

ASCLD Plenary Presentation Abstract

Event

Audience: Managers & Supervisors in the Forensic Science Field

What: 47th Annual ASCLD Symposium

Where: Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center

When: March 30 - April 2, 2020

2020 Theme: Together Toward Tomorrow

Title: SWGs, TWGs, TCs, SDOs, ENSFI, UKFSR, OSAC – How do they all fit together? What's the big picture?

Time Request: 45 minutes total (Really not sure how long I will need and not sure of the time slot options.)

Abstract:

The forensic science community is engaged in numerous initiatives to improve the state of forensic science standardization. Multiple groups and organizations, in the US and internationally, have several standards related initiatives underway. This includes:

In the US,

- Existing Scientific Working Groups (SWGs),
- Federal Laboratory Needs Technology Working Group (FLNTWG),
- The Organization of Scientific Area Committees for Forensic Science (OSAC)
- Standards developing organizations (SDOs) such as, the American Academy of Forensic Science (AAFS) Standards Board (ASB), ASTM International, and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)

Internationally,

- Technical Committees (TCs) in the International Organization of Standardization (ISO) and JTC1 (Joint technical Committee of the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) and ISO)
- Regional organizations such as, the European Network of Forensic Science Institutions (ENFSI)
- National body organizations such as, the United Kingdom Forensic Science Regulator (UKFSR)

Are we working cross purposes? How does all this activity align? Is there a need for more collaboration or fewer disparate groups? This session will provide an overview of the current forensic science standards activities internationally, including mission and scope and their relation to each other. The presenter will discuss thoughts on where these standards activities intersect and potentially overlap and identify gaps. Insights will be offered on how we can improve collaboration and further define swim lanes. Collectively we can step back and try to see the big picture. The community can work together to improved forensic science standardization.

