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It's cold outside! What better time to think about improving your skills? Here are some options:

1. Read a new magazine!



Forensic Magazine offers free subscriptions; with options of both a print and internet version of the magazine. You can request a free subscription at:

<http://www.viconpublishing.com/subscribe/forensicmag/registration.asp>

2. Take an internet "short course"

Bring your friends and colleagues! These aren't free, but "web conferences" are focused ways to become trained in a topic that could help you in your job or help you to get one. For example, Vicon Publishing recently offered a presentation entitled "Basics of Crime Scene Documentation," and many forensic topics will be covered in the future. Check them out at:

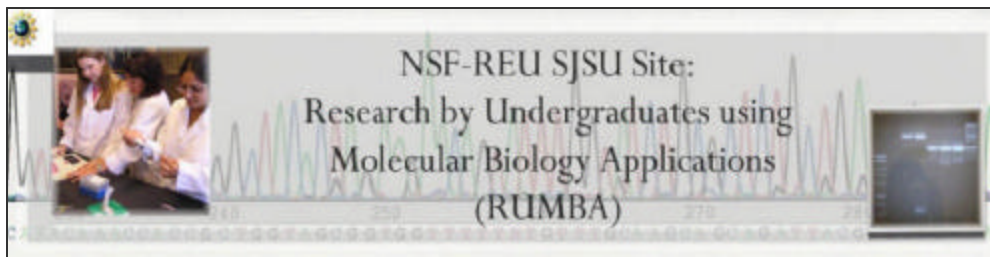
<http://viconpublishing.com/audio.asp>

The methods of "delivery" appears to be as follows: Paying attendees log onto their website for the video-You also need a phone line, to get the audio. Typical conferences are \$179.00.

*Offered by Peter Massey



3. Undergraduates ~ Do something exciting this summer!



Now's the time of year when undergraduate science majors are applying to REU (Research Experiences for Undergraduates) programs (summer research) across the country. Chemists should look carefully both at programs in Chemistry and Biology Departments. CSI'ers take note, Professor Steven B. Lee at San Jose State University has an NSF-REU program in Forensic Molecular Biology-a unique option for students interested in forensic science and DNA analysis. Check out Dr. Lee's website at:

<http://www.biology.sjsu.edu/rumba/leeRumba.htm>

Also, you can find a list of all NSF supported REU programs at:

http://nsf.gov/crssprgm/reu/reu_search.cfm



4. Attend a National Meeting:

In addition to The American Academy of Forensic Sciences Annual Meeting, many disciplines associated with Analytical methods devote a portion of their meeting to forensic applications.

One example is the American Society for Mass Spectrometry. Their next meeting is June 3-7, 2007 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Go to:

<http://asms.org/>

for more information.



5. Attend a Regional Meeting:



A good example of this is the Eastern Analytical Symposium, which will be November 12-15, 2007 in Somerset, New Jersey. Go to:

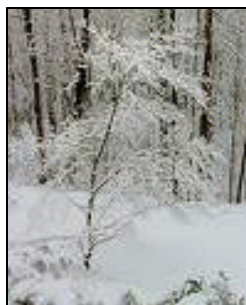
<http://www.eas.org>

for more information.

There are also shorter meetings that can provide good training for current and future forensic scientists. On the east coast, one such meeting is The Annual New Jersey Association of Forensic Scientists Spring Seminar. The 2007 seminar will be April 27, 2007 at the Trump Marina Hotel Casino in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Special fees are available to student attendees. This year the topic of the day-long meeting is "Sexual Assault: From the Crime Scene to the Court Room". Information and downloadable registration forms are available through

www.njafs.org

Their announcement for the meeting is reproduced on the last page of the newsletter.



Its cold outside and the Super Bowl is over. Why not find a way to learn some Forensic Science? Good luck!

Dr. John Allison
Director of Forensic Chemistry
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The College of New Jersey

NJAFS Spring 2007 Seminar
"Sexual Assault: From the Crime Scene to the Courtroom"

Trump Marina Hotel Casino
Atlantic City, NJ

April 27, 2007

Topics To Include:

Evidence Collection and Analysis
Drug Facilitated Sexual Assaults
DNA Aspects
Investigations and Prosecution



REGISTRATION FEES

(Includes Continental Breakfast, Breaks, Buffet Luncheon, and Supplies)

NJAFS MEMBERS \$75.00 NON-MEMBERS \$105.00

FULL-TIME STUDENTS \$75.00

Student No-Meal Option \$55.00

(must be a full-time student with valid ID)

Fill out a registration form and return it before April 6th, along with your registration fee to:

NJAFS Spring 2007 Seminar, PO Box 9304, Trenton, NJ 08650

Questions? Call 609-584-5054 Vince Desiderio x5446 or

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Overnight room reservations can be made by contacting the Trump Marina Hotel-Casino directly at 1-800-777-8477 (option 3). Be sure to mention the NJAFS when making your reservation in order to receive a special seminar rate of \$80.00 (rate applies to overnight Thursday, April 26th only).

Room reservation deadline for special seminar rate is April 10, 2007.

Each attendee will receive an NJAFS Certificate of Attendance.

President's Reception for all attendees Thursday April 26th 8 - 10pm at *Skinz*

www.njafs.org