President's Message

This past week ASCLD Past President Jeremy Triplett, ASCLD Board Member Timothy Scanlan, and ASCLD Member Benjamin Swanholm all traveled to Mexico City to take part in the Second Simposio Internacional de Ciencias Forenses (International Symposium of Forensic Sciences). This symposium included 240 attendees from Mexico and surrounding countries, all focused on improving forensic science, promoting accreditation, and demonstrating best practices in the region. Jeremy, Tim, and Ben all delivered presentations at the conference, discussing workflow models, quality systems filling the needs of the criminal justice system, and the importance of quality at the crime scene. ASCLD is extremely proud to partner again with so many great organizations to support the Merida Initiative in Mexico, including the U.S. State Department, ICITAP, INL, NIJ, and ANAB.

President's Corner

The ASB is currently accepting applications for openings in the consensus bodies. In order to maintain a specific balance across interest categories, the ASB is soliciting members only in these interest categories. Click here for a detailed description of the Interest Categories.

The application for membership can be downloaded from the Consensus Body informational area of the ASB website. Please complete the application by September 14, 2018 and send it to asb@aafs.org.
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NMS Labs in collaboration with the Department of Justice, Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF), and the Center for Forensic Science Research and Education (CFSRE) at the Fredric Rieders Family Foundation, ... Report

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NIJ's existing Forensic Science Technology Working Group - Learn more about this group and review the operational requirements they have developed annually since 2013.

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The OSAC Friction Ridge Subcommittee recently released their draft standard for friction ridge examination conclusions to the AAFS Academy Standards Board (ASB) to continue through the standards development process. This document provides substantial improvements to the SWGFAST recommendations... OSAC 2018 Newsletter

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Safety from Jane Northup

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Special Edition - Opioid Bills

These research reports have been submitted by the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) especially for their relevance to crime
Please find pending legislation regarding the opioid crisis. This is NOT an appropriation of funding and these bills are only the ones that have passed one body of the Congress as of June 22, 2018. The Congress intends to roll many of these bills into a single Opioid Bill that will move forward.

Laboratory activities. ASCLD has not reviewed nor does it necessarily endorse the findings of this research.

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You are being asked to participate in a research study on forensic reporting practices. The purpose is to understand how forensic results are being reported in crime laboratories right now. The survey is being administered by The Center for Statistics and Applications in Forensic Evidence (CSAFE).

[Link](https://ucisoe.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_emPjzm8gZj0Pyd)

We greatly appreciate your assistance; please let me know if you have any questions.

Two draft documents have been approved by SWGDRUG to seek public comments for 60-days. Comments will be accepted through October 13, 2018.

[SWGDRUG](http://swgdrug.org/)
Iowa State University Forensic Science Study

Stephanie Madon

Invitation to Participate in a Forensic Science Study

I am a professor of psychology at Iowa State University, and the Principal Investigator of a federally-funded research study that aims to quantify the validity of cartridge case ...More about the Study

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