President's Message

In a previous President’s Message I outlined the importance of the announcement of the new NIJ Forensic Laboratory Needs-Technology Working Group (FLN-TWG), and promised to get you their names as soon as possible. According to the press release last week from the Office of Justice Programs, “NIJ believes that this FLN-TWG model, that includes practitioners supported by researchers, is the best path forward and will ensure that resources are focused appropriately to keep pace with the increasing demand for services. The FLN-TWG will explore new ways to increase casework efficiencies and implement forensic technology innovations that will advance system-based strategies and lead to a stronger justice system and safer communities.” We are very proud of our members that were selected for this working group!

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President's Corner

Supporting Crime Lab Directors and the Formation of the Forensic Laboratory Needs Technology Working Group

Remarks by NIJ Principal Deputy Director Dr. Howard Suvak at the American Society of Crime Lab Director’s 45th Annual Symposium.

May 29, 2018

I’m very pleased to be here, and bring you warm greetings and regrets from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs, Alan Himore, who was obliged to stay in Washington today to attend to urgent Department business.

It’s a privilege and an honor to join our nation’s crime lab directors and leading forensic experts at this symposium.

For 45 years, the American Society of Crime Lab Directors has been in the vanguard of the forensic science community.

https://ojp.gov/newsroom/pressreleases/2018

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 ...

Synthetic Cannabinoid (5F-ADB) contamination in Heroin/Fentanyl in Philadelphia

The Center for Forensic Science Research and Education at the Fredric Rieders Foundation is actively monitoring activity in NPS supply in the United States and Internationally. You have been identified as a stakeholder in the process of notifying US public health and public safety agencies, and other international entities of the appearance of these novel ...

Weekly News and Resources

NIJ's existing Forensic Science Technology Working Group - Learn more about this group and review the operational requirements
OSAC News


Webinars and Classroom

Safety from Jane Northup

Resource Link

ASCLD Partnerships

June 2018 Newsletter
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.

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.

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