

September 16, 2013



## American Society of Crime Lab Directors Crime Lab Minute

### General Announcements

Dear Colleagues-

Since many of us are developing requests for the next budget year, I thought you might find the following information helpful. Thanks to John Collins for keeping an eye on this important topic.

#### **2013 National Compensation Data Published**

*John Collins MA, SPHR*

The Society for Human Resource Management recently announced the findings of a 2013 survey on compensation for all college graduates in the United States. This year's average compensation rose by 2.4% to \$45,327 over last year's average of \$44,259. The survey was conducted by the National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE). Of interest to crime laboratory administrators, graduates in math and science saw the smallest increases, rising only 0.9% to \$42,731. The largest increase was for business graduates, whose average compensation rose by 7.9% to \$55,635. The data are derived from accepted starting salaries provided by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

#### **Symposium 2014**

Last month, President-elect Brady Mills hosted our first 2014 Symposium planning meeting. We were greatly encouraged and the consensus was that we had a great start for Scottsdale. If you'd like to participate, please let Brady ([Brady.Mills@dps.texas.gov](mailto:Brady.Mills@dps.texas.gov)) or me ([jhenry@utah.gov](mailto:jhenry@utah.gov)) know.

Jay Henry  
ASCLD President

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## International Initiatives

The International Forensic Strategic Alliance (IFSA) has created a survey to determine how it can add value to your network. Thank you for taking the time in answering this survey which includes 18 questions. Your answers will help IFSA define a strategic plan for meeting the needs of your organization. Please click on the link below to start the survey

<http://surveys.questionpro.com/a/t/AGGeDZPwOB>

The National Institute of Forensic Science/Australia New Zealand Policing Advisory Agency is conducting a study on manufacturer DNA contamination. A survey ([download the spreadsheet form here](#)) has been developed which will capture information to map out the issue and identify possible sources and points of product contamination. The results will be used in the development of the ISO Standard "Minimizing the risk of human DNA contamination in products used to collect and analyze biological material for forensic purposes". Preliminary results will be presented at ISFG in September and full results will be presented at the ISO PC/272 Meeting in February.

Please send your responses to Dr. Linzi Wilson-Wilde, General Manager at NIFS by August 21, 2013 if possible.

[linzi.wilson-wilde.nifs@anzpaa.org.au](mailto:linzi.wilson-wilde.nifs@anzpaa.org.au)

Thank you for taking the time to fill out the survey

Soraya McClung  
International Liaison Committee Chair

## Marshall University DNA Technical Assistance Program for 2013

Please see the [flyer](#) and [request form](#) or contact Pam Staton at [staton1@marshall.edu](mailto:staton1@marshall.edu) or 304-691-8962 for more information.

## Trace Evidence Training Needs Survey

The Forensic Science Initiative at West Virginia University is surveying forensic science



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## Loyola University New Orleans

Designed in response to the growing need for leadership in forensics, the Forensic Science Administration specialization of the Master's in Criminal Justice Administration (MSCJA) prepares you with the advanced skills needed to lead forensic labs and crime scene investigation departments from the crime scene to the courtroom.

Topics of study include:

- Develop an advanced understanding of operations, management and administration
- Bridge the gap of understanding between scientists and laypersons, judges and lawyers

practitioners to see if there is any interest in the need for trace evidence training. We are hoping to provide training courses in a variety of trace evidence areas, but first we need your help in determining what type of training is needed in this area.

When answering the questions in the survey please be as specific as possible so we can provide you with the type of courses that are needed. The survey can be found at the following web address:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6XHSKJW>. The survey will be open until October 11, 2013. We thank you for taking the time to participate in the survey. For more information or questions, contact us at [FSI@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:FSI@mail.wvu.edu).

## *News Around the Globe*

### [A look inside America's bomb library kwgn.com](#)

... of recovering latent prints from the insurgent bomb makers who crafted them. .... we are able to recover prints from these items through fingerprint processing.

### [Crime lab backlog causing death certificate delays](#)

Canton Repository

Jay Spencer, a forensic scientist for the Canton-Stark County Crime Lab, uses a gas chromatograph. Some local families have been waiting on a final death ...

### [Official backs greater performance of central crime lab](#)

AngolaPress

The general commander of National Police Ambrósio de Lemos Tuesday in Luanda defended greater performance of Central Criminal Laboratory enabling the ...

### [Journal Explores Incentive For False Results In Lab Tests For DUI](#)

[TheNewspaper.com](#)

The primary problem, according to the paper, is that fourteen states reward crime labs with a bonus for each conviction they generate. North Carolina

- Learn the role of ethics in forensic science, including general principles and training requirements
- Learn effective techniques and communication skills to improve expert testimony



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pays a ...

[New staff at APD forensics lab paying dividends  
KXAN.com](#)

The reduction in backlog at the crime lab is having a positive ripple effect at the County District Attorney's office. By statute, felony DWI and drug cases have to be ...

["Crazy Clown" Seized in Glynn County](#)

WSAV-TV

The GBI's Crime Lab in Savannah analyzed the material in these packages to determine if a controlled substance was present, officials said. The analysis ...

[Forensic lab not equipped to carry out forensic tests](#)

MaltaToday

Court orders minister to rectify situation at the forensic labs as it is impinging on the ... The notification was ordered after Dr Owen Cardona from the Forensic Lab ...

[NIST issues digital forensics guide](#)

Fierce Mobile Government

It also addresses the challenge of growing forensic lab backlogs with guidance on handling on-site triage casework. An on-site triage decision tree, provided in ...

[US lab fails eligibility test to check toxic residue](#)

Times of India

BHOPAL: A lab in the United States - the country leading the campaign for military strike on Syria - has 'failed' a proficiency test which allows conducting forensic ...

[DEA insists cold drug can be used in meth-making](#)

Boston Herald

A cold and allergy decongestant now being sold nationwide contains a new form of pseudoephedrine that's being billed as difficult to use to make ...

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### [New York State toxicology lab receives major upgrades](#)

News 10 Now

During the pre-trial hearing of Dennis Drue, many questions remain as to whether or not there were drugs or alcohol in his body. It took more than one month for ...

### [ACMT Explores the Intersection of Toxicology, Law Enforcement ...](#)

PR Web (press release)

The American College of Medical Toxicology will present an educational symposium entitled "CSI Atlanta" on September 28th at the North American Congress ...

### [ECBC Forensic Analytical Laboratory achieves top grade from OPCW](#)

BioPrepWatch

The U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center's Forensic Analytical Center announced on Wednesday that it received an "A" grade in an international ...

### [State Crime Lab Backups Causing Local Issues](#)

WTAJ

State Crime Lab Backups Causing Local Issues ... and the criminal is still out on the streets, all because DNA results aren't back from the crime lab. ... Crime lab backlog has been an issue for years, and now it's at the point where cases are

### [Reworked DNA Bill seeks balance between privacy and better crime ...](#)

Irish Times

DNA can disclose complex information about a person's family relationships, ethnic group and medical conditions, and continuous advances in science make it ...

### [UNT Center for Human Identification Forensic Science Division to ...](#)

BioNews Texas

Human remains obtained from a former reform school — the Arthur G. Dozier School for Boys in Marianna at Florida — will be studied and analyzed at The ...

## *Employment Opportunities*

[Latent Examiner](#), Anne Arundel County Police Department, Millersville (Annapolis), Maryland, Expires: September 30, 2013  
[Faculty \(Rank Open\) Trace Evidence Analysis](#), University of Baltimore, Baltimore, MD, Expires: December 6, 2013

[Forensic Scientist – Firearms and Toolmarks](#), Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Norfolk, VA, Expires: September 25, 2013  
[Forensic Chemist](#), City of Wilmington, Wilmington, NC, Expires: September 17, 2013  
[Forensic Scientist – Firearms Examiner](#), DuPage County Forensic Science Center, Wheaton, IL, Expires: October 9, 2013

[Tenure-Track, Assistant Professor, Criminalistics \(Generalist Position\)](#), California State University, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA, Expires: December 1, 2013

[Section Supervisor – Breath Alcohol](#), Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Richmond, VA, Expires: September 17, 2013

[Latent Print Section Supervisor](#), Austin Police Department, Austin, Texas, Expires: October 18, 2013

[Security Systems Manager](#), Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, Texas, Expires: November 15, 2013

[Criminalist](#), The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, Expires: November 6, 2013

[Director'](#), The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, Expires: November 6, 2013

[Forensic Scientist- Toxicology Unit](#), Metro Nashville Police Department, Nashville, TN, Expires: November 5, 2013

[Forensic Scientist- Firearm and Toolmark Unit](#), Metro Nashville Police Department, Nashville, TN, Expires: November 5, 2013

[Forensic Scientist- DNA/ Serology](#), Metro Nashville Police, Nashville, Tennessee, Expires: November 5, 2013

[Forensic Scientist- Drug ID](#), Metro Nashville Police Department, Nashville, TN, Expires: November 5, 2013

[Multiple Postions](#), NMDPS Forensic Laboratories, Multiple NM Locations, Expires: September 30, 2013

[Latent Print Examiner Supervisor](#), Orange County Sheriff's Office, Orlando,

### [NYC Council votes to require data on DNA lab techs](#)

Wall Street Journal

The New York City medical examiners' office would have to release data on training, protocols and proficiency testing for workers in its DNA ...

### [After Disasters, DNA Science Is Helpful, But Often Too Pricey](#)

North Country Public Radio

But forensic scientists who use DNA say the technology isn't always available where it's most needed, like in poor countries, or in war zones like Syria.

### [DNA legislation Now In Effect In St. Kitts-Nevis](#)

The St. Kitts-Nevis Observer

"The enactment of this legislation represents another step in our effort to modernize our criminal justice system," says Homeland Security Minister Hon. Patrice ...

### [The DNA Science of Crime Fighting](#)

NBC 7 San Diego

Many cold cases have ended in conviction thanks to the DNA science of crime fighting. ... San Diego County's Crime Lab is expanding thanks to a \$400,000 federal grant. ... "It is probably the most important forensic tool that we have," said Lab ...

### [Local case renews push for mandatory DNA samples](#)

KIRO Seattle

The case of Moses Kelley is renewing the push to take DNA samples from people the moment they're arrested for a crime. Kelly pleaded guilty to raping an ...

### [Prescription drug abuse at epidemic levels](#)

Kingsport Times News

Sullivan County is a beautiful region right on the edge of the Tennessee-Virginia state line. The county holds two cities, one nicknamed the "Model City" which ...

Florida, Expires: October 22, 2013

[Forensic Services Laboratory Technician](#)

(NIBIN), City of Mesa, Mesa, AZ, Expires: September 28, 2013

[Criminalist – Controlled Substances](#), Houston Police Department Crime Laboratory, Houston, Texas 77002, Expires: September 20, 2013

## Conferences

September 23-26, 2013 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.mafs.net) or [MAFS 2013](#) for more details.

October 5-11, 2013 11<sup>th</sup> Indo Pacific Association of Law, Medicine and Science in Malaysia. See <http://inpalms.org> for more information.

October 7-10, 2013 International Symposium on Human Identification in Atlanta, GA. See <http://ishinews.com> for more information.

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.afqam.org](http://www.afqam.org).

October 20-24, 2013 Southern Association of Forensic Scientists, Huntsville, AL. [Click here for more information.](#)

October 27-30, 2013 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Southwestern Association of Forensic Scientists, Santa Fe, NM. See <http://www.swafs.us> for more details.

## 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/>

The **West Virginia University Forensic Science Initiative** invites you to utilize their FREE webinar series on a variety of topics in forensic science! Experts in the field will present on a wide range of forensic science topics from the reliability of eye witness identification to fire scene investigation. Sign up now for the Texas Forensic Science Commission: Justice Through Science presentation. Follow the [link](#) for a list of upcoming webinars.

Try your CSI skills at the Basic Crime Scene Investigation for Legal Professionals course at West Virginia University's forensic crime scene complex. This four day course will offer hands-on training specifically for the legal professional. Learn how to properly identify, collect, and preserve evidence at a crime scene. To better assist each student, class seating will be limited. For more information, click [here](#).

[ASCLD-LAB Training](#) Training classes to help forensic laboratory personnel understand the requirements of *ISO/IEC 17025 General Requirements for the Competency of Testing and Calibration Laboratories*.

**Cal State Fullerton Certificates in Crime & Forensics.** Contact Veronica Martinez at 1-657-278-3123 or see <http://extension.fullerton.edu/professionaldevelopment/Crime-Forensic>.

**RTI International's Center for Forensic Sciences Continuing Education** is pleased to offer a new course for legal professionals. This course, titled "[Introduction to the Crime Laboratory – Understanding its Role and Purpose](#)," is designed to provide information about the history, purpose and responsibilities of crime laboratories and the best practices for interacting effectively with these laboratories as a legal professional. If

October 28-November 1, 2013 Society of Forensic Toxicologists, Orlando, FL. See <http://www.soft-tox.org/meeting> for more information.

Nov 11-12, 2013 Crime Scene and Shooting Incident Reconstruction. 2 day seminar at George Mason University in Fairfax, VA. See [http://www.ocpe.gmu.edu/programs/legal/col\\_d\\_case.php](http://www.ocpe.gmu.edu/programs/legal/col_d_case.php) for more details.

May 3-8, 2014 ASCLD Symposium at the Doubletree Resort, Paradise Valley in Scottsdale, AZ, See <http://www.asclد.org/meetings-list/> for more information.

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

you know of a legal professional who may be interested in taking this course, please direct them to:

<https://www.forensiced.org/training/premium.cfm>.

In some states, the course has been approved for 1 hour of CLE and MCLE credits

(<https://www.forensiced.org/training/clestates.cfm?cid=1128152721>).