

September 23, 2013



## American Society of Crime Lab Directors Crime Lab Minute

### 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

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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>. The survey will be open until October 11, 2013. We thank you for taking the time to participate in the



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survey. For more information or questions, contact us at [FSI@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:FSI@mail.wvu.edu).

## 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.

### [Microfluidics technique recovers DNA for](#)



## 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:

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- 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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R & D Magazine

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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[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](#)

CNN

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

## 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 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-

[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  
[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  
[Forensic Services Laboratory Technician \(NIBIN\)](#), City of Mesa, Mesa, AZ, Expires: September 28, 2013

## Conferences

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

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>).

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](http://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/col\\_d\\_case.php](http://www.ocpe.gmu.edu/programs/legal/col_d_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.