General Announcements

National Forensic Science Week (August 11 -- 17th) is around the corner...

As a reminder, there are about two weeks left to prepare for the kickoff of the first, coordinated national event designed to raise awareness among our stakeholders about the importance of forensic science in our communities. I hope that each member is able to take advantage of this week to showcase their good work and speak about future needs. Please feel free to use the following website as a resource for preparation and sharing of information!

http://www.forensicscienceweek.org/index.html

Thanks and have a great forensic science week!

Jay Henry
ASCLD President

News Around the Globe

Scientists Applaud FBI's Decision To Review Reliability Of Forensic ...
Mintpress News
Since DNA testing can cost several thousand dollars, hair analysis is often used to ... Despite the poor reliability, Todd says microscopic hair analysis is “a valid ...

A bigger crime lab is best for KC's future
Kansas City Star
At a meeting Tuesday, the Board of Police Commissioners needs to stand firm in its insistence that residents deserve the kind of crime lab they were promised — and they

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**DNA solves 100th cold case in Denver -- the 1981 and sexual assault of ...**
The Denver Channel
For the 100th time, the Denver Cold Case Project has used DNA evidence to close a case that had previously been unsolved. According to Lynn Kimbrough, spokeswoman for the Denver District Attorney, the case solved this time was a sexual ...

**Staffordshire Police makes £560k cuts to forensic force**
This is Staffordshire
Staffordshire Police has shaved £560,000 off its budget for forensic work, which includes gathering evidence at the scene of crimes, such as collecting fingerprints or DNA samples. . .

**LSP Crime Lab clears backlog of cases - WAFB 9 News Baton ...**
WAFB.com
"Having a crime lab that operates in real time will also help us assist local law enforcement faster and focus on advanced training for law enforcement personnel ..."

**State police crime lab eliminates backlog**
Shreveport Times
Mike Edmonson said all units of the crime lab — narcotics, physical evidence, toxicology and DNA — are now providing “real time” forensic support for cases as ...

**Kentucky missed DNA samples from up to 7000 felons**
Chicago Sun-Times
Kentucky failed to collect DNA samples from between 6,300 and 7,000 felons over a four-year period, so now it's asking many who are ...

**DNA database to tackle 'blight' of sex crime**
Irish Independent
Mr Shatter said the database would hold a DNA profile of everyone convicted of a crime which attracts a sentence greater than five years. Gardai will also be ...

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**Employment Opportunities**

**Forensic Scientist – Latent Print Examiner**, DuPage County Forensic Science Center, Wheaton, IL, Expires: September 6, 2013
**Supervisor of Forensic Services – Lab Director**, New York State Police, Olean, New York, Expires: August 14, 2013
**Crime Lab Scientist (Entry-Level)**, Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Georgia, Expires: August 20, 2013
**Supervisor of Forensic Services – Firearms**,
Crime lab, engineering program among budget wins for WNC
BlueRidgeNow.com
Buried in the nearly 400 pages of budget passed by North Carolina lawmakers Wednesday are several projects that will benefit Henderson County and the ...

DNA breakthrough might crack illegal drugs fight
ABC Online
The collection and analysis of DNA are considered among the greatest breakthroughs in forensic science. Now scientists in South Australia have pioneered two ...

Cyber lab proposal gives cops the jitters
Times of India
The police department's plan to set up an exclusive cyber laboratory to combat hi-tech crime has run into resistance from lower-level officers, who fear the move may bring their activities under strict surveillance. "At present, junior-level ..

$11.9M crime lab is set for BGSU
Toledo Blade
A new building at Bowling Green State University will offer a cutting-edge forensic crime laboratory. Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine is to attend a groundbreaking Wednesday for an $11.9 million Bureau of Criminal Investigation ...

Northland computer crime lab is one of the nation's finest
Kansas City Star
It completes more forensic digital examinations than any other FBI-led computer crime lab in the nation, according to 2011 figures, the most recent available.

Mass. high court rules on drug lab case procedures
Houston Chronicle
Massachusetts' highest court has decided special magistrates who are handling drug cases tainted by a crime lab scandal can't release ...

Colorado computer forensic crime lab gets accreditation
9NEWS.com
From child pornography, fraud and murder, a computer forensics crime lab that helps convict criminals announced it has received national ...

**Texas A&M Statistician Helps Restructure Houston Police Crime Lab**
Texas A&M University
"The end goal is to have a crime lab that's not associated with the police department, so it's not trying to please its employer, but rather focused on doing good ..."

**Crime lab change to speed police work**
Our Colorado News
It may take Wheat Ridge police less time to solve crimes soon, now that the city has agreed to partner with other Jefferson County agencies to form a regional ...

**Firearm forensics expert helps to identify guns used in 1866 battles**
Wyoming Tribune
In his career as a forensic firearms examiner for the state crime lab, Steve Norris has looked at a lot of guns. But it's not every day he has had the ...

**Local drug bust part of largest takedown in world**
KFDA
The world's largest synthetic drug bust has been revealed this week and the Drug Enforcement Administration says they even seized synthetics from a local shop. The Drug Enforcement Administration says they seized an undetermined amount of spice from ...

**How To Build Your Own CSI Forensics Lab**
Wired
If you've been waiting for the right handbook to come along and tell you how to build your own forensic laboratory, keep waiting. The National Institute of Standards Technology (NIST)'s new edition of the "Forensic Science Laboratories: Handbook for ...

**King inaugurates new forensic lab**
Ammon News
His Majesty King Abdullah, the Supreme Commander of the Jordan Armed Forces, inaugurated the new premises of the forensic and 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
**Lab Director**, Sorenson Forensics, Salt Lake City, Utah, Expires: August 16, 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
**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
**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
criminal evidence lab at the Public Security Department (PSD) on Monday. The King toured the facility ...

Forensic fingers
Chemistry World
Forensic analysis is typically carried out in a central laboratory, requiring time-consuming sampling, transportation and storage. Joseph Wang and colleagues at the University California, San Diego, have built on their expertise with wearable sensors ...

Ministers warned that neglecting forensic science threatens justice
Telegraph.co.uk
Since then some in-house police forensic laboratories have failed to make enough progress towards achieving the same standards as private providers, the ...

Syracuse Police Department operated unaccredited forensic ...
Syracuse.com
A Syracuse police detective may have violated state laws by performing forensic tests on the department’s casework in an unaccredited lab ...

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.

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 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.
