Greetings from the IALM President

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Welcome to the first issue of the 2016 IALM Bulletin. The 2016 IALM Symposium in Venice is almost upon us and I am pleased to be able to report that, in terms of participation and Abstracts received, the Event has all the prerequisites to become a significant landmark for our discipline and the history of IALM.

In addition, further steps have been taken toward the consolidation of the collaborative relationship between the Academy and other prestigious Scientific Partners, as you will be able to read.

Finally, looking forward to meeting you in Venice, I wish all of you the best success in all of your personal and professional endeavors.

S.Davide Ferrara
IALM President
The IALM President, its Presidium and Scientific Committee, in addition to the Organizational and Scientific team of the 2016 Symposium of the International Academy of Legal Medicine (IALM) are pleased to announce that a total number of 703 Abstracts have been submitted and reviewed, coming from 65 Countries across the World, ranging from North America to the Far East, broadly representing all of the main fields of the Bio-Medicolegal and Forensic Sciences.

Particularly, numerous contributions have been received from Brazil, Egypt, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland and Turkey.

Such a vast representation, in conjunction with the collaboration established with the 18 Scientific Partners of the Symposium, signifies a great success for the Academy and further exemplifies the developmental strategy of IALM in recent years.

The following chart gives a picture of the Countries participating in the Symposium.
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**Upcoming Monographs**

The activities of the IALM Personal Damage in Civil Liability Working Group, initiated with the International Closed Meeting held in Padova, June 2014, and resulting in the publication of two Guidelines in the International Journal of Legal Medicine, namely the “Padova Charter on personal injury and damage under civil-tort law: Medico-legal guidelines on methods of ascertainment and criteria of evaluation” and the “Whiplash-Associated Disorders: Clinical and Medico-legal guidelines on the methods of ascertainment”, will soon give rise to a further Monograph to be published by Springer and entitled “Personal Injury and Damage Ascertaintment. International State of the Art Guidelines”, the prepress proofs of which are currently being finalized. Furthermore, two additional Monographs are currently in the process of being prepared under the auspices of the Academy. The first one will be dedicated to “P5 Medicine and Justice”, addressing the new idea and vision of the Bio-Medicallegal Sciences in accordance with the paradigmatic approach of Personalized Medicine, towards the attainment of a novel biomolecular evidence and unity, in the promotion of a final goal, that of Personalized Justice.

Secondly, as a logical continuation of the efforts of the aforementioned IALM Working Group on Personal Damage, a Monograph dedicated to “Criteria of Evaluation of Personal Injury and Damage” is undergoing preparation.

**IALM - WAML**

**Ongoing Collaboration**

The collaboration between the International Academy of Legal Medicine and the World Association of Medical Law (WAML), inaugurated on the occasion of the 2015 IALM Congress in Dubai, is certainly proving to be both an effective and promising one. Indeed, on the occasion of the upcoming 2016 IALM Symposium in Venice, WAML will hold a half-day Workshop dedicated to the issue of Tissue and Organ Retention, with the involvement of its President, Thomas T. Noguchi and two esteemed Colleagues, namely Andre G. Dias Pereira and Victor W. Weeden, current President of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS). Furthermore, IALM has been invited to participate in the 22nd Annual WAML World Congress (Los Angeles, 7th - 11th of August, 2016). All of the related information can be found by clicking here.

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**Transition Ceremony**

**Patrice Mangin - Silke Grabherr**

On Friday the 18th of March, 2016, an Official Ceremony will take place in Lausanne to celebrate the handover of the Direction of the Centre Universitaire Romand de Médecine Légale (CURML), comprised of both the Lausanne and Geneva Institutes of Legal Medicine, from Professor Patrice Mangin to Professor Silke Grabherr.

The Ceremony will include four brief interventions on the subject of Legal Medicine in Europe, from the Presidents of the Legal Medicine Societies of France, Germany and Switzerland, as well as the President of IALM.

Finally, Professor Mangin will deliver his leçon d’adieu, which will then be followed by Professor Grabherr’s leçon inaugurale.

**1st Congress of the Portuguese Association of Forensic Sciences**

**4th Congress on Child Abuse & Neglect**

Recently, from the 12th to the 13th of February 2016, the “I Congress of the Portuguese Association of Forensic Sciences” and the “IV Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect” were held in Porto. These important Scientific Events were also the occasion to celebrate Professor Duarte Nuno Vieira as a prominent National and International figure in the field of Legal Medicine and the Forensic Sciences.

**Duarte Nuno Vieira**

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**SILKE GRABHERR**

**Transitional Academic Year**

February 2016, the

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**Thomas T. Noguchi, President of WAML**

**Duarte Nuno Vieira**

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**Bulletin of the International Academy of Legal Medicine**
History of the Medicolegal Autopsy

On the occasion of the 2015 IALM Congress in Dubai, Prof. S.D. Ferrara, in his role as IALM President, endorsed the creation of an International Group of Experts in the various disciplines of the Bio-Medicolegal Sciences, from Egypt, Germany, Italy, Japan and Switzerland, with the aim of analyzing historical sources, forensic treatises, monographs and articles, in relation to the subject of the “History of the Medicolegal Autopsy”.

The results of this work, in the form of a Review article comprised of three sections dedicated to the “past”, “present” and “future” of the Medicolegal Autopsy, will be submitted for possible publication to the International Journal of Legal Medicine. The section regarding the Past will deal with the origins of Medicolegal Autopsy practices in the Ancient Egypt, Far East and Europe, with the presentation of ancient autopsy cases. In the section concerning the Present, the evolution of the different autopsy methods of dissection, as well as the main ancillary techniques and methods related to the autopsy will be discussed. Finally, the Future section will be dedicated to a synopsis of the main International guidelines and a literature review of techniques and innovative methods used in other bio-medical disciplines for experimental research, currently not yet used on cadavers and/or cadaveric samples for forensic purposes.

Upcoming Scientific Events

XXI Jornadas Mediterraneas de Medecina Legal
Société Méditerranéenne de Médecine Légale
April 5 - 7, 2016
Badajoz, Spain
5th ISFRI Congress - 11th IAFR Anniversary Meeting
International Society for Forensic Radiology and Imaging - ISFRI
International Association of Forensic Radiographers - IAFR
May 12-14, 2016
Amsterdam, The Netherlands

54th TIAFT Annual Meeting
The International Association of Forensic Toxicologists - TIAFT
August 28 - September 1, 2016
Brisbane, Australia