June 10, 2013

General Announcements

Greetings:

The ASCLD board continues to be active in representing the membership at functions requiring a “forensic” voice. This week, Past-president Jill Spriggs attended the American Bar Association prescription for criminal justice forensics on Friday June 7th in New York City. ASCLD co-hosted this event with the ABA. Topics included: cutting edge research on bite marks, firearms, lab ethics and quality control and DNA mixture interpretations. This event was a great opportunity for outreach, to build relationships and provide a different perspective to the legal community.

Have a great week.

Jay Henry
ASCLD President

All of the available presentations and posters from the 2013 ASCLD Symposium are now available for download and review on the website. Please visit http://www.ascld.org/meetings-list/ and use the links on that page to see the various documents. I hope that having this information available on the website will prove useful to those members who were unable to attend the meeting.

George Herrin
ASCLD Communications Chair

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News Around the Globe

Maryland vs King Supreme Court Decision
Read the decision at http://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/12pdf/12-207_d18e.pdf.
Slack cops missing DNA 'not to do with budget'
The Australian
The Sunday Times revealed today that serious criminal cases including murder, rape and assault could be going unsolved because police have failed to do basic forensic work. This afternoon, Mr Dawson admitted that WA Police did not know what the ...

Audit reveals forensic lapses
ABC Online
According to newspaper reports an internal audit by police found more than two-thirds of offenders facing serious charges did not have their fingerprints or DNA samples taken. The audit covered 100,000 arrests in 2011. Opposition police spokesperson ...

Gang rape defendant claims wind carried DNA from beer can to condom
Fox News
Gordon Brown, Peter's attorney, told jurors Monday that wind from the helicopter could have compromised evidence at the scene and carried Peter's DNA from a beer can to a broken used condom found in the courtyard, according to the Contra Costa Times.

DNA data to be shared worldwide in medical research project
The Guardian
Medical researchers say the project is urgent because the falling cost of DNA sequencing will soon lead to a flood of genetic information that will be stored in separate information silos and go untapped unless it is held in standard formats and can be ...

DNA use won't be automatic in Nebraska, LPD chief says
Lincoln Journal Star
Simms, now LPD’s forensic identification manager, listed two other cases -- a 1997 double homicide and a 2008 sex assault of a 12-year-old girl -- in which DNA led to arrests years after the crimes. “None of these cases would've been cleared without ...

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Employment Opportunities
Criminalist – Toxicology, Houston Police Department Crime Lab, Houston, Texas, Expires: September 7, 2013
Criminalist – Serologist, Houston Police Department Crime Lab, Houston, Texas, Expires: September 7, 2013
Forensic Toxicologist or Trainee, Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Norfolk, VA, Expires: July 8, 2013
Forensic Scientist I – Biology/DNA, Johnson County Sheriff's Office, Criminalistics Laboratory, Olathe, Kansas, Expires: July 5,
DNA 'Fog' Marks Criminals Invisibly for Later ID
Discovery News
Now DNA can do the same job -- without the suspect being aware of it. This isn't using the criminal's own DNA to track him or her -- it's engineered, artificial gene sequences that act like bar codes. They can be applied to goods or people to uniquely ... 

DNA ruling's devil is in the details
Mankato Free Press
The U.S. Supreme Court's decision this week to allow law enforcement greater leeway in collecting DNA samples from those arrested raises a bevy of logistical questions for states, area police officials say. "Certainly Minnesota is going to want to take ...

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 2013
Criminalist (Firearm and Toolmark Examiner), Oxnard Police Department, Oxnard, California, Expires: July 1, 2013
Forensic Specialist I/II, County of San Mateo, San Mateo, California, Expires: June 20, 2013
Program Manager, Calibration and Training, Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Richmond, VA, Expires: June 28, 2013
Criminalist II, Firearms, Oakland Police Department, Oakland, CA, Expires: June 17, 2013
Criminalist II, Drug Chemistry, Oakland Police Department, Oakland, CA, Expires: June 17, 2013
Crime Lab Division Director, Albuquerque Police Department, Albuquerque, NM, Expires: June 14, 2013
Crime Lab Scientist (Entry-Level), Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Decatur, Georgia, Expires: June 11, 2013
Executive Director, St. Tammany Parish Coroner's Office, Lacombe, LA, Expires: June 15, 2013
Chief, Emerging Technology Section, Forensic Scientist 5, American Registry of Pathology, Dover, DE, Expires: July 22, 2013
Criminalist II, City of Chandler Police Department, Chandler, Arizona, Expires: June 9, 2013
Forensic Scientist – Firearms and Toolmarks, Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Norfolk, VA, Expires: June 10, 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
Forensic Scientist I (Chemical), Suffolk County Crime Laboratory, Hauppauge, NY, Expires: August 5, 2013
Quality Director, Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, Texas, Expires: July 30, 2013
Quality Assurance Specialist, DC Government – Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington,
toolmark examiners from Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies.

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**Conferences**


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](mailto:conference@theiai.org)


September 23-26, 2013 2nd Annual Advanced DNA Technical Workshop – Bode Mid-Atlantic, Charlottesville, VA. See [Bode Mid-Atlantic Conference](http://www.bodemidatlantic.org) for more details.

September 29 – October 4, 2013 Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists Fall Meeting Dayton, Ohio. See [www.mafs.net](http://www.mafs.net) or [MAFS_2013](http://www.mafs.net/mafs_2013) for more details.


October 20-24, 2013 Southern Association of Forensic Scientists, Huntsville, AL. [Click here for more information.](http://www.safs.org)

October 27-30, 2013 35th Annual Southwestern Association of Forensic Scientists, Santa Fe, NM.
See [http://www.swafs.us](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](http://www.soft-tox.org/meeting) for more information.