MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It has been an exciting period for the IALM, with a lot of events of primary importance for the Bio-Medicolegal Community. The IALM activities have marked almost the centenary of the International Academy of Legal Medicine, engaged for the first time in producing its habitual, as much as extraordinary, "cultural fruitfulness" in latitudes distant from the nation that inspired its foundation, Germany, in 1938.

The most recent historical moment has been marked by a progressive path of extension to the East, which has passed through Istanbul, Dubai, and Fukuoka, and will come back to Europe in the near future (Coimbra, Joannina, Glasgow, and Geneva).

This is the accomplishment of a strategy and a policy of intercontinental expansion, constantly pursued and desired during the last presidential mandates, as also demonstrated by the new IALM Presidium and IALM Scientific Committee, with a wide participation of representatives of all the continents.

A path of constant tension, moving towards “cross-cultural insemination” and “trans-disciplinary innovation”, among the biomedical sciences, between scientific and humanistic disciplines characterized by differentiated typologies, expressions of national, intra- and inter-continental cultures.

During the period 2013-2018, with the hope of fostering a collegial exchange of ideas and actions, crucial for the identity and compactness of the bio-medicolegal sciences, the IALM has developed the concept of the “P5 Medicine and Justice”, a natural development of P4 medicine, enriched by the fifth “P”, indicative of humanitarian forensic action and protection of the dignity of the person.

Finally, I wish the next President, Angel Carracedo, and the new Presidium and Scientific Committee, a future bright with initiatives and projects, and I take this opportunity to wish all the IALM Members and their families a most pleasant and relaxing holiday period, as well as a very happy beginning to 2019!

S. Davide Ferrara
JAMAL KHASHOGGI

MURDER

The Presidium of the International Academy of Legal Medicine (IALM) asked the International and National Press Agencies to disclose to the International Citizenry and the Intercontinental Scientific Community the following "Statement" regarding the events that occurred on the 2nd of October of this year at the Consulate of Saudi Arabia in Istanbul, unanimously shared by the Forensic Doctors and the Researchers who make up the oldest Professional and Scientific Medico-Legal Society in the world.

International Academy of Legal Medicine

Official Statement

The International Academy of Legal Medicine has received the news of the brutal murder of the journalist Jamal Khashoggi with profound revulsion and disgust; furthermore, the news that a protagonist in the aforesaid crime may have been a Forensic Doctor with an important governmental role in his native country has left the members of the Academy both appalled and bewildered. The Academy, founded in 1938 with the aim of furthering scientific, professional and educational progress in the fields of Legal Medicine and the Bio-Medicolegal Sciences, has always pursued and embodied the ethos of respect for individual rights and liberty, in the service of both the collective and the individual, encompassing judicial and extra-judicial truth, making great efforts in the areas of humanitarian forensic action. The Academy remains hopeful that a judicial investigation relieves the suspected individual of any involvement. In the event that his criminal involvement is established in a Court of Law, the Forensic Doctor in question must be expelled from the National and International, Professional and Scientific Community.
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IALM - Key Activities
2013-2018

IALM Website

IALM Bulletin

IALM Working Groups
Guidelines and Monographs

DUBAI 2015
The 23rd Congress of the IALM

VENICE 2016
IALM Intersocietal Symposium

FUKUOKA 2018
The 24th Congress of the IALM

IALM Youth Section
The IALM 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). Moreover, the following website sections have been implemented:

- a section reserved for Members and Registered Users of the Website, with the possibility to consult the archive of the IALM Bulletin and Newsletter;
- the Scientific Information Section, to promote a globalized perspective of the Bio-Medicolegal reality and the collaboration between the various International Institutions;
- the Congresses and Meetings Section, including the possibility to propose a Scientific Event;
- “IALM Book” Section with Social Networking features;
- the search engine which allows the rapid consultation contents.
The IALM Bulletin, accounting 15 volumes published along six years, become a unique tool not only to broadcast the news about IALM initiatives or more in general Forensic upcoming events, but also to promote scientific studies and projects of the utmost importance for the International Forensic Scientific Community.
IALM activities included the development and approval of Working Groups aimed at focusing particular problems dealing with specific forensic settings. In particular, Working Groups approved from IALM account:

- the Medicolegal Odontology Working Group, coordinated by Prof. Vilma Pinchi;
- the Personal Damage in Civil Liability Working Group, coordinated by Prof. S. Davide Ferrara;
- the Violence Against Women and Girls Working Group, coordinated by Prof. Miguel Lorente and Prof. Enrique Villanueva.

This intense cooperative effort generated several Scientific Publications in the form of Guidelines and Monographs.
The 23rd edition of the Congress of the International Academy of Legal Medicine was held at the Dubai International Convention and Exhibition Centre. The event hosted more than 14 workshops, 500 abstracts, 200 poster presentations, and 125 lectures.
VENICE 2016
IALM Intersocietal Symposium

For the first time, an Intersocietal Symposium was organized in Venice, under the patronage of the Academy. Eighteen Scientific Societies & Partners, more than 800 scientists, coming from 65 different countries, during 43 sessions (IALM Symposium, 3 Satellite Meetings, 9 Parallel Session and 6 Workshops), exchanged information and discussed the past, present, and future of the Bio-Medicolegal Sciences. The scientific contributions of the IALM Symposium have been reported and enriched in extended form in a Monograph entitled “P5 Medicine & Justice”, edited by Springer-Verlag, which enshrines the ambition of envisioning the future, both near and distant, of our discipline.
From the 5th to the 8th of June of this year, the 24th Congress of the International Academy of Legal Medicine, was hosted in the city of Fukuoka, with the support of the Japanese Society of Legal Medicine.

The event, which was attended by representatives of 30 states, took place for the first time in the Far East, continuing the processes of internationalization as well as interdisciplinary intersocietal exchange pursued during the most recent presidential mandates.
The Academy’s Youth Section was constituted on the occasion of the IALM Symposium held in Venice. It is composed of a Group of Referents, dedicated to specific topics of the Bio-Medicolegal Sciences, including:

- Forensic Anthropology
- Forensic Entomology
- Forensic Genetics
- Forensic Histopathology
- Forensic Pathology
- Forensic Radiology
- Forensic Toxicology

The aim of the Youth Section includes the planning and development of scientific projects leading to scientific contributions.
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