

November 18, 2013



American Society of Crime Lab Directors Crime Lab Minute

General Announcements

President's Message

There were two major developments to report this week.

ASCLD Webinar Series

Beginning in December, several of our most qualified and esteemed ASCLD members will be presenting a series of seven webinars addressing the factors involving crime laboratory backlogs. This will be the first time that our organization has committed to such an endeavor and I want to recognize ASCLD Board of Director Adam Becnel and ASCLD members John Collins, Cecelia Crouse, Brian Gestring and Beth Kroupa for their effort in putting this material together. I'm also deeply grateful for the support from RTI International whose assistance will be critical to the success of this event.

Our first broadcast is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 4, 2013**, so be sure to sign up soon! Follow the link to register and learn more information:

[ASCLD-Webinar-Series-Flyer-1.pdf](#)

Feedback to NIST regarding Guidance Groups

I'd like to thank the advocacy group and those members who provided perspective to them in regards to NIST's Federal Register request for input on "Possible Models for the Administration and Support of Discipline-Specific Guidance Groups for Forensic Science". It can be a challenge to put together a consensus document that provides enough detail for implementers as well as less technical policymakers. My hope is



Call for Workshops, Presentations and Posters!!

I'm excited to announce that President Elect Brady Mills and the Symposium Planning Committee are releasing the 2014 ASCLD call for presentation abstracts. The theme for this year's meeting is "The Efficiency of Quality". If you've got an idea for a workshop, the plenary session or poster, please download the form below and return by **December 16, 2013**.

[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.

We will be electing new members to the Board of Directors at the business meeting to be held at the Symposium. If you or someone you know is a regular member and is interested in becoming a candidate for the ASCLD Board, please contact Sabrina.Cillessen@DFS.Virginia.gov

that this document accomplishes both goals.

[ASCLD-Comments-Regarding-NIST-Guidance-Groups.pdf](#)

Jay Henry
ASCLD President

News Around the Globe

[WADA provisionally suspends Russian drug-testing lab for ...](#)

Washington Post

The Russian drug-testing lab for February's Winter Olympics in Sochi faces suspension unless it significantly improves the reliability of its ...

[Students investigate forensic workshop at MU](#)

Huntington Herald Dispatch

Fingerprinting, firearms and forensics altogether were part of the educational experience Friday morning at the Marshall University Forensic ...

[Judge: Sex assault suspect allowed to blame twin](#)

Seattle Post Intelligencer

A judge says an Army artillery officer linked by DNA to a string of sexual assaults on young girls will be allowed to blame ...

[\\$24M crime lab construction begins](#)

Shreveport Times

New Crime Lab Breaks Ground in Caddo: Gov. Bobby Jindal was on hand for a ground breaking ceremony for the new North Louisiana Forensic Science Center ...

[DNA Bill Up For Consideration In Pennsylvania](#)

PA home page

State lawmakers are considering a law that would require police to collect DNA from someone only after they're arrested.

[Proposal to boost forensic regulator](#)

BBC News

Currently, the regulator sets standards for forensic science services, but has no ... from undertaking work that leads to either a DNA profile or fingerprint data.

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[Legionnaires' Scare at South Bay Crime Lab](#)

NBC Bay Area

Workers at the Santa Clara County crime lab are being warned to watch out for ... Since the finding, the crime lab's staff has been told not to drink the water.

[Lab error could affect hundreds of DUI cases](#)
[fox5sandiego.com](#)

The Orange County Crime Lab produced inaccurate blood alcohol test results in 2,200 driving-under-the-influence cases filed by ...

[Fast-Mutating DNA Sequences Reveal What it Means to be Human](#)

Science World Report

DNA and our genetic code define what it means to be human. Deciphering this code, though, is more difficult than you might think. Now, scientists have ...

[Idaho State Police Forensic Lab Tour Part 1](#)

KPVI News 6

When it comes to solving crime, it's easy to imagine what we see on TV. Beautiful people, without even a hair out of place under their protective gear, sitting ...

[Iredell crime lab faces scrutiny](#)

Statesville Record & Landmark

Five years ago, the Iredell County Board of Commissioners gave the sheriff's office the go-ahead to create a crime lab, based on the promise it would quickly ...

[Forensic Lab to buy brain test equipment](#)

Deccan Chronicle

Hyderabad: The AP Forensic Science Laboratory will soon begin brainwave fingerprinting tests on people involved in criminal cases with their

- Bridge the gap of understanding between scientists and laypersons, judges and lawyers
- Learn the role of ethics in forensic science, including general principles and training requirements
- Learn effective techniques and communication skills to improve expert testimony



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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 -

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Employment Opportunities

[Forensic Scientist – Firearms](#), Kansas Bureau of Investigation Forensic Laboratory, Topeka, KS, Expires: December 13, 2013
[Tenure-Track Position in Forensics](#), Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières, Trois-Rivières, Expires: December 31, 2013
[Forensic Scientist – Forensic Biology](#), Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Manassas, VA, Expires: December 1, 2013
[Crime Scene Analyst – Denver](#), Colorado Department of Public Safety, Denver, CO, Expires: December 31, 2013
[Crime Lab Scientist 1 \(Entry-Level\)](#), Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Decatur, Georgia, Expires: November 18, 2013
[Director, North Carolina State Crime Laboratory](#), North Carolina Department of Justice, Raleigh, North Carolina, Expires: November 25, 2013
[Forensic Scientist III – DNA](#), Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory, Anchorage Alaska, Expires: November 21, 2013
[Forensic Scientist – Latent Prints](#), Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Roanoke, VA, Expires: December 31, 2013
[Forensic Scientist 2- Drug I.D.](#), Metro Nashville Police Department, Nashville, TN, Expires: January 11, 2014
[Crime Lab Forensic Scientist 2- Toxicology](#), Metro Nashville Police Department, Nashville, Tennessee, Expires: January 11, 2014
[Forensic DNA Analyst](#), Sorenson Forensics, Salt Lake City, UT, Expires: January 11, 2014
[Forensic Lab Manager – Biology/DNA Detail](#), Las Vegas Metro PD, Las Vegas, NV, Expires: December 2, 2013
[Criminalistics Manager, Police Laboratory](#), NYPD, New York, NY, Expires: January 6, 2014
[Manager – Case Management, Training and Professional Development Section](#), NYPD, New York, NY, Expires: January 6, 2014
[Forensic Science Faculty](#), Arcadia University,

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=fdf2f9c6-4d9e-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.

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.

Glenside, PA, Expires: November 29, 2013
[Latent Print Examiner Supervisor](#), Orange County Sheriff's Office, Orlando, Florida, Expires: December 5, 2013
[Tenure Track Faculty Position in Forensic Biology](#), Indiana Univ Purdue Univ Indpls (IUPUI), Indianapolis, IN, Expires: December 31, 2013
[Assistant/Associate Professor in Forensic Sciences](#), Arizona State University, Phoenix, Arizona, Expires: December 6, 2013
[Crime Scene Sciences Supervisor \(Unit Manager\)](#), 202 727-8239, Washington, DC, Expires: December 23, 2013
[Forensic Science Full-Time Faculty Position](#), Cedar Crest College, Allentown, PA, Expires: December 23, 2013
[Faculty \(Rank Open\) Trace Evidence Analysis](#), University of Baltimore, Baltimore, MD, Expires: December 6, 2013
[Tenure-Track, Assistant Professor, Criminalistics \(Generalist Position\)](#), California State University, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA, Expires: December 1, 2013

August 6 -14, 2014: International International Association for Chemical Testing (IACT) in Newport, CA. See <http://www.iactonline.org/> 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 14-17, 2014: Association of Forensic Quality Assurance Managers in Vancouver, B.C. See <http://afgam.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.