



President Message

2016 ASCLD Symposium Registration is NOW OPEN

Greetings colleagues. The ASCLD Board of Directors and symposium planning committee are excited to announce that registration is now open for the 43rd annual ASCLD Symposium. The symposium will be held April 24 – 28, 2016 at the Hyatt Regency Bellevue in Bellevue, Washington.

The 2016 Symposium theme is "INSPIRED LEADERSHIP: Developing a Culture of Excellence." Once again, we have several high quality full and half-day workshops that will be held on Sunday the 24th and Monday the 25th and the full symposium will open with welcome reception on Monday evening.

Early-bird registration rates are in effect until March 24, so register today for the best pricing! On behalf of the Board of Directors and symposium planning committee, we hope to see you in Bellevue in 2016!

For general information and an agenda of events, visit www.ascldsymposium.com
For registration, visit <http://www.ascldsymposium.com/#!registration/c1r11>

Finally, vendor partners are an important part of the ASCLD Symposium. If there are any members who know a vendor of goods or services that would be a good fit at the symposium, please contact Adam Becnel at adam.becnel@la.gov.

Kindest regards,
Jeremy Triplett

The FBI published a notification regarding an upcoming meeting on the CJIS WAN that laboratory directors may want to ask their technical staff about.



Nominations for the Board of Directors are now being accepted and will be voted on by the membership during the business meeting at the upcoming symposium in April 2016 in Bellevue WA. There will be three (3) vacancies to fill this year. If you are interested in getting more involved in the organization, this is a great way to do so. Please email your nominations to cecilia.doyle@isp.state.il.us by February 1, 2016.

It is also that time of year to submit nominations for the prestigious Briggs White Award. The award was established at the direction of past President Bill Hartner to recognize an ASCLD member, past or present, who demonstrated managerial excellence in forensic science. Nominations are being accepted and a recommendation from the committee will be forwarded to the Board of Directors. If the Board concurs with the committee's recommendation, the award plaque will be presented at the annual banquet. Please submit nominations through the ASCLD website by February 1, 2016 to be considered at this year's symposium.

If you have any questions please contact Nomination and Awards committee chair Cecilia Doyle at cecilia.doyle@isp.state.il.us.

"Train the Directors" Webinar Series

ASCLD's Training and Education Committee is hosting a webinar series titled: ASCLD "Train the Directors" Webinar Series. The series will consist of presentations on six forensic disciplines: Firearms, Toxicology, Controlled Substances, Digital and Multimedia Evidence, Latent Prints and DNA. The goal of the webinar series is to provide education to Directors and Supervisors who may not have performed work in or supervised those disciplines. Each webinar will provide a basic overview of the analysis performed in the discipline. It will also discuss discipline specific administrative/managerial challenges and address current issues and/or challenges facing the forensic science community in the discipline. The webinars will be held Thursdays at 1:00 PM ET from January 14 to February 18, 2016.

- The January 21 webinar Toxicology speakers will be Ashraf Mozayani, Executive Director

of Forensic Sciences & Professor at Texas Southern University and Peter Stout, Houston Forensic Science Center. Click [here](#) to register for the Toxicology Discipline Webinar:

Registration links to follow soon for:

- The January 28 webinar will be on the Controlled Substances discipline and the speakers will be Nancy Crump, Assistant Crime Lab Administrator, and Roger Schneider, Controlled Substances Supervisor, for Phoenix Police Department.
- February 4 (DME)
- February 11 (LP)
- February 18 (DNA)

Please help us in our effort to maintain contact information for our ASCLD members. We are currently searching for information on Emeritus Member Margaret Kuo. We have been unable to reach her to update our contact information. If anyone knows Margaret and could provide us with current contact information, please email Executive Director Jean Stover at asclddirector@gmail.com.

NIJ Forensic Science Research Announcement: Research and Evaluation for the Testing and Interpretation of Physical Evidence in Publicly Funded Forensic Laboratories.

NIJ just released a solicitation specifically dedicated to forensic laboratories: "Research and Evaluation for the Testing and Interpretation of Physical Evidence in Publicly Funded Forensic Laboratories". NIJ did make a few major changes to the program this year based on lessons learned from last year and conversations with some lab folks. First, there is no limit on funding this year (last year was \$150K per project). Second, NIJ will allow labs to hire a Postdoctoral Fellow with grant funds. Third, we are strongly encouraging applicants to seek the guidance from a statistician to ensure a rigorous experimental design.

As many of you know, last year was the first year we implemented the program and below are titles of the seven (7) projects we awarded, but in order to make this program a success and keep it going, we need to see good quality applications with much bigger numbers than seven (7).

1. Validation of Illumina's MiSeq FGx NGS Platform for Transition to Casework
2. Development and Validation of Two Innovative Quantitative Liquid Chromatography Tandem Mass Spectrometry Methods for Forensic Toxicology Laboratories: Novel Analysis of Designer Drugs and

Simultaneous Method for Cocaine and Opioids in Biological Matrices

3. Benefits and Limitations of Statistical Methodology in Determining Evidentiary Value of Latent Print Identifications: A Prospective Evaluation
4. Optimal Extraction Methods of THC from Infused Products
5. Evaluating the effectiveness of liquid chromatography-time of flight-mass spectrometry (LC-TOF-MS) as a replacement screening tool in a full-service, state forensic toxicology laboratory
6. Improving the sexual assault workflow – efficient sample selection and data interpretation
7. Optimized, Semi-Automated Differential DNA Extraction

This solicitation has been posted: <http://nij.gov/funding/Documents/solicitations/NIJ-2016-9011.pdf>. We also created a “Hotline” for questions, so please direct all inquiries to the appropriate link provided in the solicitation. The inquiries will then be edited and provided as FAQs moving forward, so ask all of the questions you feel are necessary. As well, I may do a webcast at some point for potential applicants, but we are thinking that through a little more. Good luck to those that apply!



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[State Sen. Negron blasts as 'unacceptable' 6- to 8-year FDLE estimate to test rape kits](#)

Miami Herald

... the agency is struggling to retain employees and hire staff for its crime lab. ... Pritt warned it can take 18 to 20 months to fully train a crime lab analyst.

[\\$424000 spent on legal innocence project, and only 1 person found](#)

MyAJC

Kent D. Johnson Scientist Angel Segrest at the Georgia Bureau of Investigations crime laboratory in Decatur on Dec. 8, 2015. (KENT D. JOHNSON/ ...

[Report: Rape costs Utah \\$4.8 billion annually](#)

Salt Lake Tribune

... of evidence collected by nurses — possibly containing swabs, blood, semen, hair or clothing samples — had not been reviewed by a crime lab.

[Gov't forensic lab needs to meet required standards for DNA testing capability](#)

Stabroek News

Although government wants DNA testing to be a feature of the Guyana Forensic Laboratory, Public Security Minister Khemraj Ramjattan says it first ...

["Police refuse to vacate drug lab building"](#)

Greater Kashmir

The Drug Testing Laboratory building that also houses the Food Testing ... to vacate those premises of the erstwhile Forensic Lab," the official said.

[TN Department of Health Appoints Forensic Experts to Lead Medical Examiner's Office](#)

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.

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The Tennessee Department of Health announces the appointment of two accomplished medical doctors and forensic pathologists, each with deep ...

[Norco to join DeSales computer crime lab, DAs announce](#)

Allentown Morning Call

Norco to join DeSales computer crime lab, DAs announce ... Northampton County will join a forensics crime lab at DeSales University, District Attorney ...

["What Happened When I Stole From Target": A Former Shoplifter Tells His Story - Theft at Target is](#)

...

Upvoted

As discussed in a fascinating Reddit thread about Target's top-rated forensic lab, investigators may be studying the crime, even if they don't set out to ...

[FSL seeks govt nod to apply for accreditation](#)

The Indian Express

The Maharashtra Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) has sent a proposal to the state government, seeking permission to apply for accreditation.

[Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey tackles untested rape kit backlog](#)

ABC15 Arizona

ABC15 found testing the kits won't be fast or cheap. State crime lab managers tell us they can process up to 35 kits a month, and they average 15 to 25 ...

[Modern system for fingerprints database in forensic lab okayed](#)

The News International

He said that satellite centres of forensic science lab would be set up in all divisions of Punjab which would help in collection of evidence of crime at the ...

[Bill Sets Deadlines for Kentucky Rape Kit Testing, Increases Funding](#)

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Some kits were gathering dust in the local police evidence rooms as the result of “confusing communications” from the state forensic laboratory, ...

[Montana must invest in state crime lab](#)

Billings Gazette

Montana's state crime lab came under unusual scrutiny last year, especially for long delays in analyzing criminal drug cases and for a shortage of ...

[Canton-Stark Crime Lab making strides](#)

Massillon Independent

The lab still runs fewer tests than it used to and has a crunched budget, but staff members have slashed the time it takes to process samples.



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.

[Employment Opportunities](#)

[Experienced Latent Print Examiner](#), Houston Forensic Science center, Houston, TX, Expires: March 31, 2016

[Experience Crime Scene Investigator](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: March 31, 2016

[Technical Lead – Forensic Biology](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: March 31, 2016

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[Forensic Scientist – Breath Alcohol](#), Virginia Dept. of Forensic Science, Richmond, VA, Expires: January 27, 2016

[Assistant Professor in Forensic Chemistry](#), Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, TX, Expires: March 31, 2016

[Breath Alcohol, Blood Alcohol, and Chemistry Disciplines Forensic Scientist 1](#), Idaho State Police, Meridian Idaho, Expires: January 22, 2016

[Firearms Examiner Contract Job Notice](#), Ron Smith & Associates, Inc., Washington, DC, Expires: March 12, 2016

[Forensic Scientist I – Biology DNA Databank](#), Kansas Bureau of Investigation Forensic Science Laboratory, Topeka, Kansas, Expires: February 8, 2016

[Forensic Scientist I, II or III – Biology/DNA Casework](#), Kansas Bureau of Investigation Forensic Science Laboratory, Topeka, Kansas, Expires: February 8, 2016

[Crime Lab Scientist- Forensic Chemist](#), Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Atlanta, Georgia, Expires: January 22, 2016

[Forensic Biologist \(CLS\)](#), Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Atlanta, Georgia, Expires: January 22, 2016

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[Criminalist 2](#), Miami-Dade Police Department, Doral, Florida, Expires: January 21, 2016

[Assistant/Associate Professor in Forensic Science Department](#), University of New Haven, West Haven, CT, Expires: April 7, 2016

< >, Brazoria County Sheriff's Office, Angleton, Texas, Expires: January 31, 2016
[Forensic Toxicologist](#), Travis County, Austin, Texas, Expires: January 17, 2016

[Forensic Scientist III – Controlled Substance Unit](#), City of Scottsdale, Scottsdale, AZ, Expires: January 24, 2016

[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

[Forensic Science Expertise Opportunities \(DNA, Toxicology/Chemistry, Toolmarks/Firearms, & Latent](#)

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[Prints](#)), National 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, Huntsville, Texas, Expires: December 31, 2016

[Forensic Scientist – Questioned Documents](#), Virginia Dept. of Forensic Science, Roanoke, VA, Expires: January 31, 2016

[Forensic Scientist – Firearm Examiner](#), Fort Worth Police Crime Laboratory, Fort Worth, Texas, Expires: March 8, 2016

[Forensic Scientist – Trace Evidence Examiner](#), Miami Valley Regional Crime Laboratory, Dayton, OH, Expires: January 22, 2016

[Postdoctoral Research Associate – Genomics](#), University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, Expires: March 1, 2016

[Senior Scientist](#), Bode Cellmark Forensics, Inc., Lorton, Expires: February 23, 2016

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

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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 16-20, 2016: [Canadian Society of Forensic Science](#) – Montreal, Canada

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

Oct 16-21, 2016: [Society of Forensic Toxicologists](#) – Dallas, TX

Oct 2016: [Southwestern Association of Forensic Scientists](#) – Galveston, TX

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Where: Philadelphia, PA

When: January 25-29, 2016

Course Fee: \$1,500

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