



## *President's Message*



Greetings Colleagues,

The ASCLD Board of Directors is meeting this week in Austin, Texas and we have multiple items on our agenda. To highlight a few of these items, we will be discussing our strategic plan, the Leadership Academy, Training and Education Committee Webinar series, Membership recruitment strategies, national outreach efforts, the progress of ISO Technical Committee 272, and the 2016 ASCLD Symposium. I am very much looking forward to our meeting as I know our Directors and Committees have been very busy this year. One of the outcomes of our Fall Board meeting will be an ASCLD Mid-year Business Report for our members to keep you informed of the activities of the organization. I anticipate having this published to the membership by November 16th.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank all of our members who have been working on the ASCLD Committees and to my fellow Board members please accept my appreciation for your leadership of these efforts. It is through our combined efforts and a commitment to ASCLD's Mission that we continue to make ASCLD a leading organization in Forensic Science

Have a great week!

Regards,

Thanks!

--Jody

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[OSAC Applicants for New Crime Scene Subcommittee](#)  
The Organization of Scientific Area Committees (OSAC) is currently recruiting applicants for a new subcommittee, the Crime Scene Investigation Subcommittee. [Read more](#) ...



## [Forensic Training](#)

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

### **November:**

40-hour Forensic Photography course taught by two IAI-certified instructors will instruct participants on how to best document a crime scene. Click [here](#) for details.



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One-day Beretta Armorer Course 90 series. This course will provide participants with a three-year certification. Click [here](#) for details.

Introduction to Fingerprint Comparison course. The course is designed for those with no prior experience with fingerprint comparison. Click [here](#) for details.

#### Root Cause Analysis Workshop

This four-hour class is a combination of lectures and group exercises. It provides participants with processes and techniques to identify factors that may have led to different incidents or problems. Click [here](#) for details.

#### **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.

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The Forensic Technology Center of Excellence Presents  
ASCLD: FBI Allele Frequency Amendments - Technical Discussion  
On-Demand (Approximately 75 Minutes)

Click [here](#) for registration information.

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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](#)

[VersionASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 2 – Archival](#)

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 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.

[VersionASCLD](#)

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

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

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



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## [News Around the Globe](#)

["A non-stop political game:" Former MSP Forensic  
Science director on false marijuana reporting ...](#)

Fox17

Former MSP Forensic Science Director John Collins told FOX 17 that he resigned from this role in 2012 due, in part, to these crime lab reporting ...

TX, Expires: December 31, 2015

[Criminalist I – Latent Print Examiner](#),  
NH State Police Forensic Laboratory,  
Concord, NH, Expires: November 14,  
2015

[Forensic Scientist III Biology\(DNA\)](#),  
Alaska Scientific Crime Detection  
Laboratory, Anchorage,  
Alaska, Expires: November 27, 2015

[Forensic Scientist Shift Supervisor  
\(CSU\)](#), Department of Forensic  
Sciences, Washington,  
DC, Expires: November 5, 2015

[Training and Development Specialist](#),  
Department of Forensic Sciences,  
Washington, DC, Expires: November 1,  
2015

[Forensic Scientist \(Crime Scene\)](#),  
Department of Forensic Sciences,  
Washington, DC, Expires: November 1,  
2015

[Forensic Scientist-DNA](#), Northeastern  
Illinois Regional Crime Laboratory,  
Vernon Hills IL, Expires: November 20,  
2015

[Non-tenure faculty position](#), Penn  
State, Forensic Science, University  
Park, PA, Expires: December 31, 2015

[Criminalist I – Firearms Examiner](#),  
Boston Police Dept, Boston,  
MA, Expires: November 16, 2015

[Supervising Criminalist](#), County of San  
Diego Sheriff's Office, San Diego,  
CA, Expires: November 5, 2015

[Latent Print Examiner](#), Hennepin  
County Sheriff's Office Crime  
Laboratory, Minneapolis,  
MN., Expires: November 3, 2015

[Forensic Scientist](#), MT Forensic Science

[New KBI forensics center to open](#)

The Garden City Telegram

"It's just grown day by day, and transformed what had been a grassy lot into what will be one of the best forensic science labs in the country. It's really ...

[Metro's DNA lab digs into unsolved cases](#)

KLAS-TV

That same lab has just launched a major effort to process a backlog of ... The book room inside Metro's forensic lab has its share of odd titles, along ...

[2 Investigators: State Police Lab May Need Two Years To Catch Up On Rape Kits](#)

CBS Local

(CBS) — The Illinois State Police Crime Lab has a huge backlog of untested rape kits that could take two years to reduce, the 2 Investigators have ...

[Crime Lab Scandals Just Keep Getting Worse](#)

Slate Magazine

Earlier this year, I wrote about a sprawling prosecutorial scandal in Orange County, California, involving a long-standing program of secret jailhouse ...

[New tools expedite work at Utah Crime Lab; effort is part of statewide efficiency push](#)

fox13now.com

Thursday morning, Utah's forensic scientists showed the governor how their new technology helps them find criminals' palm prints, not just fingerprints ...

[DNA Evidence Is More Fallible Than People Think](#)

Newser

(Newser) – DNA testing has improved to the point where it is starting to incriminate the wrong people in some cases, experts warn. The problem is ...

[City of Tulsa won't audit former crime lab analyst's cases](#)

KOKI FOX 23

Division, Billings,  
MT, Expires: November 30, 2015

[Forensic Lab Manager – Latent Prints](#),  
Las Vegas Metropolitan Police  
Department, Las  
Vegas, Expires: December 7, 2015

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

[Assistant Professor of Forensic Sciences](#), Chaminade University of  
Honolulu, Honolulu, Expires: November  
30, 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



A former Tulsa crime lab analyst is accused of lying during a testimony in a ... Attorney Emme Freudenberger said Cox lied about DNA evidence in ...

[The real-life crime solvers: Sheriff's forensic lab offering public tours](#)

San Mateo Daily Journal

Ever wonder what a ballistics lab looks like? Or how to dust for fingerprints? Well the staff at San Mateo County Sheriff's Office Forensic Laboratory ...

[NC State Forensic Analysis Lab reveals, discusses secrets](#)

N.C. State University Technician Online

NC State's Forensics Analysis Lab is located in Park Shops, and handles open and cold cases for the state, some including high-profile death penalty ...

[Scene of the crime](#)

Worthington Daily Globe

A research report published in 2010 by the Office of Legislative Research of Connecticut investigated the turnaround times for forensic labs across the ...

[ASU's spooky hotspots brought out of the shadows](#)

ASU News Now

A mannequin has come to a bad end in the forensic lab of professor Kim Kobojek on the West campus, where the focus is on reconstructing an ...

['Delay rape cases and face pay cuts': Courts to penalise lax investigators in fast-track cases by ...](#)

Daily Mail

In the backdrop of delay in prosecution in rape cases, a criminal court has pulled up the Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL), Central Bureau ...

[Texas exoneration commission convenes to begin work to prevent wrongful convictions](#)

[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

[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

[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

Dallas Morning News (blog)

More than 60 of the exoneration cases listed in the registry stem from a crime lab in Harris County. In many of those cases, defendants pleaded guilty ...

['Touch DNA' Can be Transferred Easily, Needs Better Legal, Scientific Context](#)

Laboratory Equipment

Mixes of DNA, and the "1-in-X" probabilities are currently being evaluated by some crime labs. But the latest reevaluation involves "touch DNA" – the ...

[RV converted into a mobile laboratory is latest tool to combat child pornography in Maine](#)

PenBayPilot.com

Maine has just received a new powerful tool to combat child pornography and trafficking — a new mobile forensic laboratory for the state's Computer ...

[Dipping into the Pot](#)

The Source Weekly

The Oregon State Police Forensic Services Division employs approximately 100 people who analyze evidence at crime labs throughout the state, ...

[Super-Sensitive Techniques Make DNA Evidence Lie Sometimes, Expert Says](#)

NBCNews.com

DNA found under the fingernails of murdered California millionaire Raveesh Kumra led police to Lukis Anderson of San Jose. But after Anderson ...

[ACMT Seminar in Forensic Toxicology to Focus on Marijuana and Alcohol](#)

Press Release Rocket

The American College of Medical Toxicology will present A Legal "PotPourri" as part of its Seminars in Forensic Toxicology series. This course, which ..

[Forensic lab gets first client outside the city](#)

Chron.com



LabCorp Specialty Testing Group

[Bode Cellmark Forensics](#) provides advanced forensic solutions offering crime labs ways to reduce their workloads and budgets.

**Bode's newest offerings include:**

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[Sexual Assault Kit Backlog Reduction Program](#)

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[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](#)**

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

March 14-15, 2016: [Genetics in Forensics Congress](#) – London

April 3-8, 2016: [International Association for](#)



City leaders created the forensic center as a local government corporation in 2012 to take over operations of the once-beleaguered crime lab, in part ...

[DA who convicted Aurora theater shooter speaks at conference attended by Surry and Stokes ...](#)

Mount Airy News

John Byrd, director of the State Crime Lab, provided updates about the lab's backlog at both meetings. "That's a number one priority for district

[Millions of firearms records languish at National Tracing Center](#)

USA TODAY

Millions of firearm purchase records, potentially critical to tracing guns used in ... the creation of a searchable database based on firearms' purchasers. ... next year, examiners continue to dutifully check individual rolls for analysis on ...

[New Iowa government office to investigate possible wrongful convictions involving hair analysis](#)

KCRG

A sample is run through a sequencing system in the DNA lab at the University of Iowa Eckstein Medical Research Building in Iowa City in April 2014

[Sweden Turns Over Crime Lab to LNP](#)

AllAfrica.com

The crime lab and photo studio will be used to lift and analyze finger prints of suspects from materials or weapons used in the commission crime.

[Victim advocate praises state forensic lab's performance](#)

WPRI 12 Eyewitness News

The National Institute of Justice defines a backlog as evidence that was submitted to a crime lab and remains

[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

Oct 10-14, 2016: [15th Annual AFQAM Conference](#) – Little Rock, AR

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### **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**

untested after 30 days.

[Victim advocate praises state forensic lab's performance](#)

WPRI 12 Eyewitness News

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — A prominent advocate for sexual assault victims says she thinks the state forensic biology laboratory is a model for the rest ...

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 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](#)

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[ASCLD/LAB-\*International\* Preparation Course for Testing Laboratories](#)

[ASCLD/LAB-\*International\* Preparation Course for Calibration Laboratories](#)

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[American Association for Laboratory Accreditation \(A2LA\)](#)

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