May 20, 2013

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
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: March 1, 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](http://www.extension.ucdavis.edu/forensiclab) for information, class schedules, and an application form.

**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](http://www.theiai.org) or contact conference@theiai.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
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 Chemist, 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
Dayton, Ohio. See www.mafs.net or MAFS_2013 for more details.


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

