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## American Society of Crime Lab Directors Crime Lab Minute

### General Announcements

I'm very pleased to announce that after much negotiation with the hotel, we have signed the contract for 2015. The meeting will be held at the Marriott Wardman Park hotel in Washington, DC on the dates of April 26<sup>th</sup> thru 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/wasdt-washington-marriott-wardman-park/>

In regards to the 2014 meeting in Scottsdale, we will be having our first symposium planning committee meeting very soon. If you are interesting in helping plan the next conference and haven't yet contacted me, please feel free to email me at [jhenry@utah.gov](mailto:jhenry@utah.gov). Thanks and have a great week.

Jay Henry  
ASCLD President

The Libyan national forensic laboratory (MOI) is looking for training opportunities in the US on forensic document examination and more specifically on the use of Foster & Freeman VSC6000, VSC4PLUS, FORAM685-2, and ESDA2. Please contact Soraya McClung at [smcclung@wvsp.state.wv.us](mailto:smcclung@wvsp.state.wv.us) if your laboratory would be able to accommodate this request"

Soraya McClung  
International Liaison Committee Chair

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## News Around the Globe

### [Private labs to begin testing Colorado crime blood samples following suspension](#)

The Republic

Colorado defense attorneys are concerned because private labs are taking over blood-alcohol tests and blood-drug samples normally sent to a state lab, and only three of the six qualified labs are certified to begin processing blood-drug ...

### [Eugene police forensics lab achieves milestone](#)

The Register-Guard

EPD's forensic lab works on approximately 120 new cases per month, with its technicians handling tasks such as crime scene reconstruction, blood testing and latent fingerprint screening. The police department in 2011 obtained a \$40,000 grant that it ...

### [Judge hits out at forensic lab delays](#)

Belfast Newsletter

Investigative authorities involved in preparing criminal cases in Northern Ireland need to "drag themselves into the 21st century", a High Court judge said on Wednesday. Mr Justice Weir described the delays over forensic testing as a "disgrace" and ...

### [Murphy reappointed to forensic science commission](#)

Schenectady Gazette

According to a news release, the Saratoga County district attorney was reappointed to the governor's Commission on Forensic Science, which is empowered to develop minimum standards and an accreditation program for all forensic labs in the state.

### [Course offers a chance to delve into crime scenes](#)

Daily Mail - Charleston

The Forensic Science Initiative at West Virginia University is offering a course this summer to lawyers, crime lab employees and law enforcement officers for a chance to learn about and experience a crime scene firsthand. Seven lawyers and a



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## Employment Opportunities

### [Criminalist – Firearms & Toolmarks Examiner,](#)

Oxnard Police Department, Oxnard, California, Expires: August 8, 2013

[Forensic Scientist,](#) Virginia Department of Forensic Science, Roanoke, VA, Expires: August 1, 2013

### [Training, Development, & Research Manager,](#)

Colorado Bureau of Investigation, Lakewood, Expires: July 30, 2013

[Criminalistics Manager,](#) Colorado Bureau of

professor ...

### [US attorney: Proposed lab cuts coming at bad time](#)

Albany Times Union

The U.S. attorney in North Dakota said Thursday that proposed cuts in a federal drug prevention program that provides money to crime labs would be a blow to the state because law enforcement is trying to beef up prosecutions in the ...

### [Forensics centre devoted to death and truth](#)

Hamilton Spectator

The province's top forensic executives talked about collaboration that will result from bringing so many services under one roof. The building, which opens in September, is already hailed as the most modern, innovative forensic lab centre in the world.

### [GBI says it has reduced crime lab backlog by more than half](#)

The Augusta Chronicle

The Georgia Bureau of Investigation's crime lab has reduced its backlog of forensic cases by more than 55 percent over the course of eight months, according to a report released ...

### [Justice drug out, delayed](#)

Times Daily

The inability of the Alabama Department of Forensics labs to stay abreast of the growing number of drug cases is causing a backlog in unresolved cases, officials said. "We used to wait on lab reports before we went to the grand jury with a drug case ...

### [Sample increasingly sought in property crimes](#)

The Advocate

Within weeks, the State Police Crime Lab had matched one of the swabs to the genetic profile of Anthony M. Jackson, a local man authorities said burglarized at least 10 homes before he was arrested. At a separate December break-in, East Baton Rouge ...

### [Fault found with rules of evidence enforcement](#)

E Kantipur

Shankar Basnet, a forensic analyst, says police did not send the seized weapons to the forensic laboratory for test of fingerprints or bloodstains.

Investigation, Lakewood, Expires: July 30, 2013

[DNA Analyst](#), Sorenson Forensics, Salt Lake City, Utah, Expires: September 9, 2013

[Senior Forensic Chemist](#), Vermont Forensic Laboratory, Department of Public Safety, Waterbury, VT, Expires: July 17, 2013

[Latent Print Examiner](#), CITY OF FORT WORTH, FORT WORTH TEXAS, Expires: August 2, 2013

[Forensic Scientist II – Firearms and Toolmarks](#), Johnson County Sheriff's Office, Criminalistics Laboratory, Olathe, Kansas, Expires: July 22, 2013

[Forensic Chemist](#), Miami Valley Regional Crime Laboratory, Dayton, OH, Expires: August 16, 2013

[Forensic Services Laboratory Technician \(NIBIN\)](#), City of Mesa, Mesa, AZ, Expires: September 28, 2013

[Forensic Scientist I \(Serology\)](#), Suffolk County Crime Lab, Hauppauge, NY, Expires: August 16, 2013

[Laboratory Manager](#), Washington State Patrol Crime Laboratory Division, Spokane WA, Expires: July 29, 2013

[Criminalist – Controlled Substances](#), Houston Police Department Crime Laboratory, Houston, Texas 77002, Expires: September 20, 2013

[Lab Director](#), Sorenson Forensics, Salt Lake City, Utah, Expires: August 16, 2013

[Criminalist II](#), City of Chandler, Chandler, Arizona, Expires: August 17, 2013

[Criminalist – Firearms](#), Houston Police Department Crime Lab, Houston, Texas, Expires: September 13, 2013

[Forensic Chemist III](#), Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences, Houston, TX, Expires: September 11, 2013

[Forensic Scientist III/Quality Assurance Specialist-Latent Print Examiner](#), City of Saint Paul, Saint Paul, MN, Expires: September 10, 2013

[Forensic Scientist II-Latent Print Examiner](#), City of Saint Paul, Saint Paul, MN, Expires: September 10, 2013

[Criminalist – Toxicology](#), Houston Police Department Crime Lab, Houston, Texas, Expires: September 7, 2013

[Criminalist – Serologist](#), Houston Police Department Crime Lab, Houston, Texas, Expires: September 7, 2013

[Forensic DNA Technician](#), Sorenson Forensics, Salt Lake City, Utah, Expires: July 31, 2013

[Forensic DNA Analyst](#), Sorenson Forensics, Salt

While either the bloodstains or the fingerprints on the weapon supposed to have been used in the crime ...

### [Public art in scientific crime detection lab is honored](#)

Anchorage Daily News

Snow Words, a public artwork commissioned by Alaska State Council on the Arts and the State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Safety, has been named as one of the 50 best public art projects of 2013 by the Public Art Network Year in ...

### [DNA evidence links Boston Strangler suspect to killing](#)

Los Angeles Times

DNA testing did not exist back then, but the Boston police crime lab has held on to the evidence in hopes it might one day lead to the killer of the 19-year-old. On Thursday, authorities in Boston announced that the nearly 50-year-old evidence has ...

### [Law enforcement excited about new DNA rules, leery about costs, restrictions ...](#)

Wisconsin Rapids Tribune

DNA won't be sent to a crime lab until probable cause for an arrest has been determined. Portage County Chief Deputy Dan Kontos said the sheriff's office is waiting for more guidance from the state on what changes will be required to accommodate the ...

### [Synthetic Drug ' Bath Salts ' Trumps Methamphetamine In Addictiveness , Study ...](#)

Forbes

The infamous drug bath salts – a.k.a. the cannibal zombie drug that rose to notoriety last summer after the “cannibal attack” – now has some even stronger evidence to its mighty addictiveness. A new study finds that the active ingredient in the drug ...

## *Conferences*

August 4-10, 2013 International Association for

Lake City, Utah, Expires: July 31, 2013

[Chief, Emerging Technology Section, Forensic](#)

[Scientist 5](#), American Registry of Pathology,

Dover, DE, Expires: July 22, 2013

[Forensic Scientist \(Crime Scene\)](#), DC

Government – Department of Forensic

Sciences, Washington, DC, Expires: August 13, 2013

[DNA Analyst III / Serologist / DNA Operations](#)

[Technician](#), Harris County Institute of Forensic

Sciences, Houston, Texas, Expires: July 31,

2013

[DNA Analyst III](#), Harris County Institute of

Forensic Sciences, Houston, Texas, Expires:

July 31, 2013

[Forensic Scientist I \(Chemical\)](#), Suffolk County

Crime Laboratory, Hauppauge, NY, Expires:

August 5, 2013

[Quality Director](#), Harris County Institute of

Forensic Sciences, Houston, Texas, Expires:

July 30, 2013

[Quality Assurance Specialist](#), DC Government –

Department of Forensic Sciences, Washington,

DC, Expires: July 16, 2013

[DNA Technical Lead](#), Las Vegas Metropolitan

Police Department (LVMPD), Las Vegas,

NV, Expires: September 29, 2013

## *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/>

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presentation. Follow the [link](#) for a list of

upcoming webinars.

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Identification (IAI) 98<sup>th</sup> International Educational Conference in Providence, RI. For more information see [www.theiai.org](http://www.theiai.org) or contact [conference@theiai.org](mailto:conference@theiai.org)

September 2-6, 2013 – 25th World Congress of the International Society for Forensic Genetics in Melbourne, Australia. For more information see: <http://isfg2013.org/>

September 23-26, 2013 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Advanced DNA Technical Workshop – Bode Mid-Atlantic, Charlottesville, VA. See [Bode Mid-Atlantic Conference](#) for more details.

September 29 – October 4, 2013 Midwestern Association of Forensic Scientists Fall Meeting Dayton, Ohio. See [www.mafs.net](http://www.mafs.net) or [MAFS 2013](#) for more details.

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](http://www.afqam.org).

October 20-24, 2013 Southern Association of Forensic Scientists, Huntsville, AL. [Click here for more information](#).

October 27-30, 2013 35<sup>th</sup> 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](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.

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](#).

#### [ATF National Firearms Examiner Academy \(NFEA\)](#)

Registration for 2013-2014 session open until July 31, 2013 for apprentice/entry level firearm and toolmark examiners from Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies.

August 31 – September 4, 2014: 22<sup>nd</sup> International Symposium on the Forensic Sciences in Adelaide, South Australia. See <http://anzfss.org.au/international-symposium/> for more information.