



The American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors

"Excellence Through Leadership in Forensic Science Management"

About ASCLD

The American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors (ASCLD) is a nonprofit professional society of crime laboratory directors and forensic science managers dedicated to providing excellence in forensic science through leadership and innovation. The purpose of the organization is to foster professional interests; assist the development of laboratory management principles and techniques; acquire, preserve and disseminate forensic based information; maintain and improve communications among crime laboratory directors; and to promote, encourage and maintain the highest standards of practice in the field.

History

The organization began with a meeting of a group of thirty crime laboratory directors in Quantico, Virginia that occurred in the fall of 1973 and currently has over 600 members representing local, state, federal, and international crime laboratory directors, managers, and supervisors. Members have a wide range of experience and knowledge with membership consisting of biologists, chemists, document examiners, physicists, toxicologists, educators, instructors and law enforcement officers whose major function is the management of a crime laboratory.

International and National Leadership

ASCLD has representatives on the National Commission of Forensic Science, NIST Organization of Scientific Area Committees, and the Board of Directors of the International Forensic Strategic Alliance (IFSA). The ASCLD President is the current President of IFSA. ASCLD chairs the U.S. Technical Advisory Group (TAG) to ISO for Forensic Science Technical Committee (TC) 272. ASCLD members serve on many international, national, state, and local forensic science related and governmental agency scientific work/task groups, technical advisory groups, and conference planning groups.

Annual Symposium

The ASCLD Symposium is an industry-leading conference designed for leaders and managers in the forensic laboratory space. The symposium boasts workshops and plenary talks designed around all aspects of forensic science, but particularly focuses on enhancing leadership and management in a forensic laboratory. ASCLD also has a leadership academy that educates new managers and provides them with management and leadership skills and abilities.

Forensic Research

ASCLD seeks to advance the core of forensic science by closing technology gaps; to enable future forensic technologies by identifying research, development and expertise; and to evaluate needs and priorities within the forensic community. ASCLD identifies, engages, and collaborates with laboratories, other government agencies, industry and academia responsible for developing, sourcing, and executing forensic research, development, testing, and evaluation.

Forensic Science Advocacy

ASCLD takes action to influence or produce systemic change for forensic science and scientists. Changes may be pursued in legislation, government policy, or the policies and practices of agencies that affect our profession. ASCLD maintains a national network of regional points of contact that distribute and collect information on policies and practices to ASCLD members. ASCLD is a Member of the Board of Directors of the Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations www.thecfso.org



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