April 8, 2013



American Society of Crime Lab Directors Crime Lab Minute

General Announcements

Hi All:

Monday, April 8th is the last day to register for the Symposium in Raleigh/Durham, NC in May. After April 8th, late registration will kick in. Also, the workshops are filling up fast, so please be sure to register for the workshop(s) you are interested in. Submit your symposium Registration Form to the ASCLD office by April 8, 2013 to save 20% by avoiding late registration fees.

In addition, the Sheraton Imperial Hotel in Durham, NC is now full. ASCLD has secured an overflow hotel for you right next door to the hotel. The SpringHill Suites Raleigh-Durham Airport/Research Triangle Park located at 920 Slater Road, Durham, NC 27703. The phone number is (919) 998-9500. The room is booked under American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors.

Thought for the Week

"Every adversity, every failure, every heartache carries

with it the seed of an equal or greater benefit."

Napoleon Hill

Have a great week!

Jill Spriggs

ASCLD President

ASCLD Board of Director Candidate(s) Needed

Due to illness or agency travel restrictions, some of

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the individuals who had previously expressed an interest in running for the ASCLD Board of Directors have had to withdraw their names from consideration. The ASCLD by-laws require at least two candidates for each open position on the Board. We need at least one more candidate to step forward to participate in the election during the business meeting at the symposium. Please email george.herrin@gbi.ga.gov if you are interested in becoming a candidate for the board.

George Herrin
ASCLD Nominations Committee Chair

News Around the Globe

Staff crunch at forensic lab hits criminal probes Times of India

Take the case of Abhishek Ramesh, 16, who died of anaesthesia overdose on March 20. But 12 days on, the doctors who are responsible for the boy's death continue to practise with impunity as the forensic report on the boy's body samples are not ready yet.

A New Search For 9/11 Victims' Remains NPR (blog)

The New York Daily News reports that family members of 9/11 victims received emails from New York City officials on Friday, alerting them to the 10-week, multi-agency operation that will take place at the city forensic unit on Staten Island. A memo ...

Direct DNA Sequencing Using Nanopore Sensors

Genetic Engineering News

As the sequence of DNA molecules is so fundamental to the understanding and treatment of diseases, the efforts to decode this sequence in humans has been identified as a grand challenge over the last three decades. Since the completion of the Human ...

Elusive step in human DNA replication process demystified

Zee News

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Mark Hedglin, a post-doctoral researcher in Penn State University``s Department of Chemistry and a member of Benkovic``s team, explained that the sliding clamp is a ring-shaped protein that acts to encircle the DNA strand, latching around it like a ...

SA fails on forensic readiness

ITWeb

South African enterprises are hampering their ability to prosecute cyber-based crimes against them, due to a lack of forensic readiness, says IT forensic specialist Cyanre. MD Danny Myburgh says Cyanre has seen a marked increase in local industrial ...

FBI's Mobile Crime Lab Based in Orange County Called "Revolutionary"

NBC Southern California

Orange County unveiled its new mobile forensics laboratory that's breaking some of the toughest cases in California. The new crime fighting tool has helped police with the Christopher Dorner case, and most recently the Northridge kidnapping investigation.

Common forensic inquiry service for better law enforcement in Belarus

National Legal Internet Portal

The establishment of a common forensic inquiry service should contribute to better effectiveness of law enforcement. The statement was made by President of Belarus Alexander Lukashenko at the government session held on 4 April ...

UP's DNA lab key to cracking crime cases

Times of India

Sharma said the forensic science infrastructure in the state will be further strengthened and necessary support will be sought from the home department. In 2005, the Criminal Code of Procedure was amended to allow DNA examination of the accused to ...

Texas crime lab worker had history of poor work

Fort Worth Star Telegram

A Texas state police crime lab scientist whose shoddy work may have tainted thousands of drug cases had been promoted despite a history of problems doing accurate and timely work,



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Employment Opportunities

CODIS Laboratory Manager, Colorado Bureau of Investigation, Denver, CO, Expires: April 18, 2013

Grand Junction Laboratory Director, Colorado Bureau of Investigation, Grand Junction, CO, Expires: April 18, 2013

according a review by the Texas Forensic Science ...

New Onalaska genetics lab to help detect Asian carp

La Crosse Tribune

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on Friday formally unveiled its new Whitney Genetics Laboratory, a facility designed to detect fish DNA in water samples. This environmental DNA, or eDNA, can provide an early indication if the destructive, invasive ...

Training

No-cost, NIJ Medicolegal Death Investigation online training program. The information available online at: http://www.nfstc.org/apply-now-for-online-medicolegal-death-investigation-course/

ATF National Firearms Examiner Academy (NFEA)

Registration for 2013-2014 session open until July 31, 2013 for apprentice/entry level firearm and toolmark examiners from Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies.

Conferences

May 5-9, 2013 ASCLD Symposium in Durham, NC. Jay Henry – Symposium Chair, jhenry@utah.gov

May 20-24, 2013 12th Annual Advanced DNA Technical Workshop – Bode East, Amelia Island, FL. See Bode East Conference for more details.

June 7, 2013 The 4th Annual Prescription for Criminal Justice Forensics Conference at Fordham Law School in New York City. See <u>ABA</u> forensics 2013.pdf to review a complete brochure and to register for the conference

June 23-28, 2013 AFTE 44th Annual Training Seminar, Hyatt Regency in Albuquerque, NM. See AFTE 2013 Seminar for more information.

Forensic Scientist Supervisor (Digital Evidence), DC Government – Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington, DC, Expires: June 20, 2013

Criminalist III (may under-fill at Level I or Level II), Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, Tahlequah, Oklahoma, Expires: April 23, 2013 Forensic Scientist Supervisor (Fingerprint Analysis Unit), DC Government – Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington, DC, Expires: July 1, 2013

DNA Technical Lead, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD), Las Vegas, NV, Expires: June 29, 2013

Forensic Specialist I, Montgomery County Police Department, Gaithersburg, Maryland, Expires:

Forensic Scientist III/Quality Assurance
Specialist-Latent Print Examiner, City of Saint
Paul, St. Paul, Minnesota, Expires: April 15,
2013

April 16, 2013

<u>Latent Print Examiner</u>, Colorado Bureau of Investigation, Grand Junction, CO, Expires: April 18, 2013

DNA Criminalist I/II, San Diego Police Department, San Diego, CA 92101, Expires: May 10, 2013

Forensic Scientist III – Quality Assurance
Manager, Columbus Division of Police Crime
Laboratory, Columbus, Ohio, Expires: April 15,
2013

Forensic Scientist III – Forensic Biology,
Columbus Division of Police Crime Laboratory,
Columbus, Ohio, Expires: April 15, 2013
Analytical Chemist Faculty, Indiana University
Purdue University Indianapolis, Indianapolis,
IN, Expires: May 19, 2013
Ohio Attorney General's Office – Bureau of

Criminal Investigation Fellowship, The Ohio Attorney General's Office, London,

Ohio, Expires: June 15, 2013

Forensic Sciences Program Director, Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, NM, Expires: April 15, 2013

<u>Criminalist Specialist – FIREARMS</u>, Houston Police Department Crime Lab, Houston, Texas, Expires: June 7, 2013

<u>Criminalist Specialist – SEROLOGIST</u>, Houston Police Department Crime Lab, Houston,

Texas, Expires: June 7, 2013

<u>Director of Forensic Studies – Tenure Track</u> (<u>Open Rank</u>) <u>Professor</u>, University of Baltimore, Baltimore, MD 21201, Expires: June 3, 2013 <u>Toxicology Supervisor</u>, Metro Nashville Police September 2-6, 2013 – 25th World Congress of the International Society for Forensic Genetics in Melbourne, Australia. For more information see: http://isfg2013.org/

September 23-26, 2013 2nd Annual Advanced DNA Technical Workshop - Bode Mid-Atlantic, Charlottesville, VA. See Bode Mid-Atlantic Conference for more details.

September 29 – October 4, 2013 Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists Fall Meeting Dayton, Ohio. See www.mafs.net or MAFS 2013 for more details.

October 7-11, 2013 Association of Forensic Quality Assurance Managers (AFQAM) Annual Training Conference, at The Genesee Grande Hotel in Syracuse, NY. Additional details are posted at www.afgam.org.

August 31 – September 4, 2014: 22nd International Symposium on the Forensic Sciences in Adelaide, South Australia. See http://anzfss.org.au/international-symposium/ for

more information.

Department Crime Laboratory, Nashville, TN, Expires: June 1, 2013 Forensic Biology Section Supervisor, Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Roanoke, VA, Expires: April 11, 2013 Quality Assurance Coordinator, Los Angeles County Coroner, Los Angeles, CA, Expires: May 26, 2013 Forensic Scientist, Controlled Substances. Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Manassas, VA, Expires: May 27, 2013 Forensic Chemist -2939, A-T Solutions, Ft. Gillem/Afghanistan, Expires: May 20, 2013 Firearms and Tool Mark Examiner - 2937, A-T Solutions, Ft Gillem/ Afghanistan, Expires: May 20. 2013 Latent Print Examiner, A-T Solutions, Ft. Gillem/Afghanistan, Expires: May 14, 2013 Evidence Custodian, A-T Solutions, Ft. Gillem/Afghanistan, Expires: May 14, 2013 **DNA Examiner**, A-T Solutions, Ft. Gillem/Afghanistan, Expires: May 14, 2013 Case File Manager, A-T Solutions, Ft. Gillem/Afghanistan, Expires: May 14, 2013 Forensic Scientist II, III, IV & Supervisor, City of Phoenix, Phoenix, AZ, Expires: May 6, 2013 Crime Scene Section Supervisor, City of Phoenix, Phoenix, AZ, Expires: May 6, 2013 Criminalist – Toxicologist, Houston Police Department Crime Laboratory, Houston, Texas, Expires: May 3, 2013 DNA Analyst/Forensic Science Officer – 2813, May 5, 2013 Sr. Investigator, Video Examiner, Target. Minneapolis, MN, Expires: April 30, 2013 Forensic DNA Analyst, Jefferson Parish Sheriff's

A-T Solutions, Deployed, overseas, Expires:

Office DNA Laboratory, Harvey, LA, Expires: April 25, 2013

Executive Director, Houston Forensic Science LGC, Inc., Houston, TX, Expires: April 19, 2013 Forensic Scientist - Crime Scene Response, Washington State Patrol Crime Laboratory Division, Seattle WA, Expires: April 12, 2013