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American Society of Crime Lab Directors Crime Lab Minute

General Announcements

Dear ASCLD Members:

I am attaching a link to the press release on the creation of a National Commission on Forensic Science. This week President-Elect Jay Henry and I are in Washington DC attending the AAFS meeting. We have meetings scheduled with Senator Leahy and House Judiciary, as well as other senior members of the Senate who are interested in helping the forensic community.

Senator Leahy commented in a recent Washington Post article "I will continue working to ensure that comprehensive legislation is considered and ultimately signed into law."

ASCLD looks forward to our continued work with Senator Leahy and others to realize our long term efforts are put into law. Until specifics unfold, ASCLD is unable to comment at this time about the establishment of the forensic commission.

<http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2013/February/13-dag-203.html>

Jill Spriggs
ASCLD President

ASCLD Symposium

The [Preliminary Agenda](#) for the 2013 Symposium is now available on the ASCLD website.

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Regular members are still welcome to run as a candidate 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.

George Herrin
ASCLD Communication, Nominations
Committee Chair

News Around the Globe

[DNA becomes subject and medium in UCI exhibit](#)

OCRegister

Though Vanouse is trained as a painter, for more than a decade he's been interested in unusual subject matter – DNA – and his art is made not with a paintbrush but with scientific tools. The building blocks of life aren't just the subject matter, they ...

[Unique 4D microscope captures motion of DNA structures in space and time](#)

Phys.Org

In biological nanostructures, like DNA networks, it has been difficult to measure this stiffness, which is essential to their properties and functions. But scientists at the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) have recently developed ...

['Activating' RNA takes DNA on a loop through time and space](#)

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Long segments of RNA—encoded in our DNA but not translated into protein—are key to physically manipulating DNA in order to activate certain genes, say researchers at The Wistar Institute. These non-coding RNA-activators (ncRNA-a) have a crucial role ...

[DNA evidence in untested rape kits may hold](#)



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[the key to solving years-old ...](#)

Plain Dealer

Rape kits that have been in storage for years are being tested by a state crime lab, and may offer DNA evidence which could help solve hundreds of sexual assault cases.

[DNA expansion law faces hurdle](#)

Appleton Post Crescent

"The largest impact would be on the crime lab," he said. "Staffing levels may need to be increased to handle the increase in DNA submissions. As it stands right now, cases are prioritized and there can be lengthy waits on DNA cases that are not of the ...

[US to commit scientists and new commission to fix forensic science](#)

Washington Post

The academy was responding to a drumbeat of crime lab scandals and hundreds of DNA exonerations over the past two decades. The new 30-member commission will be co-chaired by Justice Department and NIST officials. It will include forensic scientists, ...

[Tianyuan Man scientists unlock secrets of ancient DNA](#)

South China Morning Post

What they found was important: Tianyuan Man's DNA came from people who were ancestors not only of many present-day Asians but also Native Americans. It also suggested that people in China at the time were already different from Europeans. The results ...

[Researchers create new ultra-sensitive tool for chemical, DNA and protein analysis](#)

News-Medical.net

Utilizing optical characteristics first demonstrated by the ancient Romans, researchers at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign have created a novel, ultra-sensitive tool for chemical, DNA, and protein analysis. "With this device, the ...

[St. Paul crime lab errors rampant, reviews find](#)

Pioneer Press

A consultant's review of 100 cases involving



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Employment Opportunities

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[Forensic Chemist](#), A-T Solutions, Ft. Gillem/Afghanistan, Expires: May 14, 2013
[Evidence Custodian](#), A-T Solutions, Ft. Gillem/Afghanistan, Expires: May 14, 2013

drugs tests by the St. Paul police crime lab found errors in most of them, giving momentum to public defenders gearing up to challenge potentially thousands of drug convictions. Errors ranged "from minor ...

[Denver DA blasts plan to replace cops with civilians at crime lab](#)

Denver Post

Denver Police Chief Robert White's plan to replace sworn officers with civilian technicians in the city's crime lab by year's end is "reckless" and could jeopardize criminal cases when they go to trial, Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey said ...

[Kentucky bill would require DNA sampling in felony arrests](#)

The Courier-Journal

Currently, those convicted of felonies in Kentucky must submit a DNA sample. Constitutional questions about collecting DNA from those arrested is set to come before the U.S. Supreme Court later this month. Laws allowing the collection of arrestee's DNA ...

[Ky. House panel passes bill to allow DNA collection at time of arrest](#)

Lexington Herald Leader

Before his conviction, he was arrested 21 times over 15 years without having his DNA collected. Another man, David Jones, was wrongly convicted in two of those rape and murder cases and served 11 years in prison for a crime he did not commit, Sepich ...

[Increase staff at police crime lab](#)

Austin American-Statesman

Tired of sending forensic samples to private labs and to the state lab run by the Texas Department of Public Safety, the city opened its own police crime lab in 2004. Testing blood, DNA, fingerprint, ballistic and narcotic samples in-house was meant to ...

[Monroe County Crime Lab sees huge improvements](#)

News 10NBC

Jennifer Hill, Monroe County Crime Lab

[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

[Section Supervisor, Firearms & Toolmarks](#),

Virginia Department of Forensic Science,

Roanoke, VA, Expires: March 25, 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

[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

[DNA Analyst/Forensic Science Officer – 2813](#), A-

T Solutions, Deployed, overseas, Expires: May 5, 2013

[Criminalist III – Biology](#), Charlotte Mecklenburg

Police Department Crime Lab, Charlotte,

NC, Expires: March 1, 2013

[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,

VA, Expires: March 1, 2013

[Forensic Scientist 2](#), MN Bureau of Criminal

Apprehension Forensic Science Service, St.

Paul, MN, Expires: February 20, 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 Biologist said, "We basically evaluated our entire process, we cut out part of the process that wasn't necessary and we tried to streamline parts of the process we need to keep." Forensic biologist ...

[DNA expansion law faces hurdle](#)

Green Bay Press Gazette
Scott Walker and Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen announced a budget proposal to expand DNA collection to those who are arrested on a felony charge. Currently, DNA is taken only from convicted felons and those convicted of a handful of misdemeanors.

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/>

[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.

Conferences

February 18-23, 2013 AAFS 65th Annual Scientific Meeting: The Forensic Sciences: Founded on Observation and Experience, Improved by Education and Research, Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, DC. See [aafs-2013-annual-meeting](#) for more information.

March 24-28, 2013 10th Annual Advanced DNA Technical Workshop – Bode West, San Diego, CA. See [Bode West Conference](#) for more details.

[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

[Forensic Scientist – Crime Scene Response](#), Washington State Patrol Crime Laboratory Division, Seattle WA, Expires: April 12, 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, 2013

[Assistant Professor in Forensic Science Department](#), University of New Haven, New Haven, CT, Expires: March 14, 2013

[Toxicology Manager](#), Houston Police Department, Houston, TX, Expires: March 7, 2013

[Forensic Scientist – Firearms and Toolmarks](#), Fort Worth Police Department, Fort Worth, TX, Expires: February 28, 2013

[DNA Technical Lead](#), Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD), Las Vegas, NV, Expires: March 27, 2013

[Forensic Toxicology Fellow – Toxicologist IV](#), Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, Tx, Expires: March 21, 2013

[Forensic and Molecular Genetics Fellow – DNA Analyst IV](#), Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, Tx, Expires: March 21, 2013

[Criminalist II- DNA analyst](#), Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Crime Laboratory, Charlotte, NC, Expires: February 20, 2013

[Crime lab tech – Biology](#), Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Crime Laboratory, Charlotte, NC, Expires: February 20, 2013

[DNA Technical Lead](#), Alameda County Sheriff's Office, Alameda County, CA, Expires: March 6, 2013

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 23-28, 2013 AFTE 44th Annual Training Seminar, Hyatt Regency in Albuquerque, NM. See [AFTE 2013 Seminar](#) for more information.

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.afqam.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.