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Colleagues,

I am excited this week to announce to you the formation of a new ad hoc ASCLD History Committee. Under the leadership of Past-President Jody Wolf, we have taken a look back at the history of ASCLD and honored our founders at the Awards Luncheon of each of the last two ASCLD symposia. I would like to expand on this initiative in 2016.

I have asked Kevin Lothridge, Barry Fisher, Sid Popejoy, and Bill Marbaker to put together a committee to work on this effort. Past President Lothridge has volunteered to lead this committee, which I have asked to track down as many documents, photos, keepsakes, etc. from the storied history of our organization and create lasting digital copies to display on the website. Additionally, we hope to create a display showcasing the history of ASCLD to present at the 2017 symposium (and perhaps annually).

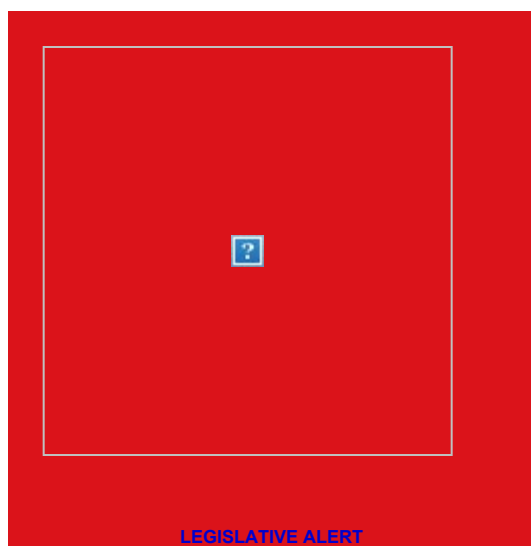
I hope you are as excited about this work as I am. After listening to the presentations at the last two Awards Luncheons, I believe we owe it to our current members and our future members to memorialize the rich history of our organization and look back to it as we also look forward.

If you would like to participate on this committee and/or if you have historical documents, photos, momentos, keepsakes, etc. that you could share with the committee, please reach out to us at: history@ascl.org

I hope you have a great week.

Kindest regards,
Jeremy Triplett

"A leader isn't good because they're right; they're good because they're willing to learn and trust." -Stanley McChrystal, Retired General, US Army



AS 2348 , will authorize criminal justice agencies using Rapid DNA devices and requisite quality assurance methods approved by the FBI to upload reference sample profiles generated by such devices to CODIS, will direct the FBI to issue standards and procedures for the use of Rapid DNA instruments outside of an accredited laboratory environment and the use of DNA analyses for reference samples derived from Rapid DNA instruments, authorizes the FBI to waive the current requirement that samples collected from federal or District of Columbia offenders be sent to the FBI for processing in cases where samples are processed using FBI approved Rapid DNA instruments, quality assurance standards, and infrastructure and maintains this capability be limited to governmental law enforcement agencies and provides a measure that all matches be verified by an accredited lab prior to that information being used at trial.

Both bills will now move to the floor for a vote perhaps as early as this week. Each has a companion bill in the House that we expect to markup shortly as well.

Please keep the letters coming to your Members of Congress .

Matthew Gamette

5/16/2016

Last week the Senate Judiciary Committee passed two pieces of legislation that are very important to the forensic community. S.2577, the Justice for All Reauthorization Act of 2016 and the S. 2348 Rapid DNA Act

S. 2577, re-authorizes the Paul Coverdell National Forensic Science Act. The CFSO has worked actively with the Senate to pass this bill. The re-authorization changes the grant to increase the dollar amount to \$25m a year, decrease the amount of funds that can be taken out for administrative changes to and make the minimum amount of funding that a grantee



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Research Reports

NIJ Forensic Science R&D Reports for ASCLD Crime Lab Minute

This research reports have been submitted by the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) especially for their relevance to crime

Forensic Training

John Collins with the **Forensic Foundations Group** is announcing the last of 3 online Professional Orientation Schools for New Crime Lab Scientists 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](tel:5178034063) if you have any questions.

Professional Orientation School for New Crime Laboratory Scientists

Instructor: John M. Collins Jr. MA, SHRM-SCP
July 20 - August 12, 2016

The Professional Orientation School for Crime Laboratory Scientists is an intensive 4-Week orientation for new crime laboratory scientists. It is designed to supplement a laboratory's initial onboarding and professional orientation of forensic science employees. The primary objective of our school is to prepare crime laboratory scientists for the rigors, challenges, and rewards of forensic science. Laboratory administrators should give serious consideration to placing new employees, when possible, in our school within the first days or weeks of employment.

Houston Forensic Science Center

HFSC is a local government corporation created to provide independent forensic services to law enforcement agencies, primarily the Houston Police Department, and other judicial entities. We welcome you to explore our forensic services, learn more about the Center, invite employment opportunities or contact us.

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

Title	Date
Palm Print Comparison Course	Jun 15 2016
Firearm Examination for the NonExaminer	Jun 20 2016
Crime Scene investigation	Jul 11 2016
Summer Series Educational Seminars for Science Teachers	Jul 19 2016
Summer Series Educational Seminars for Science Teachers - Part 2	Aug 03 2016
Palm Print Comparison Course	Nov 02 2016
Forensic Anthropology: Bone Identification	Sep 15 2016
IAI Crime Scene Certification Exam	Sep 19 2016

laboratory activities. ASCLD has not reviewed nor does it necessarily endorse the findings of this research. White House Announces National Microbiome Initiative and environments.

The Reliability of Pattern Classification in Bloodstain Pattern Analysis, Part 1: Bloodstain Patterns on Rigid Non-absorbent Surfaces

NIJ-supported researchers from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety recently published an article in the Journal of Forensic Sciences. Abstract retrieved 5/16/2016:

The study was designed to produce the first baseline measure of reliability in bloodstain pattern classification. A panel of experienced bloodstain pattern analysts examined over 400 spatter patterns on three rigid, non-absorbent surfaces. The patterns varied in spatter type and extent. A case summary accompanied each pattern that either contained neutral information, information to suggest the correct pattern (i.e., was positively biasing), or information to suggest an incorrect pattern (i.e., was negatively biasing). Across the variables under examination, 13 percent of classifications were erroneous. Generally speaking, where the pattern was more difficult to recognize (e.g., limited staining extent or a patterned substrate), analysts became more conservative in their judgment, opting to be inconclusive. Incorrect classifications increased as a function of the negatively biasing contextual information.



[News Around the Globe](#)

Forensic artist could be used to help identify severed Mepal head

By Nick Willoughby

A forensic artist could be called to help with the investigation into a severed head found in a quarry in Mepal. A spokesman for the National Crime Agency (NCA) said the organisation held a database of specialists that local forces could contact if they thought it would help with an

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Law Enforcement Innovation Center

The Law Enforcement Innovation Center (LEIC) is an agency of the University of Tennessee Institute for Public Service at the University of Tennessee. Formed in 1997, LEIC is a leading training and technical assistance provider for the law enforcement community across the nation. Over the past 15 years, more than 30,000 law enforcement officers, other criminal justice practitioners, public safety workers, public school personnel, and community members have completed our training and educational programs. <http://leic.tennessee.edu/>

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 huge in taking up the mantle of providing various workshops and classes, but it was never intended to take the place of a complete training program. With forensics being under such intense scrutiny these days, agencies who perform forensic analysis must ensure that their work is performed under the guiding principles and standards which are now becoming more clearly defined each day. We, in the forensic industry, have not embraced Quality Management training as aggressively as we should.

Ron Smith & Associates, Inc. is known as one of the premier forensic training companies in the world. Our teams of subject matter experts and support staff have successfully designed and offered hundreds upon hundreds of highly sought after training opportunities all across the United States and abroad. 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 through 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 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.

investigation.

One of these specialists is a forensic artist, who could be used to help identify the severed human head, which was discovered by a quarry worker in a skip at the site near Ely on Monday.

Read more: <http://www.cambridge-news.co.uk/Forensic-artist-used-help-identify-severed-Mepal/story-29304014-detail/story.html#ixzz49RqJnUoM>

Harris County crime lab faces heavy backlog of DNA cases

Backlog triggers debate over DNA testing priorities
Expanded testing for property crimes has helped create a backlog of more than 4,600 DNA cases in the Harris County crime lab, straining its ability to complete the processing of such evidence for sexual assaults and even homicide cases in a timely manner.

<http://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Harris-County-crime-lab-faces-heavy-backlog-of-7465797.php>

Searching For A Killer: DNA Evidence Sets Man Free After 17 Years In Jail

BALTIMORE (WJZ)—After 17-years behind bars for a crime he didn't commit, DNA evidence has now exonerated Malcolm Bryant.

<http://baltimore.cbslocal.com/2016/05/12/searching-for-a-killer-dna-evidence-sets-man-free-after-17-years-in-jail/>

New York State Police Troop E to build \$9 million forensic identification and evidence expansion

New York State Police Troop E's Forensic Identification Unit, Collision Reconstruction Unit and Computer Crime Unit will be getting a new home as part of an approximately \$9 million building project, according to a release.

http://auburnpub.com/news/local/new-york-state-police-troop-e-to-build-million-forensic/article_60a20026-0943-5e59-b6eb-7556d6bc940e.html

Tour a Crime Lab: Stetson and University of Tennessee Offer Webinar Training May 25

Crime Lab Essentials, "the second complimentary webinar in the Capital Litigation Initiative: Crime Scene to Courtroom Forensics Training series for prosecutors and defense attorneys, offers a tour of the state-of-the-art Metro Nashville Police Department Crime Laboratory.

GULFPORT, Fla. (PRWEB) May 11, 2016

Tour the inside of a crime laboratory, thanks to a partnership between Stetson University College of Law's National Clearinghouse for Science, Technology and the Law and the Law Enforcement Innovation Center at the University of Tennessee's Institute for Public Service.

<http://www.benzinga.com/pressreleases/16/05/p7969592/tour-a-crime-lab-stetson-and-university-of-tennessee-offer-webinar-trai#ixzz48In8q1JF>



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

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.Ron

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 - Archival](#)
[False-Positive/Negative Error Rates in Cartridge Case Comparisons](#)
[ASCLD Rapid DNA Webinar 1 - Archival](#)
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Cambridge Healthtech Institute's Inaugural DNA Forensics

Exploring New Frontiers in Forensic DNA Investigation

August 23-24, 2016 | Grand Hyatt Hotel | Washington, DC

Advances in DNA profiling technologies are enabling faster and more accurate results, in some cases moving procedures from the lab to the crime scene. Emerging tools such as next-generation sequencing are also creating new possibilities in forensic DNA investigation, but with that comes unfamiliar scientific and legal implications.

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](#)

law enforcement applications.

New this week... [Forensics Account Manager](#), Sorenson Forensics, Salt Lake City, Expires: July 19, 2016

[Forensics DNA Analyst](#), Sorenson Forensics, Salt Lake City, Expires: August 13, 2016

[DNA Technical Lead](#), Alameda County, Oakland, Expires: June 7, 2016

[Sheriff's Supervising Forensic Scientist – Fingerprints and Crime Scene Investigation](#), Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Ventura, CA, Expires: August 11, 2016

[Criminalist, II](#), NYC CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER, New York, NY, Expires: August 11, 2016

[Criminalist, Level II](#), New York City Office of Chief Medical Examiner, New York, New York, Expires: December 30, 2016

[Latent Fingerprint Examiner](#), Miami-Dade Police Department, Doral, Florida, Expires: May 20, 2016

[Forensic Scientist – Impression Evidence/Crime Scene Coordinator](#), Idaho State Police, Meridian, ID, Expires: May 16, 2016

[Forensic Scientist I-III, DNA](#), Texas Department of Public Safety, Austin, TX, Expires: May 19, 2016

[Forensic Program Chief](#), State of Wisconsin Department of Justice, Wausau, WI, Expires: May 31, 2016

[Crime Lab Scientist- Firearms](#), Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Decatur and Midland, Georgia, Expires: May 27, 2016

[Forensic Scientist – Controlled Substances](#), Virginia Dept. of Forensic Science, Roanoke, VA, Expires: June 2, 2016

[Digital Evidence Supervisor](#), Kansas Bureau of Investigation Forensic Science Laboratory, Topeka, KS, Expires: May 31, 2016

[Forensic Scientist III](#), Center for Forensic Science Research & Education, Willow Grove, Expires: June 10, 2016

[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

[DNA Technical Leader](#), NMS Labs, Willow Grove, Expires: June 10, 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

[ICITAP Forensics Experts](#), Engility Corporation, Mexico City, Expires: July 1, 2016

[Forensic Examiner – DNA 1](#), ORAU, Ft. Gillem, GA (& OCONUS), Expires: August 31, 2016

[Forensic Examiner – Latent Print 1](#), ORAU, Ft. Gillem, GA (& OCONUS), Expires: August 31, 2016

[Forensic Examiner – Firearms and Tool Marks](#), ORAU, Ft. Gillem, GA & (OCONUS), Expires: August 31, 2016

[Forensic Chemist](#), ORAU, Ft. Gillem, GA & (OCONUS), Expires: August 31, 2016

[SEROLOGIST III / ASSISTANT TECHNICAL LEADER](#), Serological Research Institute, RICHMOND, CA, Expires: July 8, 2016

[Forensic Analyst – Audio/Video](#), Houston Forensic Science



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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

[Technical Lead – Biology](#), Houston Forensic Science Center, Houston, TX, Expires: July 5, 2016

[Forensic Chemist](#), ORAU, Ft. Gillem, GA (& OCONUS), Expires: July 31, 2016

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

[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

[Forensic Scientist – Questioned Documents](#), Virginia Dept. of Forensic Science, Roanoke, VA, Expires: June 30, 2016

[Forensic Science Lecturer](#), University at Albany, Albany, NY, Expires: May 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

[Assistant/Associate Professor of Forensic Science](#), Department of Forensic Science, College of Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas, Expires: December 31, 2016



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[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](#)

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Forensic Conferences

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

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