July 1, 2013

General Announcements

A very busy week…

First, a big note of thanks to Past President Jill Spriggs for representing us and CFSO this week in Washington, DC at a US Senate hearing for the Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee.

[Senate Hearing Video]

Next, our Training & Education Committee has been very busy evaluating the creation of a national forensic management training program (the "ASCLD Forensic Management Academy"). Various models are being explored. Overall, this will require a focused dedication and a major scope of work to be completed in order for the project to be successful. Before we make a sizable investment in time and energy on the project, we would like to know the membership’s thoughts on the concept. We have developed a short survey that we would greatly appreciate you taking a moment to fill out. Your responses will guide the T&E Committee on the need for and support of a national forensic management training program. We would appreciate your completed feedback by July 31st.

Link: [http://surveys.questionpro.com/a/t/AGGeDZPsN](http://surveys.questionpro.com/a/t/AGGeDZPsN)

Finally, I hope all ASCLD members are making plans to recognize national forensic science week! To further assist the membership, Mike Garvey has created a centralized website for all participants to gather information and post their ideas and successes! Please take a moment and check out this resource.

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News Around the Globe

Watson: 'DNA was my only gold rush'
KETK
Solving the DNA structure set the stage for the foundation of much of modern biology, as scientists use insights about DNA to develop disease treatments, trace the inheritance of physical traits and explore how conditions can be passed down from ...

Moultrie crime lab receives DNA accreditation
Moultrie Observer
The Georgia Bureau of Investigation’s southwestern regional crime lab has received international accreditation for forensic DNA analysis. The lab in Moultrie was certified this week by the American Society of Crime Lab Directors/Laboratory.

Police say DNA sampling won't choke Las Vegas lab
San Francisco Chronicle
A new Nevada law requiring DNA samples to be collected from anyone arrested on a felony charge won’t choke an already backlogged crime lab serving southern Nevada, authorities said, but the chief public defender in Las Vegas worries that high ...

Some Cases Can’t Be Prosecuted After DNA Destroyed In Aurora
AURORA, Colo. (CBS4)
DNA evidence in dozens of sexual assault cases has been destroyed and could leave many of them unsolved.

'Junk DNA' May Not Be So Worthless After All
RedOrbit
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Employment Opportunities

Forensic Services Laboratory Technician (NIBIN), City of Mesa, Mesa, AZ, Expires: September 28, 2013
Forensic Scientist I (Serology), Suffolk County Crime Lab, Hauppauge, NY, Expires: August 16, 2013
Laboratory Manager, Washington State Patrol Crime Laboratory Division, Spokane WA, Expires: July 29, 2013
Criminalist – Controlled Substances, Houston Police Department Crime Laboratory, Houston, Texas 77002, Expires: September 20, 2013
Criminalist II, City of Chandler, Chandler,
lies tucked away within a nucleus. However, a surprisingly small percentage of this DNA actually codes for genes that can be translated into proteins. In fact, some researchers estimate as much as 98 ...

Wild horse DNA sets record
Brisbane Times
Researchers have unravelled the genetic code of a wild horse that loped across the frozen Canadian Yukon about 700,000 years ago, making it the oldest creature to reveal its DNA to modern science. Until recently, experts believed it was impossible to ...

Ohio police department using fake drug checkpoints to identify suspicious ...
Washington Post
Police in the Cleveland suburb of Mayfield Heights know they're not allowed to use checkpoints to search drivers and their cars for drugs. So they're trying the next best thing: fake drug checkpoints. Police in the city of 19 ...

Drug and Alcohol Official Warns About the Dangers of Acetyl Fentanyl
Patch.com
The Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs in Washington County issued a warning Friday about fentanyl and its derivative, acetyl fentanyl, a deadly drug that resembles heroin, but is much more potent and has caused 50 deaths in Pennsylvania this year ...

Drug court ends in Black Hawk County
NECN
After more than seven years in operation, Black Hawk County's drug court is adjourning. The Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier reports ( ) officials decided to cut the program because of a lack of funding. Also being cut is the county ...

Colorado health department suspending toxicology testing for audit
Pueblo Chieftain
The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment on Wednesday will suspend blood-alcohol and blood-drug testing at its toxicology laboratory until further notice, according to a news Arizona, Expires: August 17, 2013
Criminalist – Firearms, Houston Police Department Crime Lab, Houston, Texas, Expires: September 13, 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
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 – Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington,
release from the state agency. During the suspension, the lab ...

**Budget cuts shrink plan for new KC crime lab**
STLtoday.com
A proposed $40 million crime laboratory promised to Kansas City voters when they approved the extension of a public safety sales tax in 2010 might need to be scaled back because of budget overruns, city officials said. The laboratory and a new police ...

**World-Herald editorial: Lab merger makes sense**
Omaha World-Herald
While the Douglas County Sheriff’s Office and the Omaha Police Department each continues to operate its own crime lab, a single merged city-county lab would better serve taxpayers. Now, after years of deadlock, there appears to be some hope that this ...

**New Crime Lab Includes Firearms Testing Range**
KRIS Corpus Christi News
"A new section devoted to fire arms where scientists can analyze and compare firearm evidence along with tool mark evidence which helps determine which tool is responsible for marks or impressions found at a crime scene," Public Safety Commission ...

**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/](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](http://www.nfstc.org/apply-now-for-online-medicolegal-death-investigation-course/) for a list of upcoming
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 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

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 Dayton, Ohio. See www.mafs.net or MAFS 2013

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.
