September 2, 2013

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

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

Sorenson Forensics provides forensic DNA casework services for federal, state and local crime laboratories; law enforcement agencies; and assists Officers of the Court in individual criminal cases. Sorenson Forensics is a unique private forensic DNA laboratory. We are built upon a foundation of collaborative forensics with law enforcement agencies, advanced lab technology and our unique experience. More than 500 law enforcement agencies have turned to Sorenson Forensics for individual casework and DNA testing services. We provide comprehensive biological screening, including: blood, semen, and saliva identifications. We also offer Y-screening (using Plexor HY), a more sensitive alternative to traditional screening that directly detects the presence of male DNA. Sorenson Forensics scientists and technicians have extensive public lab work experience, creating an environment empathetic to the issues which public labs face. Our veteran team with combined public and private lab work history have decades of forensic DNA experience and have completed thousands of individual cases. Some of the highest profile cases in the country have been sent to the Sorenson laboratory because of this unique expertise. The growing reputation for excellence has spread internationally with a world-wide clientele now using Sorenson Forensics.
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 ...
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
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
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
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](http://extension.fullerton.edu/professionaldevelopment/Crime-Forensic)

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**Conferences**


September 23-26, 2013  2nd Annual Advanced DNA Technical Workshop – Bode Mid-Atlantic, Charlottesville, VA. See [Bode Mid-Atlantic Conference](http://bodemidatlanticconference.com) 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](http://www.mafs.net/MAFS_2013) for more details.

October 5-11, 2013  11th Indo Pacific Association of Law, Medicine and Science in Malaysia. See [http://inpalms.org](http://inpalms.org) for more information.

October 7-10, 2013  International Symposium on Human Identification in Atlanta, GA. See [http://ishinews.com](http://ishinews.com) for more information.


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


October 28-November 1, 2013  Society of Forensic Toxicologists, Orlando, FL.  See [http://www.soft-tox.org/meeting](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.
