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January 9, 2026

Salutation:  
First name:  
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Dear,

**We cordially invite you to attend the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors' 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Symposium.** The Symposium serves as the venue for ASCLD to conduct their annual business meeting in conjunction with the ASCLD Board of Directors meeting. Education will be focused on learning and applying new leadership techniques, which are a critical component in the workforce. Throughout the week, crime lab leaders will hear presentations from experts, both inside and outside the forensic laboratory management space – with the end goal of providing crime lab leadership actionable tools and information to take back to their lab and continue the pursuit of excellence in all aspects of operation. <https://www.ascldsymposium.com/>.

**This scientific/educational event will be held at the Amway Grand Plaza, 187 Monroe Ave NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 USA from Sunday, May 17 – Thursday, May 21, 2026.**

In order to visit the United States of America, you may need to obtain a visa. We encourage you to contact your local Consulate or the Consular Section of your local US Embassy if you need a visa, and to the approximate time for the visa application process to be completed. *The ASCLD has no influence or control over the issuance of a visa.*

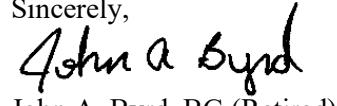
The United States Department of State – Bureau of Consular Services maintains a website which provides information on the visa application process. <https://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en.html>

The National Academies Board on International Scientific Organizations (BISO) operates the International Visitors Office, and they maintain a useful website with information about the visa issuance process. <http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/biso/visas/index.htm>

This Letter of Invitation is to be used for the purpose of securing a visa to attend the ASCLD 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Symposium. Attendees' registration, travel, lodging, and any other expenses incurred to attend this meeting will not be covered or waived by the ASCLD.

We look forward to your participation in the ASCLD 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Symposium.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John A. Byrd".

John A. Byrd, BG (Retired)  
Executive Director