

September 30, 2013



American Society of Crime Lab Directors Crime Lab Minute

General Announcements

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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



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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



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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 [CFSSO newsletter](#) for September 2013 and a [letter](#) from CFSSO 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



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



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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](#)

DhakaTribune

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 ...

[Drug analysis lab in the works](#)

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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

Denton Record Chronicle

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/>

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 1-657-278-3123 or see <http://extension.fullerton.edu/professionaldevelopment/Crime-Forensic>.

[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

[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

Conferences

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

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>).

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.

May 21-23, 2014 European Conference on Child Abuse (EUCCAN) in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. See <http://www.euccan.eu/en/> for more information.

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.