General Announcements

Dear Colleagues:
I’m honored to serve as your President and excited to announce the 2013 ASCLD Board of Directors:

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The 2013 symposium is only a few days in the past and yet we have already taken notes and handed out assignments for the Scottsdale meeting. We hope to “fine tune” the program content and make it even more worthwhile and informative next year. We are also creating a symposium planning committee and are looking for members to serve. If you are interested, please contact me at jhenry@utah.gov.

The board has a busy year ahead of us with plenty of other pressing topics including: Leahy legislation, reestablishing Coverdell funding and hiring an Executive Director.

I want to express my appreciation to all of the

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volunteers that worked so hard to provide the membership with a fantastic 40th symposium celebration! Lastly, I want to thank my predecessor Past President Jill Spriggs and the entire ASCLD Board for their hard work for the last 21 months. Thank you all!

Jay Henry
ASCLD President

The April CFSO Newsletter is now available for reading on the ASCLD website. The ASCLD Board Member web page has been updated to reflect the changes resulting from the election during the business meeting on May 9, 2013. A copy of the presentation from the Nov 15, 2012 business meeting that was held via webinar is also posted on the website. Presentations and posters from the 2013 symposium will be posted as soon as possible.

George Herrin
ASCLD Communications Chair

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News Around the Globe
Forensic work winning war on crime, but it's no TV show - Sydney Morning Herald
Sydney Morning Herald
And while Hollywood might have viewers believing such an outcome has been easily achievable for police for some time, in reality results like this are being heralded as a breakthrough in forensic investigations, not just in NSW but around the world ...

Assembly considers DNA testing bill, Brianna's Law
San Francisco Chronicle
A bill that would require the collection of DNA from people arrested on felony charges in Nevada encountered tough questions Thursday from lawmakers concerned that samples from innocent people would not be destroyed properly or promptly.

'Good forensic staff are leaving SA'

Employment Opportunities
Executive Director, ASCLD, Unknown, Expires: June 30, 2013
DNA Analyst III / Serologist / DNA Operations Technician, Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, Texas, Expires: July 31, 2013
DNA Analyst III, Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, Texas, Expires: July 31, 2013
Forensics Lab Director, Oregon State Police, Central Point, OR, Expires: May 20, 2013
Forensic Scientist I (Chemical), Suffolk County Crime Laboratory, Hauppauge, NY, Expires:
Independent Online
“Highly-skilled state forensic scientists are leaving the country and going overseas because people without the correct training and skills are being appointed to key positions because department heads want to get the demographics right,” Klatzow said.

European migration evident in DNA patterns
Los Angeles Times
It turned out that pairs of people living as far away from each other as Britain and Turkey shared the DNA chunks 20% of the time, the researchers discovered. That meant that each pair would have to have had at least thousands of common ancestors over ...

Hatch bill seeks immigrants' DNA
Salt Lake Tribune
Hatch has submitted 24 amendments to the immigration package that he says will improve the bill, including one that would require the DNA test — to be checked against criminal databases — for anyone over the age of 18 who wants to gain provisional ...

Now, device to simplify human DNA extraction -
Zee News
Zee News
The device will give hospitals and research labs a much easier way to separate DNA from human fluid samples, which will help with genome sequencing, disease diagnosis and forensic investigations. "It's very complex to extract DNA. When you think of the ...

New Utah forensic tool gets 'CSI' exposure
Salt Lake Tribune
Some prime-time exposure on "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" might help, too. The vacuum showed up in the background of the May 1 episode, "Fearless," and Wednesday, DNA specialist Henry (played by Jon Wellner) uses the M-Vac for the first time in the ...

Iowa's expanded DNA sampling bill goes to governor
San Francisco Chronicle
A bill that would require people convicted of certain
aggravated misdemeanors to submit DNA samples now heads to the desk of Gov. Terry Branstad for review. The Iowa House approved the Senate's changes to the bill Tuesday ...

**Destruction of six million DNA samples will see loss of key cold case tool**

Telegraph.co.uk
But police and forensic experts have warned that the loss of the original samples will hamper their work particularly in the field of familial DNA, which cannot achieve the same results from profiles. Patricia Wiltshire, whose evidence was crucial in ...

**Justice Dept. admits flaws in forensic testimony in Mississippi death-row case**

Washington Post
The Justice Department has acknowledged flaws in forensic testimony by the FBI that helped convict a man in the 1992 slayings of two Mississippi State University students, and federal officials have now offered to retest the DNA in the case. The ...

**First DNA Lab Launched in Zambia**

AllAfrica.com
ZAMBIA has launched its first - ever DNA forensic laboratory which will help law enforcement agencies track down killers as the country experiences an unprecedented rise in unsolved murders. The establishment of a forensic laboratory would also save ...

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**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/](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](http://www.nfstc.org/apply-now-for-online-medicolegal-death-investigation-course/) for a list of upcoming webinars.

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**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

**Analytical Chemist Faculty**, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN, Expires: May 19, 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


**Firearms and Tool Mark Examiner – 2937**, A-T Solutions, Ft Gillem/ Afghanistan, Expires: May 20, 2013


**Case File Manager**, A-T Solutions, Ft. Gillem/AFghanistan, Expires: May 14, 2013
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


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


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.


October 20-24, 2013  Southern Association of Forensic Scientists, Huntsville, AL.  Click here for more information.

