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American Society of Crime Lab Directors Crime Lab Minute

General Announcements

Hi All:

Laboratory Director and International Liaison Committee Chair Soraya McClung traveled to Poland this past week where she was invited by the University of Warsaw Law School to give a lecture to their PhD students. Her presentation focused on the Forensic Reform Act of 2011, as well as other legislative actions in the US directly affecting forensic Laboratories. Director McClung's visit included a tour of the Polish Forensic Society, Homeland Security, and National Police Central Forensic Laboratories.

The Forensic Technology Center of Excellence at RTI International in partnership with the Midwest Forensics Resource Center (USDoE Ames Laboratory/Iowa State University) are pleased to host a web based discussion panel of forensic practitioners who have adopted and implemented various components of "fast GC" technologies. "Fast GC" refers to the use of combinations of H₂ carrier gas, shorter smaller bore columns and faster or low thermal mass ovens to increase chromatographic efficiency while reducing run times. Please see the attached information on the webinar.

Thought for the Week

"All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them."
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Have a great week!



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ASCLD President

News Around the Globe

[State's only forensic lab explores way to excellence](#)

Daily Pioneer

With the course of time, crimes and criminals have become more sophisticated and so has forensic sciences," were the words of AK Bapuly, Director, State Forensic Science Laboratory (SFSL), Jharkhand, explaining the significance of forensic science in ...

[Knox Co. Sheriff's Office and KPD host a DNA collection day](#)

WBIR-TV

This database keeps track of missing people and unidentified remains from across the country. Forensic unit officer Amy Dobbs said she hopes DNA samples will help provide answers for those families. "A lot of times they have no where to turn, and DNA ...

[Evidence at risk at 'inadequate' forensic lab](#)

ABC Online

But the AFP has told the Federal Parliament's Public Works Committee that it is unable to use modern forensic techniques because its current facility at Weston is not up to scratch. Background contamination at the facility prevents the use of ...

[FYI: What Do Forensic Chemists Do, And Why Would They Cheat?](#)

Popular Science

Which got us wondering: What exactly do forensic chemists do? And why might some feel compelled to cheat? In crime television shows, investigators brush evidence into tiny baggies in leaky warehouses, then send the samples off to the crime lab. Minutes ...

[Remains of soldier killed in Vietnam identified using DNA analysis](#)



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Examiner.com

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[Applicants for CID boss job say forensic lab a priority](#)

The Standard Digital News

Tom Omani, the head of personnel at CID headquarters recommended that all officers be trained on cyber crime, forensic and technology as a way of catching up with the global crimes at large. "Physical evidence is no longer important to investigations ...

[WITH VIDEO Sheriff set on forensic bulking, synergy between communities in ...](#)

Oakland Press

Quicker turnaround on forensic evidence really makes a big difference in crimes and that's why sharpening the county's crime lab is the next thing he'll actively pursue while working with the Michigan State Police, he said. He added that ideally, the ...



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