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## American Society of Crime Lab Directors Crime Lab Minute

### General Announcements

#### President's Message

##### ASCLD 2017

We're excited to announce the site selection team has chosen the Sheraton Hotel in Dallas, Texas as the venue for the 2017 ASCLD conference. The dates are April 30 thru May 4, 2017. This advance notice will allow our members and vendors to maximize the planning and scheduling process.

<http://www.sheratondallashotel.com/>

##### National Commission on Forensic Science announced

It was definitely an interesting and busy week. US Departments of Commerce and Justice announced on Friday the formation of the National Commission on Forensic Science. Follow this link for more information:

<http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2014/January/14-at-029.html>

Jay Henry  
ASCLD President

##### This Week's Forensic Metric: 82

The median turn-around time in days (82) for a DNA Database report with the timeline defined as beginning at the date of the first submission of evidence or specimen to report submission. This information is derived from those laboratories who participated in the 2011-2012 FORESIGHT program.

##### SOFT Survey



##### Call for Posters!!

The deadline for submitting abstracts for posters and workshops has passed, but there is still time to submit one for a poster. The theme for this year's meeting is "The Efficiency of Quality". If you've got an idea for a poster, please download the form below and return by **March 1, 2014**.

[2014 ASCLD Symposium Abstract Form](#)

##### Speaking of the meeting

The planning committee still has room for volunteers. Your degree of participation can be very flexible with opportunities ranging from working a shift at the registration table to running the meeting's plenary session. How much time you commit is up to you! If you're interested, please contact President Elect Mills at [brady.mills@dps.texas.gov](mailto:brady.mills@dps.texas.gov).

##### Symposium Details...

In the next couple of weeks, we will be releasing the registration information for the Scottsdale meeting. Suffice to say, we're excited about having the membership come together again and are looking forward to an amazing conference. If you have any questions, please contact Brady Mills at [brady.mills@dps.texas.gov](mailto:brady.mills@dps.texas.gov).

We will be electing new members to the Board of Directors at the business meeting to be held at the Symposium. If you or

The Society of Forensic Toxicologists (SOFT) Drug Facilitated Sexual Assault (DFSA) Committee is gathering data from laboratories that perform analyses on DFSA cases. This survey (<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YD5H2GQ>) is designed to determine the most frequently encountered drugs utilized in suspected DFSA cases. By defining these drugs, the committee's intent is to utilize this information to direct research and define any demographic trends in drug use that may exist.

## News Around the Globe

### [DNA analysis helps solve lesser crimes](#)

The Virginian-Pilot

State labs handled about 4,750 biological cases last year and 4,725 in 2012. Each involved about 10 DNA tests costing from \$100 to more than ...

### [DNA registry would help solve crimes, police, prosecutors say](#)

Tribune-Review

Julia Brolley works at the forensic DNA scientist at the state police DNA lab in Greensburg, where criminal evidence and collected samples are ...

### [City Sexual Assault Lab Work Slows](#)

Wall Street Journal

The turnaround time for DNA analysis in sexual-assault cases in New York City has increased four fold in five years, a rise that crime-victim advocates ...

### [Kerala short of forensic scientists](#)

The Hindu

The three Forensic Science Laboratories in the State too are understaffed, delaying examination of forensic evidence. Each police district in the State ...

### [Erie County Central Police Services Forensic Lab receives ...](#)

[Metrowny.com](#)

The Erie County Central Police Services Forensic Laboratory, previously ... American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation ...

### [Amherst Crime Lab Chemist Pleads Guilty to Drug Tampering with ...](#)

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someone you know is a regular member and is interested in becoming a candidate for the ASCLD Board, please contact [Sabrina.Cillesen@DFS.Virginia.gov](mailto:Sabrina.Cillesen@DFS.Virginia.gov)

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NORTHAMPTON, Mass. (WGGB) — A former state crime lab chemist has pleaded guilty to charges that she tampered with drug evidence. Monday ...

### [Effort to create regional crime lab stalls](#)

[StarNewsOnline.com](#)

Efforts to create a regional crime lab in New Hanover County have ... by way of the city's crime lab, could get a blood-alcohol analysis in days, but the ...

### [County again considering deal with SBI for faster lab work](#)

Durham Herald Sun

But Worsley and Ruffin said the county needn't give up on the idea of a local crime lab. They suggested including one in a prospective off-site ...

### [Durham County weighs crime lab analysis, building own lab](#)

News & Observer

Durham County is discussing contracting with the state to hire three crime lab analysts to work on local cases, as well as maybe building ...

### [NY congresswoman wants funding boost to resolve backlog of DNA ...](#)

The Republic

U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney says more federal funding is needed to help resolve a huge backlog of unprocessed DNA tests in ...

## Training

### ASCLD Webinars:

Links to these webinars can also be found on the ASCLD [Training Opportunities](#) webpage.

**Webinar #1:** [Taking the First Steps Toward Backlog Reduction](#)

**Webinar #2:** [The Backlog Paradox: Doing Less is Doing More](#)

The **West Virginia University Forensic Science Initiative** invites you to utilize their FREE webinar series on a variety of topics in forensic science! Experts in the field will present on a wide range of forensic science topics from the reliability of eye witness identification to

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fire scene investigation. Sign up now for the Texas Forensic Science Commission: Justice Through Science presentation. Follow the [link](#) for a list of upcoming webinars.

Try your CSI skills at the Basic Crime Scene Investigation for Legal Professionals course at West Virginia University's forensic crime scene complex. This four day course will offer hands-on training specifically for the legal professional. Learn how to properly identify, collect, and preserve evidence at a crime scene. To better assist each student, class seating will be limited. For more information, click [here](#).

[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*.

**Cal State Fullerton Certificates in Crime & Forensics.** Contact Veronica Martinez at 1-657-278-3123 or see <http://extension.fullerton.edu/professionaldevelopment/Crime-Forensic>.

**RTI International's Center for Forensic Sciences Continuing Education** is pleased to offer a second premium online course for legal professionals, titled "*Managing Quality and Reliability in the Crime Laboratory: A Lawyer's Perspective*". This low cost training was developed with the support of ASCLD/LAB, the North Carolina District Attorney's Association and the National Association of Prosecutor Coordinators. This course is designed for legal professionals who interface with scientific experts and/or present scientific evidence in courts of law. The course provides information about how accredited crime laboratories control quality, ensure the reliability of results, and work to maintain a high level of customer satisfaction and confidence in the reliability of laboratory services. It is recommended, but not required, that users have taken the course; An Introduction to the Crime Laboratory - Understanding its Role and Purpose before attempting this course.

By the end of this course, you should be able to:

- Evaluate the work of a scientific expert
- Name the two types of scientific analyses
- Name the international body that governs crime laboratory accreditation
- Recognize authoritative documents and court rulings critical to forensic science
- List five warning signs signaling problems in a crime

## Employment Opportunities

[DNA Analyst](#), State of Wisconsin Department of Justice, Madison, Wisconsin, Expires: January 20, 2014

[Forensic Scientist – Toxicology](#), Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Norfolk, VA, Expires: February 6, 2014

[Assistant Professor in Biology](#), Alfred State SUNY College of Technology, Alfred, NY, Expires: March 1, 2014

[Supervisor of Forensic Services – Firearms](#), New York State Police, Albany, NY, Expires: January 21, 2014

[DNA Analyst II](#), Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, TX, Expires: January 31, 2014

[Latent Print Examiner II](#), City of Oakland, Oakland, CA, Expires: January 24, 2014

[Latent Print Examiner Supervisor](#), Orange County Sheriff's Office, Orlando, FL, Expires: March 4, 2014

[Forensic Scientist III/Quality Assurance](#)

[Specialist-Latent Print Examiner](#), City of Saint Paul, Saint Paul, MN, Expires: March 2, 2014

[Forensic Scientist II-Latent Print Examiner](#), City of Saint Paul, Saint Paul, MN, Expires: March 2, 2014

[Information Technology Specialist \(LIMS\)](#), DC Government – Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington, DC, Expires: February 24, 2014

[Firearms Examiner](#), Dallas County Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences, Dallas, TX, Expires: February 26, 2014

[Assistant Professor](#), Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA, Expires: January 31, 2014

[Chairperson](#), Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA, Expires: February 18, 2014

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If you know of a legal professional who may be interested in taking this course, please direct them to: <https://www.forensiced.org/training/viewcourse.cfm?moduleid=fd2f9c6-4d9e-4e7c-a6fd-c5301474a49d>. In some states, this course has been approved for 1 hour of CLE and MCLE credits (<https://www.forensiced.org/training/clestates.cfm?cid=1128152721>).

## Conferences

February 17-22, 2014: American Academy of Forensic Sciences in Seattle, WA. See <http://www.aafs.org/aafs-66th-annual-scientific-meeting> for more information.

April 6 -14, 2014: International International Association for Chemical Testing (IACT) in Newport, CA. See <http://www.iactonline.org/> for more information.

May 3-8, 2014: ASCLD Symposium at the Doubletree Resort, Paradise Valley in Scottsdale, AZ, See <http://www.asclد.org/meetings-list/> for more information.

May 11-16, 2014: Association of Firearm and Toolmark Examiners in Seattle, WA. See <http://www.afte.org/TrainingSeminar/AFTE2014/announcements/afte2014.htm> for more information.

May 19-23, 2014 Mid-Atlantic Association of Forensic Scientists in State College, PA. See <http://www.maafs.org/#!annual-meeting> for more information.

May 21-23, 2014 European Conference on Child Abuse (EUCCAN) in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. See <http://www.euccan.eu/en/> for more information.

August 10-16, 2014: International Association for Identification in Minneapolis, MN. See <http://www.theiai.org/conference/2014/index.php> for more information.

August 31 – September 4, 2014: 22<sup>nd</sup> International Symposium on the Forensic Sciences in Adelaide, South Australia. See <http://anzfss.org.au/international-symposium/> for more information.

October 4-10, 2014: Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists in St. Paul, MN. See <http://www.mafs.net/news-feeds-1/mafs-2014> for more information.

October 13-18, 2014: World Forensic Festival in Seoul, South Korea. See <http://www.wff2014korea.org/info/index.php> for more information.

October 14-17, 2014: Association of Forensic Quality Assurance Managers in Vancouver, B.C. See <http://afqam.org/wp12/annual-training-conference/> for more information.

October 19-24, 2014: Society of Forensic Toxicologists in Grand Rapids, MI. See <http://www.soft-tox.org> for more information.

October 20-24, 2014: Northwest Association of Forensic Scientists in Rohnert Park, CA. See <http://www.nwafs.org/meetings.htm> for more information.