Greetings Colleagues,

With this week’s CLM we are providing you with critical information in advance of the 43rd Annual ASCLD Symposium being held in Bellevue, WA. Included in this edition are the ASCLD Board of Directors Candidates, New Member Candidates, and the 3-2-1 Bylaws proposal. All of these are for the membership’s consideration in advance of the annual business meeting which will be held on April 28, 2016.

If you have not registered for the annual symposium, please do so now at http://www.asclds Symposium.com/. President Elect Jeremy Triplett and the ASCLD Symposium Planning Committee have developed a full agenda all centered on Inspired Leadership. This is a critical aspect of successful leaders in today’s organizations and crime labs are no exception. Not only is it a demanding time for our employees and our stakeholders, it is also incredibly challenging for everyone in a leadership position to navigate these demands in a very trying economic and political climate. Attending this symposium will enable today’s forensic leaders to increase their skillset to address today’s challenges while inspiring excellence and quality. I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Bellevue!

Warm regards,

--Jody

Next Board Teleconference: April 8, 2016

Below are the 2016 Board of Directors candidates that will be voted on at the upcoming symposium in Washington. Please click on each name to review their qualifications are well as responses to some insightful questions.

Brooke Arnone, ASCLD Board of Directors Candidate 2016
Christian Westring, ASCLD Board of Directors Candidate 2016
John Griffin, ASCLD Board of Directors Candidate 2016
Steven O’Dell, ASCLD Board of Directors Candidate 2016
Tim Scanlon, ASCLD Board of Directors Candidate 2016
3-2-1 Bylaws proposal language:

SECTION 2. ELIGIBILITY & COMPOSITION

Eligibility for nomination and election to the Board of Directors includes the following three requirements:

• ASCLD Regular Membership for 3 years
• Attendance at two ASCLD Symposia as a Regular Member
• Volunteer service on one committee or at one event.

The Board of Directors shall consist of twelve (12) regular Directors, elected from the regular members of the Corporation. In addition, there shall be, two (2) non-voting ex-officio Directors, one (1) who shall be the Executive Director of the Corporation and one (1) who shall be the immediate past President of the Corporation. If the immediate past President of the Corporation has not completed their full four year term of service on the board at the completion of their term as President, they shall retain their voting rights for their full four year term. No two regular Directors of the Board of Directors shall be from the same business, corporation or agency.

The membership will vote on this proposed bylaw change at the upcoming symposium in Bellevue, WA.

If you have not already registered for the symposium, the deadline for the Early Registration pricing is rapidly approaching (March 24)!!

**ASCLD 43rd Annual Symposium**

**INSPIRED LEADERSHIP: Developing a Culture of Excellence**

April 24 – 28, 2016 | Bellevue, Washington

**REGISTER HERE:** www.ascldsymposium.com
Public Crime Lab Research and Evaluation Funding Webinar: Slides, Transcript, and Recording Now Online

Materials from the “Research and Evaluation for the Testing and Interpretation of Physical Evidence in Publicly Funded Forensic Laboratories” solicitation webinar are now available on NIJ.gov:

- Video recording
- Transcript
- Presentation slides

The deadline for applications under this funding opportunity is April 6. Review the solicitation.


The journal is looking for submissions from professionals, academics, scholars, and policy makers from science, law, and government. Information for authors can be found by clicking “Submit” at the left of the journal webpage. Questions about the journal can be sent to max@forensicintelligence.us or siegel.jay@gmail.com.

**Scholarship Opportunity**

Do you know a student who is in the process of obtaining a degree related to the field of forensic science and may need financial assistance? If so, ASCLD’s annual scholarship solicitation is now open and accepting applications. The annual award is in the amount of $1000.

Please reach out to prospective applicants as soon as possible as the due date (April 15) is quickly approaching. The application can be found on the ASCLD website http://www.ascld.org/nominations/

**Eligibility**

Applicants must be a junior or senior in a baccalaureate program or a graduate student (masters or doctorate) at an accredited university who is pursuing a degree in forensic science, forensic chemistry, a physical or natural science. Applicants from FEPAC accredited programs will be given additional consideration. High school students or college/university students in their freshman or sophomore years
will not be eligible for application. As the scholarship program was created to provide opportunity to students intending to enter the forensic field, scholarships will not be granted to current forensic science laboratory employees pursing graduate degrees.

Selection criteria

- Award recipients will be selected on the basis of:
  - Overall scholastic record
  - Scholastic record in forensic science coursework
  - Motivation or commitment to a forensic science career
  - Personal statement
  - Faculty/adviser recommendation

Forensic Training

Professional Orientation School for New Crime Lab Scientists - ONLINE!

John Collins with the Forensic Foundations Group is announcing 3 online Professional Orientation Schools for New Crime Lab Scientists starting May 2, May 10, or July 20. Each school is comprised of 8, 2-hour online sessions over four weeks with a final examination. Maximum 20 students per school. Please visit www.forensicfoundations.com/scheduled-workshops to view the schedule and/or register. Students should first register for free as a "Friend of the Group" to qualify for the discounted $245 registration fee. Please call John at (517) 803-4063 if you have any questions.

Law Enforcement Innovation Center

Expert Witness Online Training

Course Description:

- Factors that influence the selection of an expert
- The importance of investigating an expert's credentials
- How to make an informed decision of an expert's credibility
Research Reports

These research reports have been submitted by the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) especially for their relevance to crime laboratory activities. ASCLD has not reviewed nor does it necessarily endorse the findings of this research.

Funding Opportunity: Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence-Inventory, Tracking, and Reporting Program

The National Institute of Justice is seeking proposals for the Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence-Inventory, Tracking, and Reporting (SAFE-ITR) program. The program will fund States, units of local government, and tribal governments to implement an evidence management program to inventory, track, and report untested and unsubmitted sexual assault kits (SAKs). The deadline for applications is May 31.

Funding Opportunity: Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program

The National Institute of Justice is seeking proposals for the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program, which awards grants to States and units of local government to help improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science and medical examiner/coroner’s office services. Among other things, funds may be used to eliminate a backlog in the analysis of forensic evidence and to train and employ forensic laboratory personnel, as needed, to eliminate such a backlog. The deadline for applications is April 18.

Send Unsubmitted Sexual Assault Kits for Testing by NIJ-FBI Partnership

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Laboratory have formed a partnership to test previously unsubmitted sexual assault kits from the nation’s law

- Legal standards of admissibility of scientific evidence
- Attorney’s ethics in dealing with experts

Click here for additional information and registration.

Ron Smith & Associates Training

National Forensic Quality Manager Training Academy

Pearl, MS - June 20, 2016 thru July 1, 2016
Academy Tuition $2,500.00 with only 25 seats available
Contact Carmen McIntire at 1-866-832-6772 for additional details

National Latent Print Examiner Training Academy

April 24, 2016 – September 23, 2016

RS&A now offers an intense 20 week training program designed to provide agencies with a Latent Print Examiner who is trained to competency. This academy, with 800 hours of formal training, will produce graduates that are capable of performing “supervised case work” and once time requirements are met, be ready to apply for IAI Latent Print Certification. It is scheduled to begin April 24, 2016 in Hattiesburg, MS at the Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center. Only 25 academy applicants will be selected to attend so apply today! The total cost for this program including academy tuition, 20 weeks room and board, and 3 meals per day is $27,500.00. Click here for complete details, photos, and the admission application.

National Footwear & Tire Track Training Academy

Coming Fall 2016

RS&A now offers a Footwear and Tire Track Training Academy which includes 4 weeks of footwear examination training followed by 2 weeks of tire track examination training. Applicants can elect to complete
enforcement agencies and public forensic laboratories. This video discusses why the NIJ-FBI Sexual Assault Kit Partnership was created and how the partnership will shed light on the complexities of sexual assault cases, particularly cases where kits have not been submitted to a laboratory for testing. Learn how to submitted kits here.

News Around the Globe

Houston crime lab revises policies after mishandling evidence
Chron.com
Houston’s Office of Inspector General recommended Wednesday that the city’s forensic science center revise its policy procedures concerning quality ...

Florida ready to tackle rape kit backlog
Sun Sentinel
Then, crime labs have 120 days to complete an analysis of the kits. ... In addition, the six state labs run by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement ...

Marshall DNA lab designated criminal justice agency
Daily Sentinel
Earl Ray Tomblin signed S.B. 104 into law Wednesday, designating the Forensic DNA Analysis Laboratory of the Marshall University Forensic Science ...

the entire 6 week footwear and tire track academy or break it up and choose only the 4 weeks of footwear training or the 2 weeks of tire track training. The academy graduates of this 6 week program will learn the skills necessary to complete supervised footwear and tire track casework and will be ready to apply for a IAI Footwear Certification once time requirements have been met. It is scheduled to begin Fall of 2016 in Hattiesburg, MS at the Camp Shelby Joint Forces Training Center. Only 20 academy applicants will be selected to attend. For the entire 6 week footwear and tire track academy the cost is set at $11,250.00. The 4 week footwear only academy is set at $7,500.00 and the 2 week tire track only academy is $3,750.00. Cost includes academy instruction, room and board, and 3 meals per day according to training selection.

Click here for complete details and to apply for admission today.

APRIL 2016

Understanding Exclusion and Sufficiency Decisions
Location: Dublin, CA
Class Dates: 04-04-2016 thru 04-08-2016
Tuition: $600.00 | Hours: 36

Palm Print Comparison Techniques
Location: Hoover, AL
Class Dates: 04-05-2016 thru 04-07-2016
Tuition: $400.00 | Hours: 24

Fundamentals of Crime Scene Examination and Evidence Collection
Location: Helena, MT
Class Dates: 04-11-2016 thru 04-15-2016
Tuition: $600.00 | Hours: 40

Fingerprint and Trace Evidence Detection and Collection on Skin
Location: Springfield, MO
Class Dates: 04-19-2016 thru 04-22-2016
Tuition: $600.00 | Hours: 32
How the O.J. Simpson Trial Created 347 DNA Labs and Public Love for Crime Tech
Inverse
The most recent episode of American Crime Story: The People v O.J. Simpson profiles the moment the American people were introduced to one of the ...
Sioux Falls crime lab now nationally accredited
Sioux Falls Argus Leader
Two out of six total forensic disciplines, controlled substance analysis and toxicology, received the accreditation certificates on March 11, crime lab ...

Wheaton forensics students experiment in college lab
Chicago Daily Herald
The students, enrolled in Wheaton North's elective forensic science class, ... Before the experiments got underway, chemistry lab manager Melody ...

Teenage hacker says he hacked for fun
Republica
After complaints were registered at the Metropolitan Police Crime Division, ... Digital forensic lab sets consist of field forensic devices, social media ...

FBI reportedly using forensic firm Cellebrite to open San Bernardino shooter's iPhone
Fox News
The FBI has turned to Israeli mobile forensics specialist Cellebrite to help it open the encrypted iPhone used by one of the shooters in December's ...

Alfred State forensic science technology program now accredited
Olean Times Herald
ALFRED — The forensic science technology program at Alfred State has recently obtained full accreditation status from the Forensic Science ...

Location: Clackamas, OR
Class Dates: 05-17-2016 thru 05-19-2016
Tuition: $400.00 | Hours: 24
Complex Latent Print Examination
Location: North Charleston, SC
Class Dates: 05-23-2016 thru 05-27-2016
Tuition: $600.00 | Hours: 40

JUNE 2016
Palm Print Comparison Techniques
Location: Daytona Beach, FL
Class Dates: 06-07-2016 thru 06-09-2016
Tuition: $400.00 | Hours: 24
Introduction to the Science of Friction Ridge Examination
Location: Albuquerque, NM
Class Dates: 06-13-2016 thru 06-17-2016
Tuition: $600.00 | Hours: 40
Advanced Sequential Processing - A Hands On Workshop
Location: Boston, MA
Class Dates: 06-14-2016 thru 06-17-2016
Tuition: $600.00 | Hours: 32
IAI Latent Print Certification Test Preparation Training
Location: Sanford, FL
Class Dates: 06-27-2016 thru 07-01-2016
Tuition: $600.00 | Hours: 40

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

Forensic Management Academy.
Those interested in improving their individual and organizational knowledge of contemporary business practice as it applies to forensics should apply now, space is limited. Training will occur August 28- September 2, 2016 in Pittsburgh, PA at the Hyatt
How to ensure police evidence against rapists not ignored
Chicago Sun-Times
But that's what police in south suburban Robbins – and possibly other poor suburbs – have been doing with crime lab results that link suspects to rape ...

Justice Department frames expanded review of FBI forensic testimony
Washington Post
[U.S. to commit scientists and new commission to fix forensic science] ... certainty, only DNA analysis had been validated through statistical research.

Evidence tampering affected 2 cases in Missoula, Ravalli counties
The Missoulian
The alleged tampering of prescription drug evidence at the Montana State Crime Lab affected only one criminal case in Missoula County and another ...

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

Forensic Specialist III/Forensic Specialist IV, Kansas City Mo Police Dept. Crime Laboratory, Kansas City, Missouri, Expires: May 31, 2016

Regency Pittsburgh Airport
Click here for registration and additional information.

Houston Forensic Science Center

Monday, May 2 at 8:00 AM, Houston, TX
IAI Crime Scene Certification Exam Preparation: CCSI and CCSA Levels

Monday, May 23 at 8:30 AM, Houston, TX
Intermediate Latent Print Comparison

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.

ASCLD Train the Directors Latent Prints Webinar - Archival

ASCLD Train the Directors DNA Discipline Webinar - Archival

ASCLD Train the Directors Controlled Substance Webinar – Archival

ASCLD Train the Directors Digital Multimedia Evidence Webinar – Archival

ASCLD Train the Directors Toxicology Webinar – Archival

ASCLD Train the Directors Firearms Webinar –
Supervising Forensic Identification Specialist, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Los Angeles, California, Expires: June 22, 2016

SUPERVISING CRIMINALIST I, Los Angeles County Medical Examiner – Coroner, Los Angeles, Expires: May 23, 2016

CHIEF FORENSIC LABORATORIES, Los Angeles County Medical Examiner – Coroner, Los Angeles, Expires: May 23, 2016

Latent Print Supervisor, Montana Division of Forensic Science, Missoula, Montana, Expires: April 15, 2016

Forensic Scientist – Controlled Substances, Virginia Dept. of Forensic Science, Manassas, VA, Expires: April 4, 2016

Forensic Supervisor, City of Santa Monica, Santa Monica, CA, Expires: March 31, 2016


Forensic Science Lecturer, University at Albany, Albany, NY, Expires: May 31, 2016

Forensic Toxicology Section Supervisor, Virginia Dept. of Forensic Science, Richmond, VA, Expires: March 28, 2016

Tenure-Track Faculty/Director Position in Forensic Chemical Science, Washburn University, Topeka, KS, Expires: May 5, 2016

DNA Analyst, City of Albuquerque Police Crime Lab, Albuquerque, NM, Expires: April 1, 2016

Firearm Toolmark Examiner, City of Albuquerque Police Crime Lab, Albuquerque, NM, Expires: April 1, 2016

Forensic Analyst- Audio/Video, Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: March 31, 2016

Crime Lab Scientist (Toxicologist)- 5 Positions, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Decatur, Expires: April 15, 2016

DNA Technical Leader, NMS Labs, Willow Grove, PA, Expires: May 9, 2016

Forensic Analyst – Digital, Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: April 15, 2016

Manager – Multimedia Forensics, Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: April 15, 2016

Archival

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 VersionASCLD

Webinar Series:

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
Forensic Science Student, American University of Science and Technology, Ashrafieh, Expires: May 3, 2016

Forensic Scientist – Firearms & Toolmarks, Virginia Dept. of Forensic Science, Richmond, VA, Expires: March 31, 2016

Assistant/Associate Professor of Forensic Science, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX, Expires: May 31, 2016

LIMS Administrator, St. Louis County Police Crime Laboratory, Clayton, MO, Expires: May 26, 2016

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

Manager – Forensic Biology, Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: March 31, 2016

Forensic Analyst – Toxicology, Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: March 31, 2016

Assistant Professor in Forensic Chemistry, Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, TX, Expires: March 31, 2016

Assistant/Associate Professor in Forensic Science Department, University of New Haven, West Haven, CT, Expires: April 7, 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

Chief Toxicologist, Harris County Institute of Forensics Sciences, Houston, Texas, Expires: April 30, 2016

Shimadzu’s triple quad GCMS-TQ8040, providing exceptional sensitivity, selectivity, and specificity for detection and quantitation for excellence in forensic analysis. Visit our website to learn more about our accreditation programs, the assessment process and training opportunities.

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 for Forensic Police Agencies
June 8-9, 2016, Greenville, SC
September 15-16, 2016, Alexandria, VA
Cost: ASQ member $600, non-ASQ member $650

ISO/IEC 17025 and Audit Preparation for Forensic Test Agencies
May 17-19, 2016, Milwaukee, WI
September 12-14, 2016, Alexandria, VA
Cost: ASQ member $750, non-ASQ member $800
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.

**Forensic Conferences**

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 Scientists (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

**Uncertainty of Measurement for Forensic Agencies**

May 20, 2016, Milwaukee, WI
Cost: $500

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.
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 16-21, 2016: Society of Forensic Toxicologists – Dallas, TX

Oct 2016: Southwestern Association of Forensic Scientists – Galveston, TX

Bode Cellmark Forensics provides advanced forensic solutions offering crime labs ways to reduce their workloads and budgets.

**Bode’s newest offerings include:**

**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.