

APMLA Newsletter
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General Meeting in Semarang



APMLA
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Editorial

Dear APMLA Members

It has been some time now since our highly productive meeting at the JCLEC Centre in Semarang in September. As you can see from the content in this issue a lot was achieved, including the establishment of eight Work Groups to continue activities between meetings. The Newsletter will play an important role in communicating the development and progress of our Work Groups. We know that most people are engrossed with works and festive season at this time of year but we hope that in the next Newsletter which will be released around the 1st trimester of 2016 will be able to include report on progress from all eight of the Work Groups.

Please do send your local news, photos, events and conferences so that we can share this news with colleagues across the region on our Newsletter. The next year promises to be a busy one with major meetings in Venice (IALM) in June and Bali (INPALMS) in September a long with other national events.

I hope that you all have a merry festive season and happy New Year.

Dr. Panjai Woharndee

APMLA Secretary / Newsletter Editor



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Message from the Chairman

Dear APMLA Colleagues

This is my first column as the new Chair of the Asia Pacific Medico-Legal Agencies and I would like to begin by paying tribute to my predecessor, the APMLA's inaugural Chairman, Dr Nak-Eun Chung who worked tirelessly over three years to get the APMLA established and most particularly to get the web site developed and to organise such an outstanding event in the DVI event at the Incheon Airport in Seoul in 2014 at the World Forensic Festival. He and his team are also working on a DVI software tool that promises to provide many benefits. We are very grateful for his efforts and welcome his continuing involvement on the Committee.

The APMLA now has 20 Institutional members from 17 nations in the Asia Pacific region and continues to grow. Elsewhere in the newsletter you will see that we have many new Committee members and I look forward to working with them over the next year.

We had a very productive meeting in Semarang, Indonesia in September 2015 which was co-organised with the ICRC who organised a Management of the Dead following Disasters Workshop. I would like to thank ICRC Regional Forensic Coordinator, Mr Andres Patino for his work and the ICRC for enabling so many APMLA members to attend. We look forward to future collaborations with the ICRC.

I look forward to the next stage of the formation of the APMLA with the establishment of the eight working groups (listed below) at the Semarang meeting. I encourage Working Group members to engage in group activities and tasks.

- 1. Management of Body Parts***
- 2. Management of International Assistance /teams***
- 3. Training in Dead Body Management for First Responders***
- 4. Planning Temporary Body Storage***
- 5. APMLA Advocacy for Forensic Medical Capacity Development***
- 6. Guidelines/Protocol for management of the Dead in all Situations***
- 7. Medico-Legal Investigation of Sexual Violence***
- 8. Torture and Custodial Deaths***

As your Chair I will be organising to meet with ASEANAPOL to discuss relevant issues such as the need for first responder training in Dead Body Management for police in the ASEAN region.

I encourage members to contribute to the newsletter through our Editor, Dr. Panjai Woharndee and to contribute actively to the working groups.

I will do my best to propel the APMLA to a vibrant future.



WHO launches Toolkit for the investigation of sexual violence in conflict settings

In the past 20 years, increasing attention has been paid to ending impunity for perpetrators of sexual violence in conflict-affected settings and to achieving assistance and justice for victims. It is acknowledged that this is an important part of the response to sexual violence. While there have been significant advances, there remains a lack of clarity about what medico-legal evidence should be collected to support national and international criminal justice processes

Medico-legal evidence is at the intersection of medical and justice processes and appropriate implementation requires coordination between the range of actors and sectors involved in prevention of, and response to, sexual violence; these include health services, social services, forensic medicine, forensic lab services, police/ investigation, and the legal system, including lawyers and judge

This toolkit is practitioner focused and addresses key knowledge gaps within and between sectors, to help support service provision and coordination in low-resource settings. It is part of a World Health Organization (WHO) and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Project on Strengthening Medico-Legal Services for Sexual Violence Cases in Conflict-Affected Settings, supported by United Nations Action against Sexual Violence in Conflict (UN Action).

<http://www.who.int/reproductivehealth/publications/violence/medico-legal-response/en/>

<http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/statements/2015/sexual-violence-elimination/en/>



UPDATE OF ACTIVITIES IN SOUTH ASIA, SOUTH EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC – August – October 2015

By: Cheryl Katzmarzyk, Shuala Drawdy, Uwom Eze and Andres Patino (ICRC Forensic Coordinators-Asia Region)

Afghanistan and Pakistan

The ICRC organized with the Ministry of Public Health and the Forensic Medicine Directorate in Kabul, the 1st Workshop in Forensic Medicine. The week long workshop, facilitated by Professor Stephen Cordner of the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine, for medical specialists and trainees from across the country to promote core principles for decedent documentation, the identification process and determination of manner of death.

The ICRC held its 11th National Course on the Management of the Dead in Emergencies in Karachi to responsible stakeholders. The 5 - day course was attended by 24 participants from different national authorities, agencies and organizations, including the Provincial Disaster Management Agency, Fire Brigade, Sindh Police, Combined Military Hospitals Malir and Quetta, among others.

The ICRC announces the 1st International Course on the Management of the Dead will take place in Islamabad from August 1-5, 2016. The course is open to national stakeholders who manage the dead in their respective countries. Interested participants must apply through the relevant ICRC delegation. Space is limited, so early applications are recommended.

Sri Lanka and Bangladesh

The ICRC is working with the College of Forensic Pathologists (presided by Dr. Ajith Tennakoon, Chief Consultant JMO and APMLA Board Member), the University of Colombo and the Institute of Forensic Medicine & Toxicology to develop an MSc in Forensic Anthropology & Archaeology and accompanying teaching and working laboratory. The ICRC is also contributing to the work of a Committee established by the Minister of Justice to recommend reforms to the laws, procedures and practices relating to conduct of Inquests of Deaths. In Bangladesh, the ICRC supports the Ministry of Disaster Management & Relief to develop guidelines on the management of the dead from disasters. These guidelines will form part of a comprehensive program in Bangladesh, involving the Ministry and other concerned stakeholders, to ensure that the dead are appropriately and professionally managed with dignity, to promote the identification of the dead and return of their remains to their families."



Nepal

In response to the earthquake that struck Nepal on 25 April 2015 which claimed the lives of 8974, the ICRC supported the Department of Forensic Medicine (DFM) for the management of the dead under very challenging circumstances. The activities and contributions include to put in place operational modalities for dignified management of the dead (DMD), provision of required materials and equipment (e.g. body bags and related disposables, some mortuary instruments), training to local forensic practitioners on Forensic Pathology and Forensic Anthropology, a refrigerated container was provided for the storage of bodies as an immediate response, improving IT capabilities (laptops, printer, AM/PM database), update of the filing system for records and documentation, and the design and construction of a larger capacity cold room for body storage which was inaugurated and commissioned for use at the end of October, 2015. Dr. Uwom Eze (Nigeria) has been appointed as the ICRC Forensic Coordinator to Nepal.

Timor Leste, Indonesia and Korea

The ICRC organized in August, in cooperation with the Hospital Guido Valladares in Dili (Timor Leste) the 1st Introductory Course in Forensic Medicine; a two day course facilitated by Dr. Nuno Duarte Vieira of the University of Coimbra (Portugal), for medical staff, police investigators from PNTL and the newly formed PCIC from Timor Leste promote core principles for decedent documentation, the identification process and determination of manner of death. The course will be replicated in 2016. In September the ICRC organized a Regional Workshop on the Management of the Dead in Disasters and the Asia Pacific Medico Legal Agencies (APMLA) Annual Meeting, at the Jakarta Center for Law Enforcement Cooperation (JCLEC) in Semarang, Indonesia. This event took place in cooperation with the APMLA, the Australian Federal Police (AFP), and the support of the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine (VIFM). Representatives from at least 18 countries, national organizations and RC&RC National Societies attended. The ICRC met in October for the first time the National Forensic Service (NFS) and MAKRI in Seoul (S.Korea), in order to identify possible venues for technical cooperation in the wider Asia region.



Participants examining a body (latex) as part of the course exercises of the 11th National Course on the Management of the Dead, Pakistan
Participants discussing a forensic case during the 1st Forensic Medicine Workshop, Afghanistan



The ICRC Nepal Head of Delegation, Dragana Kojic, hands over certificate of the Forensic Cold Room to Prof. Dr. Rakesh Shrivastav of TUTH Institute of Medicine in Kathmandu on Thursday 29 Oct 2015.
<http://bit.ly/1ios3pG>

APMLA Annual General Meeting Report 23 September 2015



This year's Annual General Meeting of the APMLA was held in conjunction with a two - day ICRC Workshop on the Management of the Dead Following Disasters which was held at the Jakarta Centre for Law Enforcement Cooperation (JCLEC) in Semarang, Indonesia. The APMLA is very appreciative of this training collaboration with the ICRC and in particular for its travel support for many of the attendees. The workshop and APMLA meeting attracted 41 attendees from a range of nations including Cambodia, Korea, Indonesia, Thailand, Fiji, Malaysia, India, Sri Lanka, Australia, Papua New Guinea, Nepal and Japan. Please note that this is an overview of the APMLA meeting and full meeting minutes have been distributed to member institutions.

APMLA Management Committee in attendance: Dr. Nak-Eun Chung – Chair; Dr. Mohd Shah Mahmood (Dpty- Chair); Dr. PanjaiWohamdee (Secretary /Newsletter Editor); Dr. Anton Castilani; Dr. James Kalougivaki; Dr. Vina Viswani.

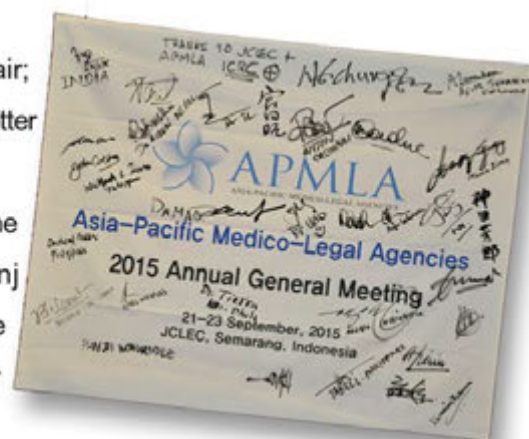
Apologies: Dr. Pham XuanToan Director, National Institute of Forensic Medicine Hanoi Vietnam Dr. PramodShrestha, Head Forensic Medicine, Maharajgunj Medical Campus, Kathmandu Nepal. Inspector MouzinhoCorreia Head Police Forensic Unit Dili Timor Leste Dr. DrKhunyingPorntipRojanasunan Director General CIFS Bangkok Thailand

APLA Member representatives (in addition to Management Committee members listed above):

Dr. Adarsh Kumar; Dr. Ajith Tennakoon; Dr. Morio Iino; Dr Wilfredo Tierra; Professor Noel Woodford; Dr Mao Heng; Dr. Philip Golpak; Dr. Rijen Shrestha and Dr. Thaung Lin. The meeting was also attended by a number of observers from member institutions, the ICRC and national Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

Meeting Commenced:

The APMLA AGM meeting was opened by APMLA Chair Dr. Nak-Eun Chung who welcomed attendees. Apologies were listed. A correction to the 2014 APMLA AGM Minutes was noted- there was no other business arising from the 2014 Minutes.



New Members

Correspondence in the form of new applications for APMLA membership were reported as received from six forensic medical institutions:

1. Pathology Department National Referral Hospital, Honiaria, Solomon Islands
2. National Institute of Forensic Medicine, Hanoi, Viet Nam
3. Institute of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology, Colombo, Sri Lanka
4. Dept. of Forensic Medicine, Maharajugunj Medical Campus, Institute of Medicine, Kathmandu, Nepal
5. Division of Legal Medicine, Tottori University Faculty of Medicine, Yonago, Japan
6. Dept. of Forensic Medicine & Toxicology, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, India

The new membership applications were provided to the APMLA Management Committee for consideration and were unanimously accepted. Dr Chung welcomed the representatives of new member institutions in attendance.

Election of Management Committee:

An election was held for membership for the APMLA Management Committee with three members retiring, these were inaugural Chair, Dr. Nak-Eun Chung, Secretary, Dr. Panjai Woharndee and Dr. Pornpip Rojanasunan. Nominations were then called for new members.

New Management Committee members are:

Chair Dr. Mohd Shah Mahmood; Deputy Chair Dr. Morio Iino; Secretary/Newsletter Editor Dr. Panjai Woharndee; Committee Members: Dr. Anton Castilani; Dr. Vina Vaswani; Dr. James Kalougivaki; Professor Noel Woodford, Dr. Ajith Tennakoon and Dr. Nak-Eun Chung (special appointment). A special appointment was made to the management Committee (as allowed under the Constitution) to appoint Dr. Nak-Eun Chung to the Committee as a Digital Media Strategist and Website Advisor).

Tribute to APMLA Inaugural Chair, Dr Nak-Eun Chung

Newly elected APMLA Chair, Dr. Mohd Shah Mahmood paid tribute to his predecessor, Dr. Nak-Eun Chung who provided key leadership during the important first three years of the APMLA's development. During Dr. Chung's Chairmanship the network has developed a Constitution, increased membership to 20 institutions from the Asia Pacific region, held annual meetings and training events, collaborated with the ICRC, developed a web site and published numerous newsletters. Professor Stephen Cordner also paid tribute to Dr. Chung's great networking skills, tireless efforts and energy and his generosity of spirit and resources. "We are immensely grateful to Dr. Chung for the great contribution that he has made to the establishment and growth of the APMLA." Dr. Chung was presented with a commemorative plaque by Dr. Mohd Shah Mahmood. See Dr. Chung's Final Speech elsewhere in this newsletter.



Member Discussion:

APMLA Membership certificate: Following a suggestion by Management Committee Member, Dr Vina Viswanilt was agreed that an APMLA Membership Certificate would be developed and distributed to Members Institutions.

APMLA Newsletter: It was agreed that profiles of APMLA member institutions would be published in the APMLA Newsletters when space allows. Dr. James Kalougivaki and Dr Vina Viswani agreed to draft a format for the institutional profile. It was further agreed that the Newsletter include a Calendar of Events.

Additional areas for APMLA attention

It was agreed following discussion that the APMLA would add the medico-legal investigation of sexual violence and custodial medicine and torture to its areas of focus.

APMLA Workgroups

Following discussion that arose out of the ICRC Workshop on the Management of the Dead the following APMLA Work Groups were formed. (See below) The work groups will now define their objectives, work plan and outputs.

Management of Body Parts

Dr. Jayanie Weeratna – Sri Lanka (Leader)

Prof. Stephen Cordner - Australia

Dr. Rijen Shrestha – Nepal

Dr. Daniel Augustinus – Indonesia

1. Management of International Assistance/ teams

Dr. Ajith Tennakoon – Sri Lanka (Leader)

ICRC – Co-leader Andres Patino

Dr. Anton Castilani - Indonesia

Dr. Wilfredo Tierra – Philippines

3. Planning for Temporary Body Storage

Dr. Mohd Suhani Mohd Noor – Malaysia (Leader)

Dr. Mohamad Azaini Ibrahim – Malaysia

Dr. Mohd Ilham Haron – Malaysia

Dr. Mohd Shah Mahmood – Malaysia

2. Training in Dead Body Management for First Responders

Dr. James Kalougivaki- Fiji (Leader)

ICRC – Co-leader

Prof Noel Woodford - Australia

Dr. Mohd Shah Mahmood - Malaysia

Dr. Evi Untoro – Indonesia



4.APMLA Advocacy for Forensic Medical Capacity

Development in the Asia-Pacific

Dr. Elizabeth Manning – Australia (Leader)

John Coldrey, QC – Australia

Dr. MohamadAzaini Ibrahim – Malaysia

Dr. Philip Golpak – Papua New Guinea

Dr. Anton Castilani – Indonesia

5.Guidelines/Working protocol for Management of Dead in all situations

Dr. Nak-Eun Chung – South Korea (Leader)

ICRC – Co-leader Andres Patino

Dr. JayanieWeeratna – Sri Lanka

Dr. Adarsh Kumar – India

Dr. Thaung Lin - Myanmar

Dr. TriyarithTemahivong – Thailand

6.Medico-legal Investigation of Sexual Violence

Dr. Vina Vaswani – India (Leader)

Dr. Elizabeth Manning - Australia

Dr. RijenShrestha - Nepal

Dr. Mao Heng - Cambodia

Dr. EviUntoro – Indonesia

7.Torture and Custodial Death

Dr. Adarsh Kumar – India (Leader)

Andres Patino ICRC – Co-leader

Dr. Vina Vaswani - India

Dr. AjithTennakoon – Sri Lanka

Dr. PanjaiWoharndee – Thailand

Dr. Thaung Lin – Myanmar

The meeting closed with the presentation of attendance certificates from the ICRC and JCLEC.



Good Morning Delegates from many countries. I hope you spend a happy time during your stay in Indonesia.

On behalf of APMLA, I sincerely congratulate on holding of ICRC and APMLA joint workshop at JCLEC in Semarang. And I want to express my gratitude to Mr. Christoph Sutter, ICRC Jakarta Head of Delegation, and Dr. Andres Patino and his colleagues for the opportunity to share the experiences at this meaningful event. Moreover I do not know how to thank Mr. Soepartiwi, Executive Director JCLEC and Mr. James Stokes, Executive Director Programs JCLEC and their staff for great efforts to organize and prepare this conference at the wonderful place here.

These days, we have experienced several unfortunate massive accidents including aircraft crash, refugee ship turnovers, and numerous other disputes around the world. Most of all, I send my deepest consolation to the victims and their families.

When we look into these disasters, recent accidents are not the issues only of the victims' states of their citizenship but rather between nations, beyond the borders, and further, requires cooperation among continents.

At this moment, I expect that the Semarang Conference will play an important role for Asia-Pacific countries to help one another creating rapid and precise victim identification process including further critical procedures.

APMLA was able to effectively proceed with DVI based on Asia-Pacific network for two massive disasters (Oryong sinking accidents at Bering Sea, AirAsia aircraft crash in Indonesia) took place in December, 2014.

This APMLA's achievement could not have been made if there had not been close discussion and cooperation among member countries on WFF (World Forensic Festival), held in Seoul October 2014, just right before the two grave accidents.

In this manner, I believe that the Semarang conference will be a significant opportunity in developing an effective system when it comes to deal with upcoming huge accidents in Asia-Pacific Area.

Last but not least, I hope that the ICRC-APMLA Workshop would be the place that we may share our common interests and the basic principle of APMLA & ICRC, equality and mutual benefits, which means to share knowhow and technologies not only to member countries but also to non-member states equally.

I sincerely hope this event would extend a heartwarming condolences to victims and their families as well as provide more effective victim identification system.

Once again, I would like to congratulate the opening of the ICRC Semarang conference and thank you for being part of our APMLA workshop.

We hope that you find this workshop informative and worthwhile.

Thank you.

Nak-Eun Chung
Inaugural Chairman
Asia-Pacific Medico-Legal Agencies (APMLA)



Good Morning to our precious APMLA members and sincere friends from many countries.

I hope all of you have had a happy time during your stay in Semarang.

It has been three years, since my appointment as the Founding Chair of the Asia Pacific Medico-Legal Agencies (APMLA).

My term has come to an end, and I am very happy to welcome Dr. Shah from Malaysia as the next Chair.

It was here in Semarang back in 2012 that I was appointed as the interim Chair. I was very worried if I would be able to fulfill the role.

However, with the help and support of the APMLA founder Professor Stephen Corder, Dr Liz Manning and Dr. Panjai Woharndee who devoted their efforts in all secretarial matters, the Board and all members, the APMLA was able to make gradual but significant progress over the past three years.

From 2012 to 2013, APMLA developed its logo and Constitution, as well as the APMLA web site for the equal and mutual benefit of APMLA member countries. In 2013 the Annual General Meeting was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Over this time my colleagues from Korea DVI have developed MIM (Mass ID Manager); a total solution software for DVI operations, and held several workshops with APMLA member countries.

In 2014 the APMLA constitution was formally registered in Korea and became an official society.

The 2014 APMLA Annual General Meeting was held during the World Forensic Festival in Seoul, Korea. At that meeting my colleagues and I hosted a comprehensive DVI workshop for a plane crash at the Incheon International Airport, which received a high commendation from the member countries.

The 2015 APMLA Annual General Meeting is being held in Semarang, Indonesia with the support of ICRC, JCLEC and the AFP. This support provides an important opportunity for Asia-Pacific countries to meet and develop strong connections.

My term as the Chairperson ends this year and Dr. Shah of Malaysia has been appointed as the next Chair of the APMLA. At this important time, when the Interpol's DVI section is considering its move to Singapore, I believe it is extremely beneficial for the development of the Asia-Pacific region to have the Head of the Malaysian National

Institute of Forensic Medicine serve as the Chair of the APMLA.

I would like to extend my great appreciation once again to the founder of the APMLA, Professor Stephen Corder from Australia for his immense support for the development of APMLA. I will also offer my support for the continuing development of APMLA after my term. I am confident that the APMLA network will continue to grow and develop for the equal and mutual benefit of our member countries. In order to do so, together with the new Chair, we must all devote our efforts to support the continued growth of the APMLA as an influential organization. Finally, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all APMLA members for allowing me to have had these honorable three years. Now, it's time for me to leave.



Thank you
Dr Nak-Eun Chung
Inaugural Chair APMLA

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APMLA Workgroups 2015-2016

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Approach

The advocacy approach will be considered on two levels: at an organisation to organisation level and then in terms of resource development for APMLA member institutions to support advocacy for capacity development in their own jurisdictions.

1. Consider the role for the APMLA in liaising with and influencing international organisations such as the ICRC, ASEANAPOL, INTERPOL, the WHO, UNDP and the UNODC and develop some agreed APMLA priorities. For example in encouraging ASEANAPOL to consider the promotion of first responder training in Dead Body Management to its 10 country-member police forces.

APMLA member institutions may be able to play a role in training provision for police in their jurisdictions.

2. Develop advocacy materials which can be used by member institutions to lobby Governments and other donors for improved forensic medical resourcing and better policy outcomes in their own jurisdictions.

Objectives:

1. To facilitate mutually productive relationships between APMLA and its members and relevant international organisations.
2. To support APMLA members in the development of improved advocacy skills and materials for better resourcing in their own nations.

Work Plan

Draft proposed forensic medical capacity development priorities that are relevant to each of the international organisations ICRC; ASEANAPOL; INTERPOL; WHO; UNDP and UNODC and outline the possible role for the APMLA and method of approach. Provide to the Executive Committee for consideration.

Identify core forensic medical training or infrastructure priorities such as mortuary upgrades and training in medico-legal reporting and provision of expert opinions and prepare generic papers which outline the benefits to the justice system, the community which can then be tailored to meet individual jurisdictional requirements and language (no. of staff to be trained and cost etc.). Provide draft documents to the Executive Committee for comment.

Outputs:

- Improved mutually beneficial relationships between the APMLA and its members and identified international agencies.
- Improved institutional capacities.
- A set of materials that outline the community, health and justice system and disaster preparedness benefits of having robust forensic medical systems and professional staff.

APMLA Work Group : Management of body parts in mass disasters

- **Objectives of the group**

To propose international best practice for the management of body parts following mass disasters.

- **Work plan**

Activity	Time allocated
Collect references	4 weeks
Consolidate into one document (1st Draft)	4 weeks
Review 1 st draft by Committee Members (CM)	4 weeks
Make necessary alterations (2nd Draft)	4 weeks
Review 2 nd draft by CM	3 weeks
Make necessary alterations (3rd Draft)	4 weeks
Review 3 rd draft by all members	3 weeks
4 th /Final draft	4weeks (31 st May 2016)
Presentation at the APMLA	Sept 2016

- **Planned outputs**

1. To draft guidelines/best practice methods in the management of body parts following mass disasters.
2. To make a presentation at the next APMLA meeting on international best practice for the management of body parts following mass disasters.



PROGRAM: ICRC Workshop Management of the Dead in Disasters **Day 1**

ICRC

Monday 21 September	Activity Day 1	ICRC Workshop Management of the Dead in Disasters
8.30-9.00	JCLEC Security Briefing for all attendees	JCLEC Staff
9.00-9.30	Session 1 Welcoming speeches	ICRC Jakarta Head of Delegation, Mr Christoph Sutter APMLA Chair Dr Nak Eun-Chung ICRC Forensic Coordinator for Asia and the Pacific Andres Patino JCLEC Executive Director, BG Pol. Soepartiwir JCLEC Executive Director Programs, Supt. James Stokes ACP Mohamad Anil Shah, Director for Police Services ASEANAPOL Secretariat
9.30-10.00	Session 2 Case presentation	Nepal Earthquake Ass. Prof. Dr Rijen Shrestha, Forensic Pathologist, Dept. of Forensic Medicine, Maharajgunj Medical Campus, Institute of Medicine, Nepal
10.00-10.30	Session 3 Case presentation	Air Asia QZ8501. Dr Anton Castilani Chief of Police Medical Department , Executive Director Indonesian DVI
10.30-10.45 10.45-11.15	Morning Tea Session 4	MH17 DVI Netherlands Dr Mohamad Azaini Ibrahim (Forensic Pathologist & Anthropologist)
11.15-11.45	Session 5 Case presentation	Typhoon Haiyan/Yolanda Mr Edgar Tabell Director Dept of Interior and Local Govt Chair Mgt of the Dead and Missing
11.45-12.15	Session 6 Case presentation	Sewol Ferry Disaster Dr Jong-Pil Park National Forensic Service Korea DVI Republic of Korea
12.15-12.30 12.30-1.30	Questions Lunch	All



ICRC

PROGRAM: ICRC Workshop Management of the Dead in Disasters **Day 1**

Monday 21 September	Activity Day 1	ICRC Workshop Management of the Dead in Disasters
1.30-2.00	Session 7 Case presentation	Japanese Tsunami and Earthquake Response Professor Morio Iino Division of Legal Medicine Tottori University
2.00-2.30pm	Session 8 Case presentation	ICRC & ASEANAPOL: First Steps Forward ACP Mohamad Anil Shah Director for Police Services ASEANAPOL Secretariat
2.30-3.00	Session 9 Case presentation	DVI Management of the Wang Kelian Clandestine Graves Dr Suhani Noor Forensic Pathologist Dr Azani Ibrahim, Forensic Pathologist & Forensic Anthropologist Malaysia
3.00-3.15 3.15-3.45pm	Afternoon tea Session 10 Case presentation	Sri Lankan Guidelines for Management of the Dead Following Disasters Dr Ajith Tennakoon Head Institute of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology Colombo
3.45-4.15	Session 11 Case presentation	Update on MIM DVI Software Project Dr Nak Eun-Chung Chief medical Examiner National Forensic Service Korea
4.15-5pm	Questions and discussion	All



PROGRAM: ICRC Workshop Management of the Dead in Disasters **Day 2**

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Tuesday 22 September	Activity Day 2	ICRC Workshop Management of the Dead in Disasters Day 2
9.00-10.30	Session 1 Overview of ICRC Management of the Dead and DVI Protocols	Andres Patino ICRC Forensic Coordinator Professor Stephen Cordner VIFM
10.30-10.45	Morning Tea	
10.45-11.15	Session 2 Scenario-based table discussions	Divide into table –based groups of 7. Each table will be given a different scenario and asked to plan a casualty management response. Discussions continue and write up response
11.15-12.30	Session 3 Table presentations	3 tables present their responses
12.30-1.30	Lunch	
1.30-2.30	Session 4 Table presentations	3-4 tables present their responses
2.30-3.00	Discussion	Questions and discussions
3.00-3.15	Afternoon tea	
3.15-3.45	Session 5 Identification of key Issues	Formation of Working Groups
3.45-4.30	Session 6 Final Discussion	Discussion on Working Group role; tasks; communication; resource development
7.00	Workshop Dinner	



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Greetings

We have the great pleasure to announce that the 5th Annual Forensic Conference of African Society of Forensic Medicine (ASFM) will be held in Yamoussoukro Côte d'Ivoire from 1 to 5 March 2016.

The theme of this conference is 'Resolving Conflicts in Africa: the Role of Forensic Medicine'.

The main topics of the conference will include the sub-themes: Forensic Investigation into Violence against People in Conflicts, Ethical Issues in Mass Migrations during Conflicts, Medical Assistance in Times of Conflicts, Forensic Identification of Missing Persons following Conflicts, Custodial Medicine and Free communications.

We are hereby appending the first announcement details for your perusal. We look forward to receiving your abstracts for oral communications or displayed.

We look forward to hosting you in Yamoussoukro Côte d'Ivoire for this conference.

With best regards,

ARUNKUMAR AGNIHOTRI (Newsletter Editor)

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Dear Friends,

It is a matter of immense pleasure and privilege to invite you to participate in the 7th International Conference on Legal Medicine, Medical Negligence and Litigation in Medical Practice & 7th International Conference on Current Trends in Forensic Sciences, Forensic Medicine & Toxicology (IAMLE 2016) to be held on 29-31 January 2016 at Hotel The Central Court, Hyderabad.



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As you are aware, the IAMLE organizes its International meet once in every year. We are glad to inform you that a large number of national and international health personnel have committed to take part in the conference through thematic and poster sessions. The conference will provide a unique opportunity to the academicians, students, industry to learn from each other and work towards a common goal of imparting education about complex issues we are facing.

Hyderabad is one of the most cosmopolitan cities in India with people from all faiths living in it. It has plenty of (Hindu) temples, Mosques, Gurdwaras (Sikh places of worship), Jain temples (Jains are members of one of the oldest religions in India), churches for various denominations of Christians, temples for the Zoroastrians (or Parsis, followers of the prophet Zoroaster; a religion originated in modern Iran). It also has a large Buddhist Vihara. As in all places in India, there is plenty of food to choose in Hyderabad. Hyderabad has developed into one of the major hubs for the IT industry, various bio technology, pharmaceutical companies etc.

I invite all the professionals, industries & academicians to be a part of this conference.

On behalf of the Organizing Committee, we assure you that every possible effort will be made to see that your visit to Hyderabad is meaningful, productive and memorable.

With warm regards

Yours sincerely

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Language

English is the official language of the conference. No translation facility is available.

Poster Presentations

Posters will be displayed during designated sessions, and presenters are expected to be available during this period to discuss their poster with participants.

Oral Presentations

1. Talks last 7 minutes plus a 3 minute period of questions.
2. Detail regarding submission of abstracts will be announced soon.

Deadline for Abstract Submission : 31.12.2015