



20th Annual Forensic DNA Conference – Bode 2021
October 19-22, 2021
Denver, CO

Workshop Descriptions

Tuesday, October 19

Workshops

8:00am – 10:00am

**Technical Leaders Panel Discussion
Challenges in Forensic DNA Science**

Join the panel session to hear a moderated and interactive discussion from a panel of DNA Technical Leaders and Managers as they address critical issues that face the DNA forensic community today. Topics and issues include:

- Tackling Scientific Foundation Reviews
- Use and legality of the YHRD database.

Everyone is welcome. Topics are subject to change.

Moderator:

Kristin Sasinouski, Technical Leader, Bode Technology

10:00am – 12:00pm

Thermo Fisher Scientific Workshop

Join us as we explore ways to maximize resources and save time. Gain insights on best practices from forensic DNA practitioners who are leveraging innovative workflow solutions to enhance laboratory effectiveness and solve crime more efficiently.

1:00pm – 5:00pm

Promega Tech Tour

Please join us for presentations and discussions on the latest advances in STR analysis and the forensics workflow. The workshops will feature presentations by leaders in the forensics community who will provide information and tips on maximizing success with challenging samples and improving laboratory efficiencies through workflow enhancements. The presentations will also include customer experiences and insights from using Promega products.

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<p>8:00am – 12:00pm</p>	<p>8:00am – 10:00am</p>
<p align="center">Workshop: From Bench Criminalist to Lab Director: Lessons Learned: Leadership Training</p>	<p align="center">Workshop: The Missing Link - Generating Actionable Leads in Your Investigation</p>
<p>If you think about the numbers 6 and 9, depending on which way you look at this page, you may see 6 and 9 or flip the page upside down and you will see a 9 and a 6. When we are bench scientists or front-line workers, we look at situations or circumstances perhaps in a much different way than our leaders do. This was exactly how I viewed things when I was a bench scientist. It is often challenging to be a follower and difficult to try to see things through a leader’s lens; in fact, I rarely did. I was a nerdy bench analyst who apparently didn’t screw up enough and found myself promoted to supervisor. Unfortunately, I was a much better scientist than a leader and I screwed up a lot of humans in those early days. My trajectory moved me through DNA Technical Leader, Laboratory Manager, Assistant Director and finally Laboratory Director. Leadership wasn’t something that I actively sought. In fact, it happened rather organically, and I had a lot of luck. My Success was a perfectly timed collision between luck and skill (ok,... a lot of luck!). My early failures prompted me to learn and gain the competence and character to become a better leader. It doesn’t matter whether you are a formal leader in your lab, community or church, or the bench analyst that started last week; we all have the ability influence human behavior and develop people around us. And you never know when you are going to be called upon to be a formal leader. In this workshop, we will go over some simple lessons that I learned and still find very important daily. We will learn basic leadership concepts and work through leader strategies to help us influence human behavior.</p> <p><i>Brian Hoey, Laboratory Director, Missouri Highway Patrol</i></p>	<p>LexisNexis Special Investigations Unit (SIU) will be highlighting how LexisNexis can partner with law enforcement to identify the missing link during an investigation. Bode and LexisNexis will highlight a case study out of Durham, NC where the data capabilities and resources LexisNexis can offer provided an investigative lead that helped in solving the case utilizing Accurint Virtual Crime Center (AVCC). Within AVCC users are able to data mine public records and agency contributed law enforcement data to identify links and associations between relatives, associates, addresses, phone numbers and/or law enforcement data for both current and cold case investigations. Presenters will also discuss bulk/batch searching as an effort to triage and prioritize investigations. Presenters will also introduce Forensic Flashback as tool to allow for neighborhood reconstruction to generate leads in cold cases.</p> <p>Case Assistance Session: Don’t forget to bring along your open cases, SIU will be providing case assistance and Bode’s genealogy team will be providing case review following the session.</p>
	<p>10:00am – 12:00pm</p> <p align="center">Workshop Advancing DNA Forensics for Investigative Leads: 90 Minutes Can Change Everything</p> <p>The first few hours of investigations are often the most critical. Every minute that a crime remains unsolved is time that someone else may become a victim. This workshop will discuss how receiving DNA testing results in only minutes can immediately impact an investigation, or link suspects with past crimes while they’re still in custody. Presenters will discuss how the use of Rapid DNA when supported by forensic analysts can immediately impact an investigation, link suspects with past crimes, or eliminate suspects while investigations are just beginning. Additional applications, including the combatting of child trafficking and implementation of a comprehensive program to support investigators will be discussed.</p>