Hi All:

Don’t forget to make your hotel reservations for the 2013 ASCLD Symposium in North Carolina. The cut-off date is March 29, 2013 and fast approaching!

Thought for the Week

"I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear."
Nelson Mandela
Civil Rights Leader
Have a great week!

Jill Spriggs
ASCLD President

ASCLD Symposium

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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 save 20% by avoiding late registration fees.

The Call for Posters is still open for the

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symposium. Please consider submitting an abstract for a poster. The deadline is April 7.

George Herrin
ASCLD Communication Chair

News Around the Globe

Beautiful three-minute video explains DNA
Wired.co.uk
The video embedded above covers DNA and distills the essence of the subject down to the absolute necessities, looking fantastic while doing it. It was written by Andrew Walsh and Matthew Adams, and animated by Territory Studio. Will Samuel, the lead ...

Janesville man's invention changed forensic science 25 years ago
Janesville Gazette
At a lunch meeting at a Holiday Inn in Freeport, Ill., in 1986, Hyzer said he listened to Kansas native Dr. Thomas Krause, an expert in forensic odontology, or “bite-mark” science, explain a conundrum to him. At the time, criminal investigators had no ...

Former SF police crime lab tech pleads guilty to cocaine possession
San Francisco Examiner
A long-running case against a former San Francisco Police Department crime lab technician ended in a misdemeanor plea bargain Friday when she pleaded guilty in federal court to a reduced charge of possessing cocaine in 2009. Deborah Madden, 63, of ...

Famous 'HeLa' Human Cell Line Gets Its DNA Sequenced
Scientific American
Having been replicating in labs around the world for six decades, HeLa cells have also accrued errors not present in the original tumor DNA. Moreover, not all HeLa cells are identical, and Steinmetz says that it would be interesting to chart the cell's ...

http://www.nmslabs.com/

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Moms of murdered daughters push for Nevada DNA bill
USA TODAY
Opponents of the bill dispute that DNA testing would have saved Brianna Denison's life. The only previous arrest of her killer, ex-Marine James Biela, was in 2002 for a misdemeanor that would not have resulted in DNA testing under the proposed Brianna ..

Mass. Crime Lab Scandal Reverberates Across State
NPR
A scandal in a Massachusetts crime lab continues to reverberate throughout the state's legal system. Several months ago, Annie Dookhan, a former chemist in a state crime lab, told police that she messed up big time. Dookhan now stands accused of ...

Intense terahertz pulses cause DNA damage but also induce DNA repair
EurekAlert (press release)
New research performed on lab-grown human skin suggests that short but powerful bursts of THz radiation may both cause DNA damage and increase the production of proteins that help the body fight cancer. The findings, which are the result of a ...

Crime lab not ignoring Syracuse police requests, investigation finds
Syracuse.com
Syracuse, NY - An investigation into the Onondaga County crime lab brought on by allegations it often ignored requests from the police department was closed after no finding of wrongdoing, according to the national agency that provides lab ...

Innocence Project Northwest wins right to DNA testing for felons serving time ...
UW Today
 Felons who serve part of their prison sentence in the community may now have the right to publicly funded DNA testing, thanks to a court victory won by a student representing the University of Washington School of Law's Innocence Project Northwest ...

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Employment
Inside the Indiana State Police Forensic Laboratory
WISH
24-Hour News 8 got a look inside one of the four Indiana State Police Forensic Laboratories this week. The scientists working there provide forensic science services to the criminal justice system, meaning local police departments bring evidence there ...

Crime lab backlogs delay cases like Shawnee hit-and-run
fox4kc.com
The Helfrich case doesn't involve DNA, but it does involve blood and urine. While police are pretty sure the driver wasn't drunk, they are waiting on crime lab tests to be sure. "If it takes 90 days, it takes 90 days, if it takes 180 or a year that's ...

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.

Opportunities
Criminalist Supervisor, CA Department of Justice, State-wide, Expires: April 2, 2013
Criminalist Manager, CA Department of Justice, State-wide, Expires: April 2, 2013
Criminalist-Controlled Substances & Blood/Breath Alcohol, County of San Mateo, San Mateo, California, Expires: March 28, 2013
Assistant Section Heads, Biology, Ontario Public Service, Toronto, Ontario, Expires: March 28, 2013
Forensic Scientist Supervisor- Criminalistics, WI DOJ, Madison, WI, Expires: March 25, 2013
Forensic Sciences Program Director, Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, NM, Expires: April 15, 2013
Supervising Criminalist, Sacramento District Attorney Office Lab, Sacramento, CA, Expires: March 28, 2013
Criminalist Specialist – FIREARMS, Houston Police Department Crime Lab, Houston, Texas, Expires: June 7, 2013
Criminalist Specialist – SEROLOGIST, Houston Police Department Crime Lab, Houston, Texas, Expires: June 7, 2013
Latent Fingerprint Examiner, St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, St. Louis, MO, Expires: March 30, 2013
ETU Supervisor/Technical Leader, St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, St. Louis, MO, Expires: March 30, 2013
SP Director of Forensic Services, New York State Police, Albany, New York, Expires: March 20, 2013
Forensic Scientist (Biology) I, II, or III, Onondaga County Center for Forensic Sciences, Syracuse, NY, Expires: March 29, 2013
Crime Scene Investigator II, Douglas County Sheriff’s Office, Omaha Nebraska, Expires: March 25, 2013
Crime Scene Investigator II, Douglas County Sheriff’s Office, Omaha Nebraska, Expires: March 25, 2013
Crime Scene Investigator I, Douglas County Sheriff’s Office, Omaha Nebraska, Expires: March 25, 2013
Director of Forensic Studies – Tenure Track

Conferences
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.


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
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