

September 2, 2013



American Society of Crime Lab Directors Crime Lab Minute

General Announcements

Investigating Sexual Violence-Emerging Solutions and Best Practices

Dear Colleagues-

We invite you to join fellow ASCLD member and event moderator John Collins, the Forensic Technology Center of Excellence at RTI International and our special guest, ASCLD President-Elect Brady Mills, on September 19th starting at 11:30 am EST, for an educational forum live streaming from the Hill on [Investigating Sexual Violence-Emerging Solutions and Best Practices](#). For those who prefer to join us in person, the event will be held at the Rayburn House Office Building Room 2226. Please RSVP in advance.

Please consider sharing the attached invitation with the offices of your local sex crimes investigation units, SANE and SART contacts. This two hour event followed by a Q & A session is another platform for criminal justice community partners to engage in a dialogue about solutions and progress on this important issue.

Have a great a Labor Day Weekend!

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

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The advertisement for Loyola University New Orleans features a dark red header with the text "ONLINE GRADUATE DEGREES" in white. Below the header is a photograph of a man and a woman looking at a computer screen. In the bottom right corner, there is a red square logo with the text "LOYOLA UNIVERSITY NEW ORLEANS" in white.

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[Loyola University New Orleans](#)

Designed in response to the growing need for leadership in forensics, the Forensic Science Administration specialization of the Master's in Criminal Justice Administration (MSCJA) prepares you with the advanced skills needed to lead forensic labs and crime scene investigation

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 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

Thank you for taking the time to fill out the survey

Soraya McClung
International Liaison Committee Chair

Marshall University has announced their DNA Technical Assistance Program for 2013. Please see the [flyer](#) and [request form](#) or contact Pam Staton at staton1@marshall.edu or 304-691-8962 for more information.

News Around the Globe

[Drug deaths in Scotland soar by 52 per cent over the last decade ...](#)

Scottish Daily Record

THERE were 581 drug-related deaths in Scotland last year - the second highest number ... Men accounted for almost three in four drug-related deaths, or 72%.

[Imagining Rational Drug Policy: If You Build It, It Will Come](#)

departments from the crime scene to the courtroom.

Topics of study include:

- Develop an advanced understanding of operations, management and administration
- Bridge the gap of understanding between scientists and laypersons, judges and lawyers
- Learn the role of ethics in forensic science, including general principles and training requirements
- Learn effective techniques and communication skills to improve expert testimony



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Huffington Post

This began when newly appointed Drug Czar Gil Kerlikowske stated in 2009 that, "Regardless of how you try to explain to people it's a 'war on drugs' or a 'war on ...

[Attorneys: Scottsdale crime lab employees knew about faulty ...](#)

KPHO Phoenix

The Scottsdale Crime Lab is coming under more scrutiny after a judge threw out key evidence in several DUI cases because of a potentially faulty piece of ...

[Two forensic labs from outside state called upon to collect fresh ...](#)

Times of India

MUMBAI: Two forensic laboratories from outside Maharashtra have been enlisted to help collect fresh evidence in the Shakti Mills gangrape case even as the ...

[DNA Bill 'walkout' denied](#)

The New Age Online

ANC chief whip Stone Sizani said the DA had tried to stall the adoption of the Criminal Law (Criminal Procedures) Amendment Bill, also known as the DNA Bill, ...

[DNA tests now on fast track in county](#)

Santa Rosa Press Democrat

Senior Criminalist Steven Crotti of the Department of Justice and Criminalist Tanya Kauffman extract DNA using a liquidator last week in Richmond.

[Drug database changes under fire](#)

Daytona Beach News-Journal

TALLAHASSEE -- Proposed changes to a state-run prescription drug database won't do anything to protect patient privacy, civil rights lawyers argued on ...

[State drug chain seeks to gum up meth production](#)

Charleston Gazette

Fruth pharmacist Sam Arco holds a box of the new cold medicine Nexafed, which doesn't allow users to break the drug down to extract pseudoephedrine used ...

<http://sorensonforensics.com>



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Employment

[Study: Marijuana Top Illegal Drug Used Worldwide](#)

ABC News

Marijuana is the most popular illegal drug used worldwide, but addictions to popular painkillers like Vicodin, Oxycontin and codeine kill the most people, ...

[Mexican drug cartel activity in US said to be exaggerated in widely ...](#)

Washington Post

When Sen. John McCain spoke during an Armed Services Committee hearing last year on security issues in the Western Hemisphere, he relayed a stark ...

[New Study Finds That State Crime Labs Are Paid Per Conviction](#)

Huffington Post

I've previously written about the cognitive bias problem in state crime labs. This is the bias that can creep into the work of crime lab analysts when they report to, ...

[Cuts to forensic resource center could hurt Iowa crime investigations](#)

The Gazette: Eastern Iowa Breaking News and Headlines

"In an extreme, they (crime labs) will have to stop processing some evidence" because training for specialties like gunshot residue will be too expensive for small ...

[St. Louis County police board regroups in wake of crime lab ...](#)

[STLtoday.com](#)

Sansone left as county officials were complying with a federal subpoena seeking records regarding bidding and construction of a new county police crime lab in ...

[Trial set for Mass. lab tech accused of drug theft](#)

Albany Times Union

NORTHAMPTON, Mass. (AP) — A lab chemist accused of stealing drugs from a state crime lab in western Massachusetts is scheduled for trial early next year.

[Criminals Finding New Ways to Disguise Meth Labs](#)

Opportunities

[Sr. Evidence Technician](#), Houston Police Dept. Crime Lab, Houston, Texas, Expires: September 11, 2013

[Forensic Scientist – DNA Analyst \(Part-Time, Grant-Funded\)](#), DuPage County Forensic Science Center, Wheaton, IL, Expires: September 13, 2013

[Forensic Scientist – Firearms Examiner](#), DuPage County Forensic Science Center, Wheaton, IL, Expires: October 9, 2013
[Crime Scene Specialist](#), Police Department, City of Scottsdale, AZ, Scottsdale, AZ, Expires: September 6, 2013

[FORENSIC LABORATORY MANAGER](#), CITY OF CHARLESTON POLICE DEPARTMENT, Charleston, SC, Expires: September 13, 2013

[Forensic Scientist – Controlled Substances](#), Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Richmond, VA, Expires: September 13, 2013
[Tenure-Track, Assistant Professor, Criminalistics \(Generalist Position\)](#), California State University, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA, Expires: December 1, 2013

[Section Supervisor – Breath Alcohol](#), Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Richmond, VA, Expires: September 17, 2013

[Forensic Toxicologist](#), Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Manassas, VA, Expires: September 10, 2013

[Forensic Scientist- DNA](#), The Ohio Attorney General's Office, Richfield, OH, Expires: September 2, 2013

[Latent Print Section Supervisor](#), Austin Police Department, Austin, Texas, Expires: October 18, 2013

[Security Systems Manager](#), Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, Texas, Expires: November 15, 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, 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,

Fox 28

Now, DeWine says criminals are taking labs a step further and making what are called "one-pot labs." "They do it with these 20 ounce pop bottles. Plastic bottles.

[Bonds Set Size For Crime Lab](#)

KCUR

Kansas City's new crime lab won't be as big as the Police department hoped, but the mayor is still calling it a victory. The city council stopped about \$6 million ...

[Forensic experts 'biased towards side which pays them'](#)

[Telegraph.co.uk](#)

Although forensic experts are meant to be completely impartial when giving an expert opinion to the jury, they tend to favour the side which employs them.

[New DNA testing requirements in Texas](#)

KFDA

Amarillo, TX - 1984 was the first time DNA evidence was used in a criminal case. And since then, it has played an increasingly central role in criminal cases - but ...

[Crime labs under the microscope after a string of shoddy, suspect and fraudulent results](#)

ABA Journal

In January, the New York City medical examiner's office confirmed that it was reviewing more than 800 rape cases...

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

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

[Forensic Scientist – Latent Print Examiner](#), DuPage County Forensic Science Center, Wheaton, IL, Expires: September 6, 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

[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

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_

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

October 7-10, 2013 International Symposium on Human Identification in Atlanta, GA. See <http://ishinews.com> 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. 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.