February 26, 2013

Hi All:

Last week, ASCLD President-Elect Jay Henry and I attended the American Academy of Forensic Sciences meeting in Washington DC. Since the National Commission on Forensic Science was announced, it was an exciting meeting leaving many wondering who will be on the Commission and how will crime laboratories react to a Commission. ASCLD will be issuing comments on the Commission in the next few days. Stay tuned.

Thought for the Week

"The person who says it cannot be done should not interrupt the person doing it."
Chinese proverb
Have a great week!

Jill Spriggs
ASCLD President

ASCLD Symposium

The Preliminary Agenda for the 2013 Symposium is now available on the ASCLD website. Submit your symposium Registration Form to the ASCLD office by April 8, 2013 to avoid late registration fees.

The Call for Posters is still open for the symposium. Please consider submitting an abstract for a poster. The deadline is April 7.

George Herrin
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**News Around the Globe**

**Hampden DA sets DNA unit to boost evidence testing**
Boston Herald
Hampden County’s district attorney has established a DNA unit to get the best forensic evidence tested and processed quickly. The Republican reports that DA Mark Mastroianni's office has been looking at several older, unsolved murders to ...

**U.S. Supreme Court to hear arguments over Md. DNA case**
Baltimore Sun
In a Maryland case that’s garnered the attention of the other 49 states, the federal Department of Justice and the national science community, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear arguments Tuesday over whether to restrict police in collecting DNA to solve ...

**Utah crime lab struggles to keep up with evidence explosion**
Salt Lake Tribune
Investigators were confident the touch DNA they brought to Utah's crime lab a couple years ago would confirm they had the right suspect. But an analysis pointed to someone else, according to lab director Jay Henry. In fact, the lab clears about a third ...

**5000 hits and counting for Oregon DNA lab**
San Francisco Chronicle
Forensic scientist Heather Feaman has processed DNA evidence collected from crime scenes related to just about any crime you can mention, from arson and rape, to robberies and burglaries, to car theft and murder. She once got a positive match ...

**St. Paul police crime lab review: Prosecutors will reconsider some drug ...**
Minnesota Public Radio
Ramsey and Dakota County prosecutors, prompted by independent reports that found serious flaws in the St. Paul police crime lab, ...

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Calibrate, Inc. founded the pipette calibration
will reconsider certain drug convictions in the past two years. The review, which is expected to take months to complete ...

**New crime lab clears hurdle to move forward**
Shreveport Times
It will house current operations of the North Louisiana Crime Lab as well as new services of forensic pathology and forensic toxicology. When these become available at the facility, as many as 30 new jobs, with average starting salaries of $65,000 ...

**Massachusetts forensics chief tells legislators crime lab scandals contributed ...**
MassLive.com
Even with 38 new chemists joining the state’s crime labs, it will be years before the criminal evidence backlog begins to recede, according to Curtis Wood, undersecretary of forensic science and technology.

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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/)

**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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**Conferences**

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**Employment Opportunities**

**SP Director of Forensic Services**, Forensic Investigation Center, Albany, New York, Expires: March 2, 2013


**Firearms and Tool Mark Examiner – 2937**, A-T Solutions, Ft Gillem/ Afghanistan, Expires: May 20, 2013

**Program Manager – Chemistry**, Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Richmond, VA, Expires: April 1, 2013

**Latent Print Examiner**, A-T Solutions, Ft.
May 5-9, 2013 ASCLD Symposium in Durham, NC. Jay Henry – Symposium Chair, 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.


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
**DNA Technical Lead**, Alameda County Sheriff’s Office, Alameda County, CA, Expires: March 6, 2013