President Message

Colleagues,

Thank you to everyone who attended the 2016 ASCLD Symposium for such an INCREDIBLE week! Many of you provided positive feedback and told us that we hit the mark of delivering high quality, actionable content and tools that you can take back to your labs and implement. The final count was more than 300 attendees, 55 vendors, and more than 200 people attending one of the 10 workshops. Thank you again to the amazing team of ASCLD Board of Directors, symposium planning committee, Kinsley Meetings, and our many speakers that all worked together to create this success.

If you attended the symposium and have not yet completed the Overall Symposium Survey, please do so. We value your input and use it every year to determine where we can make improvements. You can find it in the symposium app or view in your web browser at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SPHJK87

During the symposium, the ASCLD members elected 3 new Board members. We would like to introduce Brooke Arnone with the Arizona Department of Public Safety (Phoenix, AZ), Christian Westring with NMS Labs (Willow Grove, PA), and Tim Scanlan with the Jefferson Parish Sheriff’s Office (Baton Rouge, LA) as your newest board members.

The ASCLD Board of Directors also elected new officers during the week. Your new President-Elect is Ray Wickenheiser, Cecilia Doyle will remain as your Secretary, and Andrea Sweich will remain the organization’s Treasurer.

The ASCLD Board of Directors will now turn our attention to the newly published Strategic Plan. We have some pretty lofty goals that we are aiming for this year. It will take a lot of hard work, but I know our Board is up for the challenge and I know we will have a whole host of volunteers ready to help us achieve them. It’s truly an exciting time to be an ASCLD member and I’m profoundly honored to be your incoming President.
Quote from the symposium: “Do things right, and do the right things.”

Kindest regards,
Jeremy Triplett
ASCLD President

3-2-1 Bylaws passed the 2016 Symposium:

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.

Forensic Science Policy & Management Volume 7, Issues 3-4 are now available at www.tandfonline.com/toc/ufpm20/current. New articles include:

- Leadership Decisions Influencing Medicolegal Death Investigation: “We wear a lot of hats.” Stacy A. Drake, Eileen Giardino, Angelo Giardino & Kurt Nolte

- Up from “Arts and Crafts”: Division of Labor in Forensic Science Laboratories, William P. McAndrew & M. Garrett Roth.

Access to the journal comes free with your ASCLD membership. At the journal website, look for the “Sign in” at the top of the page. Submissions are requested 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!

John Collins with the Forensic Foundations Group is announcing 3 online Professional Orientation
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

Schools for New Crime Lab Scientists: Beginning on May 2, May 10, or July 20. Maximum 20 students per school.
Each school is comprised of 8, 2-hour online sessions over 4 weeks with a final examination. 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.

Houston Forensic Science Center
The Houston Forensic Science Center has rescheduled the following two courses to take place later on this year:

IAI Crime Scene Certification Exam Preparation: May 2-6, 2016 - rescheduled
IAI Crime Scene Certification Exam Preparation: CSCSA Level: May 16-20, 2016 - rescheduled

May 23, 2016 Intermediate Latent Print Comparison
June 15 - 17, 2016 Palm Print Comparison

Thank you for your continued support, and please contact me via email or by phone (713-929-6760) should you have any additional 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
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

It is truly amazing that, until now, there has never been a national training academy specifically designed for Quality Managers. Forensic Quality Managers have been expected to learn from "on the job" training that they may receive from a variety of sources, but none of this training has been consistent in the industry. Organizations like the Association of Forensic Quality Assurance Managers have been
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 opportunity is May 23.

**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

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

Click [here](https://us6.campaign-archive.com/?u=ce3907946f07b89fc62a4a425&c=3fe97cd460) for complete academy details and to complete an academy application today!

**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 instruction, room and board, and 3 meals per day according to training selection.

Click [here](https://us6.campaign-archive.com/?u=ce3907946f07b89fc62a4a425&c=3fe97cd460) for complete details and to apply for admission today.

**MAY 2016**

Scientific Analysis (ACE-V): From the Laboratory to the Witness Stand

Location: Las Vegas, NV

Class Dates: 05-02-2016 thru 05-06-2016
News Around the Globe

Judge orders twins to give DNA samples in Falls murder case
Buffalo News
LOCKPORT – Identical twins indicted in a Niagara Falls homicide case were ordered Friday to give DNA samples for comparison to material found on

Scientists Looking To Fix The Many Problems With Forensic Evidence
Techdirt
Everything everyone saw in cop shows as evidence linking people to crimes -- the hair left on someone's clothing, the tire tracks leading out to the road, the shell casings at scene, etc. -- is all proving to be about as factual as the shows themselves.

Expert explains pollen forensics that may connect Ohio cold case to New England
WPRI 12 Eyewitness News
Sullivan works with the Rhode Island State Crime Lab on plant-related forensics, and we asked him to explain how 35-year-old pollen could heat

Scoop: 48 HOURS on CBS - Tonight, April 30, 2016
Broadway World
It indicated one of the suspects was a man who had worked in the crime lab for the San Diego police Department - a murder of two teenaged girls on the same California beach, six years apart, shocked residents around San Diego when it happened. The DNA UNCOVERED in the case, decades later, would stun them a second time when it led to someone inside the police department.

Gunshot residue scientist testifies in Hewitt triple-homicide trial
Hickory Daily Record
NEWTON -- The State Crime Lab analyst who tested gunshot residue in the 2011 triple-murder case testified before Catawba County Superior Court Judge Nathaniel
Poovey on Thursday.

Agent Michael Gurdziel, a sworn State Bureau of Investigation agent, testified as an expert on performing gunshot residue tests with more than 70 cases reviewed.

Defense challenges DNA identification in 1989 'cold case' murder trial

Philly.com

The prosecution alleges that Rudolph Churchill committed two rape-murders in 1989, based on the identification of his DNA a quarter-century later on two items found near the bodies of Ruby Ellis and Cheryl Hanible. On Monday, a lawyer for the 54-year-old South Jersey man questioned the integrity of that DNA evidence. Read more at http://www.philly.com/philly/news/20160426_Defense_challenges_DNA_identification_in_1989_cold_case_murder_trial.html#8IGcxQU7snYyVFC.99

OC DNA database closing cases

OCRegister

In 2008, an unknown man approached a theater manager using a fake business card to identify himself as a police detective, claiming he was investigating a crime. He then pulled a gun and forced the manager to give him $15,000 from the safe. He fled, but left a rubber glove behind which was analyzed for DNA.

The crime remained unsolved until 2011, when that same individual was charged with a misdemeanor of having a false vehicle registration. As part of the disposition of his misdemeanor case, he submitted a DNA sample for our local Orange County District Attorney DNA Database. That sample matched the DNA from the rubber glove left at the theater. He was charged with the 2008 robbery. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to seven years in state prison.

Kuwait to DNA test and tag all tourists

News24

Cape Town – All visitors and tourists to Kuwait will now have to submit to a DNA test and be DNA tagged before they're allowed to enter the Persian ...

DNA Database Helping Solve More Crimes In South Dakota

KDLT News

Forensic Scientist Eddie Aamold says DNA evidence has been extremely beneficial in ... The state crime lab in Pierre matched his DNA to the rape kit.
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**

**Quality Specialist**, Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: May 31, 2016

**Computer Forensic Analyst**, Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: July 28, 2016

**Instructor**, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio, Expires: May 9, 2016

**DNA Technical Leader**, NMS Labs, Willow Grove, Expires: June 10, 2016

**Criminalist III**, County of San Diego, San Diego, CA, Expires: May 15, 2016

**Forensic Scientist Supervisor**, Maryland State Police Forensic Sciences Division, Pikesville, Maryland, Expires: May 13, 2016

**Forensic Scientist – Forensic Biology**, Virginia Dept. of Forensic Science, Manassas, VA, Expires: May 19, 2016

**Latent Print Examiner**, Durham Police Department, Durham, NC, Expires: July 18, 2016

**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

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


**SEROLOGIST III / ASSISTANT TECHNICAL LEADER**, Serological Research Institute, RICHMOND, CA, Expires: July 8, 2016

**Forensic Analyst – Audio/Video**, Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: June 30, 2016

**Crime Scene Investigator**, Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: June 30, 2016

**Manager of Biology**, Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: June 30, 2016

Cambridge Healthtech Institute’s Inaugural DNA Forensics event will examine new technologies, changing policies, and trends in forensic DNA investigations. Special focus will be given to next-generation sequencing (NGS), including statistical analysis and interpretation of DNA profiles. Optimizing extraction techniques and isolation will also be addressed with an emphasis on challenging samples. Overall, this event aims to address existing bottlenecks while introducing solutions and new concepts in the DNA identification field.

Day 1 | [Day 2](#) | [Short Courses](#) | [Download Brochure](#)
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 forensic scientists, technicians, and administrators, providing access to a wide range of forensic science knowledge and resources.

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.

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)
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.

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**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


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

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A2LA’s Training Program provides a variety of courses designed to help organizations achieve and maintain accreditation to international standards.

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**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.

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