

August 19, 2013



## American Society of Crime Lab Directors Crime Lab Minute

### General Announcements

Some movement...

Senator Leahy's Senior Counsel, Chan Park, attended the International Association for Identification (IAI) conference in Providence, RI earlier this month and announced that Senator Leahy plans to re-introduce his bill on forensic reform in September. IAI is also a member of the CFSO. It is unclear what changes will be made to the Bill but according to Leahy's staff at IAI it will be similar to the July 2012 version. In addition-- perhaps of more encouragement-- was the fact that Republican Minority Whip and Member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Senator Cornyn, has agreed to co-sponsor the legislation.

Switching topics, I hope you had a valuable national forensic science week. I heard about several different ways that departments were choosing to interact with their community. Check out the news blog here:

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

Have a great 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

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<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 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.

[linzi.wilson-wilde.nifs@anzpaa.org.au](mailto:linzi.wilson-wilde.nifs@anzpaa.org.au)

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



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## **Employment Opportunities**

[Security Systems Manager](#), Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, Texas, Expires: November 15, 2013  
[Regional Crime Laboratory Manager](#), Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Moultrie, Georgia, Expires: August 26, 2013  
[Sheriff's Supervising Forensic Scientist \(Firearms and Toolmark\)](#), Ventura County Sheriff's Office, Ventura, CA, Expires: August 30, 2013

NAS Report on U.S. crime laboratories.

## *News Around the Globe*

### [India's first Cyber Forensic Lab set up in Tripura](#)

Times of India

AGARTALA: India's first Cyber Forensic Laboratory (CFL) has been set up in ... The lab, established at the Tripura High Court will provide court case related ...

### [Public welcome to visit State Crime Lab on Thursday in Missoula](#)

The Missoulian

In conjunction with National Forensic Science Week, the State Crime Lab in Missoula plans a public open house Thursday, Aug. 15, from 1 to 3 p.m

### [New Hanover County Sheriff's Office crime lab receives international ...](#)

Port City Daily

The New Hanover County Sheriff's Office recently received its accreditation from the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors Laboratory Accreditation ...

### [A look at the work of a crime lab technician](#)

MyFox Phoenix

It's National Forensic Science Week and we're getting a rare look inside the Phoenix Police Department's crime lab. It looks like something straight out of a TV ...

### [NC State Crime Lab Toxicology Tests Backed Up](#)

WFMY News 2

That's why prosecutors and even defense attorneys all over the state are frustrated the State Crime Lab has become so backed up. It's taking more than a year, ...

### [Columbus Crime Lab To Get \\$11 Million Facelift](#)

10TV

"That will give us the opportunity to add more resources, more people, more instrumentation, so that we can better address crime and analysis of evidence that ...

### [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, 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

[Crime Lab Scientist \(Entry-Level\)](#), Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Georgia, Expires: August 20, 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 Services Laboratory Technician \(NIBIN\)](#), City of Mesa, Mesa, AZ, Expires: September 28, 2013

[Criminalist – Controlled Substances](#), Houston Police Department Crime Laboratory, Houston, Texas 77002, Expires: September 20, 2013

[Mesa police show off their Forensic Services lab ABC15.com](#) (KNXV-TV)

The Mesa Police Department's Forensic Services lab employs over 70 people that process over 35,000 requests every year. The full service crime laboratory ...

[Forensics 'not glitz and glamour'](#)

Suffolk News-Herald

The department's Eastern Laboratory in Norfolk evaluates evidence for crimes ... tour of the lab on Tuesday in recognition of National Forensic Science Week.

[Vegas police hosting forensic science event](#)

KVVU Las Vegas

The public will have the opportunity to learn and ask about life in Las Vegas Metro's Forensic Lab during a special event Tuesday. In the event titled "Forensic ...

[Canton to hand over crime lab operations](#)

Canton Repository

The agency that funds the Canton-Stark County Crime Lab is being asked to take over its daily operations and make decisions over the hiring and firing of ...

[Details emerge about KC East Patrol crime lab's busted budget](#)

KCTV Kansas City

Controversy continues to grow over Kansas City's plans to tear down some east side homes to build a new crime lab and East Patrol substation. Some residents ...

[City takes step closer to fully funding new East Patrol crime lab](#)

KSHB

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Kansas City remains \$6 million short of the \$80 million it would need to build a new crime lab police have asked for, with less than a month ...

[Holder seeks to avert mandatory minimum sentences for some low ...](#)

Washington Post

Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. is set to announce Monday that low-level, nonviolent drug

[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

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.mafs.net) or [MAFS 2013](#) for more details.

October 5-11, 2013 11<sup>th</sup> Indo Pacific Association of Law, Medicine and Science in Malaysia. See <http://inpalms.org> for more information.

October 7-11, 2013 Association of Forensic Quality Assurance Managers (AFQAM) Annual Training Conference, at The Genesee Grande Hotel in Syracuse, NY.



offenders with no ties to gangs or large-scale drug organizations ...

[Drug dealers now being charged for causing overdose deaths](#)  
[abc13.com](#)

The popular prescription drug OxyContin has also been reformulated to make it ... prosecutors are employing the state's little-used "strict liability for drug death" ...

[World drug market is growing more than ever](#)  
GlobalPost

U.S. Border Patrol agents inspect a pickup load of marijuana seized from drug smugglers near the U.S.-Mexico border on April 10, 2013 in Hidalgo, Texas. Drug ...

[Billion dollar drug haul by Customs](#)  
TVNZ

The street value of the drugs is between \$740 million and \$1 billion while the drug harm prevented is calculated to be \$410 million, Mr Williamson said.

[DNA reveals details of the peopling of the Americas](#)

Science News  
The first people to settle the Americas had a distinctive genetic style, and additional waves of migrants added regional flair, a new analysis of mitochondrial DNA ...

[DNA bill gets nod from MPs](#)  
Independent Online

The Criminal Law (Forensic Procedures) Amendment Bill provides, among other things, for the taking of DNA samples from certain people for use during ...

[Family DNA Searches Hold Potential for Racial Bias](#)  
[LiveScience.com](#)

When a suspect leaves DNA at a crime scene, the police will scour existing databases for a match. If they can't find a direct hit, they'll often look for siblings or ...

[Study probes DNA search method that led to 'Grim](#)

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 35<sup>th</sup> 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: 22<sup>nd</sup> International Symposium on the Forensic Sciences in Adelaide, South Australia. See [http://anzfss.org.au/international-symposium/](#) for more information.

## **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

### [Sleeper' suspect](#)

Los Angeles Times

The state of California has been a leader in the use of familial DNA searches -- investigations that seek out crime suspects by taking unidentified crime scene ...

### [California DNA collection law to be reconsidered by appeals court](#)

San Jose Mercury News

A federal appeals court in December will reconsider a legal challenge to California's law allowing the collection of DNA from people who are arrested, this time ...

### [Houston crime lab gets new CEO](#)

CW39 NewsFix

HOUSTON, TX – Dr. Daniel Garner has been appointed the new President and CEO of Houston's Forensic Science Center, also known as the Crime Lab.

### [Investigators Showcase DNA Advances At OC Crime Lab](#)

CBS Local

SANTA ANA ([CBSLA.com](http://CBSLA.com)) — A state-of-the-art Orange County criminal investigations lab opened its doors Wednesday in celebration of National Forensic ...

### [Local and state authorities are working on backlog of rape evidence](#)

WKSU News

The state crime lab has streamlined its testing system and now completes each ... And crime lab superintendent Tom Stickrath says they are working to increase ...

### [St. Paul police unveil updated crime lab](#)

Pioneer Press

A forensic scientist points out the distinctive features of a fingerprint during a latent examination of prints, which is used to uncover hidden or not visible prints at a ...

### [Forensic science week in Minnesota](#)

KARE

As the state's crime lab, the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) at its St. Paul and

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](#).

[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*.

**Cal State Fullerton Certificates in Crime & Forensics.** Contact Veronica Martinez at 1-657-278-3123 or see <http://extension.fullerton.edu/professionaldevelopment/Crime-Forensic>.

Bemidji laboratories in 2012 received over 63,300 pieces of ...

[New York State toxicology lab receives major upgrades](#)

YNN

It took more than one month for Drue to be charged due to the delay of the toxicology report. As YNN's Megan Cruz reports, an upgrade to the State Police lab ...

[Drug screening, hit-and-run laws among new measures soon to take ...](#)

[LubbockOnline.com](#)

Laid-off Texas workers seeking unemployment benefits will soon have to be tested for illegal drug use before getting weekly payments of as much as ...

[Montana State Crime Lab shows off real-life forensic work](#)

Billings Gazette

MISSOULA — The Montana State Crime Lab doesn't operate like the lab on the hit television show "CSI: Las Vegas." Faces of criminals don't magically pop up ..

[Attorney General Mike DeWine again adding lab staff for testing ...](#)

Plain Dealer

View full sizeSign on the door of the DNA extraction lab at the Bureau of Criminal Investigation crime lab in Richfield where rape kits are being processed.