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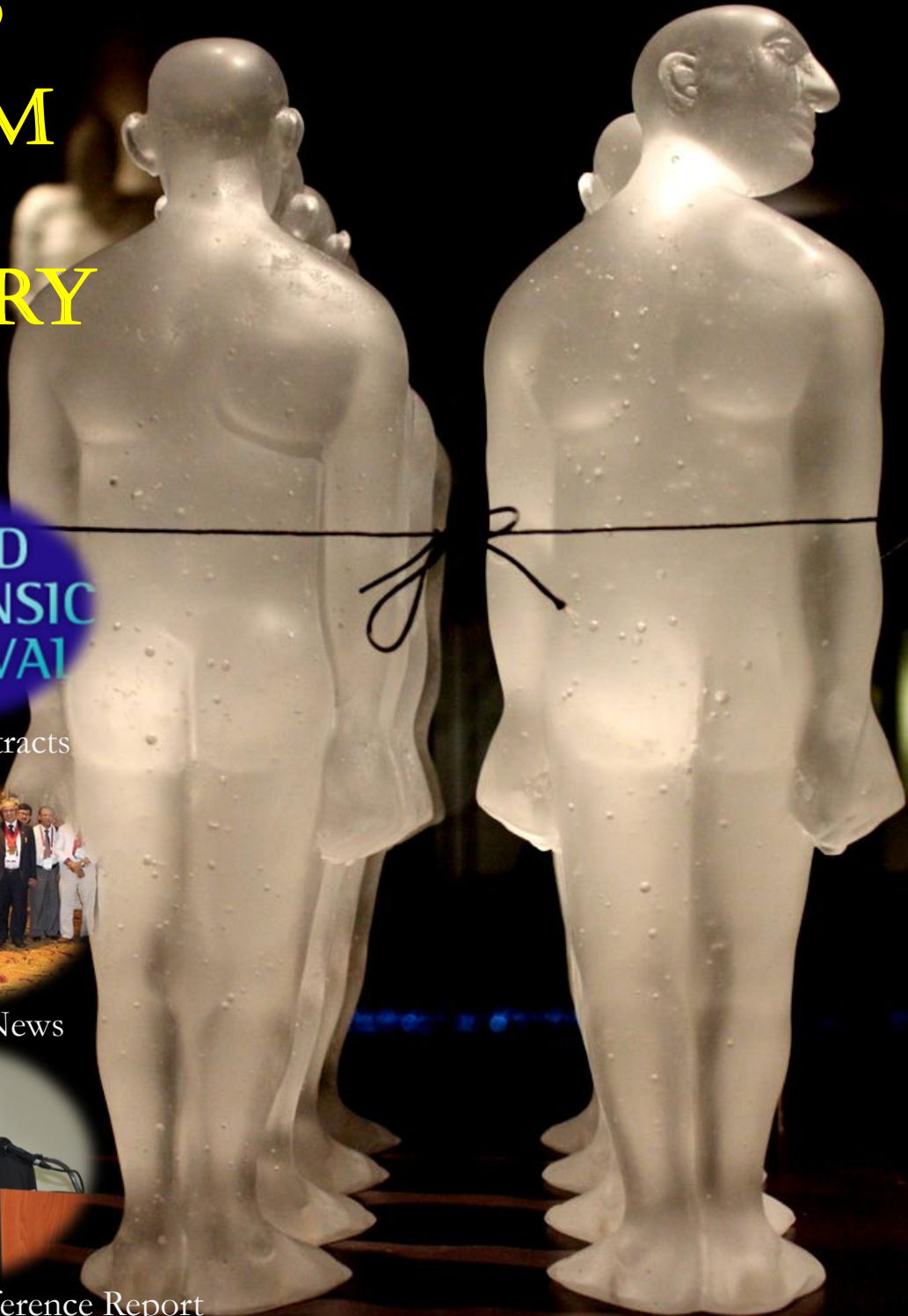
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We offer our sympathies to the bereaved relatives of the victims of the sunken ferry disaster in the Republic of Korea. Our hearts are with Dr. Nak-Eun Chung and his colleagues during this tragedy which has caused immense grief and desperation. Even in the midst of the DVI operation, Dr. Nak-Eun Chung sent us a heart warming message to encourage us to continue collaborative efforts to increase regional preparedness for catastrophe.

We look forward to seeing you at the World Forensic Festival in Seoul, Republic of Korea in October this year. In the meantime we encourage you to share local and international experience and commentary within the APMLA community, either via the APMLA website at www.ampla.net or through this newsletter.

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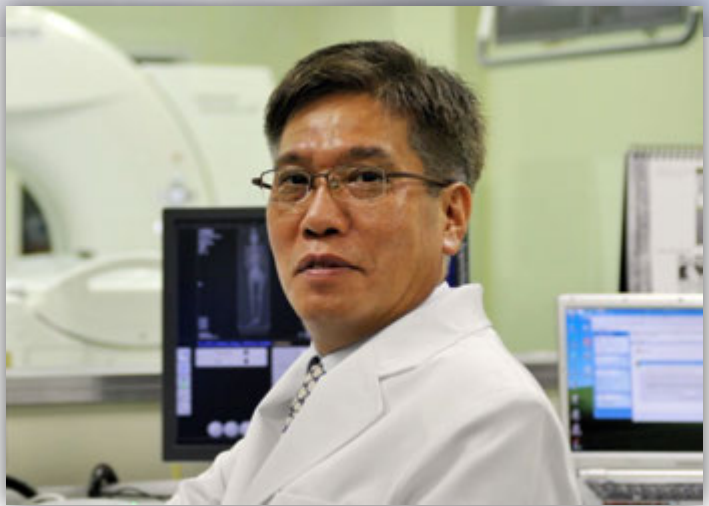
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Dear APMLA Members,

I hope all is well with you. Time is passing by so quickly, and the winter months are almost gone in my city, Seoul. It's been a while since our last newsletter, so I thought that I would give you an update.



As you know the World Forensic Festival will be held in Seoul from Sunday 12 to Saturday 18 October. During this meeting there will be a comprehensive DVI exercise based on a plane crash scenario at Incheon Airport. This exercise requires many countries to work collaboratively on the development of an Asia-Pacific Standard Protocol for mass disaster victim management. In preparation for this representatives from five different nations including Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Sri Lanka and Thailand will work together to setup the workflow, prepare training materials and design the exercise process.

The Incheon National Airport and the Korean Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport have agreed to cooperate and provide assistance which may include advisory services, technical support, equipment and personnel for the training exercise. We look forward to your participation in this grand event!

Prof. Cordner in Australia has liaised with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in relation to possible travel support by regional ICRC delegations in Asia and the Pacific for attendees (no more than one per nation) where their organization is unable to fund their attendance. We understand that requests will be considered but are not guaranteed. We ask that there is agreement at a national level on the doctor who contacts the ICRC delegation with a travel support request. This is so that the ICRC delegations do not receive multiple applications.

The last thing that I want to mention is that the registration of APMLA constitution is underway. With help of Dr. Liz Manning and Dr. Panjai Woharndee, we are currently fine-tuning the scheme and seeking approval from the board. Once we receive approval from the board, we are good to go! We couldn't have done it without you all. I expect the registration of the Constitution to be a stepping stone for APMLA to take a big leap forward to becoming a leading medico-legal organization in the Asia Pacific region.

Yours Sincerely

Dr. Nak-Eun Chung

Chairperson Asia-Pacific Medico-Legal Agency

WORLD FORENSIC FESTIVAL



IAFS 2014 20th World Meeting of the International Association of Forensic Sciences



AFSN 2014 6th Asian Forensic Sciences Network Annual Meeting & Symposium



APMLA 2014 5th Meeting of Asia-Pacific Medico-Legal Agencies



10th World Police Medical Officers (WPMO)



Call for Abstract

Abstract Submission Deadline May 31, 2014

We invite all interested individuals to submit abstracts for oral and Poster Presentations through which the most updated research works and interesting cases around the world can be shared.

Abstract submissions should be made through the online abstract submission system.

Abstract Topics - IAFS

- Clinical Forensic Medicine
- Cyber Forensic
- Digital and Multimedia Science
- Ethics / Law / Education / QAQC
- Fingerprint
- Forensic Anthropology
- Forensic Engineering Science
- Forensic Genetics & Biology
- Forensic Odontology Forensic Pathology
- Forensic Psychiatry/Behavioral Science
- Trace Evidence / Forensic Chemistry
- Gun / Firearms
- Marine Forensic
- Mass Disaster
- Questioned Document
- Scene Investigation
- Toxicology / Illicit Drugs

Abstract Topics - AFSN

- Crime Scene Investigation
- DNA
- DNA Toxicology
- Trace Evidence
- Quality Assurance & Standards

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Award

WFF 2014 Organizing Committee will give various award/scholarship to oral and poster presenters on the basis of scientific contents of their abstract. Please apply for the awards when you submit abstract on-line.

Young Scientist Award	Travel Award	Best Scientific Presentation Award	Best Scientific Exhibition Award
1000 USD / 10 Winners	300 USD / 40 Winners	400 USD / 3 Winners	200 USD / 3 Winners

Registration

Online registration will be open in April.

Participants are encouraged to register as early as possible to take advantage of discounted registration fees. You can find the registration fee via the website now!

Category	Early Registration ~Jun 6, 2014	Regular Registration Jun 7 ~Sep 12, 2014	On-site Registration Sep 13, 2014~
Regular Registration A	480 USD	550 USD	600 USD
Regular Registration B (Lower-Middle-Income)	350 USD	380 USD	400 USD
Regular Registration C (Low-Income)	300 USD	320 USD	350 USD
Residents/Trainees	350 USD	380 USD	400 USD
Students	100 USD	120 USD	150 USD
2 All Day workshop	250 USD	250 USD	250 USD
All Day workshop	150 USD	150 USD	150 USD
Half Day workshop	80 USD	80 USD	80 USD
Accompanying persons	180 USD	200 USD	220 USD
Gala Dinner	70 USD	70 USD	70 USD

Admission to APMLA ONLY is free

Lower-Middle-Income

Albania, Armenia, Belize, Bolivia, Bhutan, Côte d'Ivoire, Cameroon, Congo, Cape Verde, Djibouti, Egypt, Fiji, Micronesia, Georgia, Ghana, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Indonesia, India, Iraq, Kiribati, Kosovo, Laos, Sri Lanka, Lesotho, Morocco, Moldova, Marshall Islands, Mongolia, Nigeria, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Sudan, Senegal, Solomon Islands, El Salvador, South Sudan, São Tom é and Príncipe, Swaziland, Syria, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Vanuatu, West Bank and Gaza, Samoa, Yemen, Zambia

Low-Income

Afghanistan, Burundi, Benin, Burkina Faso, Bangladesh, Central African Republic, Comoros, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Guinea, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Kenya, Kyrgyz Republic, Cambodia, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Myanmar, Mozambique, Mauritania, Malawi, Niger, Nepal, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Chad, Togo, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Uganda, Congo, Zimbabwe

Scientific Program

You can find updated program at a glance for WFF. Detailed program and speaker's information will be informed. Please visit <http://wff2014korea.org/program/index.php#> to find more information.

Accommodation

The Housing Bureau is pleased to offer the hotel reservation service for the participants of WFF 2014. Please visit <http://wff2014korea.org/acc/index.php> for further hotel information.

World Forensic Festival Secretariat

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E-mail: info@wff2014korea.org / info@iafs-2014.org



INPALMS News



The 11th Indo-Pacific Association of Law, Medicine and Science Congress (INPALMS) was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 5-10 October 2013.

The successful Congress was chaired by **Dr Mohd Shah Mahmood** and attracted hundreds of forensic clinicians, scientists and legal authorities from around the world. A new INPALMS Executive Committee and Council were elected as follows. The next INPALMS Congress will be held in Bali Indonesia in 2016.





The new INPALMS committee



The INPALMS President Dato' Dr Bhupinder Singh

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	Mr W.D.G.G.S Gunatilleke	Sri Lanka
	Trish O' Brien	Australia

Report on the African Society of Forensic Medicine Conference March 2014



Picture: Professor Williams Odesamni President of the African Society of Forensic Medicine at the March Conference in Abuja Nigeria

A record number of 260 participants from 11 nations attended the ASFAM's five day Conference in Abuja, Nigeria from 3 to 7 March this year. The theme of the Conference was **Management of Bodies following Disasters.**

The Conference included two workshops. The Argentine Forensic Anthropology Team (EAAF) ran a workshop on the *Management of Human Bodies in Complex Cases* which covered scene recovery, documentation and analysis, AM data collection, family interviews, blood/saliva collection for DNA analysis and technical, legal and ethical issues. The ICRC also ran a workshop with a focus on large-scale forensic investigations related to the search for missing persons following armed conflict and catastrophes.

A recurrent theme at the Conference was the need for African nations to embrace best practice in tackling the management of human remains and DVI in a manner that respects the dignity of the deceased; facilitates investigation and brings closure for families and the community.

At the Biennial general Meeting of the ASFM a new **ASFM Executive** was appointed for the period to 2016 as follows.

Chairperson	Professor Williams Odesamni	Nigeria
Vice Chair	Dr Salvator Mapunda	Zimbabwe
General Secretary	Dr Uwom Eze	Nigeria
Asst. Gen. Secretary	Dr Donna Nyamunga	Kenya
Treasurer	Dr Samuel Keshinro	Nigeria
Membership Officer	Dr Ahmed Makarta	Tanzania
Newsletter editor	Prof. Arun Agnihotri	Mauritius

See www.asfmonline.org/ for more details.

The first **ASFM Board of Trustees** was also elected as follows.

Chairperson	Prof. S. Cordner	VIFM Australia
Secretary	Lic Luis Fonderbrider	EAAF Argentina
Member:	Dr Morris Tidball-Binz	ICRC Switzerland

The next ASFM Conference will be on Forensic ***Management of Violence in Africa*** and will be held in **Nairobi, Kenya** in **March 2015**.

ICRC for APMLA

Andres Patino ICRC Regional Forensic Advisor, Indonesia



Picture: The aftermath of Yolanda/Hayan in the Philippines

The ICRC humanitarian forensic team advocates for long-term strategies to help retrieve and identify missing or dead relatives of the families suffering from man-made and natural disasters, migration and violence. Over the past months, the Asia-Pacific ICRC has worked in coordination with national authorities in charge of forensic services in their corresponding countries including the INP in Indonesia, PNTL in Timor, VIFM in Australia, and the NBI in the Philippines.

The promotion of best practices and recommendations for the management of the dead is one of the major activities in this region for the ICRC, due to the high risk faced by large populated countries and limited response capacity including forensics in some occasions.

After the typhoon Hayan-Yolanda struck the central islands of the Philippines on 8th November 2013, there were at least 6000 casualties in Tacloban area only. The ICRC Forensic Advisor were deployed shortly afterwards and with permanent contact with the WHO Forensic Advisor Professor Stephen Cordner (also member of ICRC's Forensic Advisory Board) provided guidance and support to the local authorities and international interlocutors (INTERPOL). Around 5 months later the ICRC implement various stage strategies for forensic assistance to the authorities in mass catastrophes. Other ICRC activities related with the missing and the dead after conflict in East Timor.

Training and networking: The ICRC is offering at this time two training courses during the second half of 2014 in Geneva, including the biannual International Course on the Management of the Dead in Armed Conflicts and Catastrophes and the Short Course in Forensic Odontology. Additional training activities are possible to plan according the needs of each context in the region, responding to current needs.

The ICRC will continue to support national interlocutors to attend scientific meetings to develop expertise in the management of the dead and increase sensitization to best practices of recovery, analysis and identification such as INPALMS, APMLA and IAFS meetings in 2014.



Forensic Short Course

Postmortem CT Interpretation

Course Convenors:



Dr Chris O'Donnell
Consultant Forensic Radiologist, VIFM & Adjunct Senior Lecturer, Department of Forensic Medicine, Monash University.



Associate Professor David Ranson
Forensic Pathologist, VIFM Department of Forensic Medicine, Monash University

3 Day Course: 6th, 7th and 8th August 2014

Course Description

This intensive short course is designed and structured for forensic pathologists and registrars in training but is open to radiologists and radiology registrars with an established interest in forensic imaging.

It will consist of didactic lectures on the principles and practice of postmortem CT and the application of CT techniques to forensic pathology. There will be interactive sessions on the use of CT in triaging forensic cases as applied to the preliminary examination at VIFM and interesting radiological/pathological (radpath) correlations. Participants will also have the opportunity to perform image manipulation on a thin-client workstation and to tour the CT facility at VIFM.

Cost:

Registration fee is \$800 + GST including all meals and refreshments as well as a course dinner on the Thursday evening.



Course Objectives:

At the end of the course the participants should:

- have a basic understanding of the physics and principles of CT scanning
- be confident in viewing postmortem CT images
- know the CT correlates of pathological artefacts of death
- be able to recognize forensically significant CT findings in all anatomical areas
- understand how to integrate CT findings into the work practices of a forensic pathologist
- be aware of newer postmortem CT techniques such as angiography and guided-biopsy
- be able to perform basic CT image manipulation on a thin-client workstation.



How to Register:

Details on how to enrol will be available on www.vifm.org in early 2014.

Registrations are strictly limited to 30.

For preliminary enquiries, please contact Rosalie Clementson, Course Administrator on rosalie.clementson@monash.edu

Location:

Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine, Southbank. The Plueckhahn Lecture Theatre. Please enter via rear of building at Gate 7, 11 Moore Street, Southbank, VIC 3006. Please check www.vifm.org for directions and parking advice.

Application is currently underway for CPD points from RANZCR.

Preliminary Programme:

Day 1

Topics

Basics of CT

Workstation applications

Artefacts of death on PMCT

PMCT and the preliminary examination

PMCT in the brain

Neuro application of PMCT for pathologists

PMCT in the abdomen and pelvis

PMCT guided biopsy - how do we do it?

PMCTA - How do we do it?

Day 2

Topics

PMCT Angiography

Pathologists's perspective on PMCTA

PMCT in the chest

Imaging of stillbirth

PMCT in paediatrics including NAI

PMCT in disaster victim identification

PMCT in forensic odontology

PMCT in the MSK system, including spine

Presentation of PMCT to court

Coronial perspective on PMCT

Day 3

Topics

Interactive review of PMCT cases as part of the preliminary examination

Interactive review of complex PMCT cases

"Hands On" workstation experience

Meals and refreshments will be provided each day as well as a course dinner on the Thursday evening.

Specialist Trainers:

The faculty consists of VIFM radiologists, pathologists and odontologists including Professor Stephen Cordner, A/Prof David Ranson, Dr Chris O'Donnell, Dr Noel Woodford, Dr Linda Iles, Dr Sarah Parsons, Samantha Higgins, Helen Messinis, Dr Tim Cain, Dr Richard Bassed, Dr Michelle Fink, and Dr Jodie Leditschke.