

ASCLD has some very exciting initiatives with amazing deliverables in the next few months. I reviewed our organization strategic plan last week and was amazed at everything going on, and the difference ASCLD is making on a number of important issues. Each week I see social media posts from our members and others talking about the great work of our committees and task groups. Keep spreading the word! Today I want to highlight a few upcoming deliverables. I eagerly look forward to seeing many of you at the FORESIGHT strategy meeting in Salt Lake City this week. I will provide a briefing of the meeting in a future message. I also look forward to our symposium in a few months where we will accomplish many of our strategic plans. I encourage you to consider attending the symposium and the great workshops!

RAPID DNA DVI WORKSHOP AT 2019 SYMPOSIUM



The ASCLD Board is pleased to announce a fantastic workshop on Disaster Victim Identification. The the flyer in the CLM this week for more information. We have been planning this for two years. We are collaborating with RTI FTCoE, SNA, and federal, state, and local emergency response agencies to conduct this timely workshop. Crime lab directors and emergency response leaders are the target audience. It is going to fill very fast because there are limited spots. The workshop is on Monday of the symposium week. Rapid DNA is becoming an important tool in DVI operations and the workshop is designed to give laboratory directors and supervisors the opportunity to experience how Rapid DNA instruments are used in identification efforts during a mass fatality response.

The workshop will include short lectures, a tabletop exercise and the opportunity for participants to proceed through seven interactive workstations focused on Rapid DNA's role in the Family Assistance Center (FAC), Incident Morgue and Identification operations. After completing the workshop participants will understand:

- How Rapid DNA can be used in DVI operations
- Who the mass fatality response stakeholders are (i.e., DMORT, NTSB, FEMORS, OMORT, MOMORT)
- FAC, Incident Morgue, and Identification operations, specifically focused on the use of DNA, with hands-on experience
- ASCLD's Rapid DNA Mass Fatality Task Force deliverables including: the Rapid DNA Needs Assessment Checklist, Emergency Management Assistance Compacts (mutual aid agreements among states to share resources during times of need), the Rapid DNA Deployment Checklist, and DNA Operations Process Maps
- How a Rapid DNA mass fatality response can be a cooperative endeavor to support the local jurisdiction impacted by the mass fatality

ED RHODES SCHOLARSHIP

ASCLD receives one (1) complimentary sitting per calendar year for any American Board of Criminalistics, Inc. (ABC) examination. This scholarship is in memory of Edward Rhodes, who was a pioneer in forensic education and certification. The complimentary sitting is for either an ASCLD member or someone in a member's organization. The Scholarship does not include the application fee or the costs associated with traveling to the test site. Information and the application can be found on the ASCLD website <http://www.ascl.org/nominations/>. Please submit applications through the ASCLD website by April 30, 2019 to be considered for any examination in 2019. If you have any questions, please contact office@ascl.org

ASCLD MEMBER OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS NEEDED

The ASCLD Board of Directors and Symposium Planning and Nominating & Awards Committees would like to invite you to nominate one of your fellow members as the 'ASCLD Member of the Year'. Members who have embodied the ASCLD Mission, have participated substantively in ASCLD activities, or have contributed to an ASCLD project or committee are ideal candidates for this award. Please consider taking time to nominate one of the many members we have who have made it possible for ASCLD to make a difference in our industry. We invite you to nominate a fellow member by completing the nomination form in the CLM.

Nominations are due April 15, 2019 and the recipient will be announced during the ASCLD Awards Banquet at the 2019 ASCLD annual symposium in St. Louis, Missouri. The award winner in 2018 was Bruce Houlihan.

REQUEST FOR VALIDATION INFORMATION FROM MEMBERSHIP

The Member Resource Committee is looking to continue to populate the Validation Repository on the ASCLD Member Site. The Validation Repository is a resource for ASCLD members to connect with other laboratories who may have completed a validation in a discipline or technology that they may be exploring in their laboratory.

The Validation Repository is a list of titles of validations, keywords, and contact information. If you would like to help the Validation Repository grow, please email the title of the validation, keywords, the discipline, your name and contact information and the name of your laboratory to office@ascl.org.

HOLD THE DATE: CFSO/NIST QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE LISTENING SESSION

Mark your calendars for May 6, 2019 for *A Collaborative Exploration of the Crime Lab Quality Infrastructure* Workshop hosted by the NIST Standards Coordination Office.

This Workshop focuses on 1) understanding the quality infrastructure in crime labs and the current challenges in the collection, analysis, interpretation and reporting of forensic evidence; 2) to reach consensus on those issues that can benefit from a community-based view for moving forward.

Format: Facilitated interactive breakout sessions.

Audience: All relevant stakeholders are welcome to attend. Space is limited.

Fee: There is no cost to register.

2019 SYMPOSIUM RETIREE RECEPTION



The ASCLD President and President-Elect would like to invite you to a Retiree get together at the 2019 ASCLD Symposium taking place in St. Louis, MO, from May 17 – May 23, 2019. The purpose of the get together is to bring our Retirees together to say hello and a way to say thank you for your past guidance. Perhaps we can even encourage you to continue your participation in ASCLD by volunteering for committees.

Please plan to attend to renew your friendships developed over the years, see some of your “old” friends and maybe make some new ones. Let us know if you will happen to be in the St. Louis area on Monday, May 20, 2019 and would like to join us. We would love to see you in St. Louis, Louis!

When: Monday, May 20, 2019 at 5:30pm

Where: Hospitality Suite at the St. Louis Union Station Hotel

Cost: Free

RSVP: Jean Stover at asclddirector@gmail.com