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Focus on Case Studies at 2017 IACME Fall Meeting and Education Expo

Special dual track session for physicians, investigators

Michele Stuart, an Arizona private investigator and expert in the role of the Internet and social media in death investigation, is one of the excellent speakers confirmed for the 2017 IACME Fall Meeting and Education Expo, Friday and Saturday, September 22-23 at the Coralville Marriott.

Stuart, an instructor at Quantico for multi-country training programs, provides training to federal and state law enforcement and is a frequent author on the topic of Internet Profiling and Intelligence Gathering. She provides seminars on her specialized investigative techniques and has her own column in Professional Investigator Magazine. She will speak on **Cyber and Social Media Forensic Investigations**.

Julie Howe, D-ABMDI of St. Louis University will make two presentations at the Education Expo. Her first presentation will be an update on accreditation, certification and funding of medicolegal death investigation. Howe will also

do the 'MEIs only' portion of a dual track session on the topic of scene investigation of drug-related deaths. The physician portion of the dual track will be led by **Marcus Nashelsky, MD**, a forensic pathologist at the University of Iowa. Dr. Nashelsky's topic will be death certification.

This year's banquet speaker is **Terry Ledbetter, Board Certified Forensic Investigator** with the St. Louis County (Missouri) Medical Examiner. He will speak on the death of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, a case which sparked

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Michele Stuart

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Dennis Klein, MD, Iowa Chief State Medical Examiner and IACME Program Chair



IOSME seeks autopsy fee increase

At a recent IACME Board meeting, Dennis Klein, MD, Iowa Chief State Medical Examiner, reported on IOSME efforts to increase the current fee for an autopsy from \$1,400 to \$1,800. There has not been an increase in the budget of the Iowa Office of the State Medical Examiner since 2010. In the wake of Dr. Julia Goodin's departure, Dr. Klein was named Iowa Chief State Medical Examiner. The empty position has not been filled and the IOSME urgently needs a new pathologist. An increase in the autopsy fee would ensure that funds are available. The fee increase requires an administrative rule change through the Board of Health. Dr. Klein asked Board members to contact their local legislators regarding the need to increase the fee. ▼

Survey: Majority of IACME members prefer electronic communications

A majority of IACME members prefer electronic communications over paper, according to a recent survey seeking feedback on IACME communications.

Two years ago, IACME initiated online dues collection and online payment of IACME Fall Meeting registration fees. In addition, the IACME Fall Meeting brochure and the IACME News are now sent via email. Earlier this year, the IACME Board directed that a member survey be taken in order to assess the effectiveness of electronic communications.

Over 90 percent of respondents say they prefer electronic newsletters and brochures, citing easier access and savings in printing and postage. One respondent said "I have too much paper, and the ebrochure is easier to file and retrieve." Another commented that an electronic brochure "is easier to find on my PC than in the mess on my desk."

Sixty-two percent of respondents say they prefer to pay dues and the Fall Meeting registration fee online through the IACME web site because online payments are more convenient. The remainder of respondents said they prefer to send a check

through the mail because of county auditor requirements for reimbursement.

The IACME Board appreciates feedback from IACME members who completed the survey. If you didn't take the survey and wish to, it can be found in the Member Feedback section of the IACME web site, www.iacountyme.org. ▼

Mark your 2018 Calendars!

2018 IACME Fall Meeting and
Education Expo

Friday - Saturday,
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John Garred, Sr., MD dies in car crash

Longtime IACME member Dr. John Garred Sr., MD, 92, of Whiting died from injuries he sustained in a car crash May 16.

Dr. Garred opened his practice in Whiting in 1948 and served for many years as Monona County Medical Examiner. Dr. Garred served on the Iowa State Board of Medical Examiners from 1984-88 and was chief of staff at Burgess Health Center from 1963 until his death. He was senior air medical examiner for the Federal Aviation Agency for 55 years and served on the Whiting School Board from 1955 until 1980.

Among Dr. Garred's survivors is his son and practice partner, John Garred, Jr. MD, also a longtime IACME member.

Services for Dr. Garred were held Tuesday, May 23 at the Whiting Christian Church. The family asked that memorials be directed to his church or the Burgess Health Center Foundation. ▼

2017 IACME Elections

IACME annual elections will take place Friday, September 22, 2017 in conjunction with the Fall Meeting and Education Expo at the Coralville Marriott. Positions up for election include: President, Vice President, Secretary Treasurer and four Board seats. All carry two-year terms that run from January, 2018 through December, 2019. Anyone interested in seeking election to the Board may phone IACME Executive Director Cheri Jensen at 515.957.9246. ▼

Iowa Hy-Vee to sell over-the-counter Naloxone

Hy-Vee Inc. announced May 10 that it will begin selling Naloxone without a prescription in its pharmacies in Iowa, Missouri, South Dakota and Wisconsin. It will be available as a nasal spray or an injection.

The Iowa Board of Pharmacy has implemented administrative rules outlining training requirements for pharmacies, and pharmacists will ensure that family members are able to recognize the signs of opioid overdose and know how to correctly administer the medication, according to a Hy-Vee press release. ▼

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widespread civil unrest and international media attention.

Dr. Tim Huntington, professor of criminal justice at Concordia University and a board certified entomologist, will speak on Saturday.



Dr. Tim Huntington

Dr. Huntington, who testified in the high profile 2011 murder trial of Casey Anthony in Florida, will discuss the role of entomology in death investigation.

Also on Saturday, Michele Catellier, MD, Iowa Office of the State Medical Examiner, will do a presentation on decomposition. Jennifer Basher, a forensic technician at the Iowa DCI, will discuss crime scene photography.

"The IACME Fall Meeting is an excellent educational opportunity for all Iowa county medical examiners and investigators to receive up-to-date information and instruction that is directly applicable to death investigation. I strongly encourage MEs and MEIs to attend," says Dennis Klein, MD, Iowa Chief State Medical Examiner and IACME Program Chair.

The optional ME-101 course taught by Dennis Klein, MD and John Kraemer, F-ABMDI, will begin at 9 a.m. Friday.

Watch the IACME web site and your email for more program details in the coming months.

You can reserve your hotel room at the Coralville Marriott now by calling the Marriott at 800.228.9290 or 319.688.4000. The room rate is \$128. Deadline to reserve a room is August 31. ▼