Greetings from the IALM President

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is my pleasure to welcome all of you to the 3rd trimester issue of the IALM Bulletin.

First of all, I would like to acknowledge all the Lecturers and Chairpersons who actively participated in that IALM 2016 Symposium in Venice. Their valuable scientific contributions will be reported and enriched in extended form in a Monograph entitled “P5 Medicine & Justice” and edited by Springer-Verlag, which enshrines the ambition of envisioning the future, both near and distant, of our discipline.

The present IALM Bulletin is mainly dedicated to the renovated and expanded Website of our Academy. Indeed, in this issue you can read about the important updates and improvements that we are confident will make the Website an even more effective and useful tool for all of the Members of IALM and those professionals operating in the field of the Bio-Medicolegal and Forensic Sciences.

The Bulletin will also report on the exciting new Youth Section initiative from which has arisen an international collaboration between colleagues of many countries across the globe.

Finally I would like to wish all of you the best success in all of your personal and professional endeavors for this new academic period, and take the opportunity to extend my best regards,

S. Davide Ferrara
IALM President
The New IALM Website

www.ialm.info

The renovation of the web-site well reflects the development of the Academy as set out in the objectives of the Presidential Action Plan, and has continued to extend its networks of collaboration and communication across the globe, utilizing new technologies and methods of dissemination of knowledge, while providing opportunities to meet and exchange the latest Scientific information and expertise, thereby catalysing the essential process of development between countries, institutions, experts and scientists, in what is now a rapidly evolving area.

Furthermore, the new IALM website should be even more useful for Professionals and Academics involved in the Bio-Medicolegal and Forensic Sciences, and it is hoped that it will act as a catalyst in relation to the main aims of our Academy, that is, the formation of the Bio-medicolegal Sciences into a mature multidisciplinary field, enhancing competitive peer-reviewed research, information sharing and trans-national educational programmes, as well as improving the accuracy, precision and reliability of Bio-medicolegal practice in the various sub-disciplines.

To better serve the aims of the IALM, the graphic interface of the website has been fully renovated, in order to render it more modern, functional, as well as suitable for use with mobile devices (smartphones and tablets).

Additionally, website sections have been implemented and some innovations added, as follows.

- Opening of a section reserved for Members and Registered Users of the Website, with the possibility to consult the archive of the IALM Bulletin and Newsletter.

- Renovation, both in terms of graphics and contents, of the Scientific Information Section, for which, in light of a globalized perspective of the Bio-Medicolegal reality and the collaboration between the various International Institutions, the identification of a Referent for each Country has been envisaged. Each Referent will be responsible for the content relating to their Country, as well as its continued update. Moreover, it will be feasible to telematically contact each Referent in order to request information on the activities per-
formed by the related National Scientific Society and on the specific Bio-Medicolegal and Forensic activities carried out in the Country.

- Renovation of the **Congresses and Meetings Section**, including the possibility for each Member/User to propose a National/International Event of interest to the Bio-Medicolegal Sciences through a specific online form.

- Implementation of Social Networking features through the creation of an address book, the “**IALM Book**”, by means of which all of the IALM Members and registered Users can activate their own personal profile. It will be feasible to upload photos, personal and professional data, as well as CVs, sharing them with other Members so as to create a database of International contacts, thus facilitating social interactions between the Users of the website.

- Implementation of the possibility to apply for **IALM Membership**. In this regard, it will soon be feasible to pay the annual membership fee via PayPal.

- Creation of a **search engine** embedded within the website, which will allow the rapid consultation of all the published contents.
The Group of Referents of the Academy’s Youth Section is working on the development of the Section and has already created a mailing list, by means of which a brief summary of the First Meeting of the Section was sent to both those colleagues who participated in the First Meeting of the Section on the 21st of June and those who could not be present at the Meeting, but who asked to participate during the IALM Intersocietal Symposium in Venice. Colleagues under 35 years of age who were unable to be present in Venice or did not ask to be included in the group, but are interested in participating in the Youth Section, can still participate in the envisaged projects by contacting the referents at youthsectionialm@gmail.com for inclusion in the mailing list.

Moreover, a new page of the IALM website dedicated to the Youth Section will be soon created and should prove to be another effective tool to inform visitors about the initiatives of the Section. Through the utilization of the aforementioned the members of the Section will receive communications related to the planning of future Congress Sections, together with those communications relating to the planning and development of the various scientific projects which will be developed with the aim of producing scientific contributions to be published in the International Journal of Legal Medicine.

On a related note, we inform you that the initiative of the IALM President, Prof. S.D. Ferrara, to support junior scientists in publishing scientific contributions in the International Journal of Legal Medicine, was warmly welcomed during the Editorial Board Meeting held in Venice and the Board has therefore decided to highlight papers published by researchers under the age of 35, through the addition of a footnote stating that the paper was published by a junior scientist supported by the International Journal of Legal Medicine. On behalf of all the IALM members, the President would like to express thanks to the Editors in Chief, Heidi Pfeiffer and Thomas Bajanowski, the Associate Editor, Andreas Schmeling, the Members of the Editorial Board and the Executive Editor of Springer-Verlag, Andrea Pillmann, for the great opportunity offered to the Community of young researchers.
Academic Job Vacancies

Full Professorship in Forensic Medicine at the University of Graz, Austria.

**Application must be submitted by October 15, 2016.**

For further info please check the website:


Associate Professorship in Legal Medicine at the University of Padova, Italy.

All the information will be **soon available** at the website:

www.unipd.it

Please get in contact with us if you would like to share with the International Bio-Medico-legal Community any information concerning employment opportunities.

24th Congress
International Academy of Legal Medicine

We are extremely pleased to announce that on the occasion of the IALM Intersocietal Symposium in Venice, which took place in June of this year, the decision was approved to hold the **2018 IALM Congress in Fukuoka, Japan.** Such a decision is in line with the Academy’s aim to extend and strengthen relationships of collaboration and intercultural exchange with those areas previously more remote from its sphere of operations, and thus represents a further milestone for IALM.

Present your Legal Medicine & Forensic Sciences Institution

We would be very pleased to receive information regarding your own Legal Medicine and Forensic Institution, including details about the expertise / services it provides and photos, or the Forensic System operating in your Country. If you are interested, please contact the Editorial Committee (ialm@ialm.info).
Upcoming Scientific Events

First International Forensic Conference
January 29-31, 2017 – Salmiyah, Kuwait

69th Annual Scientific Meeting
American Academy of Forensic Sciences
February 13-18, 2017 – New Orleans, Louisiana, USA

ISFRI - IAFR joint Congress
May 10-13, 2017 – Odense, Denmark

21st Triennial Meeting
International Association of Forensic Sciences
August 21-25, 2017 – Toronto, Ontario, Canada