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

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

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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.

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.

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.

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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 Fingerpr

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.

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.

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

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

VersionASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 2 – Archival
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/FBioCours

**Employment Opportunities**

Forensic Analyst- Biology, Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston,
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 ...
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 ...

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

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
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

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
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.

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.