June 24, 2013

General Announcements

National Forensic Science Week

I’m very pleased to announce that ASCLD, along with our CFSO colleagues and partners at IACP, MCC, ASCIA and MCSA have teamed up to participate in the National Forensic Science Week. This concept originated out of an idea that ASCLD member and MCC forensic committee chair Mike Garvey mentioned during the Durham meeting. Mike took the idea, developed a flyer and added some support/example documentation (See below):

Forensic Science Week Flyer
Forensic Science Week Planning Guide

The dates of August 11th thru the 17th were selected because it was a time when most of our elected officials would be back home visiting constituents. I know the dates don’t give us much time to prepare for this year but we decided that we just needed to get started. The intent is to make this an annual event. It will be a great opportunity to educate our policymakers, customers and the public on what we do. In future CLM’s, I will highlight different examples of how our members are celebrating this week.

Jay Henry
ASCLD President

From the Lab Bench to the Courtroom: Advancing the Science

U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation will hold a hearing on Wednesday, June 26, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. titled, “From the Lab Bench to the Courtroom: Advancing the Science and Standards of Forensics.” The

Vendor Sponsors

Calibrate, Inc. founded the pipette calibration industry in 1983 and remains North America's leader in the business. No one knows pipettes better. ISO 17025 Accredited since 2004 (by the American Association of Laboratory Accreditation, or A2LA, a signatory to the ILAC MRA), our focus is on quality.

We work nationwide and in eastern Canada, either on-site or in one of our three mail-in laboratories.

Pipette service is available for all makes and models of pipettes as well as bottle-top dispensers and pipet-aids. We offer an extended warranty on all parts and labor, and are known for delivering high quality work and excellent customer service. We solve problems. It was for these reasons that we were recently chosen by Business Leaders magazine as a 2009 Business Champion.

Visit us on the web at http://www.pipetpeople.com or email us at forensics@pipetpeople.com for more information about how our quality pipette services can help you create a bullet-proof pipette calibration program at your facility today.
hearing will be webcast live via the Senate Commerce Committee website. ASCLD Past President Jill Spriggs has been invited to testify before the committee.

News Around the Globe

PA DNA law resurfaces after US Supreme Court decision
Pennsylvania Independent
The Pennsylvania Senate voted, 39-8, Tuesday to pass legislation requiring the collection and storage of DNA samples upon arrest for certain crimes. Passage of Senate Bill 150 comes shortly after the U.S. Supreme Court affirmed the constitutionality of ...

Big Forensic Science Laboratory backlog hampers probes
Times of India
The courts in Delhi, too, have on several occasions expressed their displeasure about the same. Last year, a lower court had directed the home secretary, Delhi government, to set up at least 12 forensic science laboratories across the capital to deal ...

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

PerkinElmer’s application-driven laboratory solutions help our customers increase productivity in blood alcohol, drugs of abuse, trace evidence and arson analysis.

From quantitative determination of targeted analytes and finding unknown toxic substances in the same analysis by UHPLC/TOF to providing the industry benchmark for accurate blood alcohol analysis by Headspace-GC to FTIR Microscope systems routinely used in many high profile cases throughout the world, PerkinElmer offers technologies, consumables and services that help you get the job done... in less time, with higher accuracy and proven results.

CustomerCareUS@PerkinElmer.com or http://www.perkinelmer.com

Employment Opportunities

Criminalist – Controlled Substances, Houston Police Department Crime Laboratory, Houston, Texas 77002, Expires: September 20, 2013
Forensic Scientist – Forensic Biology, Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office, West Palm Beach, Florida, Expires: June 28, 2013
Criminalist II, City of Chandler, Chandler, Arizona, Expires: August 17, 2013
Criminalist – Firearms, Houston Police Department Crime Lab, Houston, Texas, Expires: September 13, 2013
Regional Section Manager, Texas Department
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.

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

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 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 7-11, 2013 Association of Forensic Scientists, Houston, Texas, Expires: June 24, 2013
Forensic Chemist III, Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, TX, Expires: September 11, 2013
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
Program Manager, Calibration and Training, Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Richmond, VA, Expires: June 28, 2013
Chief, Emerging Technology Section, Forensic Scientist 5, American Registry of Pathology, Dover, DE, Expires: July 22, 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 –

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


Nov 11-12, 2013 Crime Scene and Shooting Incident Reconstruction. 2 day seminar at George Mason University in Fairfax, VA. See http://www.ocpe.gmu.edu/programs/legal/cold_case.php for more details.


Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington, DC, Expires: July 16, 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 (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