

April 21, 2014



General Announcements

President's Message

Introducing our 2014 ASCLD Board Candidates...

There are three vacancies to be filled on the Board of Directors for the coming year. The ASCLD nominating committee is pleased to present six candidates for the three positions.

As part of the application process, candidates were asked to provide their views and opinions in response to a given set of questions. A list of the candidates and their responses has been provided for your review on the ASCLD website at <http://www.asclcd.org/asclcd-board-candidates/>

Don't forget the 2014 Guidebook for ASCLD –

- Open up your device's web browser and visit guidebook.com/getit
- Search for 'Guidebook' in the Apple, Google, or Amazon app stores
- In the 'Guidebook' App, search for ASCLD. We'll be there!

The feedback from last year's symposium was very positive and from all indications this App will be how we continue to distribute schedule updates, plenary session handouts and solicit feedback throughout the conference. I would encourage all members to download the App and participate.

I hope you had a great Easter!

Jay Henry
ASCLD President



Registration for the 2014 ASCLD Symposium is open at www.asclcd.org. The theme of this years meeting is 'The Efficiency of Quality'. The scheduled workshops and talks offer something for individuals at every level of crime lab management. You can pay registration fees online via Paypal after using the new online form or print out a registration form to send in to the ASCLD office with credit card information.

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.

Vendor Sponsors

This Week's Forensic Metric: 40

This measure is simply the median number of Cases completed for each full-time equivalent (FTE) employee (the work input of a full-time employee working for one full year) retained by the laboratory in the investigative area of **Trace**. It gives an indication of the level of productivity within the average laboratory by investigative area. This information is derived from those laboratories who participated in the 2011-2012 FORESIGHT program.

News Around the Globe

[Georgia dealers top 5 in nation in lost, stolen firearms](#)

The Augusta Chronicle

A 2013 analysis conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives shows that federal firearms license holders in Georgia ranked ..

[Lack of funds for forensics lab sparks debate](#)

Tuscaloosa News

At issue is the closure in 2012 of the local forensics lab that once conducted autopsies and analyzed drugs confiscated by police. In its heyday, the lab ...

[Lorain County levies on ballot for crime lab, transit](#)

Sun News

LORAIN, Ohio -- County voters will be asked to consider two levies on the May 6 ballot, one for the continuation and improvement of the county's crime ...

[Police promise better handling of rape kits](#)

Greenwich Time

But he says it will show if rape kits are sent on to the state crime lab. The announcement comes after Salt Lake City Council members on Tuesday ...

[Galaxy S5 fingerprint login fooled by familiar iPhone 5s TouchID hack](#)

PCWorld

Despite fingerprint authentication being one of the headline features on ... Latent prints aren't immediately visible to the naked eye, but "can be ...

[Time Capsule found during construction for forensics Lab in Roanoke](#)

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REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN: [Bode's 2014 DNA Technical Conferences](#), providing DNA training on the latest techniques and technologies to the forensic scientific community.

[Bode Technology](#) provides advanced forensic solutions offering crime labs ways to reduce their workloads and budgets.

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Crews have been carefully taking down the building since the bricks will be reused to construct the new building for the Virginia Forensic Department's ...

[University lab helps solve 42-year-old mystery](#)

Chron.com

Most state crime labs don't do mitochondrial DNA analysis because it is complicated and more susceptible to contamination than is nuclear DNA, ...

[Forensic complex a boon to investigators](#)

Hometown News

Forensic complex a boon to investigators ... store the thousands of cataloged evidence and do a preliminary DNA test with quick results. ... To protect the integrity of the evidence, when the forensic investigator teams were moving to ...

[Ancient DNA Offers Clues To How Barnyard Chickens Came To Be](#)

Science 2.0

Durham, NC — Ancient DNA adds a twist to the story of how barnyard chickens came to be, finds a study to be published April 21 in the journal ...

[Forensic science body launched in Harrogate](#)

The Press, York

A NEW UK-based chartered body for forensic scientists around the world ... The Society has been representing those working in the field of forensic ...

[Police search out convicts _for their DNA - in Long Island's Nassau County](#)

The Republic

MINEOLA, New York — Nassau County police are out searching not only for criminals, but for their DNA. Under New York law, people convicted of ...

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](#)

Webinar #3: [Managing Customer Expectations and Education](#)

Webinar #4: [Case Acceptance, Policies and Guidelines](#)

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Webinar #6: [Increasing Your Staff without Increasing Your Budget](#)

Webinar #7: [Developing a Statewide Approach to Backlog Management](#)

[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 laboratory

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=dfd2f9c6-4d9e-4e7c-a6fd-c5301474a49d>. In some states, this course has been approved for 1 hour of CLE

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WVU Center for Executive Education offers unique customized programs for forensic professionals interested in improving their individual and organizational knowledge of contemporary business practices.

Registration is now open for the 2014 Forensic Management Academy, a unique one-week management program geared specifically to current and aspiring forensic laboratory managers, law enforcement professionals and other forensic service providers. Instructors include forensic practitioners and college professors experienced in the field of forensics. The program will be offered September 14 – 19, 2014 in Morgantown, WV on the WVU campus. Please visit our website at <http://www.be.wvu.edu/execed/fma> for more information and to register.



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(<https://www.forensiced.org/training/clestates.cfm?cid=1128152721>).

The ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board/FQS offers 2 workshops for accreditation preparation to the forensic community.

ISO/IEC 17025 and Audit Preparation Workshop for Forensic Test Agencies

Attendees of this three-day workshop will obtain a general overview of ISO/IEC 17025 as it relates to forensic test agencies. All of the elements will be reviewed. The standard's applicability, origin, purpose and marketplace will be discussed. Some of the more important concepts will be reviewed such as document control, internal auditing, proficiency testing, traceability and measurement and method witnessing.

[April 21-23, 2014](#), Tampa, FL

[September 22-24, 2014](#), Alexandria, VA

ISO/IEC 17020 and Audit Preparation Workshop for Forensic Police Agencies

Attendees of this two-day workshop will obtain a general overview of ISO/IEC 17020 for forensic police agencies. Individual elements of the standard will be reviewed; the standard's applicability to forensic police agencies, origin, purpose and marketplace will also be discussed. Some of the more important concepts, such as document control, internal auditing, proficiency testing, traceability and measurement, and method witnessing will be reviewed.

[April 24-25, 2014](#), Tampa, FL

[May 19-20, 2014](#), Milwaukee, WI

[September 25-26, 2014](#), Alexandria, VA

For more information about these workshops, contact FQS at 703-836-0025, ext 208. To register, please click on any of the dates above.

Employment Opportunities

[Supervisory Physical Scientist](#), Department of Justice, Washington, DC, Expires: May 16, 2014

[Forensic Scientist 3](#), Metro Nashville Police Department- Crime Laboratory, Nashville, TN, Expires: July 14, 2014

[Forensic Scientist 2- Drug Unit](#), Metro Nashville Police Department- Crime Laboratory Division, Nashville, TN, Expires: July 14, 2014

[Forensic Scientist – Latent Prints](#), Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Manassas, VA, Expires: May 1, 2014

[Supervisor Forensic Services Drugs – Mid-Hudson Lab](#), New York State Police Crime Laboratory, Newburgh, NY, Expires: April 28, 2014

[Forensic Laboratory Manager](#), Nebraska State Patrol Crime Laboratory, Lincoln, NE, Expires: April 30, 2014

[Forensic Lab Director](#), Oregon State Police, Central Point, Or, Expires: May 14, 2014

[Crime Scene Investigator](#), Johnson County Sheriff's Office, Criminalistics Laboratory, Olathe, Kansas, Expires: June 20, 2014

Conferences

May 4-8, 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 19-22, 2014: [13th Annual DNA Technical Workshop – Bode East](#) in Lake Buena Vista, FL.

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: 22nd 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.

[Sheriff's Supervising Forensic Scientist \(Firearms and Toolmark\)](#), Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Ventura, CA, Expires: June 17, 2014

[Forensic Biostatistician](#), Office of Chief Medical Examiner, New York, NY, Expires: April 30, 2014

[DNA Analyst](#), Indian River Crime Laboratory, Fort Pierce, Florida, Expires: June 12, 2014

[Asst/Assoc/Full Professor, Forensic Science](#), UIC, Chicago, IL, Expires: May 2, 2014

[Section Supervisor Regional Laboratories \(DNA\), Corpus Christi](#), Texas Department of Public Safety, Corpus Christi, Texas, Expires: April 25, 2014

[Forensic Scientist – Latent Prints](#), Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Roanoke, VA, Expires: May 27, 2014

[Forensic Scientist – Firearms and Toolmarks](#), Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Roanoke, VA, Expires: May 5, 2014

[Latent Print Examiner Supervisor](#), Orange County Sheriff's Office, Orlando, Florida, Expires: May 2, 2014

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.

November 3-6, 2014: [Annual DNA & Investigators Workshop– Bode Mid-Atlantic](#) in Crystal City, VA