, over 90% were in favor of passing this amendment.

As a result, we intend to reintroduce this topic during our Symposium in April 2016 for an in-person vote.

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Registration for the Leadership Academy 2016 has opened. Click here to view for additional information about the Leadership Academy, as well as the links for registration.

Registration for the Leadership Academy 2016 also includes registration for the ASCLD Symposium. Attending the symposium is a great way to maximize your leadership training.
opportunity.

Any questions, please email or give a call to Director Kris Deters at Kristine.deters@state.mn.us and 651-793-2994. Additional information about the symposium is also located on the ASCLD Symposium website.

Next Teleconference: January 22, 2015

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**Forensic Training**

March 14-18 2016 the Maryland State Police will be hosting the Forensic Management Academy presented by West Virginia University. This one week premier business program was designed for forensic professionals to strengthen their management competencies and be better prepared to meet the increasing demands of forensic laboratories. Contact Martina Bison-Huckaby at martina.bison-huckaby@mail.wvu.edu or (304)293-7926 for additional information.

The course registration is $2,250 and the enrollment link is [http://wvu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_41L3kIo749uz3pz](http://wvu.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_41L3kIo749uz3pz).

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Ron Smith & Associates Training

**December 2015**

Introduction to the Science of Friction Ridge Examination

Location: Glendale, CA

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**Postmortem Interpretive Toxicology**

Where: Philadelphia, PA
When: January 25-29, 2016
Course Fee: $1,500

The Center for Forensic Science Research & Education presents its 4th annual in-depth course in interpretive postmortem toxicology. This is one of the most challenging areas of forensic science, given the complex range of considerations that need to be applied in performing analysis, and reporting and interpreting results. Factors from choice of samples, collections tubes, postmortem redistribution, analytical approach, drug-drug interactions and tolerance all play a part in providing accurate and reliable interpretive input for the pathologist or medical examiner.

Register today: [http://forensicscienceeducation.org/postmortem-](http://forensicscienceeducation.org/postmortem-)
Understanding Exclusion and Sufficiency Decisions
Location: Clearwater, FL
Tuition: $600.00 | Hours: 40

Digital Crime Scene and Evidence Photography
Location: Rio Rancho, NM
Tuition: $400.00 | Hours: 24

January 2016
Introduction to the Science of Friction Ridge Examination
Location: Bethlehem, PA
Class Dates: 01-18-2016 thru 01-22-2016
Tuition: $600.00 | Hours: 40

February 2016
Essential Ridgeology Concepts
Location: Bourne, MA
Class Dates: 02-08-2016 thru 02-12-2016
Tuition: $600.00 | Hours: 40

Forensic Examination of Violent Crime Scenes
Location: Cumming, GA
Class Dates: 02-16-2016 thru 02-18-2016
Tuition: $400.00 | Hours: 24

Fundamentals of Crime Scene Examination and Evidence Collection
Location: Grand Forks, ND
Class Dates: 02-22-2016 thru 02-26-2016
Tuition: $600.00 | Hours: 40

March 2016
Scientific Analysis (ACE-V): From the Laboratory to the Witness Stand
Location: Dallas, TX
Class Dates: 03-07-2016 thru 03-11-2016
Tuition: $600.00 | Hours: 40

Learn more: www.ForensicScienceEducation.org/FBioCourse

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.

IntegenX, headquartered in Pleasanton, California, is the market leader of Rapid human DNA identification technology. IntegenX
Introduction to the Science of Friction Ridge Examination
Location: Melbourne, FL
Class Dates: 03-21-2016 thru 03-25-2016
Tuition: $600.00 | Hours: 40

Palm Print Comparison Techniques
Location: Bethlehem, PA
Class Dates: 03-22-2016 thru 03-24-2016
Tuition: $400.00 | Hours: 24

New courses and class locations are added daily so be sure to check the website at:
www.RonSmithandAssociates.com/Training

The Houston Forensic Science Center offers a variety of training opportunities.

February:
Crime Scene Investigation class will provide participants with hands-on instruction in a unique training environment, a house specifically designed to teach such courses. Click here for details.

One-day Sig Sauer Pistols. Armorer Certification. Click here for details.

On-demand Webcast: The Public Health Challenge of Synthetic Cannabinoids

This one day symposium, recorded live on September 30th, 2015, addresses different aspects of synthetic cannabinoid use, including pharmacology, clinical symptoms, assessment and treatment of synthetic cannabinoid use and laboratory testing related to these compounds. Click here for additional information.

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
ASCLD: FBI Allele Frequency Amendments - Technical Discussion
On-Demand (Approximately 75 Minutes)

The Forensic Technology Center of Excellence Presents

Click here for registration information.

The American Society of Crime Lab Directors, along with RTI, have made the below webinars available.

**False-Positive/Negative Error Rates in Cartridge Case Comparisons**

ASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 1 – Archival
ASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 2 – Archival
ASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 3 – Archival

Rapid DNA Webinar Series:

ASCLD

Criminalist Trainee/I/II (recruiting for one position – open at all levels), Washoe County Sheriff’s Office
Forensic Science Division, Reno, Expires: February 1, 2016

City of Thornton, Criminalist II/Senior
Thornton, CO, Expires: January 11, 2016

Union County NJ Laboratory Director
Proctor’s Office, Westfield, Expires: January 1, 2016

Toolmarks & Forensic Scientist – Firearms
Virginia Dept. of Forensic Science, Roanoke, VA, Expires: January 5, 2016

Forensic Science Expertise Opportunities – DNA, Toxicology/Chemistry;
National /Latent Prints & Toolmarks/Firearms
Forensic Science Technology Center, Atlanta, GA and/or various OCONUS locations based on government requirements, Expires: March 11, 2016

Assistant/Associate Professor of Forensic Science
Department of Forensic Science, College of Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University, Hunstville, Texas, Expires: December 31, 2016

Texas Forensic Scientist I-III, DNA
Department of Public Safety, Austin, TX, Expires: December 23, 2015

Solano County, Forensic Laboratory Director
Fairfield, CA, Expires: January 12, 2016

Kansas Bureau Supervisor – Biology Section
of Investigation Forensic Science Laboratory, Topeka, Kansas, Expires: January 6, 2016

Kansas Supervisor – Chemistry Section
Bureau of Investigation Forensic Science Laboratory, Topeka, Kansas, Expires: January 6, 2016

Forensic Scientist – Questioned Documents
Virginia Dept. of Forensic Science, Roanoke, VA, Expires: January 31, 2016

Fort Worth Police Crime Laboratory, Fort Worth,
Officials ask UNA to reopen forensics lab to help clear evidence backlog
whnt.com
"The letter that we got from the forensics lab was six months," Williamson said. "When we talked to them, they say six months to a year, and that's not ...
Enough Forensic Labs
The Quint
Surrounded by eminent people like Shabana Azmi and Javed Akhtar, Asha Devi the mother of the December 16, 2012 gang-rape and murder victim in ...

Nevada lawmakers approve funds to test backlog of rape kits
Elko Daily Free Press
Most untested evidence collection kits in Nevada are in Las Vegas, where police forensic lab director Kimberly Murga said she’s now on track to test ...

The case for handheld in smarter narcotics identification
Officer.com (press release) (registration) (blog)
Since then, however, only 35 cases total have gone to the state lab, helping ... In 2014, the National Forensic Laboratory Information System (NFLIS) ...

Forensics dept expansion could speed up probes
Times of India
Cyber Forensics Laboratory will have separate wings for cyber, mobile and ... kits will be collected at crime scene and tested immediately in the lab

After settlement, Douglas County crime lab boss will resign and get $195320
Kearney Hub
Earlier this year, the Douglas County Attorney’s Office distributed a memo to defense attorneys about crime lab problems, including allegations by the ...

Forensic science reform is finally here. But will we get it right?
Washington Post
These criticisms get stronger when you consider that most of the crime lab ... The latter is a problem that creeps into all forms of forensic analysis. ... of DNA testing showed us that many of the forensic “sciences” we thought to be ...

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 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

March 14-15, 2016: Genetics in Forensics Congress – London

April 3-8, 2016: International Association for Chemical
County budget approved for 2016; includes new jail, forensic lab
Columbus Dispatch
The general fund also will provide $44 million next year toward a new jail and a combined morgue and forensic lab. The 23-acre site for the new jail is ...

New DNA testing bill drawing fire from ACLU
KMOV.com
Linda Black (R-Park Hills) believes collecting and testing the DNA samples could lead to solving open cases that have gone cold. The policy would be ...

Everyone thought DNA evidence would make a difference to rape convictions - but we were wrong
The Independent
In the last decade vast improvements have been made in forensic science towards developing sophisticated DNA tests for sexual violence cases.

UT devotes new land for bodies, forensic training
WBIR-TV
The University of Tennessee is devoting new ground in Morgan County to continue the school's ground-breaking reputation in crime scene forensic ...

Edmond genealogy society to meet at UCO's Forensic Science Institute
NewsOK.com
EDMOND — Wayne Lord and Kama King will present an interactive lab on human osteology, forensic anthropology and identification techniques and ...

Two mobile forensic units for police
Times of India
The government of India had sanctioned 10 crore, under the 11th Five-year Plan, to set up a regional forensic laboratory and two mobile forensic units.

Nevada lawmakers approve funds to test backlog of rape kits
Las Vegas Sun
Most untested evidence-collection kits in Nevada are

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

Mid-Atlantic Association of Forensic Scientist (MAAFS) – Richmond, VA
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

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

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

15th Annual AFQAM Conference – Little Rock, AR

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
Cost: ASQ member $600, non-ASQ member $650

ISO/IEC 17025 and Audit Preparation Workshop for Forensic Test Agencies
Cost: ASQ member $750, non-ASQ member $800
in Las Vegas, where police forensic lab director Kimberly Murga said she's now on track to test ...

Fox finalizes members for Sexual-assault Evidence Task Force
KULR-TV
When the investigating agency or prosecutor has determined that the evidence should be submitted to the state crime laboratory for processing, that ...

Britain could be forensic science world leader, says chief scientific adviser
The Guardian
Britain could be forensic science world leader, says chief scientific adviser ... The advance of science in almost every discipline means that forensic ... cristatus, the great crested newt, has left a trace of DNA in a particular pond.

State eyeing software to track rape evidence
Wicked Local
Under existing state guidelines, local police are then required to transport evidence to the crime lab as soon as possible. However, a 2013 study by ...

Forensic science reform is finally here. But will we get it right?
Washington Post
As noted in Friday's links roundup, the Justice Department announced this month that it will only use evidence from accredited crime labs around the ...

Some states review flawed hair-analysis convictions - - but so far, not Montana
Helena Independent Record
Spurred by the FBI's admission that its forensic work involving hair analysis -- and its training of state crime lab workers -- has been deeply flawed, ...

We the people: Forensic scientists to give genealogical presentation in Edmond
NewsOK.com
Dr. Wayne D. Lord and Dr. Kama King will present an

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.
Connecticut forensic crime lab clears most of 12000-case backlog, with fresh approach. New Haven RegisterWork was also outsourced to such locations as Bode Cellmark Forensics in Virginia and Integrated Forensic Labs in Texas. A case management ...

SD slowly clearing rape kit backlog. Sioux Falls Argus LeaderSouth Dakota's state crime lab is slowly clearing a backlog of untested sexual assault evidence kits that could help investigators connect dots to catch ...

Grant to help eliminate sexual assault backlog. Texas ExaminerRepresentatives of the Jefferson County Crime Lab requested the authority to apply for the grant at Commissioners Court on June 1. The request and ...

Synthetic Drug Use in Virginia Varies Dramatically Depending on Where You Live. NBC4 WashingtonDetectives originally thought the small candy had been dosed with the synthetic hallucinogen NBomb, but Lt. Stotlemyer told the I-Team the crime lab ...

Forensic Dig is No Mere Walk in the Park. John Jay NewsStudents will be examining the bones in the forensic anthropology lab, classifying and measuring each bone and trying to identify the sex, age and ...