Hi All:

It is with great sadness this week that we learned of the passing away of Ohio State Crime Laboratory Director Ronald Dye during a diving accident. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and his laboratory family.

Get ready for a two day leadership workshop on Sunday and Monday at the ASCLD Symposium in May.

- High Impact Leadership Strategies for Crime Lab Administrators

Date: Sunday, May 5, 2013
Instructor: John Collins

Description: Crime Laboratory management in the 21st Century requires a unique blend of competencies and priorities. This workshop is geared towards helping attendees develop specific strategies to managing their laboratories and setting the right priorities in managing their time and energy. Following the workshop, students will feel energized and excited about applying new ideas and management principles. They will also feel empowered to handle some of the most serious situations that arise in the crime laboratory.

John Collins is the former Director of Forensic Science for the Michigan State Police. He also carries a Master’s Degree in Organizational Management and is the only forensic science professional in the United States with a formal HR Management certification. This workshop is geared towards helping attendees develop

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Date: Monday, May 6, 2013
Instructor: Keren Stashower, MA, BCC

Description This second day will focus on development of real-time insights, skills and tools leaders need in their day-to-day interactions. Conflicts with bosses, bench staff and other law enforcement personnel all produce challenging situations requiring advanced communication and conflict resolution skills. Workshop attendees will leave better prepared to handle these challenging situations as they arise. Attendees will evaluate their own communication preferences and understand approaches to others who may have different styles. Special attention will be given to coaching staff and providing difficult performance related feedback.

Keren Stashower is an organization development consultant specializing in strategic organizational assessment and design of large-scale planning, change and leadership development efforts. She has worked in the public sector for over 25 years. She has provided executive coaching, designed and conducted management development training programs, facilitated strategic planning and teambuilding retreats, designed customer service and employee satisfaction surveys and facilitated large group discussions. Keren has been the lead consultant on several organization-wide training and development programs to support overall capacity development. Keren has designed and delivered performance management and coaching training to middle and top level leaders in several large organizations. Clients consistently comment on her energy, her responsiveness to specific needs.

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“The fragrance always stays in the hand that gives the rose.”
George William Curtis

Have a great week!

Jill Spriggs
ASCLD President

ASCLD Symposium

The 2013 ASCLD Symposium is just around the corner. It will be held May 5-9, 2013 in Durham, NC. To see more information and to keep up to date with the latest news visit the symposium webpage at 2013 ASCLD Symposium. The Call for Posters is now available. The registration form for the symposium and workshop should be available soon.

We will be electing new members to the Board of Directors at the business meeting to be held at the Symposium. If you or someone you know is a regular member and is interested in becoming a candidate for the ASCLD Board, please contact me at george.herrin@gbi.ga.gov.

George Herrin
ASCLD Communications Chair

News Around the Globe

State officials have plans to fix inmate DNA collection problems
Plain Dealer
Ohio officials in charge of prisons and the state-run crime lab announced Thursday they have instituted a plan they say will curtail future lapses in collecting and posting inmate

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Employment Opportunities

Forensic Toxicology Analyst, St. Tammany Parish Coroner’s Office, Toxicology Department, Lacombe, LA, Expires: February 22, 2013
Forensic DNA Analyst, York County Sheriff’s Office, York, SC (Charlotte Metro Area), Expires: April 1, 2013
Sr. Investigator, Video Examiner, Target, Minneapolis, MN, Expires: April 30, 2013
Forensic Scientist – Latent Prints, Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Manassas,
DNA into databases that link crimes and identify ...

Ohio's State Crime Lab Director Dies While ...  
Cleveland Leader 
Ronald Dye, of Grove City, Ohio, the director of Ohio's state crime lab died while scuba diving, authorities announced on Thursday. Monroe ...

Mishandling of DNA Evidence Is Found in Over 50 Cases at Crime Lab  
New York Times 
The error was found during an extensive review undertaken after the office learned that one of its laboratory technicians had missed detecting DNA evidence in at least 26 rape cases — an embarrassing oversight for an agency at the forefront of ...

DNA blunder claims one job and leads to a suspension at city medical ...  
New York Daily News 
Heads are rolling in city medical examiner's office after its crime lab failed to send dozens of DNA samples to a statewide criminal database. The office sacked its crime lab's deputy director for quality assurance and suspended its director, a ...

Denver's DA Behind The Push For Expanding Criminal DNA Sampling  
It's headed for a tough fight in the Legislature, but the man behind the plan to require anyone convicted of any crime in Colorado to provide a sample of DNA says it would be a great tool for fighting crime. Denver District Attorney ...

DA proposes DNA testing for new citizens  
Victorville Daily Press 
Under Ramos' plan, immigration officials would collect DNA samples from citizenship applicants and run them through the DNA database. The database created by federal, state and local crime laboratories includes more than 10 million offender profiles, ...

Grand Rapids crime lab sees 1960 cases for 2012  
WZZM 

VA, Expires: March 1, 2013  
Forensic DNA Analyst, Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office DNA Laboratory, Harvey, LA, Expires: April 25, 2013  
Toxicology Supervisor, Metro Nashville Police Department Crime Laboratory, Nashville, TN, Expires: February 18, 2013  
Executive Director, Houston Forensic Science LGC, Inc., Houston, TX, Expires: April 19, 2013  
Deputy Director of Identification Services, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Meriden, CT, Expires: February 22, 2013  
Forensic Lab Manager, St. Paul Police Department Laboratory, St. Paul, MN, Expires: February 8, 2013  
Criminalist I – Chemistry, Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Department, Saint Louis, Missouri, Expires: February 28, 2013  
Regional Crime Laboratory Director, Wisconsin Department of Justice, Milwaukee, WI, Expires: April 1, 2013  
SENIOR CRIMINALIST (DNA TECHNICAL LEAD), LA County – Coroner, Los Angeles, CA, Expires: March 1, 2013  
Assistant Professor in Investigations, CSU Sacramento, Division of Criminal Justice, Alpine Hall, Expires: March 14, 2013  
Forensic Scientist I, North Carolina Department of Justice – NC State Crime Laboratory, Raleigh, Greensboro, Asheville, N.C., Expires: March 17,
The end of 2012 turned into the start of a busy investigation period for the Grand Rapids Forensic Science Division. Grand Rapids’ six deadly shootings in December brought the crime lab’s case-load to an estimated 1,960 cases for ...

Second mistrial declared in SF crime lab scandal
abc7news.com

Gun Shoots DNA Bullets to Tag Criminals
Discovery News
Criminals are often caught because they leave their DNA at a crime scene. Now police can catch a criminal by leaving DNA on the suspect. The technique involves firing a type of paintball gun that shoots a pellet filled with artificial DNA instead of dye

KBI director: Washburn forensic lab cost at $54M
Topeka Capital Journal
The director of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation outlined Tuesday for the first time a blueprint for construction of a 100,000-square-foot, $54 million forensic laboratory on the campus of Washburn University. Director Kirk Thompson, testifying ...

3 Years After Inception, a DNA Technique Yields Little Success for the Police
New York Times
The process of turning crime-scene DNA into a family tree of possible leads has been quietly undertaken in more than two dozen cases in New York City since 2009, when a divided state committee voted to allow the release of so-called partial match DNA ...

Crime lab backlogs weighing down court system
Austin American-Statesman
Austin’s crime lab opened in April 2004, providing investigators a place to submit
forensic samples for DNA, fingerprints and blood for testing. Until then, the city performed limited fingerprint, chemical and ballistic testing, but sent most samples ...

**Senate bill requests funding for Western NC crime lab**
Winston-Salem Journal
Western North Carolina is one step closer to receiving a regional **crime lab** to help alleviate the number of DWI cases being dismissed in court because of a lack of evidence. Understaffing and a severe backlog of alcohol blood test submissions in ...

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**Conferences**


May 5-9, 2013  ASCLD Symposium in Durham, NC. Jay Henry – Symposium Chair, [jhenry@utah.gov](mailto:jhenry@utah.gov)


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.

