
FEEDBACK FROM PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS: FORENSIC SCIENCE PRACTITIONER PERSPECTIVES PANEL

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AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIME LABORATORY DIRECTORS

- Non-profit professional society of crime laboratory leaders
- More than 600 members
- All sizes and types of forensic laboratories (large, medium, small, federal, state, local, private)
- *“Dedicated to providing excellence in forensic science through leadership and innovation.”*

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

- Several NCFS Views and Recommendations that ASCLD can help implement or advance
- Not without challenges and we are committed to assist
- Will highlight a few work products today
 - Foundational, Operational, Research-related

FOUNDATIONAL

- Recommendation on National Code of Professional Responsibility for Forensic Science and Forensic Medicine Service Providers
 - ASCLD supports a national code and supports strong ethical standards for forensic scientists
 - ASCLD will engage and work with relevant stakeholders to discuss possible implementation strategies for this idea
- Views on Inconsistent Terminology
 - We support the OSAC work on this and ISO TC 272

OPERATIONAL

- Recommendation on Survey of Forensic Capabilities
 - ASCLD supports
 - Appreciates the difficulty in doing this – we tried, too!
- Recommendation on Universal Accreditation
 - Long standing support for universal accreditation – part of our core beliefs
 - Will continue to educate crime laboratories and digital evidence units on the value of accreditation and provide practical guidance on how to achieve it
 - Working with IFSA to create Minimum Requirement Documents (international)
 - Also working with ISO TC 272 on new international forensic science standards

OPERATIONAL (CONTINUED)

- Recommendation on Proficiency Testing
 - ASCLD supports robust proficiency testing programs
 - Several labs currently developing blind testing programs
- Recommendation on Root Cause Analysis in Forensic Science
 - ASCLD supports as a part of rigorous quality program
 - Many labs already have a robust program
- Views on Certification of Forensic Science Practitioners
 - ASCLD supports in concept – difficulty is funding

RESEARCH-RELATED

- Views on Scientific Literature in Support of Forensic Science and Practice
 - Large need for access to literature
- Recommendation to Fund Post-Doctoral Projects to Facilitate Translation for Research into Forensic Practice
 - ASCLD supports this initiative
 - Willing to use our Forensic Research Committee to connect locate participant labs / researchers

LOOKING FORWARD

- Likely to be different ideas on how to continue
- ASCLD continues to engage and lead efforts to advance forensic science
- Support all initiatives that include all sizes and types of lab participation (federal, state, local) and include significant input from forensic scientists
- We will continue to contribute in a substantive and constructive way



**THANK
YOU**

