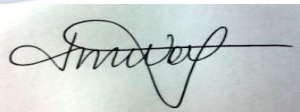


WELCOME

On behalf of the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors (ASCLD) and the Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations (CFSO) we want to welcome you to the 42nd Annual ASCLD Symposium and the ASCLD/CFSO "Day on the Hill." The theme for this year's symposium is *Excellence in Forensic Leadership* and how this translates to policy and practice in the 21st Century Crime Laboratory. Washington D.C. is a unique location that affords ASCLD's members the opportunity to engage our elected officials and national leaders in a discussion on issues important to forensic science managers and leaders. The ASCLD Symposium has been carefully scripted to provide information and resources to our members to aid in addressing the challenges facing our community.

Today we will visit with our elected federal legislators and their staffers. This year these individuals will decide on federal forensic legislation, funding, and policies that will impact the future practice of forensic science in our country. This confluence is occurring as we convene in our Nation's Capitol. ASCLD and CFSO continue to advocate for increased and sustainable federal funding for crime labs, intelligent state and federal forensic legislation, and practical policy implementation by local, state, and federal policy makers.

We are extremely excited to participate with you today in this historic event. We hope you enjoy being part of the political process, and by participating we hope you will develop relationships with your elected officials that will last long beyond this event. Our goal is to have your legislators call you when they have questions about forensic issues. We appreciate your energy and desire to make a difference. Good luck, and have fun!



Jody Wolf
ASCLD President-Elect



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CFSO Chair



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