

March 25, 2013



American Society of Crime Lab Directors Crime Lab Minute

General Announcements

Hi All:

This week I traveled to Phoenix, Arizona to attend the Forensic Services Advisory Committee. While there, I gave a presentation regarding National Issues Regarding Forensic Crime Labs.

I wanted to let you know of some exciting training being presented by RTI. Space is limited.

The Forensic Technology Center of Excellence announces its 2013 Technology Transition Workshop: A DNA Revolution – Next Generation Technologies (https://www.forensiccoe.org/tech_workshops/DnaRevolution.aspx)

This onsite all travel-expense paid workshop will disseminate new and innovative technical and scientific knowledge on next-generation DNA sequencing technologies to forensic laboratory practitioners. Crime laboratory directors and managers are invited to submit nominations. Space is limited so please see attached information sheet to learn more.

Nominations received after April 10, 2013 will not be considered.

Please reply to Shane Hamstra (shamstra@rti.org; 919.541.7265) with your nomination and questions.

Thought for the Week

"Most smiles are started by another smile."

Anonymous

Have a great week!

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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. 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!

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

News Around the Globe

[Cold-Case Prosecutors Seek DNA from Dead California Inmates](#)

KTLA

Prosecutors from Sacramento, Los Angeles and Orange counties are sifting through old court exhibits and examining long-since forgotten crime-scene evidence in search of blood, saliva and other material that can be tested for DNA. Once obtained, the DNA ...

[State crime lab to close](#)

The Southern
Illinois State Police spokeswoman Monique Bond

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said the consolidation was announced in 2012 and that forensic services will come from Forensic Science Laboratory. She said via email this consolidation would “not only eliminate lease, maintenance and ...

[Utah law enforcement learn about high-speed DNA testing](#)

ABC 4

Those months to get DNA results back from the state crime lab can now be cut down to just 90 minutes with a new piece of technology called Rapid Hit DNA. "A forensic scientist has to actually work with the evidence extract the DNA, put it through ...

[Conditions at new city forensic lab found to be below par](#)

Washington Times

Shortly after the story, D.C. Council member Tommy Wells, Ward 6 Democrat and chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety, publicly questioned Max M. Houck, director of the Department of Forensic Sciences, and Metropolitan Police ...

[Enzymes Allow DNA to Swap Information With Exotic Molecules](#)

Science Daily

John Chaput, a researcher at Arizona State University's Biodesign Institute has been hunting for a biological Rosetta Stone -- an enzyme allowing DNA's 4-letter language to be written into a simpler (and potentially more ancient) molecule that may have ...

[Forensic Advances Raise New Questions About Old Convictions](#)

NPR

Advances in forensic technology are showing that what used to be considered clear-cut proof of guilt may be nothing of the kind. A California case highlights a growing problem facing courts: what to do when an expert witness changes his mind because of ...

[State Bill Would Require DNA Testing For Death Penalty](#)

CBS Local

[Loyola University New Orleans, Master of Science Criminal Justice Administration](#)



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Employment

Texas prosecutors would be required to test all biological evidence for DNA before seeking the death penalty under a measure a Democratic state senator proposed Tuesday with the backing of the Republican attorney general ...

[St. Paul crime lab didn't taint evidence in 2010 drug case, Dakota County ...](#)

Pioneer Press

In at least one case, drug evidence handled by the St. Paul Police Department crime lab wasn't irrevocably tainted by the lab's flawed practices, a Dakota County District Court judge ruled last week. Prosecutors say the ruling bolsters their claims ...

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.

Conferences

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

May 5-9, 2013 ASCLD Symposium in Durham, NC. Jay Henry – Symposium Chair, jhenry@utah.gov

Opportunities

[DNA Criminalist I/II](#), San Diego Police Department, San Diego, CA 92101, Expires: May 10, 2013

[Forensic Scientist](#), Columbus Division of Police Crime Laboratory, Columbus, Ohio, Expires: April 1, 2013

[Forensic Scientist III – Quality Assurance Manager](#), Columbus Division of Police Crime Laboratory, Columbus, Ohio, Expires: April 15, 2013

[Forensic Scientist III – Forensic Biology](#), Columbus Division of Police Crime Laboratory, Columbus, Ohio, Expires: April 15, 2013

[Analytical Chemist Faculty](#), Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN, Expires: May 19, 2013

[Criminalist Supervisor](#), CA Department of Justice, State-wide, Expires: April 2, 2013

[Criminalist Manager](#), CA Department of Justice, State-wide, Expires: April 2, 2013

[Ohio Attorney General's Office – Bureau of Criminal Investigation Fellowship](#), The Ohio Attorney General's Office, London, Ohio, Expires: June 15, 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

[Forensic Scientist \(Biology\) I, II, or III](#),

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.

Onondaga County Center for Forensic Sciences, Syracuse, NY, Expires: March 29, 2013

[Crime Scene Investigator III](#), 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 \(Open Rank\) 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

[Deputy Director of Forensic Biology and DNA](#), Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Meriden, Connecticut, Expires: March 28, 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

[Forensic Chemist -2939](#), A-T Solutions, Ft. Gillem/Afghanistan, Expires: May 20, 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. Gillem/Afghanistan, Expires: May 14, 2013

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

[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
[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
[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
[Forensic Scientist – Crime Scene Response](#),
Washington State Patrol Crime Laboratory
Division, Seattle WA, Expires: April 12, 2013
[DNA Technical Lead](#), Las Vegas Metropolitan
Police Department (LVMPD), Las Vegas,
NV, Expires: March 27, 2013