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Greetings from the IALM President

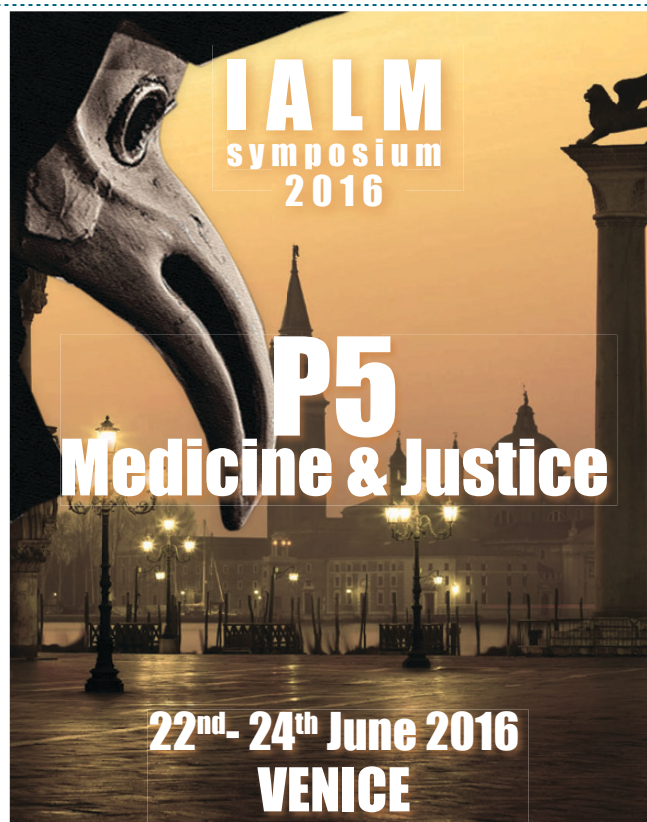
Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Welcome to the March Number of the IALM Bulletin, which is entirely dedicated to the next major Scientific Event of the Academy, that is, the 2016 IALM Symposium, to be held in Venice from the 22nd to the 24th of June, 2016.

Looking forward to being able to shortly provide you with more detailed information on the Venice Event, I take this opportunity to wish all of the IALM Members the best success in their personal and professional endeavors.

S.Davide Ferrara

IALM President



Venues & related Facilities



Palazzo del Cinema

The Symposium will take place at the *Venice Convention* premises on the Lido Island, a charming venue directly overlooking both the sea and Venice itself, comprised of the historically renowned *Palazzo del Cinema* and the illustrious *Palazzo del Casinò*. The Workshops are to be held at the *San Servolo Congress Center* on the Island of San Servolo, which is also home to a captivating park, ornamented with modern art installations.



Palazzo del Casinò

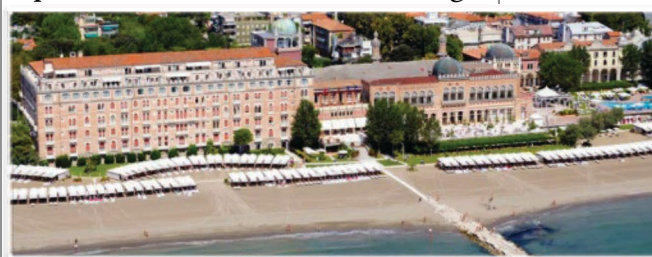


San Servolo Island

These venues are capable of hosting a vast number of participants and offer considerable flexibility in terms of organizational effectiveness, which makes them centers of excellence for hosting World Class Scientific Events. On par with the aforementioned Symposium facilities, there is an ample spectrum of options available with regard to hotel accommodation, also in relation to the range of prices.



Whether one chooses to enjoy one's stay in the tranquil and relaxing atmosphere of San Servolo or, alternatively, in the sumptuous and vibrant ambience that can be partaken of at the Hotel Excelsior on the Venice Lido, the sojourn will most certainly prove to be memorable and rewarding.



Hotel Excelsior - Venice Lido

2016 IALM SYMPOSIUM

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MEDICINE & JUSTICE

22ND - 24TH, JUNE 2016
VENICE

The 2016 Symposium of the International Academy of Legal Medicine (IALM) will discuss the present and future evolution of Bio-Medico legal



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 re-establish itself on molecular evidence, in the promotion of a ***Personalized Justice***.

Alongside the aforementioned, the *perennial* and *ever-present* issues and topics of the Bio-Medicolegal and Forensic Sciences will be given ample space, in order to foster and encourage active discussions and fruitful insights, while at the same time offering valuable *up-to-date* Educational contents and opportunities.

Ethos of the Symposium

The *Syntagma* “*Innovation - Unitariness - Evidence*” will constitute the main theme of the Symposium, to be articulated in Sessions on the subjects of *Forensic Pathology* and *Anthropology* on the *Dead Person*, *Clinical Legal and Forensic Medicine* on the *Living Person*, from *interpersonal violence* to *personal injury* and *damage*, *malpractice* and *personal identification*, in addition to *Medicolegal Laboratory issues*, *Forensic Entomology*, *Forensic Genetics*, *Forensic Odontology*, *Forensic Radiology* and *Forensic Toxicology*.

The Historical Significance of the Symposium Logo



The plague mask, with its long beak and empty eyes, was first described in the 17th Century by its probable inventor, *Charles de Lorme*, (chief physician of Louis XIII), who wrote about its strange appearance thus: "The nose [is] half a foot long, shaped like a beak, filled with perfume with only two holes, one on each side near the nostrils, but that can suffice to breathe and carry along with the air one breathes the impression of the [herbs] enclosed further along in the beak". Today, the plague mask lives on in the imaginations of artists, writers and film-makers and is also associated with a character in the *commedia dell'arte*, called the *Plague Doctor*, not to mention that it is one of the most distinctive masks worn during the Venice Carnival.

Involvement of Scientific Societies and Associations

For any eventual **Workshops/Sessions** to be promoted and organized by those *Scientific Societies and/or Associations* interested in participating in the IALM Symposium, **numerous facilities are available:**

- ▶ for *Workshops* to be organized at the *San Servolo Congress Center* on Tuesday, the 21st of June;
- ▶ for *Sessions* to be *freely* organized at the *Venice Lido Congress Center* on Wednesday and Thursday, the 22nd and 23rd of June;
- ▶ for *Sessions* to be organized in accordance with the format of the other *IALM Parallel Sessions*.



The *Final Session* will gather together the ideas and points of interest which emerge in the course of the Symposium, and will trace a vision of *Transdisciplinary Innovation* and *Future Evidence* in the framework of *Personalized Justice*.

In addition to the Sessions dedicated to the *main theme* of the Symposium, the *availability of facilities* for the organization of Workshops at the *San Servolo Congress Center* (numerous conference rooms with a capacity ranging from 12 to 240 persons) and parallel joint/individual Sessions at the *Venice Lido Congress Center* (numerous conference rooms with a capacity ranging from 100 to >1000 persons) is *vast*.



A number of International Scientific Societies and Institutions, including the **Association for European Cardiovascular Pathology (AECVP)**, the **European Workplace Drug Testing Society (EWDTS)**, the **Society of Hair Testing (SoHT)**, the **International Criminal Court (ICC)**, the **New Mediterranean Academy of Forensic Sciences (nMAFS)**, have already confirmed their participation, whilst others, such as the **International Society for Criminology (ISC)**, the **African Society of Forensic Medicine (ASFM)**, the **American Board of Independent Medical Examiners (ABIME)**, the **Asia Pacific Medico-Legal Agencies (APMLA)**, the **International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)** and the **World Association for Medical Law (WAML)**, are evaluating the feasibility of their participation.



Call for Abstracts



2016 IALM Symposium Preliminary Scientific Programme

The schedule of the **IALM Preliminary Scientific Programme** will be available soon in downloadable format both on the Symposium's Official Website and the IALM Website.



Oral Communications

All Oral Communications are welcome, *with no thematic restriction*. It would be preferable, nevertheless, if they pertain to the following subjects.

- ▶ *Forensic Anthropology* on the *Dead* and the *Living Person*, with special focus on *Personal Identification* and *Age Estimation*.
- ▶ *Forensic Pathology*, including *ballistics*, *histopathology*, *histochemistry* and *molecular biology*, *preventative pathology*, *thanatology* and specific topics such as *traffic injuries* and *deaths*, *work-related deaths* and *complex suicides*.
- ▶ *Clinical Legal and Forensic Medicine* with special focus on *interpersonal violence* (also dealing with criminological and criminogenetic issues), *Personal Injury Ascertainment* in *Criminal* and *Civil Law*, *Medical Malpractice*, *Personal Damage Evaluation* under *Civil/Tort Law*.
- ▶ *Forensic Radiology*, with a special focus on post-mortem *magnetic resonance* imaging, post-mortem *angiography*, *non-invasive* forensic imaging in the living, *micro-* and *nano-imaging*.
- ▶ *Forensic Genetics* including thematic areas such as *genomic identification* markers, *next generation sequencing*, *lineage* markers, *phenotype* reconstruction, *population genetics*, *biostatistics*, *DNA databases*, *quality* standards and *accreditation*.
- ▶ *Forensic Toxicology*, including *forensic analytical chemistry*, *methods development* and *validation*, markers of *alcohol abuse*, *hair analysis*, *post-mortem toxicology*, *driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol*, *fitness to work*.
- ▶ *Forensic Odontology*, on the *Dead* and the *Living Person*.
- ▶ *Forensic Entomology*, with a special focus on *time since death* estimation and *forensic entomo-toxicology*.
- ▶ *Forensic Psychopathology*, with a focus on *neurobiology*, *neuroimaging*, *medical malpractice in psychiatry*, and *sexual violence on minors*.
- ▶ *Criminology*, including *criminogenesis* and *crime prevention*, *neurobiology* of criminal conducts, *migration*, *drugs and crime*, *victimology*, and *cyber crime*.
- ▶ *Systems Biology* applied to Bio-medicolegal Sciences, such as forensic *metabolomics* and *proteomics*.

A limited number of *groundbreaking Oral Presentations*, in terms of *scientific* and *innovative* value, will be selected for presentation during the Sessions to be held in the Main Auditorium of the Lido di Venezia Congress Center.

Present your Legal Medicine & Forensic Sciences Institute

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



Sexual Violence Investigation (SVI) Symposium

May 1-3, 2015

Adana, Turkey

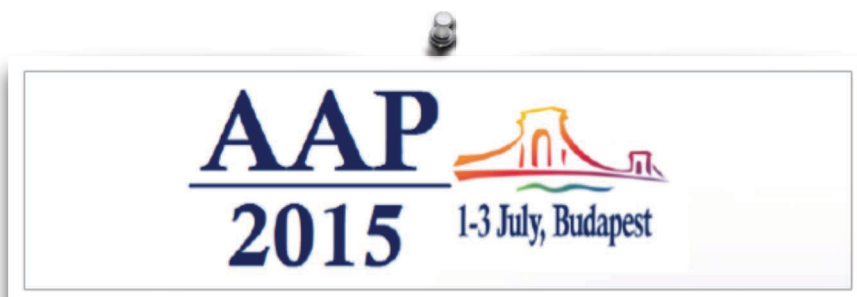


50th May Conference of Forensic Medicine with International participation

7th International Symposium of Osteuropaverein Rechtsmedizin

May 27-30, 2015

Bratislava, Slovakia



24th International Meeting on Forensic Medicine

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July 1-3, 2015

Budapest, Hungary