President Message

Colleagues,

We are less than one week from the 2016 Symposium! I don't know about you, but it seems like just yesterday we were all in DC for ASCLD 2015.

The symposium planning committee, the ASCLD BOD, and Kinsley Meetings staff have all been hard at work to plan an enjoyable and educational symposium for you this year. I don't know how the president-elects before me planned a meeting without an executive director and Kinsley meetings, but you have my immense respect for doing so! For those attending this year, I hope that each of you take away some valuable information from the plenary sessions, enjoy catching up with old colleagues, and make new acquaintances. Please be sure to visit the vendor booths, as well, as they provide crucial income to support the symposium.

As you get prepared to travel to Bellevue, please take a moment to download the symposium app from CrowdCompass. It's available for both iOS and Android platforms and you can find it by searching for ASCLD in the appropriate app store. If you've registered, you should be receiving an email in the next few days with additional instructions. The CrowdCompass app contains the full symposium schedule, contact information for networking while you are there, and a host of other pieces of information. Also this year, you will want to check out the photo scavenger hunt contained within the app! Throughout the week, make sure you take photos of all the scavenger hunt challenges. There will be a real-time leaderboard displayed in the vendor area, and those who complete the most challenges will be entered into the raffle drawing for an iPad mini! Download the app and get a head start (HINT - there may be challenges that start before you even arrive on-site)!

Lastly, in keeping with the previous years of tradition, the 2016 Executive Education Digest is now available for you to read. This Digest is published annually and is designed to provide symposium related reading material and other items of interest for you to review as you make your way to the symposium. Feel free to take this along with you on the plane for casual, but informative, reading material. As usual, the Board of Directors candidate bios are included. Also - under the direction of President Wolf, this year you will find an annual report with year-end officer and committee reports enclosed.

Click here to read the 2016 EED.

I wish you all safe travels and I look forward to seeing you in Bellevue, Washington!

Kindest regards,
Jeremy Triplett
ASCLD President-Elect

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 as well as responses to some insightful questions.
Click here to review a list of New Member Candidates.

3-2-1 Bylaws proposal language:

SECTION 2. ELIGIBILTY & 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.

Even though the deadline for Early Registration pricing has passed, it is not too late to register for the ASCLD Symposium. Registration is still being accepted at the link below.

ASCLD 43rd Annual Symposium
INSPIRED LEADERSHIP: Developing a Culture of Excellence
April 24 – 28, 2016 | Bellevue, Washington
REGISTER HERE: www.ascldsymposium.com


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.

Forensic Training

Professional Orientation School for New Crime Lab Scientists - ONLINE!
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.

New Solicitation: DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program
NIJ is seeking proposals for funding for the FY 2016 DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction (CEBR) program. This program provides funds to eligible States and units of local government with existing crime laboratories that conduct DNA analysis to process, record, screen, and analyze forensic DNA and/or DNA database samples; and to increase the capacity of public forensic DNA and DNA database laboratories to process more DNA samples, thereby helping to reduce the number of forensic DNA and DNA database samples awaiting analysis. The deadline for applications under this funding

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.
Research and Evaluation in Support of the Recommendations of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing

NIJ is seeking research proposals to support the recommendations of the President’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing. This includes research on reducing DNA backlogs. Specifically, NIJ is interested in receiving innovative proposals for research designed to evaluate the efficacy of the protocols that police and investigators can use to triage DNA evidence collected at crime scenes and submitted to forensic laboratories against metrics such as the average turnaround time per case for a forensic analysis; the burden on police investigations with respect to time and effort; how cases are prosecuted; and the number of DNA profiles uploaded into the National DNA Index System (NDIS). The deadline for applications under these funding opportunities is May 17.

New Solicitation: Visiting Fellows Program

NIJ is seeking proposals for innovative research, scholarship, and/or knowledge-building projects addressing high-priority criminal justice issues as part of the 2016 NIJ Visiting Fellows Program. Awards made under the NIJ Visiting Fellows Program will bring leading researchers, practitioners, and/or others into residency at NIJ to make important scholarly and policy contributions with practical application to the criminal justice field, and to work with the NIJ Director, staff, and relevant NIJ stakeholders to help shape the direction of NIJ’s research programs. The deadline for applications under this funding opportunity is May 11.

Ancestry Estimation in Forensic Anthropology: Geometric Morphometric versus Standard and Nonstandard Interlandmark Distances

Drs. M. Katherine Spradley and Richard L. Jantz, NIJ-supported researchers, have published a new article in the Journal of Forensic Sciences. This study compares the discrimination ability of standard cranial measurements and 3D digitizers for cranial landmark data collection and geometric morphometric (GM) analyses. The nonstandard interlandmark distances generated the highest classification rates for females (90.5%) and males (88.2%). Using nonstandard interlandmark distances over more commonly used measurements leads to better ancestry estimates for our current population structure.

Learn about how to become a paid peer reviewer, and share this opportunity with colleagues.

RS&A is now ready to take on the challenge of building a National Forensic Quality Manager Training Academy which will soon become the cornerstone of forensic training in this very critical area.

June 20, 2016 thru July 1, 2016 in Pearl, MS.
Academy tuition is $2,500.00 with only 25 seats available.

Click here for complete academy details and to complete an academy application today!

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 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.

Fingerprint and Trace Evidence Detection and Collection on Skin
News Around the Globe

**CBI Gets New Tools In Fight Against Crime**
CBS Local
(CBS4)– Law enforcement across Colorado got some new tools to help fight crime on Friday. The new state-of-the-art forensic science laboratory in ...

**Cops seek external help for cyber cases**
Bangalore Mirror
The city police constantly have to tie-up with external experts to solve important cases since, despite having a forensic science lab (FSL), they are ...

**World-Herald editorial: Study on crime labs could help**
Omaha World-Herald
The Nebraska Legislature voted to study merging the Omaha and Douglas County crime labs into a single lab at the University of Nebraska Medical ...

**Billings Police employee charged with stealing drugs from evidence locker**
Billings Gazette
... overdose case and did not affect any ongoing criminal investigations. ... in Yellowstone County, the first coming out of the Montana State Crime Lab.

**DNA Phenotyping May Help Solve Florida Case**
Officer.com (press release) (registration) (blog)
Hallandale Beach Police Chief Dwayne Flournoy says Virginia-based Parabon-Nanolabs used its Snapshot DNA Phenotyping Service to create a ...

**CSI Dubai staff are given cutting edge**
The National
The expert assistant in toxicology at Dubai's General Department of Forensic Science and Criminology, says that working hours do not matter when a ...

**Untested rape kits sent to state lab, new laws protect victims**
WWBT NBC12 News
The new laws require rape kits to be sent to the state forensic lab within 60 days. "Chief Durham brought this to our attention nearly a year ago, ...
Jim Parsons seeking freedom after 23 years in prison for 'crime he didn't commit'.
Norwalk Reflector
Jim Parson's attorney is trying to prove a crime lab scientist's "controversial behavior" is grounds for overturning the conviction. A visiting judge heard ...

Kenya: KWS Gets Sh170 Million Boost for Forensic Lab
AllAfrica.com
The forensic reports from the lab can be produced before criminal courts as evidence, thereby helping secure conviction against poachers and game ...

'I do it for closure'
The Record (New Westminster)
Murphy's connection with the lab – the first and only one in North America dedicated to full-time forensic dentistry research, casework and graduate ...

MU Forensic Science Center Receives New Classification
West Virginia Public Broadcasting
Terry Fenger is the founding director of the forensic science center. ... As part of the Senate Bill 104, the West Virginia State Police Crime Lab will still ...

In Passaic County court hearing, state reveals that drug-lab tech is under criminal investigation
NorthJersey.com
Authorities are conducting a criminal investigation into allegations that a State Police lab technician faked results in a drug case, the lab's director said ...

Placer County Officials Want To Build $64 Million Crime Lab
CBS Local
Placer County Officials Want To Build $64 Million Crime Lab ... The proposal comes amid a growing backlog of DNA evidence, but the lab comes with ...

State Police crime lab manager is Schriever native
Daily Comet
A Schriever native who manages the Louisiana State Police Crime Lab enlightened college students today on a potential career in forensic science.

Hyderabad lab's result proves state facility's credibility
Times of India
The state lab had given a negative report last year itself. After confirmation from the Hyderabad lab, State Forensic Sciences Lab (SFSL) authorities ...

Kern Regional Crime Laboratory recently passed a lengthy
Kern Golden Empire
Crime is a fact of life in communities around the globe and Kern County is no different. From DUI's to murder, the Kern Regional Crime Lab is on it.

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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 Regency Pittsburgh Airport
Click here for registration and additional information.

Houston Forensic Science Center

May 2, 2016
IAI Crime Scene Certification Exam Preparation: CCSI and CCSA Levels
May 23, 2016
Intermediate Latent Print Comparison
May 23, 2016
Intermediate Latent Print Comparison
June 15 - 17, 2016
Palm Print Comparison

Law Enforcement Innovation Center
Expert Witness Online Training
Click here for additional information and registration

The Forensic Technology Center of Excellence
ASCLD: FBI Allele Frequency Amendments -
Should Utah require all rape kits to be tested?
Salt Lake Tribune
"It's a public safety issue," said Julie Valentine, a forensic nurse and Brigham Young University professor. The state crime lab is up for the challenge,...

Kansas making steps toward ending rape kit backlog
Wichita State Sunflower
The kit's evidence can connect the suspect to other crime and exonerate ... It is promising that in Kansas, a new crime lab for the Kansas Bureau of ...

Behind the Scenes: How forensic scientists fight crime by analyzing handwriting
Q13 FOX
"It can be writing on a wall, writing on an object, so a variety of things," WSP forensic scientist Brett Bishop explains about document examinations and ...

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 Scientist DNA Casework Discipline, Idaho State Police, Meridian, Idaho, Expires: May 6, 2016

Forensic Scientist II – Drug Chemistry, Tri County Regional Forensic Laboratory, Andover, MN, Expires: May 13, 2016

Quality and Information Management Manager, Ontario Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services, Toronto, ON, Expires: April 26, 2016

ICITAP Forensics Experts, Engility Corporation, Mexico City, Expires: July 1, 2016


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 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

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.
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.

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

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

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

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.

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.