August 5, 2013

General Announcements

Scholarship Recipients

I’m pleased to announce that the ASCLD Scholarship Committee recommended $1000 awards to two students: Kelsey M Caya of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin and Nancy A Kedzierski of Bakersfield, California. Both students successfully competed with a pool of other well qualified applicants. Each will receive a check for $1000 that can be used for the upcoming 2013/2014 school year. Congratulations Kelsey and Nancy!

A special thanks to ASCLD member Tracy Birch and her fellow committee members for reviewing all of the exceptionally qualified students and their application materials.

Jay Henry
ASCLD President

The International Forensic Strategic Alliance (IFSA) has created a survey to determine how it can add value to your network. Thank you for taking the time in answering this survey which includes 18 questions. Your answers will help IFSA define a strategic plan for meeting the needs of your organization. Please click on the link below to start the survey
http://surveys.questionpro.com/a/t/AGGeDZPwOB

Soraya McClung
International Liaison Chair

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News Around the Globe

The United Kingdom's Science and Technology Committee published the results of a follow-up inquiry into the 2012 closure of the Forensic Science Service. Download the 191-page report.

State DNA database growing
High Point Enterprise
Since 2011, police and sheriff's departments have been collecting DNA samples from suspects charged with certain crimes. Prior to this, DNA profiles were ...

Suspects' DNA deleted due to 'Home Office incompetence'
BBC News
Thousands of DNA profiles of suspected sex offenders are being deleted from the national database because of Home Office incompetence, Labour claims.

DNA bill by year end
News24
Cape Town - MPs are edging closer to passing the DNA bill - a much needed tool to improve conviction rates in the country. Deliberations on the Criminal Law..

Quick DNA test may be new crime-fighting tool
Baraboo News Republic
MADISON — Wisconsin law enforcement officials are tracking a new technology that might allow investigators to perform a DNA analysis in as little as 90 ...

Crime lab gets nearly 3300 untested rape kits
Canton Repository
Attorney General Mike DeWine says that Ohio's crime lab has tested more than 1,300 of those kits for DNA, and about 400 resulted in a match. DeWine mounted ...

Miss. law calls for DNA tests on umbilical cord blood collected from ...
New York Daily News
And questions abound: At roughly $1,000 a pop, who will pay for the DNA tests in the country's

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Employment Opportunities

Laboratory Director, Oregon State Police, Central Point, OR, Expires: August 25, 2013
Forensic Scientist – Toxicology, Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Roanoke, VA, Expires: August 22, 2013
Forensic Scientist – Controlled Substances, Virginia Department of Forensic Science,
poorest state? Even after test results arrive, can prosecutors ...

**Montgomery County Police lab puts crime under a microscope**

Gazette.Net: Maryland Community News Online
Five units — Firearms Examinations, Latent Prints, Forensic Biology, Forensic Chemistry, and Crimes Scenes — operate in the lab, which takes up about 20,000 ..

**Withhold salary of forensic science lab head: Court**

Times of India
LUCKNOW: Growing pendency of cases at forensic science laboratories in the state has once again brought them in the line of fire with a court ordering treasury ..

**Detective in Alemany case did not return calls, Davis says**

Boston Globe
Physical evidence, including a bottle, was collected from the scene on Parker Hill Avenue in Roxbury, and the department's crime laboratory, which analyzes ..

**Kenny MacAskill full of praise for Dundee's state-of-art forensic lab**

The Courier
The laboratory was Scotland's first purpose-built forensic science laboratory in almost 15 years, and it had to modernise to meet the national needs of Scottish ...

**Victims' fingerprints must be taken**

ABQ Journal
Officials hope the new requirement will help clear a backlog of about 300 cases by helping lab technicians eliminate many prints collected at crime scenes by ...

**Attorney general: Va. to expand in-house lab used for evidence in ...**

Washington Post
The forensic computer lab expansion will quadruple the size of the current lab by ...
Currently, officers have to bring evidence to the lab and wait while forensic ...
**COA okays travel funds of crime lab experts**
Visayan Daily Star
The Commission on Audit yesterday approved the release of P30,000 to cover travel expenses of experts of the Philippine National Police Crime Laboratory in..

**Kalina lab to get 360 new recruits**
Hindustan Times
In a major recruitment drive that will reduce the workload on the Directorate of Forensic Sciences Laboratory (DFSL) at Kalina, 360 people will be recruited for ...

**GBI discovers LSD-like drug in Georgia**
WSB Atlanta
The Georgia Bureau of Investigation said its crime lab discovered a new drug similar to LSD. "We have seen drugs that are like synthetic LSD, likened to LSD," ...

**Violent crime goes up with heat**
StandardNet
Researchers analyzed 60 studies on historic empire collapses, recent wars, violent crime rates in the United States, lab simulations that tested police decisions..

**Lost time in courts still vexes state lab**
Northwest Arkansas News
Despite efforts in recent years to curb it, state Crime Laboratory specialists drove 53,005 miles and spent 902 hours and $26,435 over the past 12 months on ...

**Misdemeanor drug arrests plummet following marijuana law change**
Sacramento Bee
The number of misdemeanor drug arrests in California fell by nearly 50 percent over the last five years as legislation reduced possession of a small amount of..

**US judge: Drug stings in Chicago may involve racially profiling**
Washington Post
CHICAGO — The chief judge of U.S. District Court in Chicago has questioned whether the federal government in a drug case racially profiled African-

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**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
Americans ...

**Park Police: 98% of guns accounted for**
Salt Lake Tribune
Washington • The U.S. Park Police says it now has tabs on 98 percent of its firearms and has ordered a thorough review to make sure it stays that way, though ..

**Interest grows in New Zealand's designer drug law**
A novel New Zealand law that could legalize some designer drugs is being scrutinized with interest by other countries struggling to keep up with the proliferation of "party pills" and similar products.

**Conferences**

August 4-10, 2013  International Association for Identification (IAI) 98th International Educational Conference in Providence, RI. For more information see [www.theiai.org](http://www.theiai.org) or contact conference@theiai.org


September 29 – October 4, 2013  Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists Fall Meeting Dayton, Ohio. See [www.mafs.net](http://www.mafs.net) or [MAFS_2013](http://www.mafs.net) for more details.


October 20-24, 2013  Southern Association of Forensic Scientists, Huntsville, AL.  [Click here for more information](http://www.safs.org).

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](http://www.safs.org).

**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.


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.
