General Announcements

Dear Colleagues-

Executive Director Announcement

In case you missed our special announcement this week, I am pleased to repeat that the Board selected Jean Stover as the next Executive Director for ASCLD. Jean has worked for the Illinois State Police (ISP) for over 32 years. She started her career with ISP as a Forensic Scientist in the discipline of Drug Chemistry. She was later promoted to an Assistant Laboratory Director and then Laboratory Director in the Morton Forensic Science Laboratory which serves agencies from twenty counties in Central Illinois. She is currently a Bureau Chief and her duties include the oversight of 4 operational forensic laboratories in Central and Southern Illinois as well as the ISP Training and R&D Laboratories. She also has a long history of service with the ASCLD Board of Directors and is the current Treasurer of the organization.

Jean will retire from her current employer and is tentatively scheduled to assume employment with ASCLD on November 1. At that time, her duties as Treasurer will be transitioned to another board member.

Welcome aboard Jean!

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

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 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

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

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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 survey. For more information or questions, contact us at FSI@mail.wvu.edu.

Advocacy

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

News Around the Globe

Study: Some drug tests fail to detect synthetic marijuana
Washington Post
Drug tests required for people on parole or probation often fail to detect the use of synthetic marijuana, a substance that is increasing in popularity, according to ...

Drug Enforcement Unit struggling with financial problems
Gadsden Times
The Etowah County Drug Enforcement Unit is looking for new ways to stay afloat ... Streets Task Force to tackle higher, more organizational-level drug dealing.

GBI DNA lab links thousands of leads to unsolved cold cases
WGCL Atlanta
"This can provide an investigative lead where there may not have been on before," said Cleveland Miles, a forensic biology manager with the GBI's crime lab.

Move could delay death certificate receipt
ABQ Journal
A cost-cutting move by the Office of the Medical
Investigator to rely primarily on a state-run lab for toxicology testing in death investigations means it could take ...

Former prisoner's human rights DNA challenge is rejected by High ...
Mirror.co.uk
Former prisoner's human rights DNA challenge is rejected by High Court judges ... The test case was triggered by Operation Nutmeg, under which DNA samples ...

Ohio DNA testing showing results, arrests
Coshocton Tribune
Throughout Ohio, rapists who might have thought for years they had gotten away with their vicious crimes are learning otherwise. Last fall, state Attorney General ...

"DNA not admissible in rape cases": CII
PakistanToday.com.pk
On Monday, The Council of Islamic ideology (CII) passed a judgment, proclaiming that DNA tests could not be considered primary evidence in rape cases.

Anchorage Forensic Nursing Service to Reduce Hours
KTUU.com
The only resource between Soldotna and Fairbanks that provides care for survivors of sexual assaults and collects crucial evidence will soon be temporarily ...

Biting controversy: forensic dentistry battles to prove it's not 'junk ...
The Verge
Biting controversy: forensic dentistry battles to prove it's not 'junk science' ... The DNA test revealed that Richardson's genetic information was nowhere to be ...

DNA X-Shape Is Not The Actual Structure: What Do Chromosomes ...
Design & Trend
When you learn about chromosomes, you usually visualize an X-shaped blob of DNA. Yet that isn't the true form of an X chromosome. Now, scientists have ...

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Cutting edge DNA indexing system introduced in Bangladesh
Dhaka Tribune
Cutting edge DNA indexing system introduced in Bangladesh ... been introduced in Bangladesh to expand the existing capabilities of the National Forensic DNA ...

Forensic and Crime Scene Investigation Consortium (FCSIC ... TEEX News
Forensic and Crime Scene Investigation Consortium DALLAS - Members from eight nationally acclaimed institutions located across the nation came together in ...

Drug-users eaten alive by flesh-eating illness caused by homemade ...
Daily Mail
The first cases of a terrifying new drug called 'Krokodil' that eats flesh from the inside out, is flammable and leaves addicts with reptilian-like skin have been ...

Crime Lab Backlog Delays DNA Match in Serial Rapes
NBC Southern California
The Riverside Police Department, on Wednesday, released surveillance video of a suspected serial rapist accused of targeting women at massage parlors in ...

Digital detectives fight crime with technology
WQOW TV News 18
Investigating child sex crime is only a small part of what the crime lab does. Many other investigations require law enforcement to go after digital information.

Forensic lab solves criminal, other cases using dog poop as evidence
ABC15.com (KNXV-TV)
These are the clues prized by a tiny, three-person laboratory at the University of California, Davis -- the only accredited forensic lab in the country dealing in ...

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Employment Opportunities

Forensic Scientist (DNA/Serologist)
Montgomery County Police Department, Gaithersburg, Maryland, Expires: October 26, 2013

Crime Scene Sciences Supervisor (Unit Manager), 202 727-8239, Washington, DC, Expires: December 23, 2013

Forensic Toxicologist & Quality Control Coordinator, Indiana State Department of Toxicology, Indianapolis, IN, Expires: October 15, 2013

Forensic Scientist V (DNA), Texas Department of Public Safety, Austin, Expires: October 8, 2013

Forensic Science Full-Time Faculty Position, Cedar Crest College, Allentown, PA, Expires: December 23, 2013

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 Examiner, DuPage County Forensic Science Center, Wheaton, IL, Expires: October 9, 2013
A long-awaited and much-needed crime lab is closer to becoming a reality for Denton County, officials say. For about a year, many county officials have been ...

**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 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.


**Conferences**

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/MAPS_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
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.

