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

*Thought for the Week*

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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

Robotics cuts crime lab back log
Springfield News Sun
A $500,000 robotics system has cut the turnaround time for DNA evidence analysis at the Miami Valley Regional Crime Lab from a six months back log to completion in two to four weeks. The faster turnaround means innocent suspects are ruled out quicker ...

Iowa House OKs DNA collection from more criminals
kwwl.com
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state Senate for review. The measure would require DNA ...

**Mathematics in Forensic Science**
Huffington Post
Today, mathematics lies behind expert conclusions on a hundred forensic matters from fingerprints to DNA. Statistics can be a precious tool when identifying the patterns behind confusing or misleading phenomena. The University of California at Berkeley ...

**Privacy Flap Forces Withdrawal of DNA Data on Cancer Cell Line**
Science AAAS
On 11 March, the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL) issued a press release proudly announcing that a research team there had deciphered much of the genetic sequence of one of the most widely used cell lines in cancer studies and had made ...

**Oklahoma Senate panel OKs DNA testing bill**
Times Record News
Some convicted criminals could request DNA testing of evidence in their case under a bill that is heading to the full Senate for consideration. The Senate Judiciary Committee voted 8-0 on Tuesday for the Postconviction DNA Act by ...

**Scientists discover new DNA regions associated with three cancers**
Los Angeles Times
For the last decade or so, cancer researchers have been working hard to ferret out the DNA changes associated with cancers and other common afflictions. They examine the DNA of large groups of people with and without certain diseases to see if any ...

**Bill would allow DNA to stand in for suspect's name**
The Tennessean
“It clarifies once and for all that we can use a DNA profile to stop the running of the statute of limitations in those cases where we do have a DNA profile but we do not have a suspect in custody,” Nashville District Attorney Torry Johnson said. “It ...

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Fossil DNA used to reset humanity's clock
Ars Technica
Some time in humanity's past, a small group of Homo sapiens migrated out of Africa before spreading out to every possible corner of the Earth. All the women of that group carried DNA inherited from just one woman, commonly known as mitochondrial Eve, ...

Privacy vs. Public Interest: Vermont Justices Weigh DNA Law Merits
Valley News
The Vermont Supreme Court yesterday weighed the constitutionality of a state law that allows authorities to collect DNA samples from defendants who have been charged, but not convicted, of felonies, touching on an issue that could ...

Crime lab worker fired again
Canton Repository
A criminalist at the Canton-Stark County Crime Lab was fired for the second time in less than a year amid new accusations that he falsified documents and never performed gunshot residue tests on evidence in a 2011 murder trial as he had told a jury.

Opportunities

DNA Technical Lead, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD), Las Vegas, NV, Expires: June 29, 2013
Forensic Specialist I, Montgomery County Police Department, Gaithersburg, Maryland, Expires: April 16, 2013
Latent Print Examiner, Colorado Bureau of Investigation, Grand Junction, CO, Expires: April 18, 2013
Latent Print Examiner, Broward Sheriff’s Office, Fort Lauderdale, FL, Expires: April 5, 2013
DNA Criminalist 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
Forensic Scientist, Columbus Division of Police Crime Laboratory, Columbus, Ohio, Expires: April 1, 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
Forensic Sciences Program Director, Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, NM, Expires: April 15, 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
Director of Forensic Studies – Tenure Track (Open Rank) Professor, University of Baltimore, Baltimore, MD 21201, Expires: June 3, 2013

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

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


June 7, 2013  The 4th Annual Prescription for Criminal Justice Forensics Conference at Fordham Law School in New York City. See ABA forensics_2013.pdf to review a complete brochure and to register for the conference


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.


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


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