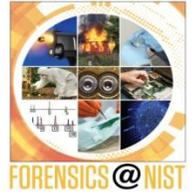


NIST DNA Mixture Interpretation Workshop & Webcast

Important Announcements



Overview

We have several important announcements regarding the DNA Mixture Workshop & Webcast that starts at 8:30AM Eastern Time on April 12th at NIST in Gaithersburg, Maryland. There will be a link to launch the live streaming webcast that appears on the conference website the morning of the webcast: <http://www.nist.gov/oles/forensics/dna-analyst-training-on-mixture-interpretation.cfm>. In addition, all materials needed for the webcast are located on the conference website.

Please print the presentation slides and examples before the webcast and bring your cell phones with you to answer poll questions using your smart phone web browser. We intend to ask poll questions during the webcast to seek feedback from the on-site audience and webcast viewers using survey monkey. We would prefer to receive responses from individual viewers rather than a single response from each laboratory. Responses to these poll questions will be anonymous and will be presented during the webcast in aggregate form only.

Information Technology Requirements & Testing Options

Many of the webcast viewers will be from law enforcement agencies that employ firewalls on their network. In order to test to see if your agency is able to view the live webcast starting at 8:30AM on Friday morning we have identified opportunities to test your systems.

1. You can test your system using a separate webcast currently streaming live on April 10-11 entitled *Workshop on Improving Trust in the Online Marketplace*, which is available here: <http://www.nist.gov/itl/csd/ct/workshop-on-improving-trust-in-the-online-marketplace-webcast.cfm> (we will be using the same platform as this NIST webcast)
2. We will also start the live DNA Mixture Interpretation webcast feed at 8:00AM eastern time (30 minutes prior to the actual start) for agencies to fine tune their ability to view the webcast.

Minimum System Requirements: To review webcast system requirements prior to the event: <http://www.nist.gov/itl/iad/upload/Min-Requirements-for-NIST-Webcasts.pdf>

Screen Resolution: Webcast viewers watching the streaming video on a large conference screen may notice that the image is somewhat pixilated. This is because of the size of the streaming files that are being broadcast. If viewers are able to print all the slides ahead of time, this should mitigate this issue and allow laboratories to benefit from watching the webcast together. Ideally, webcasts are designed to watch on a typical computer screen however there may be benefits to watching this webcast in a group setting.

21 Second Delay: There is a 21 second delay in the webcast feed to your computers from NIST so there may be slight delays in addressing questions from the webcast viewers and seeing the real-time results from the polls taken during the webcast. We will attempt to minimize the impact of this delay by allowing proper time for questions and polls.

IPads & iPhones: The media player for this webcast may have some challenges being viewed on iPhones and iPads because of its flash requirements, however Mac computers should work fine. You should be able to answer survey questions on iPhones however it is suggested that you use another device to view the actual webcast.

Materials to Bring to the Webcast or Workshop

Printable Slides & Examples: You can access *printable workshop slides* and *examples* from the conference website. It is highly advisable that you print these materials before the lectures/webcast. You can access the materials here: <http://www.nist.gov/oles/forensics/dna-analyst-training-on-mixture-interpretation.cfm>

Cell Phones for Live Poll Questions: Please bring your cell phones to the webcast. For those of you viewing the webcast in a group setting with a single computer feed displaying the material in a conference room, please bring your smart phones to the webcast. We will have live poll questions through survey monkey and would like to receive feedback from individual attendees rather than a single response per laboratory. The responses to these poll questions will be anonymous and presented during the webcast in aggregate form only. The poll questions are able to be accessed using a typical smart phone (including iPhones) web browser by clicking here: <http://go.usa.gov/TaGB>

Other Important Announcements

Registration for Webcast Viewing: Registration to view the webcast is open until the start of the webcast. Onsite attendance registration is now closed.

Workshop Questions: If you have a question during the webcast, please email forensic@nist.gov to ask the question. This email address will be used to compile webcast questions for the presenters to address during the live broadcast. We will keep the questions anonymous by not stating the agency or submitter's name to encourage engaging questions from the webcast audience.

Twitter Feed: For those individuals that want to participate in the discussion during the webcast on Twitter, you can use the hash tag: **#NISTForensics**.

Archiving Webcast: NIST will archive this webcast for future viewing. It will be posted on a public NIST website within 1 month of the live webcast and be available for 6 months of freely-available on-demand viewing. An announcement will be sent to all registered participants announcing the availability of the on-demand material once it is posted on the conference website.

Certificates of Completion: Please follow the instructions on the conference website to receive certificates of completion for webcast viewers watching the live webcast of this event. This involves coordination with your laboratory DNA Technical Leader. Certificates of Completion will not be issued by NIST to individuals that watch the on-demand version that is posted later after the live workshops. Laboratories are permitted to document that training activity in a manner consistent with their agency guidelines.

Summary of links:

1. Conference website for registration, agenda, printable slides, examples & **WEBCAST LAUNCH:**
<http://www.nist.gov/oles/forensics/dna-analyst-training-on-mixture-interpretation.cfm>
2. Link to test webcast (April 10-11): <http://www.nist.gov/itl/csd/ct/workshop-on-improving-trust-in-the-online-marketplace-webcast.cfm>
3. Web System Requirements: : <http://www.nist.gov/itl/iad/upload/Min-Requirements-for-NIST-Webcasts.pdf>
4. Poll Questions: <http://go.usa.gov/TaGB>
5. Email address for questions: forensic@nist.gov
6. Twitter Feed: #NISTForensics