March 4, 2013

General Announcements

Hi All:

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
ASCLD Communication Chair

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Lawmakers will push for DNA collection changes
Baltimore Sun
Jill P. Carter, a Baltimore Democrat, said Friday she is preparing — with caucus backing — to introduce a bill that would subject all DNA collected by Maryland police to the restrictive standards used for genetic information taken from people charged ...

RI Senate passes bill on DNA collection
Providence Eyewitness News
Rhode Island State Police may soon be allowed to collect DNA samples from people arrested in the state for violent crimes. According to the Providence Journal, the State Senate Judiciary Committee approved a bill Thursday ...

DNA's Twisted Communication
Science Daily (press release)
It is likely that the way DNA folds in 3D could, under certain circumstances, bring different sets of regulatory elements in contact with each other and with Fgf8, to trigger or prevent gene expression. These findings highlight a level of complexity of ...

Some Ohio rape kits contaminated by assembler's DNA
Canton Repository
State crime lab investigators discovered the contamination of the kits recently when trying to track down a common and unidentified DNA profile that showed up inside of five unrelated kits. The Ohio Department of Health has asked hospitals to stop ...

City approves $4.4M DNA testing plan
KHOU
City officials say the plan is to hire outside contractors to examine 6,000 untested kits and DNA samples related to another 3,500 cases. Officials say active cases will take priority, but Houston police estimate the backlog should be eliminated ...

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Supreme Court appears split on use of DNA by police
USA TODAY
The Supreme Court appeared split down the middle Tuesday on how widely police can use modern DNA technology to solve crimes without violating the privacy of people arrested but not convicted. The justices agonized over two worthy ...

Maryland vs King, Supreme Court argument Transcript: http://www.supremecourt.gov/oral_arguments/argument_transcripts/12-207.pdf

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.

ATF National Firearms Examiner Academy (NFEA)
Registration for 2013-2014 session open until July 31, 2013 for apprentice/entry level firearm and toolmark examiners from Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies.

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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.


**Opportunities**

**Director of Forensic Studies – Tenure Track (Open Rank) Professor**, University of Baltimore, Baltimore, MD 21201, Expires: June 3, 2013

**Toxicology Supervisor**, Metro Nashville Police Department Crime Laboratory, Nashville, TN, Expires: June 1, 2013

**Forensic Biology Section Supervisor**, Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Roanoke, VA, Expires: April 11, 2013


**Quality Assurance Coordinator**, Los Angeles County Coroner, Los Angeles, CA, Expires: May 26, 2013

**Forensic Scientist – Latent Prints**, Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Richmond, VA, Expires: March 26, 2013

**Forensic Scientist, Controlled Substances**, Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Manassas, VA, Expires: May 27, 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


**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

**Criminalist – Toxicologist**, Houston Police Department Crime Laboratory, Houston, Texas, Expires: May 3, 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 DNA Analyst, Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office DNA Laboratory, Harvey, LA, Expires: April 25, 2013
Executive Director, Houston Forensic Science LGC, Inc., Houston, TX, Expires: April 19, 2013
Regional Crime Laboratory Director, Wisconsin Department of Justice, Milwaukee, WI, Expires: April 1, 2013
Assistant Professor in Investigations, CSU Sacramento, Division of Criminal Justice, Alpine Hall, Expires: March 14, 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
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