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American Society of Crime Lab Directors Crime Lab Minute

General Announcements

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Dear Colleagues-

Call for Workshops, Presentations and Posters!!

I'm excited to announce that President Elect Brady Mills and the Symposium Planning Committee are releasing the 2014 ASCLD call for presentation abstracts. The theme for this year's meeting is "The Efficiency of Quality". If you've got an idea for a workshop, the plenary session or poster, please download the form below and return by **December 16, 2013**.

[2014-ASCLD-Abstract-Form.docx](#)

Speaking of the meeting

The planning committee still has room for volunteers. Your degree of participation can be very flexible with opportunities ranging from working a shift at the registration table to running the meeting's plenary session. How much time you commit is up to you! If you're interested, please contact President Elect Mills at bradymills@dps.texas.gov.

Finishing Up...

ASCLD member Tim Scanlan would like to thank all of you who participated in his survey regarding major challenges impacting forensic science. If you have not yet taken this survey and wish to do so, please click the attached below link. **The survey will close in one week, so time is running out to participate.** This study is ASCLD member specific and information gained from completing this short survey may assist in addressing the issues facing the forensic science community.



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Jay Henry
ASCLD President



News Around the Globe

[Synthetic LSD reported in surrounding areas, but not seen so far in ...](#)

York Daily Record

The synthetic drug, known commonly by its street name, "N-Bomb," has been found in toxicology reports of deaths reported in Virginia, California, Minnesota, ...

[Scientists use blur to sharpen DNA mapping \(w/ Video\)](#)

[Phys.Org](#)

The super-resolution technique allows fluorescent-labeled probe DNA to pinpoint target DNA sequences in an immobilized strand in ways neither regular nor ...

[Forensic facilities to be upgraded](#)

Pakistan Observer

According to official sources, the PC-I for National Forensic Science Agency (NFSA) had ... At the National Forensic Agency in the DNA section, five analysts are ...

[A rare glimpse into the police tech crime lab](#)

Hamilton Spectator

The Hamilton Police Technology Crime Unit labours behind a locked door, amid a sea of police officers, and you can't get there without a badge or an escort.

[Amherst drug lab employees said a chemist could have ...](#)

[MassLive.com](#)

Amherst drug lab employees said a chemist could have circumvented ... 26 for a hearing related to charges of evidence tampering at the UMass crime lab.

[Prescription drug abuse now more deadly than heroin, cocaine ...](#)

Christian Science Monitor

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More people are dying in the US from prescription drugs than from heroin and cocaine combined, a new study says, signaling that pill abuse is not just the ...

[Silk Road drug busts multiply, eight new people arrested](#)

CNET

A handful of alleged drug dealers that hawked their goods on the online black ... they've also started going after supposed drug dealers who used the online ...

[Shatter introduces 'landmark' DNA database Bill](#)

Irish Times

The Criminal Justice (Forensic Evidence and DNA Database System) Bill will assist in the investigation of serious crime and "will assist in finding and identifying ...

[DNA: The missing justice link](#)

Independent Online

However, the DNA Bill – the Criminal Law (Forensic Procedures) Amendment ... SA founder and head of the University of the Western Cape's forensic DNA lab.

[State Investigators Match 1 Of 3 Rape Kits With Known Criminals](#)

10TV

Just over a year ago, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation began to test old ... Many departments didn't have the staff or crime lab scientists to do the testing.

[Case proves system works, police say](#)

Winnipeg Free Press

Glazer makes another request for autopsy and **toxicology** screening reports ... 10: RCMP lab results on **toxicology** arrive and are forwarded to pathologist.

Training

No-cost, NIJ Medicolegal Death Investigation online training program. The information available online at: <http://www.nfstc.org/apply-now-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.

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- Learn effective techniques and communication skills to improve expert testimony



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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 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>.

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Conferences

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.asclcd.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.

Employment Opportunities

[Forensic Scientist 2- Drug I.D.](#), Metro Nashville Police Department, Nashville, TN, Expires: January 11, 2014

[Crime Lab Forensic Scientist 2- Toxicology](#), Metro Nashville Police Department, Nashville, Tennessee, Expires: January 11, 2014

[Forensic DNA Analyst](#), Sorenson Forensics, Salt Lake City, UT, Expires: January 11, 2014

[Forensic Lab Manager – Biology/DNA Detail](#), Las Vegas Metro PD, Las Vegas, NV, Expires: December 2, 2013

[Criminalistics Manager, Police Laboratory](#), NYPD, New York, NY, Expires: January 6, 2014
[Manager – Case Management, Training and Professional Development Section](#), NYPD, New York, NY, Expires: January 6, 2014

[Forensic Scientist – Biology](#), Ontario Public Service, Toronto, ON, Expires: October 22, 2013

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

[Criminalist Supervisor](#), Baltimore Police Department, Baltimore, MD, Expires: October 26, 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 Science Full-Time Faculty Position](#), 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

[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