

September 9, 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 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

[Legislation on DNA database due next week](#)

Irish Independent
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Kansas City Star

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[State crime rate falls overall, but violent crime rises slightly](#)

Winston-Salem Journal

“A growing state needs to put more cops on the street, more investigators in the field, and more scientists in the crime lab, but we cannot do that if we don't ...

[CBI labs pass audit](#)

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Colorado Bureau of Investigation crime labs in Denver, Boulder, Grand Junction and ... that are placed upon the most scrutinized and visible forensic discipline.

[Stark Council takes over command of Canton crime lab](#)

Canton Repository

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[Club Drug 'Molly' Eyed in Four Deaths](#)

ABC News

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[U.S. Anti-Drug Czar Says Legalization Won't Solve Drug Problem](#)

Sacramento Bee

The director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, ...

- 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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Daily News

INCREASED immorality among Tanzanians is costing the government millions of shillings in the testing for DNA for paternal cases, a situation that needs to be ...

[Stanford Researchers Use DNA to Assemble Graphene Transistor](#)

[AZoNano.com](#)

DNA is the blueprint for life. Could it also become the template for making a new generation of computer chips based not on silicon, but on an experimental ...

[Research team receives nearly \\$17M to focus on nanopore ...](#)

[News-Medical.net](#)

The use of nanopore technology aimed at more accurate and efficient DNA sequencing is the main focus of grants awarded by the National Institutes of Health.

[The drug divide](#)

Boston Globe

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The **West Virginia University Forensic Science Initiative** invites you to utilize their FREE webinar series on a variety of topics in forensic science!

Employment Opportunities

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>.

RTI International's Center for Forensic Sciences Continuing Education is pleased to offer a new course for legal professionals. This course, titled "[Introduction to the Crime Laboratory – Understanding its Role and Purpose](#)," is designed to provide information about the history, purpose and responsibilities of crime laboratories and the best practices for interacting effectively with these laboratories as a legal professional. If you know of a legal professional who may be interested in taking this course, please direct them to: <https://www.forensiced.org/training/premium.cfm>. In some states, the course has been approved for 1 hour of CLE and MCLE credits (<https://www.forensiced.org/training/clestates.cfm?cid=1128152721>).

[Faculty \(Rank Open\) Trace Evidence Analysis](#), University of Baltimore, Baltimore, MD, Expires: December 6, 2013

[Forensic Scientist – Firearms and Toolmarks](#), Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Norfolk, VA, Expires: September 25, 2013

[Forensic Chemist](#), City of Wilmington, Wilmington, NC, Expires: September 17, 2013

[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

[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

[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

Conferences

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.

[Forensic Scientist- Drug ID](#), Metro Nashville Police Department, Nashville, TN, Expires: November 5, 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

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.