

July 1, 2013



American Society of Crime Lab Directors Crime Lab Minute

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/AGGeDZPsnA>

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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Link: www.forensicscienceweek.org

Thank you and we appreciate your feedback!

Jay Henry
ASCLD President

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](#)

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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

[Forensic Scientist III/Quality Assurance](#)

[Specialist-Latent Print Examiner](#), City of Saint Paul, Saint Paul, MN, Expires: September 10, 2013

[Forensic Scientist II-Latent Print Examiner](#), City of Saint Paul, Saint Paul, MN, Expires: September 10, 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

[Forensic Scientist \(Crime Scene\)](#), DC Government – Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington, DC, Expires: August 13, 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 ...

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: September 29, 2013

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 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](#)

for more details.

October 7-11, 2013 Association of Forensic Quality Assurance Managers (AFQAM) Annual Training Conference, at The Genesee Grande Hotel in Syracuse, NY. Additional details are posted at www.afqam.org.

October 20-24, 2013 Southern Association of Forensic Scientists, Huntsville, AL. [Click here for more information](#).

October 27-30, 2013 35th Annual Southwestern Association of Forensic Scientists, Santa Fe, NM. See <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> 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.

May 3-8, 2014 ASCLD Symposium at the Doubletree Resort, Paradise Valley in Scottsdale, AZ, See <http://www.asclد.org/meetings-list/> for more information.

August 31 – September 4, 2014: 22nd International Symposium on the Forensic Sciences in Adelaide, South Australia. See <http://anzfss.org.au/international-symposium/> for more information.