

May 20, 2013



American Society of Crime Lab Directors Crime Lab Minute

General Announcements

Dear Colleagues:

I and other ASCLD members will be attending an educational policy forum at the National Press Club in Washington DC on Tuesday May 21, 2013. The topic will focus on crime laboratory backlogs, their nature and impact on the criminal justice system. RTI International will be coordinating this event via a webinar format. Please consider joining us in person or by attending the [webinar](#). We're also still collecting names for volunteers to serve on the symposium planning committee. If you are interested, please contact me at jhenry@utah.gov.

Finally, don't forget to get your letters in for Coverdell support. To achieve the maximum benefit, we need to get them in by the end of May.

Thanks
Jay Henry
ASCLD President

News Around the Globe

['Junk' DNA mystery solved: It's not needed](#)

NBCNews.com (blog)

The thinking went that most of this vast terrain of dark DNA consisted of genetic parasites that copy segments of DNA and paste themselves repeatedly in the genome, or that it consists of the fossils of once useful genes that have now been switched off.

[Mysterious Minoans really were European, DNA finds](#)

NBCNews.com

The conclusion, published Tuesday in the journal

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Nature Communications, was drawn by comparing DNA from 4,000-year-old Minoan skeletons with genetic material from people living throughout Europe and Africa in the past and today. "We now know that ...

[Branstad to sign expanded DNA sampling bill](#)

San Francisco Chronicle

"It builds on the current success of our DNA program by using modern technology to help solve and prevent crimes," Branstad said. "Law enforcement will be able to identify criminals quickly and get them off the streets sooner and convict them with ...

[DNA-guided assembly yields novel ribbon-like nanostructures](#)

Eureka! Science News

Scientists at the U.S. Department of Energy's Brookhaven National Laboratory have discovered that DNA "linker" strands coax nano-sized rods to line up in way unlike any other spontaneous arrangement of rod-shaped objects. The arrangement-with the rods ...

[EXCLUSIVE: Pioneer in DNA testing quits Medical Examiner's Office over lab ...](#)

New York Daily News

Legal Aid lawyers questioned a DNA sample taken from a .38-caliber revolver police recovered, demanding to know whether Caragine was involved in testing the sample. They also requested details about Caragine's "Forensic Statistical Tool," querying ...

['Leadership must change' at city's DNA lab: report](#)

New York Daily News

The lab is also plagued by petty infighting among managers, open displays of hostility and a "general lack of overall teamwork," according to DNA experts Sorenson Forensics. "All of this results in several independent fiefdoms who are not working ...

[Okla. lawmakers near passage of DNA testing bill](#)

San Francisco Chronicle

The Oklahoma House voted unanimously on Thursday for the Postconviction DNA Act, which allows those convicted of violent felonies or who



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Employment Opportunities

[Crime Lab Scientist \(Entry-Level\)](#), Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Statewide, Georgia, Expires: May 31, 2013

[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,

have been sentenced to 25 years or more in prison to file a motion in court to request forensic DNA testing of any ...

'Forensic' gets \$\$ for more staff

Trinidad & Tobago Express

Government has approved funding to ramp up expert staff at the Forensic Science Centre in St James, in order to reduce the existing backlog and to also ensure the speedy delivery of scientific reports in order to keep its August 2, 2013 deadline of the ...

Forensic division cops to be trained: police chief

The News International

The IGP said presently the forensic division comprised units of audio visual analysis, digital forensic, chemical sample monitoring, question document, crime scene investigation, fire arms and ballistic, forensic photography, automated fingerprint ...

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](#).

Central Point, OR, Expires: May 20, 2013
[Forensic Scientist I \(Chemical\)](#), Suffolk County Crime Laboratory, Hauppauge, NY, Expires: August 5, 2013

[Latent Print Examiner](#), Colorado Bureau of Investigation, Denver, CO, Expires: May 29, 2013

[Quality Director](#), Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, Texas, Expires: July 30, 2013

[Crime Scene Investigator I](#), Johnson County Sheriff's Office, Criminalistics Laboratory, Olathe, Kansas, Expires: May 27, 2013

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

[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

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

[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.

University of California Davis Extension (UCDE): *Forensic Laboratory Leadership and Management Certificate*. Please go to www.extension.ucdavis.edu/forensiclab for information, class schedules, and an application form.

Conferences

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

[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

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.softox.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.