



Greetings Colleagues,

Last week, the ASCLD Board of Directors met in Austin, TX for the Fall 2015 Board meeting. It was a productive meeting and the Board will be issuing a mid-year report to the membership with a re-cap of our activities and accomplishments this year.

Additionally, you will be receiving an email to cast your vote on the 3-2-1 Bylaws proposal this week. The voting period will be open for two weeks. Please be sure to cast your vote by the deadline.

Finally, please join me in honoring the heroism and sacrifices of our service men, women, and their families as our nation celebrates Veterans Day. They have given so much to ensure our freedom and independence.



Fellowship Opportunity: Graduate Research in STEM

Research from science, technology, engineering and mathematics disciplines can have important implications for the U.S. criminal justice system. NIJ is looking for doctoral students with innovative research that aims to solve problems faced by criminal justice practitioners.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2016 Graduate Research Fellowship program, which provides a student stipend of \$35,000 annually, as well as up to \$15,000 annually to cover tuition and research expenses. Up to \$150,000 and three years of support are possible, with demonstration of continued enrollment and satisfactory progress.

Students from PhD programs in all STEM fields are encouraged to apply, including but not limited to: the physical sciences, life sciences, computer and information sciences, engineering, mathematics and statistics. International students are also eligible. [Learn more about the NIJ Graduate Research Fellowship.](#) Deadline: Dec. 15, 2015.

[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.

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

November:

40-hour Forensic Photography course taught by two IA1-certified instructors will instruct participants on how to best document a crime scene. Click [here](#) for details.

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



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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.

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](#)
[VersionASCLD](#)

[Rapid DNA Webinar 3 – Archival](#)
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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

Learn

more: www.ForensicScienceEducation.org/FBioCourses
[e](#)

Employment Opportunities

[Associate Director, Crime Scene Sciences, MSS-401-15](#), Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington, DC, Expires: November 17, 2015

[Forensic Scientist – Controlled Substances](#), VA Dept. of Forensic Science, Manassas, VA, Expires: November 24, 2015

[Evidence Control Technician](#), IRS National Forensic Laboratory, Chicago, Illinois, Expires: November 9, 2015

[Director of Toxicology](#), Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, Texas, Expires: February 3, 2016

[Forensic Analyst- Biology](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, 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-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 15, 2015

[Forensic Scientist](#), MT Forensic Science 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](#)



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[News Around the Globe](#)

[DEA: Drug Overdose Deaths Surpass Those From Firearms, Car Crashes](#)

Breitbart News

The number of deaths from drug overdose in the United States has surpassed those from firearms and motor vehicle accidents each year since 2008, ...

[Untested sexual assault evidence kits pile up](#)

[Science](#), Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX, Expires: December 31, 2015

[Assistant Professor of Forensic Sciences](#), Chaminade University of Honolulu, Honolulu, Expires: November 30, 2015

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

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

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

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

[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



[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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Poughkeepsie Journal

... as far back as 2008 stored in police departments throughout Dutchess County that were never sent to the state's crime lab in Albany to be tested.

[Australian scientist's CSI-style approach gets results in battle against illegal shark fin trade](#)

Sydney Morning Herald

But for Seattle-based Australian forensic specialist Jenny Giles, the ocean's ... expertise, which is challenging without a federal wildlife forensic lab."

[Many rape kits go untested in Canyon County](#)

Idaho Press-Tribune

The panel included representatives from the Idaho Supreme Court, state and local law enforcement, the state ISPFS forensic lab, victim advocates, ...

[NH crime lab seeing backlog of drug cases](#)

My Fox Boston

Jeanne Shaheen visited the crime lab to discuss the backlog. ... New Hampshire's forensic lab processes about 750 cases per month, but it technically ...

[Touring N.H. Forensic Lab, Shaheen Discusses Bill to Reduce Drug Case Backlog](#)

New Hampshire Public Radio

These rows of files represent the backlog of cases at the state forensic laboratory — some 3,800 total. The influx of heroin and fentanyl in New ...

[Shaheen tours state drug lab](#)

WMUR Manchester

U.S. Sen. Jeanne Shaheen toured the state drug lab Friday as the lab struggles to deal with a growing backlog of cases.

[Ohio investigators seek answers to laced-heroin problem](#)

The Newark Advocate

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

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 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](#)

The supply is rising to meet the demand: The state crime lab detected fentanyl in just 34 submissions in 2010 compared to 387 in 2014 and more than ...

[Ending Wisconsin's rape kit backlog](#)

WMTV

Right now in Wisconsin 6,006 of those kits full of evidence are sitting on shelves not yet tested at the state crime lab. Jill Karofsky the Executive director ...

[Bar codes keep track of evidence](#)

Bowling Green Daily News

... a crime lab or a piece of evidence needed for court. Kreilein is the first full-time evidence technician in the sheriff's office. He took the job in February.

[Bibb Co. crime lab gets a drug terminator](#)

13WMAZ

100 lbs of drugs from the Bibb County Sheriff's Office crime lab was burned Thursday morning with what they call "the drug terminator." Claire Davis.

[WVU Forensic Students Investigate Mock Crime Scene](#)

WDTV

Have you ever wondered what goes on behind the scenes of an active crime scene? Well 21 West Virginia University Students got the chance to find ...

[KBI crime lab, built by McCownGordon, opens in Topeka](#)

Kansas City Business Journal

The new facility will house more than 70 scientists and technicians as well as spaces dedicated to biology, DNA, toxicology, chemistry, firearm and tool ...

[Beaufort County Sheriff's Office updates forensics lab, solve cases](#)

WTOC

Beaufort County deputies say new technology in their

[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

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

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*

forensic lab has made crime fighting more efficient and faster. In October, crime technicians ...

[KBI gives public tours of new Forensics Laboratory on Washburn](#)

WIBW

TOPEKA, Kan. (WIBW) -- KBI has been giving tours of the new Forensics Laboratory all week and today was the public's turn. Groups of people were ...

[Shortage of funding for staff and facilities creates forensics in crisis](#)

Irish Times

Today forensics is usually a byword for DNA evidence. The country's laboratory, Forensic Science Ireland (FSI) operates the very latest form of DNA ...

[GPD trying to get Crime Lab back online quickly](#)

KUAM.com

GPD trying to get Crime Lab back online quickly ... is having to call for backup when it comes to bringing the Crime Lab back up and fully operational.

[WDOJ to start testing untested rape kits in local municipalities](#)

WeAreGreenBay.com

Some of these kits get sent to crime labs for testing, but there are hundreds of thousands still in police departments across the country, and thousands ...

[State crime labs overwhelmed with more than 10000 untested rape kits](#)

Miami Herald

The number of untested rape kits sitting in law enforcement evidence rooms in Florida is far worse than authorities had believed. The Florida ...

[Attorney: Crime labs 'falsified' marijuana reports](#)

Livingston Daily

A Southfield lawyer alleges the Michigan State Police

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.

crime labs have “falsified lab reports on marijuana statewide” and he's asking a judge to ...

[Rape prosecution relies on forensic medical exams](#)

Mississippi News Now

The kit is also sealed in a specific way and once it is tested in a crime lab it's opened in a different place to prove after the fact that it wasn't tampered ...

[New Study Questions the Validity of Forensic DNA](#)

[Match Statistic](#)

Business Wire (press release)

For 15 years, crime laboratories have generated CPI statistics on hundreds of thousands of mixtures.

However, a new study shows that CPI behaves ...

[UIndy study raises questions about DNA evidence](#)

WRTV Indianapolis

INDIANAPOLIS -- Crime scene investigators have relied on DNA evidence for ... At the Marion County Forensic Sciences Lab, it's something investigators ... masks; sleeves," said Mike Medler, director at the Marion County Crime Lab. ... So, if there is cross-transference of our DNA, we can identify that."

[Hearing in alleged false crime lab marijuana reporting dropped this week](#)

Fox17

GRAND HAVEN, Mich. – An evidentiary hearing in a disputed charge originally set for Nov. 5 has been dropped in the case where a medical ...

[Rape kits collecting dust across NC](#)

Elizabethtown Bladen Journal

Each year, the state crime lab receives about 250 sexual assault kits for processing from crimes all across the state. That number pales in comparison ...

[Special report: OSP crime lab scandal already spurs changes](#)

KTVZ

It's a scandal that's hitting in the heart of Oregon's justice system. Nika Larsen, a forensic analyst with the Oregon State Police crime lab in Bend, ...

[Virginia Department of Forensic Science Receives Energy Efficiency Leader Award from Trane](#)

3BL Media (press release)

The award was presented at the DFS Central Laboratory in Richmond, Virginia. Trane is recognizing DFS, a nationally accredited forensic laboratory ...

[Arkansas State Crime Laboratory Launches New Website](#)

Business Wire (press release)

The site automatically adjusts to fit a variety of screen sizes, making it easy for citizens to access on mobile devices and learn about the agency while ...

[Taos police account for untested evidence](#)

taosnews

In another two cases, Weaver said the kits were only collected as a precaution, not necessarily because a sex crime was confirmed to have been ...

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