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American Society of Crime Lab Directors Crime Lab Minute

General Announcements

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Dear Colleagues-

Input on the structure of the SWG's and a "brief" Survey request

Please find attached a recent solicitation by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) for input into the formation and organization of the Scientific Working Groups (SWG's). The ASCLD Board of Directors welcome your comments regarding this announcement and are requesting that you provide us input. We feel that this is a significant development and want to make sure that the voices of our membership are heard. Our intent is to develop a consensus document that best represents the views of our members within the community. Please send your comments to Past-President Jill Spriggs at SpriggsJ@sacda.org by October 30.

[NIST SWG Survey](#)

Understanding the forensic workforce

The Department of Sciences in Washington D.C. and the College of Business & Economics at West Virginia University are requesting that you and your staff participate in a brief survey (3-4 minutes). This information will be published in our journal, the Forensic Science Policy and Management. Please consider taking this survey and forwarding it to your staff.

This is a request for you to take part in a research project to identify items that characterize strategic understanding of the forensic workforce. The purpose is to better inform managers and the literature regarding effective workplace marketing. Your involvement in this project will be kept confidential. All data will be analyzed and reported in the aggregate. We will not ask any information that should lead back to your identity as a



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We hope that you will participate in this research project, as it could be beneficial in understanding the attractiveness of the workplace and how to encourage a diverse population into the forensic field. Thank you very much for your time. Should you have any questions about this letter or the research project, please feel free to contact us at dfsquality@gmail.com.

We thank you for your time and value your responses, and look forward to sharing the findings.

You can start right now by clicking on the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2PSFKN2>

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

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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

News Around the Globe

[Forensic lab hit by lack of necessary items](#)

Himalayan Times

LALITPUR: Decision has been hampered as necessary items as well as their right quantities to be researched and tested in the National Forensic Science Lab ...

[North metro crime lab starts DNA testing](#)

Minneapolis Star Tribune

On Sept. 16, forensic scientists at the crime lab in Andover ran their first DNA test for a criminal investigation: They examined a knife retrieved in an assault case.

[Australia's police DNA database expands to cover disasters](#)

Government News

Although sometimes controversial, DNA matching is widely regarded as the most significant leap in the forensic science of identification since fingerprinting and ...

[Nassau crime lab evidence retested; verdicts likely to stand, adviser ...](#)

Newsday

Nassau has received bids to build a new crime lab -- which is now under the ... Currently, the new forensic lab is operating in the medical examiner's office.

[Crime lab delays local death investigations](#)

KIMA CBS 29



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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Deputies have been waiting for results from the state crime lab. ... There are about 40 forensic scientists working to examine the evidence for all of Washington ...

[Crime lab getting help from robots](#)

KGET 17

Staff says with new equipment, DNA evidence will be looked at sooner and the number of ... Each year, the crime lab receives hundreds of DNA cases. But now ...

[CH Police Department partners with state crime lab](#)

Cottonwoodholladayjournal

CH Police Department partners with state crime lab ... But the big high-ticket items, such as DNA analysis and drug analysis, can't happen in our lab," ... with the Utah Bureau of Forensic Services, a division of the Department of Public Safety.

[Hennepin County crime lab cuts DNA testing time in half](#)

Minneapolis Star Tribune

The Hennepin County Sheriff's Office Crime Laboratory has cut its DNA testing turnaround time by half. At the same time, scientists have increased the number of ...

[Exclusive: DWI Blood Samples Mixed Up in Nassau County Lab ...](#)

NBC New York

Nearly three years after the Nassau County police crime lab was shut down because of testing errors there, prosecutors this week alerted several defense ...

[Ohio crime lab processes 1500-plus rape kits](#)

Akron Beacon Journal

Attorney General Mike DeWine says Ohio's crime lab has processed more than 1,500 untested rape kits from police and found hundreds of ...

[Calgary police armed with new lab for gun crimes](#)

Calgary Herald

The Calgary Police Service's new forensic firearms lab will help investigators get forensic results more quickly and efficiently than ever before. The lab,

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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[ISP Looks to Update Pocatello Lab](#)

KPVI News 6

Shannon Larson is the lab manager of the Idaho State Police Department's Eastern Idaho Forensic Lab. Each year her team of 5 scientists processes thousands ...

[Roanoke lab not seeing problem of rape kits left untested](#)

WSLS

Here in the Commonwealth Forensic Labs are seeing a backlog as well. We checked with Virginia's Department of Forensic Science and they tell us that the ...

[Digital forensics help officers solve crimes](#)

WEAU

To help investigators look at digital evidence the department utilizes the Chippewa Valley Regional Computer Forensic Laboratory. The CVRCFL is a joint effort ...

[State of the art forensics lab could help crack cold cases](#)

Newstalk ZB

A world first is included in a state of the art science centre being officially opened in Auckland today. \$5 million has been pumped into the Mount Albert Science ...

[Big backlog, staff crunch ailing forensic lab: Govt](#)

Times of India

Backlog of over 10,000 cases, delay of more than three years in furnishing reports and staff crunch plague the city's sole state-run forensic science ...

[Two former ex-forensic experts convicted of falsifying report](#)

Indian Express

Two days after the Delhi High Court pulled up the government for the huge pendency and the long period taken by the forensic science laboratory to complete ...

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Employment Opportunities

[Firearms Examiner Supervisor](#), Baltimore Police Department, Baltimore, MD, Expires: October 26, 2013

[Criminalist Supervisor](#), Baltimore Police Department, Baltimore, MD, Expires: October 26, 2013

[Crime Laboratory Technician I](#), Baltimore Police Department, Baltimore, MD, Expires: October 12, 2013

[Forensic Science Faculty](#), Arcadia University, Glenside, PA, Expires: November 29, 2013

[Latent Print Examiner Supervisor](#), Orange County Sheriff's Office, Orlando, Florida, Expires: December 5, 2013

[Tenure Track Faculty Position in Forensic Biology](#), Indiana Univ Purdue Univ Indpls (IUPUI), Indianapolis, IN, Expires: December 31, 2013

[Assistant/Associate Professor in Forensic Sciences](#), Arizona State University, Phoenix, Arizona, Expires: December 6, 2013

[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](#),

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>.

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

Cedar Crest College, Allentown, PA, Expires: December 23, 2013
[Forensic Scientist](#), Department of Justice, Missoula, MT, Expires: October 16, 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
[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
[Latent Print Examiner Supervisor](#), Orange County Sheriff's Office, Orlando, Florida, Expires: October 22, 2013

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>).

Conferences

October 5-11, 2013 11th Indo Pacific Association of Law, Medicine and Science in Malayasia. 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.

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.