

Newsletter May 2016

Chair's message

Dear members this is my last E-news letter as I have stepped down as a chair of the ISFRI and handed over to Peter-Mygind Leth. It has been an honour to chair the board of our society and serve its membership. I'm certain that with Peter-Mygind the society has a worthy new chair and I'm looking forward to a great meeting in Odense next year.

2016 conference update

The 2016 joint ISFRI & IAFR congress is now past and I believe that we can look back on yet another successful congress. There were lots of highly interesting and educational lectures and again it was a great opportunity to mingle and network. With attendees from all over the world many of us have met old friends and made new ones, which in my opinion is the most important aspect of attending a congress.



Overview of
countries of the
delegates of the
2016 congress

The organising committee would like to thank all the invited speakers and those who submitted their work to be presented at the meeting. Without you it would not have been possible to organise such a nice and interesting congress.

Special attention is deserved for our prize winners:

- Best Scientific Presentation:
 - Virtual animation of victim-specific 3D models obtained from CT scans for forensic crime scene reconstruction: living and dead subjects. By C. Villa from Denmark
- Best Poster:
 - Postmortem CT versus forensic autopsy: frequent discrepancies of tracheobronchial content findings. By L.P. Lombardo from Switzerland

We congratulate them on their excellent scientific work. If you want to win the annual prize don't forget to submit your work to the 2017 joint ISFRI & IAFR meeting.

We hope that all attendees have enjoyed the congress, as much as we as organising committee did, and we hope to see many of you next year in Odense, Denmark.

A part of the joint Congress IAFR held a dedicated parallel session on Saturday with a number of invited speakers presenting on topics across a broad range of subject areas from PMMR to Dental Imaging and DVI incidents. The session was well attended and stimulated discussion and exchange of information amongst delegates. IAFR is looking forward to working with the new chair and the team at Odense in preparing for the 2017 joint congress.

During the congress a JoFRI workshop was organised. Elsevier has on-line tools to help you publish your work *'Free online lectures. Interactive training courses. Expert advice. Resources to support you in publishing your world-class book or journal article. Certificates to recognize your efforts'*. See more on: <https://www.publishingcampus.elsevier.com/>



JOFRI

As you may know, JOFRI was not accepted for PubMed indexing this year and a new application for PubMed listing is not possible for at least another two years, possibly even 3 years. During the last years, more than one third of the papers were submitted by the Zurich team. Although this was necessary for getting JOFRI started, this must be changed for the upcoming PubMed review. For the upcoming years we need you all from all over the world to submit high-quality papers to our ISFRI society journal. Especially welcome are Original Papers and Review Papers which have a positive impact for the upcoming re-application process. In the meantime, we have enlarged our JOFRI editorial board with a mix of forensic and radiological experts and changed it from a European to an international team. Thank you to all who have supported JOFRI in the past by submitting publications since its beginning and who will do so in the future. Failure is not an option; let's keep on going for the next JOFRI PubMed application!

Best regards,

Michael Thali

Update from the working groups

Disaster Victim Identification

The DVI group has been looking for an internationally reputed odontologist to assist with the next statement. The chair of this working group, G. Ruttly, has secured the assistance of the lead for Interpol who is the ex-deputy chair of the Interpol dvi group. Work on the next statement will start very soon.

A report of the meeting at the annual congress can be found [on-line](#).

Upcoming conferences and events

- June 21st – 24th 2016 Symposium of the International Academy of Legal Medicine, Venice, Italy.
The 2016 IALM will discuss the present and future evolution of Bio-Medicolegal Sciences in the post-genomic framework of Personalized Medicine, in terms of Innovation, Unitariness and Evidence. The unitariness of the “Bio-Medicolegal Sciences”, historically founded on the accuracy and rigor of the methods of ascertainment and criteria of evaluation, should reestablish itself on molecular evidence, in the promotion of a Personalized Justice. During this meeting the ISFRI will hold an afternoon session focussed on forensic radiology. Early bird registration ends on December 31st. Reduced rate for ISFRI members.
<http://www.ialm2016venice.org>
- August 30th – September 3rd 2016 95 Jahrestagung der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Rechtsmedizin, Heidelberg, Deutschland. <http://www.kongress-dgrm.de/>
- February 13th – 18th 2017 Annual meeting of the American Association of Forensic Science, New Orleans, United States of America. <http://www.aafs.org/meetings/aafs-69th-annual-scientific-meeting-new-orleans-louisiana-2017/>
- May 10th – 13th 2017 Joint 6th annual meeting of the ISFRI and the 12th annual meeting of the IAFR, Odense, Denmark. <http://www.isfri2017.com/>
- August 21st – 25th 2017 Twenty-first triannual meeting of the International Association of Forensic Sciences, Toronto, Canada. <http://www.iafstoronto2017.com/>

If you organise a meeting or know of an interesting meeting please let us know so that we can post it in the E-news letter and on our website.

Contact the new Chair and Secretary

The board would like to encourage our members to contact us if you have ideas or suggestions, e.g. for research projects or collaboration. This can be done via our secretary Summer Decker:
contact@isfri.org

Of course if you would like to contact the new ISFRI chair please feel free to so, he can be contacted via e-mail on: pleth@health.sdu.dk

Greetings,

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