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American Society of Crime Lab Directors Crime Lab Minute

General Announcements

Hi All:

This is my last Crime Lab Minute as your President. It has been my pleasure to serve as your President the last 21 months. I have seen forensics change first hand in the last few years. More than ever, forensics is the top story in the news. Rapid DNA Technology, a new Forensic Commission on the horizon, the SAFER Act is in place and the collection of arrestee samples was heard in the Supreme Court. I have learned a tremendous amount from all of you and have made many new friends along the way. President-Elect Jay Henry is set in motion to become an outstanding President the next year. I wish all of you good luck in the future. I will leave you with one more Thought for the Week.

Thought for the Week

Nothing is impossible, the word itself says 'I'm possible'!

Audrey Hepburn
Have a great week!

Jill Spriggs
ASCLD President

ASCLD's representative position on the ABC-Examination Committee is vacant.

The American Board of Criminalistics (ABC) is looking for an ABC Certified/ASCLD Member to participate on the ABC-Examination Committee (EC). ASCLD holds two representative positions within ABC, one on the Board of Directors and one on the Examination Committee. Currently the Examination Committee position is vacant. The

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Examination Committee is primarily responsible for the administration of the certification examinations in the areas of drug chemistry, forensic biology, hairs and fibers, paint and polymers, fire debris, and comprehensive criminalistics. The committee plays a significant role by providing oversight of the quality management of each examination, test questions, monitoring test performance, and test development. Members will receive a stipend from ABC to defray travel and per diem costs for the two weekend meetings each year, one of which is associated with AAFS. The committee's primary need is a dynamic individual with a wide-ranging understanding and background in general criminalistics, however if you have your certification and your strengths are in other specific areas of forensic science you are encouraged to make an inquiry.

To express your interest for this opportunity and representative position to the ABC-Examination Committee or if you have further questions, please contact Mr. Chris E. Taylor, ABC Vice President (ASCLD representative to the Board of Directors) at chris.e.taylor.civ@mail.mil

News Around the Globe

[KGMU to get new forensic lab](#)

Indian Express

KGMU has already sent a proposal to the state government for establishing a forensic laboratory which would provide facilities such as DNA fingerprinting. The varsity administration has also proposed to set up facilities for forensic odontology in the ...

[Utah company's forensic technology featured on 'CSI'](#)

Dixie Press Online

A Utah-based company's forensic DNA collection system will be soon featured on internationally watched television. "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," the No. 1 TV show worldwide, is about a team of forensic investigators in Las Vegas who ...

[5 cool things DNA testing can do](#)



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Employment Opportunities

[Forensic Scientist 2 – Drug Chemistry](#), MN BCA Forensic Science Laboratory, St. Paul, MN, Expires: May 30, 2013

[Forensic Scientist \(DNA\)](#), City of Albuquerque, Albuquerque Police Department, Albuquerque, New Mexico, Expires: May 10, 2013

[Sheriff's Supervising Forensic Scientist – Comparative Analysis \(Firearms/Toolmark/Trace\)](#), Ventura County Sheriff's Office, ventura, Expires: May 17, 2013

[Latent Print Examiner](#), Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Crime Lab, Minneapolis, MN, Expires: April 30, 2013

CNN International

Happy National DNA Day! April 25 marks the 60th anniversary of scientists' discovery of the double helix. It's also the 10th anniversary of the completion of the Human Genome Project, which set out to sequence the more than 3 billion letters ...

[Iowa attorney general backs DNA collection bill](#)

San Francisco Chronicle

Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller said Wednesday that people convicted of less-serious crimes such as aggravated assault and theft should be required to submit DNA samples for a federal databank that currently focuses on ...

[Politicians warned on DNA profiling - Sydney Morning Herald](#)

Sydney Morning Herald

"We're interested in seeing how the science develops in this way, but feel the public should understand that there are limitations in our understanding of how our genes affect our appearance, and that there's not going to be a silver bullet when it ...

[Police hope for big edge with tiny DNA dots - USA Today](#)

USA TODAY

The Cop Dots DNA program, Palm Bay Police Chief Doug Muldoon said, allows people to mark their property with a unique (and very tiny) number sequence that can be scanned by police who recover stolen goods. "The fact that we can readily identify ...

[Crime lab officials: New Wash. marijuana law jeopardizes ability to prosecute ...](#)

The Republic

"When you smoke it, it would be very potent, but before that, it would be considered hemp under the law," said Erik Nielson, standards and accountability manager for the Washington State Patrol Crime Lab's Forensic Lab Services Bureau. That means that ...

[Four Lessons From IBM And Roche's Failed DNA Collaboration](#)

Forbes

[Latent Print Section Supervisor](#), Austin Police Department, Austin, Texas, Expires: June 1, 2013

[Latent Print Examiner](#), Metro Nashville Police Department Crime Laboratory, Nashville, TN, Expires: May 24, 2013

[Quality Assurance Specialist](#), DC Government – Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington, DC, Expires: July 16, 2013

[Forensic Scientist – Firearms & Toolmark Examiner \(Part-Time\)](#), DuPage County Forensic Science Center, Wheaton, IL, Expires: May 31, 2013

[Forensic Scientist – Latent Print Examiner \(Part-Time\)](#), DuPage County Forensic Science Center, Wheaton, IL, Expires: May 31, 2013

[Forensic Chemist III](#), Pasadena Police Dept. Regional Crime Lab, Pasadena, TX, Expires: May 10, 2013

[FSII Latent Print Examiner](#), Tri County Regional Forensic Laboratory, Andover, MN, Expires: May 8, 2013

[Supervising Forensic Scientist – Latent Prints](#), NM DPS Forensic Laboratory Bureau, Las Cruces, New Mexico, Expires: May 31, 2013

[Criminalist – Controlled Substances – Temporary Position](#), Houston Police Department Crime Lab, Houston, Texas, Expires: May 17, 2013

[Forensic Specialist IV – Trace Evidence Senior Criminalist](#), Kansas City Police Crime Laboratory, Kansas City, Missouri, Expires: July 9, 2013

[Forensic Scientist II \(2 positions\)](#), DC Government – Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington, DC, Expires: July 5, 2013

[Forensic Scientist – Latent Print Examiner](#), DuPage County Forensic Science Center, Wheaton, Illinois, Expires: May 17, 2013

[Forensic Scientist Supervisor \(Digital Evidence\)](#), DC Government – Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington, DC, Expires: June 20, 2013

[Forensic Scientist Supervisor \(Fingerprint Analysis Unit\)](#), DC Government – Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington, DC, Expires: July 1, 2013

[DNA Technical Lead](#), Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD), Las Vegas, NV, Expires: June 29, 2013

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

There's been plenty of great press – you might even say hype – about IBM's “DNA transistor,” a new type of gene sequencing technology that had come out of the company's labs. In 2009 Wired said the device “could revolutionize” genetic testing. Two ...

[New Improved Dog DNA Test Now Covers 200+ Breeds And Varieties](#)

Wall Street Journal

Thanks to a convenient 3-in-1 do-it-yourself dog DNA test, owners can use a single, convenient kit to identify breeds that make up a mixed breed dog; inform the parental ancestry of a “designer” dog; or certify whether a purebred is, in fact, a purebred.

[Indian Army to DNA profile its soldiers](#)

Indian Express

Defence Minister A K Antony in a written reply in the Lok Sabha today said a pilot project is in progress at Armed Forces Medical College, Pune to conduct DNA profile of soldiers and develop necessary protocol for identifying them from their body tissues.

[DNA Bill heads to Parliament](#)

Independent Online

The Criminal Law (Forensic Procedures) Amendment Bill - also known as the DNA Bill - is on its way to Parliament after being delayed for five years. Proponents of the bill say it has the potential to help police take violent criminals off South Africa ...

[Nevada Senate OKs DNA testing upon felony arrest](#)

San Francisco Chronicle

People arrested on felony charges would provide a DNA sample for a database to check for links to other possible crimes under a bill unanimously approved Monday by the Nevada Senate and named in honor of a murdered teen ...

[Novel Microscope Stretches Single DNA Molecules - AZoNano](#)

AZoNano.com

Scientists have revealed how a bacterial enzyme has evolved an energy-efficient method to move long distances along DNA. The findings, published

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

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

[Toxicology Supervisor](#), Metro Nashville Police Department Crime Laboratory, Nashville, TN, Expires: June 1, 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 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

[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

[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

[Sr. Investigator, Video Examiner](#), Target, Minneapolis, MN, Expires: April 30, 2013

in Science, present further insight into the coupling of chemical and mechanical energy by a class of ...

[KBI makes push for crime lab funding](#)

Emporia Gazette

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation is hoping that more than a decade of efforts to build a new crime lab that would replace the cramped, limited confines of an old 1928 Topeka junior high school are about to come to fruition. The agency is seeking ..

[Federal Court Rules Phoenix Police Officers Can Be Forced to Give DNA ...](#)

Wall Street Journal

The lawsuit alleged that Phoenix Police Department (PPD) officers forced the plaintiffs to surrender their DNA in violation of their Fourth and Fourteenth Amendment rights (Bill, et al. v. Brewer, et al. (No. 2:12-cv-02613)). In her opinion dismissing ...

[Wash. patrol says crime lab manager falsified work](#)

San Francisco Chronicle

The manager of the state crime lab in Cheney resigned last week as authorities determined he lied about performing work in several cases, the Washington State Patrol said Tuesday. Kevin Fortney headed the Cheney lab for ...

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/>

The West Virginia University Forensic Science Initiative invites you to utilize their FREE webinar series on a variety of topics in forensic science! Experts in the field will present on a wide range of forensic science topics from the reliability of eye witness identification to fire scene investigation. Sign up now for the Texas Forensic Science Commission: Justice Through Science presentation. Follow the [link](#) for a list of upcoming webinars.

Try your CSI skills at the Basic Crime Scene

Investigation for Legal Professionals course at West Virginia University's forensic crime scene complex. This four day course will offer hands-on training specifically for the legal professional. Learn how to properly identify, collect, and preserve evidence at a crime scene. To better assist each student, class seating will be limited. For more information, click [here](#).

[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

May 20-24, 2013 12th Annual Advanced DNA Technical Workshop – Bode East, Amelia Island, FL. See [Bode East Conference](#) for more details.

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

June 23-28, 2013 AFTE 44th Annual Training Seminar, Hyatt Regency in Albuquerque, NM. See [AFTE 2013 Seminar](#) for more information.

August 4-10, 2013 International Association for Identification (IAI) 98th International Educational Conference in Providence, RI. For more information see www.theiai.org or contact conference@theiai.org

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.

October 20-24, 2013 Southern Association of Forensic Scientists, Huntsville, AL. [Click here for more information](#).

October 27-30, 2013 35th Annual Southwestern Association of Forensic Scientists, Santa Fe, NM. See <http://www.swafs.us> for more details.

October 28-November 1, 2013 Society of Forensic Toxicologists, Orlando, FL. See <http://www.soft-tox.org/meeting> for more information.

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.