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American Society of Crime Lab Directors Crime Lab Minute

General Announcements

National Forensic Science Week has begun!

The National Forensic Science Week officially began on August 11th. During this week, all practitioners of forensic science are encouraged to engage their stakeholders in discussions about resource and policy needs as well as education and awareness about the role they play in the criminal justice system. It's also a great opportunity to showcase the good work that you do for your community. In Utah, we have tours scheduled for our customers, legislators and congressional representatives. We have also planned a media day and an afternoon for just lab personnel and their families. Please feel free to use the following website as a resource.

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

Have a great forensic science week!

Jay Henry
ASCLD President

International Initiatives

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>

The National Institute of Forensic Science/Australia New Zealand Policing Advisory Agency is conducting a study on manufacturer DNA

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contamination. A survey ([download the spreadsheet form here](#)) has been developed which will capture information to map out the issue and identify possible sources and points of product contamination. The results will be used in the development of the ISO Standard "Minimizing the risk of human DNA contamination in products used to collect and analyze biological material for forensic purposes". Preliminary results will be presented at ISFG in September and full results will be presented at the ISO PC/272 Meeting in February.

Please send your responses to Dr. Linzi Wilson-Wilde, General Manager at NIFS by August 21, 2013 if possible.

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Thank you for taking the time to fill out the survey

Soraya McClung
International Liaison Committee Chair

Member Submission

Timothy Scanlan, Jefferson Parish Crime Lab Director and ASCLD member, submitted the following request:

As a member of the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors (ASCLD) you are invited to participate in a [survey](#), regarding major challenges facing forensic science administrators. The purpose of this study is to test the theory that the United States Supreme Court ruling in Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals (Daubert Ruling), the CSI Effect, and the National Academy of Sciences 2009 report on forensic science (NAS Report) have a significant impact on the field of forensic science, from the examination of evidence, through the reporting of results and the testimony by members of the forensic science community. Your input is valuable as this research may provide insight about the impact of Daubert, the CSI effect and the NAS Report on U.S. crime laboratories.



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Employment Opportunities

[Sheriff's Supervising Forensic Scientist \(Firearms and Toolmark\)](#), Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Ventura, CA, Expires: August 30, 2013
[Sheriff's Forensic Scientist II/III Toxicology/Blood Alcohol](#), Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Ventura, CA, Expires: September 6, 2013
[Criminalist](#), The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, Expires: November 6, 2013
[Director](#), The Pennsylvania State University,

News Around the Globe

[Crime lab honored by feds](#)

Rochester Democrat and Chronicle
Scott Heagney, right, the agent in charge of the Rochester office of U.S. Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, presents an award to Monroe County Crime ...

[DNA Cold Case Task Force revisits decades-old rape cases, tackles ...](#)

Plain Dealer
As a statewide initiative to test DNA evidence in old rape cases begins to yield matches to offenders in dozens of Cleveland cases, Cuyahoga County Prosecutor ...

[Researcher uses DNA to demonstrate just how closely everyone on ...](#)

[Phys.Org](#)
The DNA sequences it provided also covered 500,000 locations on the genome known to indicate individual variations from person to person. Using a computer ...

[Drug-recognition officers](#)

The Seattle Times
Drug-recognition officers are law enforcement's answer to Initiative 502 and a U.S. Supreme Court ruling that officers must have a warrant for a drug test.

[Rio Drug-Testing Lab Gets WADA Ban as Olympics, World Cup Near](#)

Bloomberg
The drug-testing laboratory that would be responsible for Olympic and soccer World Cup testing in Rio de Janeiro had its accreditation suspended by the World ...

[Crime lab honored by feds](#)

Rochester Democrat and Chronicle
In 1999, the Monroe County Crime Laboratory, like many other public safety labs ... Earlier this year, the lab had its 500th "hit" — a match between crime scene ..

[Austin's Crime Lab Grows Thanks In Part To TV's](#)

University Park, PA, Expires: November 6, 2013
[Forensic Scientist- Toxicology Unit](#), Metro Nashville Police Department, Nashville, TN, Expires: November 5, 2013
[Forensic Scientist- Firearm and Toolmark Unit](#), Metro Nashville Police Department, Nashville, TN, Expires: November 5, 2013
[Forensic Scientist- DNA/ Serology](#), Metro Nashville Police, Nashville, Tennessee, Expires: November 5, 2013
[Forensic Scientist- Drug ID](#), Metro Nashville Police Department, Nashville, TN, Expires: November 5, 2013
[Laboratory Director](#), Oregon State Police, Central Point, OR, Expires: August 25, 2013
[Forensic Scientist – Latent Prints](#), Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Roanoke, VA, Expires: August 22, 2013
[Forensic Scientist – Toxicology](#), Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Roanoke, VA, Expires: August 22, 2013
[Forensic Scientist – Controlled Substances](#), Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Manassas, VA, Expires: August 22, 2013
[Sheriff's Forensic Scientist Trainee/Forensic Scientist I – Latent Print Examiner](#), Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Ventura, CA, Expires: August 30, 2013
[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](#), New York State Police, Albany, New York, Expires: August 14, 2013
[Grand Junction Lab Director](#), Colorado Bureau of Investigation, Lakewood, Expires: August 14, 2013
[Multiple Postions](#), NMDPS Forensic Laboratories, Multiple NM Locations, Expires: September 30, 2013
[Latent Print Examiner Supervisor](#), Orange County Sheriff's Office, Orlando, Florida, Expires: October 22, 2013
[DNA Analyst](#), Sorenson Forensics, Salt Lake City, Utah, Expires: September 9, 2013
[Forensic Chemist](#), Miami Valley Regional Crime Laboratory, Dayton, OH, Expires: August 16, 2013

[CSI](#)

KEYE TV

When you see CSI come on your TV screen you expect to see the brightest minds using the latest technology to put away the bad guys in an hour's time.

[\\$11.9 million crime lab to be built at University and finished by fall ...](#)

BG News

A new crime lab is soon to be built at the University to replace the one currently on the ... The state of Ohio currently has three crime labs being operated, and the ...

[Funding might help ease backlog of Arizona DNA cases](#)

KPHO Phoenix

Figurelli, the superintendent of the DPS Crime Labs system in Arizona, says funding from the state Legislature will help him fill eight DNA criminalist posts.

[Johnsburg to subscribe to faster crime lab, add two officers](#)

Northwest Herald

The full-service crime lab, funded by a consortium of area departments, was cut from the village's budget in 2009 due because of the recession. The village ...

[New regional crime lab in Greeley to host open house](#)

[ReporterHerald.com](#)

Construction on the new state-of-the-art Northern Colorado Regional Forensics Laboratory is complete "ahead of schedule and under budget," Weld County ...

[National Forensic Science Week](#)

91.5 KIOS-FM

Ray says the week of activities gives the public the opportunity to see what the crime lab does and to recognize individuals in the forensics field. These are the ...

[Proposal to change hiring rules for forensic science labs pending for ...](#)

Indian Express

[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

[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

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

Even as the forensic science laboratories across the state continue to struggle with staff crunch, graduates from the Institute of Forensic Science are currently not ...

[County medical examiner's office catching up with rape kit testing](#)

Plain Dealer

The County Medical Examiner's office said this week its regional forensic lab has made strides to whittle down a backlog of rape kits submitted for testing by the ...

[New DNA system to be introduced](#)

Belfast Telegraph

Stormont's Justice Minister David Ford, who visited the current FSNI labs in Carrickfergus, said the region was leading the way in terms of forensic services.

[Delay in blood testing has created major backlog of DWI cases](#)

Winston-Salem Journal

Some driving-while-impaired cases in Forsyth County are languishing in courts because a state crime lab in Greensboro is doing hardly any blood testing, ...

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](#).

[ASCLD-LAB Training](#) Training classes to help forensic laboratory personnel understand the requirements of *ISO/IEC 17025 General Requirements for the Competency of Testing and Calibration Laboratories*.

Conferences

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.afgam.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.