February 11, 2013

General Announcements

Hi All:

ASCLD Symposium Registration information is on the ASCLD website. Please make your hotel reservations, symposium reservations and workshop reservations. The workshops developed will be a benefit to running your daily business of the laboratory and I hope you will enjoy them.

You can find all the information at [http://www.ascld.org/meetings-list/](http://www.ascld.org/meetings-list/)

Thought for the Week

“Leadership is practiced not so much in words as in attitude and in actions.”
*Harold S Geneen*

Have a great week!

Jill Spriggs
ASCLD President

ASCLD Symposium

We still need candidates for the ASCLD Board. Election of 5 new Board members will be conducted at the symposium. There are three 4 year terms, one 3 year term, and one 2 year term positions that will be filled. If you are interested please contact me at [george.herrin@gbi.ga.gov](mailto:george.herrin@gbi.ga.gov).

George Herrin
ASCLD Nominations Committee Chair

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**News Around the Globe**

**Lawmakers back new state crime lab in Edneyville**
BlueRidgeNow.com
A significant increase in the demand for drug toxicology services, DNA analysis and digital evidence evaluations from criminal justice agencies has created a greater need for expanded crime lab services, according to information released by the N.C ...

**Accused Massachusetts crime lab chemist faces civil suit**
Reuters
A Massachusetts man who was indicted on drug charges filed a lawsuit in Boston federal court on Monday against a former state crime lab chemist, who stands accused of falsifying evidence in as many as 34,000 ...

**Attorney General Fox backs bill to require DNA from sex offenders**
The Missoulian
Also supporting the bill were Megan Ashton, manager of the DNA database at the state Crime Lab in Missoula, who explained how the database worked, and Jim Smith, representing the Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association. Sen. Shannon Augare ...

**Michigan Senate to consider DNA testing for felonies**
The Detroit News
A Senate committee is expected to take up a bill this week that would expand DNA testing in Michigan. The bill would require people arrested for committing or attempting to commit a felony to provide a DNA sample. It was introduced by Lawton ...

**Researchers use DNA to make crystals that can switch configurations**
Phys.Org
Beyond serving as the backbone of modern biology, DNA has come to be a molecule of

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great interest to engineers. That a DNA sequence will naturally bind only with a complementary sequence could make it part of a configurable, and potentially ...

**St. Paul City Council gives crime lab $1 million**
Minneapolis Star Tribune
Among the new hires would be a lab director certified in chemistry or crime scene processing and a certified forensic scientist, they said. Martinez said consultants brought in to analyze the crime lab’s structure recommended that the police keep ...

**Renovated St. Paul crime lab costs more, will do less**
Minnesota Public Radio
The lab plans to hire forensic scientist with a certification in fingerprint analysis to manage the lab, and all employees will receive more training. Englund said. The renovated lab will cost $1.5 million a year to run. The lab's previous annual ...

**ASU West introduces degree in forensic science**
Arizona Republic
Employment growth in state and local government should be driven by the increasing application of forensic science techniques, such as DNA analysis, to examine, solve and prevent crime." Career opportunities for forensics graduates include employment ...

**Go Inside FBI Crime Lab Catching Criminals with Technology**
NBC 7 San Diego
"Figure out how to get the data the right way and in a forensic manner that will stand up in court." His task force of FBI-trained federal, state and local police personnel works in a secure, secluded area of the FBI complex. They're often harvesting ...

**Rick Perez will be new crime lab director**
Canton Repository
The Canton-Stark County Crime Lab, which has nine employees, does DNA and evidence testing, fingerprint analysis, fiber analysis and industry in 1983 and remains North America's leader in the business. No one knows pipettes better. ISO 17025 Accredited since 2004 (by the American Association of Laboratory Accreditation, or A2LA, a signatory to the ILAC MRA), our focus is on quality.

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**Employment Opportunities**

**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
**FSIII Latent Print Technical Lead**, Tri County Regional Forensic Laboratory, Andover, MN, Expires: February 25, 2013
**Criminalist – Toxicologist**, Houston Police Department Crime Laboratory, Houston, Texas, Expires: May 3, 2013
forensic research. The job description says the crime lab director should have “knowledge of crime laboratory ...

**Crime Lab hiring Perez frustrates funding board**
Canton Repository
Members of the board that funds the Canton-Stark County Crime Lab say they were blindsided by the hiring of a retired sheriff’s investigator to head the lab. Some executive members of the Stark Council of Governments are questioning the city's ...

**DNA Backlog Stymies Development of ‘CSI'-like Inventions**
Nextgov
While police technology is nowhere close to what audiences see on forensic science dramas such as CSI and NCIS, so-called rapid DNA tools could move law enforcement in that direction. But, backlog reduction programs account for the majority of DNA ...

**State crime lab not ready yet to test for pot under new law**
Q13 FOX
While anyone over 21 can now possess up to an ounce of pot, it’s still illegal to possess any more than that, and if you're under 21, you can't have any pot, so the crime lab still has cases, and they are stacking up. “We have to not just validate ... 

**Slow forensic results hampering Jamaica probes**
Stabroek News
The Bureau of Special Investigations (BSI) says it continues to be hamstrung by the slow pace at which forensic and ballistic certificates are produced. At the same time, the BSI said it is awaiting rulings in over 100 cases, the ...

**DNA evidence testing on the rise**
Dothan Eagle
Dothan police also made an arrest last year in a 30-year-old cold case homicide with the help of DNA evidence. But Thomas said DNA is only one of several types of forensic evidence...
collected by law enforcement when they're called to a crime scene.

**Essentials of Forensic Science for Legal Professionals**

West Virginia University. Currently accepting registration until March 4, 2013 for the 2013 Spring Essentials of Forensic Science for Legal Professionals program which is an onsite, NIJ sponsored event intended for prosecuting attorneys who work with a government agency.

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**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/](http://www.nfstc.org/apply-now-for-online-medicolegal-death-investigation-course/)

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**Conferences**


May 5-9, 2013  ASCLD Symposium in Durham,


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.

