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American Society of Crime Lab Directors
Crime Lab Minute

General Announcements

The End of Unpaid Interns?

I’m attaching an interesting newspaper article forwarded to me by ASCLD member John Collins. John, who is one of leaders in forensic HR management, stated that, “this is a very fascinating court ruling regarding unpaid interns in the workplace. A judge ruled that unpaid internships violate minimum wage laws... Hopefully this will be appealed. I don't see how this could stand because it could be applied to volunteer work.” John is going to track this issue closely and keep us updated.

unpaid-intern-article.pdf

As a reminder, the closing date for the ASCLD Executive Director position is June 30, 2013. If you would like to be considered, please be sure to submit your application before the closing date.

ASCLD Executive Director Announcement

Have a great week.

Jay Henry
ASCLD President

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News Around the Globe

DNA sampling advocate hopes W.Va. policy is changed

Charleston Gazette
A New Mexico woman who wants police to collect DNA as part of their standard booking procedures hopes West Virginia becomes the next state to adopt such a policy. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled last week, in a 5-4 decision, that ...
Frank Dolejsi, director of BCA crime lab,retires. 
His 45-year legacy aided ... 
Pioneer Press 
Forensic scientists at the state crime lab examine blood and guns, but they recognize these are not isolated objects -- they're evidence of horrible crimes and victims who have suffered. Their day-to-day contact with life's darker side can take its ...

Canton-Stark County Crime Lab at a crossroads 
Canton Repository 
The Canton-Stark County Crime Lab has stopped testing crime-scene evidence for DNA and likely will hand over the DNA profiles of 1,500 local criminals to the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Interim Director Michele Foster said this week that ...

Forensic science training to aid cops in cracking cases 
Times of India 
The senior cops have been asking their juniors to stress more on forensic science assistance as it provides greater authenticity to police investigations or probes and the police could easily be able to collect required evidences against persons ...

DNA, blood samples collected at Ala. roadblocks 
Times Daily 
Drivers in St. Clair and Bibb counties who were stopped at roadblocks in the area over the weekend were asked to give anonymous DNA and blood samples as part of a study, authorities said Monday. Giving samples was voluntary, and participants were paid ...

Lawmakers for making DNA test mandatory in rape cases 
The News International 
When a sexual assault survivor has a forensic medical examination, the evidence collected from his/her body and/or clothing, which may include the offender's DNA, is packaged in a sexual assault evidence kit (sometimes referred to as a "rape kit ...

DNA Bill could help solve thousands of cases

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Employment Opportunities

Executive Director, ASCLD, Unknown, Expires: June 30, 2013 
Criminalist – Firearms, Houston Police Department Crime Lab, Houston, Texas, Expires: September 13, 2013 
Regional Section Manager, Texas Department of Public Safety, Houston, Texas, Expires: June 24, 2013 
Forensic Chemist III, Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, TX, Expires: September 11, 2013 
Forensic Scientist III/Quality Assurance
Independent Online
The Criminal Law (Forensic Procedures) Amendment Bill, known as the DNA Bill, will also see the training of prosecutors and judicial officers on how to deal with and manage the new evidence once the country sets up its first national DNA database, ...

Police Agencies Are Assembling Records of DNA
New York Times
Slowly, and largely under the radar, a growing number of local law enforcement agencies across the country have moved into what had previously been the domain of the F.B.I. and state crime labs — amassing their own DNA databases of potential suspects, ...

Human DNA not patentable: US Supreme Court
NDTV
Naturally occurring human gene sequences cannot be patented but artificially created DNA can be, the US Supreme Court ruled unanimously Thursday. The verdict represented a compromise between the goals of the biotech industry, which wanted to ...

N.C. crime lab wins international seal of approval
Charlotte Observer
The main SBI lab in Raleigh is now internationally accredited in all its disciplines: drugs, toxicology, biology and DNA, firearms, trace, latent and digital evidence. The state’s other two labs also stepped up their credentials. The Triad Regional ...

Conferences


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

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, 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
Chief, Emerging Technology Section, Forensic Scientist 5, American Registry of Pathology, Dover, DE, Expires: July 22, 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 –
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.

