December 2, 2013

General Announcements

President’s Message

ASCLD Webinar Series Begins this Wednesday!

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving Day holiday. This week’s message is just a reminder to tune into the Webinar Series which begins on Wednesday! I hope to see you there.

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This Week’s Forensic Metric: 45

The median turn-around time in days (45) for a latent print report with the timeline defined as beginning at the date of the first submission of evidence to report submission. This information is derived from those laboratories who participated in the 2011-2012 FORESIGHT program. Next week, toxicology stats…

Jay Henry
ASCLD President

News Around the Globe

NLSIU to get cyber forensic lab
The Hindu
The National Law School of India University (NLSIU) expects to get its own cyber forensics laboratory on its Nagarbhavi campus in two months. A. Nagarathna …

Iredell sheriff’s office defends crime lab
Statesville Record & Landmark
The Iredell County Sheriff’s Office Crime Laboratory at the corner of Stockton and Harrill streets has been under heavy scrutiny from the Iredell County Board of …

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 Symposium Abstract Form

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 brady.mills@dps.texas.gov.

We will be electing new members to the Board of Directors at the business meeting to be held at the Symposium. If you or someone you know is a regular member and is interested in becoming a candidate for the ASCLD Board, please contact Sabrina.Cillessen@DFS.Virginia.gov
Drug tax effective tool in hurting dealers' pocketbooks
Topeka Capital Journal
If you want to deter or derail a drug dealer, target what drives them. ... with just the tool to financially cripple dealers — a drug tax assessed by the state that piles ...

Forensic lab director’s financial powers seized
Times of India
LUCKNOW: Ghosts of the past have come to haunt Shyam Bihari Upadhyay, director of Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) located in Mahangar in the state ...

Police forensic services could merge to cut costs
Salisbury Journal
This agreement will ensure that Wiltshire, alongside the other four forces involved, can continue to provide the best possible forensic service provision.”.

Drug compounding, tracking bill signed into US law
Chicago Tribune
The Drug Quality and Security Act clarifies the authority of the Food and Drug Administration over compounded medications and creates a new class of ...

I-Team: Inside The FBI Crime Lab In Quantico
CBS Local
All of the evidence from both the bomb site and the other crime scenes were brought to the FBI Lab. It's all being analyzed in secure rooms, with a sign that says ...

Forensic nurses help ease rape trauma for victims
San Francisco Chronicle
Forensic nurses have the added expertise to document wounds, collect DNA and look for evidence of neglect or abuse, as well as the ability to comfort a sexual ...

Slowly cooled DNA transforms disordered nanoparticles into orderly ...
Phys.Org
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Forensic analysis of car paint
Phys.Org
The use of statistical techniques to interpret chemical information has played a key role in developing a more discriminating model for the forensic analysis of car ...

University, County Partner for Drug Enforcement Lab
NBC 5 Dallas-Fort Worth
The University of North Texas and Denton County have agreed to create the county's first forensic drug-analysis lab. The lab's main purpose will be to run blood ...

Davis County crime lab seeks accreditation
fox13now.com
The Davis County Sheriff's Office crime lab has been operating for decades, but now they're working toward getting accreditation.

DNA act draft gets cabinet nod
Daily Star Online
The interim cabinet today gave final approval to the draft of DNA law which will help ... The DNA Act-2013 will regulate how DNA tests will be carried out, how ...

Training
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.

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- Evaluate the work of a scientific expert
- Name the two types of scientific analyses
- Name the international body that governs crime laboratory accreditation
- Recognize authoritative documents and court rulings critical to forensic science
- List five warning signs signaling problems in a crime laboratory

If you know of a legal professional who may be interested in taking this course, please direct them to: [https://www.forensiced.org/training/viewcourse.cfm?moduleid=fd2f9c6-4d9e-4e7c-a6fd-c5301474a49d](https://www.forensiced.org/training/viewcourse.cfm?moduleid=fd2f9c6-4d9e-4e7c-a6fd-c5301474a49d). In some states, this course has been approved for 1 hour of CLE and MCLE credits ([https://www.forensiced.org/training/clestates.cfm?cid=1128152721](https://www.forensiced.org/training/clestates.cfm?cid=1128152721)).

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**Employment Opportunities**

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- **Forensic Toxicologist or Trainee**, Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Norfolk, VA, Expires: January 6, 2014
- **Assistant Professor**, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA, Expires: January 31, 2014
- **Criminalist Firearm & Fingerprint**, City of Canton, Canton, Ohio, Expires: December 6, 2013
- **Chairperson**, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA, Expires: February 18, 2014
- **Forensic Scientist – Firearms**, Kansas Bureau of Investigation Forensic Laboratory, Topeka, KS, Expires: December 13, 2013
- **Forensic Scientist – Forensic Biology**, Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Manassas, VA, Expires: December 1, 2013
- **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
- **Latent Print Examiner Supervisor**, Orange County Sheriff’s Office, Orlando,
Conferences


April 6-14, 2014: International International Association for Chemical Testing (IACT) in Newport, CA. See http://www.iactonline.org/ for more information.


