



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIME LABORATORY DIRECTORS

“Excellence through leadership in forensic science management”

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



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**NEW JUSTICE DEPARTMENT FORENSICS TECHNOLOGY GROUP
ANNOUNCES MEMBERS**

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

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

Remarks by NIJ Principal Deputy Director Dr. Howard Spivak 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 Hanson, 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.

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<https://www.nij.gov/about/director/Pages/spi-vak-asclid-2018.aspx>

ANSI/ASB Best Practice Recommendation 007, Postmortem Impression Submission Strategy for Comprehensive Searches of Essential Automated Fingerprint Identification System Databases, First Edition, 2018. [Standard](#)

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 ... [Study](#)

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

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Date of Release: July 25, 2018



Information Regarding "Santa Muerte" Stamped Drug Seizures Causing Hospitalizations in the Greater Philadelphia Area



Images depict a "bundle" of fourteen small blue-bags incasing blue wax-bags, stamped in black or red ink with the words "Santa Muerte," containing a light tan powder. These drug exhibits were seized following response to a residence for suspected drug overdose.

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- American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law
- American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors
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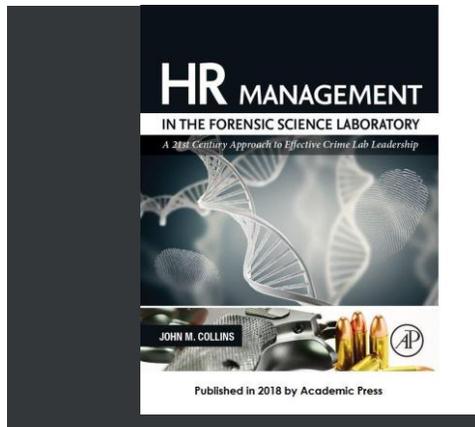
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Please find pending legislation regarding the opioid crisis. This is NOT an appropriation of funding and these bills are only the ones that have passed one body of the Congress as of June 22, 2018. The Congress intends to roll many of these bills into 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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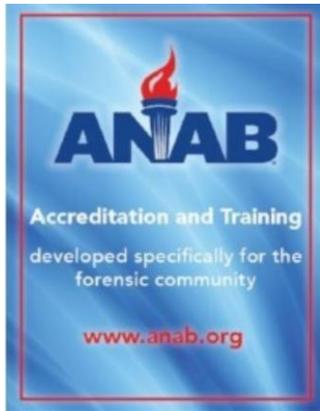


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