President's Message

During 2017-2018, the ASCLD Opioid Task Force (OTF) committee worked on a number of white papers, position statements, and informational documents for the ASCLD crime laboratories and stakeholders. The documents are published on the ASCLD Opioid Resource Center web page, and include topics such as analysis, safety, instrumentation, and networking resources. For example, as we and many of our first-responder and law enforcement partners implement Narcan®/Naloxone policies, the OTF recommended including availability of Narcon everywhere drug evidence may be handled: field, evidence areas, response vehicles, etc. Training and direct access to Narcan is especially vital for those that may come into contact with fentanyl and its analogs.

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.
First Responders Video

A recent publication in *Journal of Analytical Toxicology* entitled: *The Opioid Epidemic: Moving Toward an Integrated, Holistic Analytical Response* is a valuable read to understand the “big picture” solutions needed in the opioid crisis (article link here). Also published this week are a live cast video (8/30/18 2PM EST) from the Department of Justice and Homeland Security on *Fentanyl: The Real Deal* (link here), and an earlier *Fentanyl Safety Recommendations for First Responders* (link).

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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

Weekly News and Resources

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

Jobs Here
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

The Organization of Scientific Area Committees (OSAC) for Forensic Science has released its 2018 Annual Report.
June 2018 Newsletter

Special Edition - Opioid Bills

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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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 Or copy and paste https://ucisoe.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_em张某xm8gZj0Pyd

Cedar Crest College’s accredited forensic science program is conducting a survey to determine current methods of presumptive and confirmation testing in laboratories to guide our research efforts and curriculum.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DNAanalysismethods

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.

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

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