September 23, 2013

General Announcements

Dear Colleagues-

Visiting our sponsors...

It wasn’t too many years ago, as you may recall, when our organization was struggling to financially stand on its own. Today, I’m pleased to report that we have achieved a measure of conservative financial independence which has been due, in part, to the development of symbiotic partnerships with laboratory vendors. We’re very fortunate to receive their support and I’m grateful that they recognize us as worthy of investing time, money and effort.

So, please, if you haven’t already done so, click on the link(s) in the Crime Laboratory Minute and visit our vendor gallery. Check out their websites and show them our support!

Thanks and 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
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

**Marshall University DNA Technical Assistance Program for 2013**

Please see the [flyer](#) and [request form](#) or contact Pam Staton at [staton1@marshall.edu](mailto:staton1@marshall.edu) or 304-691-8962 for more information.

**Trace Evidence Training Needs Survey**

The Forensic Science Initiative at West Virginia University is surveying forensic science practitioners to see if there is any interest in the need for trace evidence training. We are hoping to provide training courses in a variety of trace evidence areas, but first we need your help in determining what type of training is needed in this area.

When answering the questions in the survey please be as specific as possible so we can provide you with the type of courses that are needed. The survey can be found at the following web address: [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6XHSKJW](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6XHSKJW). The survey will be open until October 11, 2013. We thank you for taking the time to participate in the

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**Bode Technology** provides advanced forensic solutions offering crime labs ways to reduce their workloads and budgets.

Bode’s solutions include **BodeDirect™ Outsourcing** and **Same-Day DNA Service™**, and the **Bode Buccal DNA Collector™**, a direct collection system, reduces processing time, saving money for crime laboratories.

Bode’s newest offerings include: **BodeLIMS™ – The First True Forensic DNA LIMS**. BodeLIMS is a web-based LIMS that tracks samples from receipt through reporting. The software documents and captures the entire DNA analysis process and is completely configurable, thus adaptable to changing technologies.

**Bode LeanLab™** service utilizes Lean Six Sigma principles and delivers custom solutions to forensic labs improving efficiency, increasing throughput, reducing turnaround time and eliminating backlogs.

Visit [www.bodetech.com](http://www.bodetech.com) or email [bode.service@bodetech.com](mailto:bode.service@bodetech.com) for more information.
Advocacy

The CFSO newsletter for September 2013 and a letter from CFSO to Attorney General Holder are now available for your review.

News Around the Globe

'Forensic lab has been abandoned since 2001'
Times of Malta
Dr Abela Medici, a forensic expert who headed Malta's first forensic lab, said it was important that the DNA lab was run by the State since that guaranteed a ...

Inside one of SA's busiest forensic pathology labs
Times LIVE
It is one of the busiest forensic pathology labs in the country, processing largely .... via fingerprints or other investigation methods, such as DNA or dental records.

DNA Double Take
New York Times
When an egg and sperm combine their DNA, the genome they produce contains all the necessary information for building a new human. As the egg divides to ...

DNA test put on trial
Albany Times Union
As months passed with no arrest, forensic scientists in the case turned to a new ... New York City and will be implemented at the State Police crime lab in Albany.

New crime lab to offer internships, opportunities for collaboration
BG News
New crime lab to offer internships, opportunities for collaboration ... East Wooster Street and will process forensic evidence from crime scenes around the state.

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 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

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:

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Forensic DNA testing is extensively used to link individuals to crimes, establish paternity, solve missing person cases, identify casualties in military and mass ...

CrimTrac to widen its DNA matching net
iT News
Australia’s law enforcement data coordinator CrimTrac is looking to expand the DNA matching capabilities of the nation’s law enforcement agencies. At present ...

Collins moves to reassure NZers about DNA exchange
Radio New Zealand
Justice Minister Judith Collins has moved quickly to quash worries that people’s DNA will be passed to the United States as part of a data exchange agreement ...

Senator wants DNA testing required for death row inmates
Bay News 9
Senator wants DNA testing required for death row inmates ... A state senator wants DNA testing to connect convicted criminals to their crimes before they are ...

UNDP to establish forensic lab in Swat: official
The News International
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Country Director Marc-Andre Franche has said the UNDP under the Rule of Law Project for ...

Homes plan for ex-Chepstow forensic site
South Wales Argus
THERE soon could be little material memory of what was Chepstow's Forensic Science Service as a plan has been submitted to clear its old buildings for ...

Expanded DNA collection draws fire
The Oshkosh Northwestern
DNA testing has taken dangerous criminals off the streets, solved decades-old homicides, exonerated the falsely accused and freed the wrongly imprisoned.

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. http://sorensonforensics.com

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We work nationwide and in eastern Canada, either on-site or in one of our three mail-in laboratories.

Pipette service is available for all makes and models of pipettes as well as bottle-top dispensers and pipet-aids. We offer an extended warranty on all parts and labor, and are known for delivering high quality work and excellent customer service. We solve problems. It was for these reasons that we were recently chosen by Business Leaders magazine as a 2009 Business Champion.
Forensic odontology department plays key role in solving crime cases
Times of India
Spread over a 500 sqft area, the lab is equipped with light tables, forensic magnifying glasses, digital calipers and computers to conduct forensic analysis.

Urban Crime Summit convenes Monday at UMKC
Kansas City Star
Other presenters will include Harold Pollack, a co-director of the University of Chicago Crime Lab, who will discuss violent crime's cost to public policy, and ...

Lab scandal makes way into federal court system
Boston Globe
Come Tuesday, however, the 47-year-old Davila of Dorchester could be released back to Boston's streets, the latest legal dilemma out of the state crime lab ...

State scientists look forward to a better home
Salt Lake Tribune
... control temperature in an office never intended to be Henry's state crime laboratory, but it is also ... Ideally, the lab would turn an analysis report in three weeks.

IT capital to get cyber lab to tackle crime
The Hindu
In six months, Bangalore will have its own cyber lab. With technical help and support from the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), ...

Onondaga County DA sounds off about strained relationship with ...
CNYcentral.com
Fitzpatrick referred to the Police Department’s complaint about the DA's oversight of the crime lab that resulted in a state investigation, which found no problems ...

Investigators see promise in Iowa's new DNA law
DesMoinesRegister.com
The state crime lab generated 183 DNA matches last year. In some cases, an offender's DNA was

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Employment Opportunities

DNA Section Manager, Texas Department of Public Safety, Houston, Texas, Expires: October 3, 2013
Forensic Scientist Supervisor, WI Dept. of Justice, Madison, WI, Expires: September 30, 2013
Forensic Scientist, Department of Justice, Missoula, MT, Expires: October 16, 2013
Forensic Scientist (Documents Unit), OPS, Toronto, ON, Expires: October 2, 2013
Latent Examiner, Anne Arundel County Police Department, Millersville (Annapolis), Maryland, Expires: September 30, 2013
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 Scientist — Firearms Examiner, DuPage County Forensic Science Center, Wheaton, IL, Expires: October 9, 2013
Tenure-Track, Assistant Professor, Criminalistics (Generalist Position), California State University, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA, Expires: December 1, 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
matched to DNA collected at a crime scene. In others ...

**Eased drug sentences: Holder expands defendants' eligibility**

Attorney General Eric Holder is expanding the Justice Department's new policy to not pursue mandatory minimum sentences for nonviolent ...

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**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/](http://www.nfstc.org/apply-now-for-online-medicolegal-death-investigation-course/)

The [West Virginia University Forensic Science Initiative](http://www.wvu.edu/forensics) 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 identification to fire scene investigation. Sign up now for the Texas Forensic Science Commission: Justice Through Science presentation. Follow the [link](http://www.nfstc.org/apply-now-for-online-medicolegal-death-investigation-course/) 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](http://www.nfstc.org/apply-now-for-online-medicolegal-death-investigation-course/).

**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-
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).


October 20-24, 2013  Southern Association of Forensic Scientists, Huntsville, AL.  Click here 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.
