

Chair's E-Newsletter – July 2014



Chair's Message of the Month

On-Line registration for the 2015 Joint meeting of the ISFRI and the IAFR, Leicester, UK will open in **August 2014**. Registration for the first 2 months will be restricted to ISFRI and IAFR members only to ensure that members are able to get preferential registration for the conference and social events. We also hope that those coming will submit abstracts for consideration for both talks and poster presentations as soon as possible. For more details see the section below.

A PDF version of this e-newsletter is available at <http://www.isfri.org/>

Early Registration is encouraged.

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International News

Flight MH17

The ISFRI send their sympathies to the families of those lost in the MH17 plane incident. A mobile CT scanner was deployed for use in the temporary mortuary with the subsequent images reported on site including by ISFRI members to assist in the ongoing DVI process. We look forward in the future to learning from the experiences of those involved, when they are permitted to present to us, as the use of a mobile CT scanner on this scale in an incident such as this may be a world first and something we can all learn from.

If anyone has an International news they wish to share with ISFRI members please contact the Secretary via contact@isfri.org

Update from the Board

The ISFRI board met via Skype on the 23rd July 2014. The following core subjects were discussed;

- **Congress 2015** - see relevant sections in newsletter. The 2016 conference will be in Amsterdam.
- **Subcommittees short updates** - see relevant sections in newsletter.
- **Website.** It was reported that member access to member area should be live by the end of August. The direct link to the content of the JoFRI via a trusted proxy server is in development and will go live later in 2014.
- **Member fee 2015.** Membership reminders will go out at the end of October 2014 to be collected prior to January 2015.

JoFRI

The Journal of Forensic Radiology and Imaging is provided to all members of ISFRI. Volume 3, issue 2 is currently in production. On-Line access to all articles will be available soon to all members. There have been some technical issues to overcome which is normal in the development of a journal.

The website of the journal is <http://www.jofri.net/>

Call for Papers

For the journal to establish a market lead and become the principle Journal within the field it is critical that there is a steady flow of submitted papers. The Board encourages all ISFRI and IAFR members to submit papers of all types to JoFRI. The closing date for the volume 4 submissions is **6th September 2014**.

Special issues

In 2015 we will see a special issue of JoFRI focused on paediatric imaging. A number of international invited reviews have been commissioned from the guest editor Professor Guillaume Gorincour.

In addition to this the abstracts for the 2015 joint meeting will appear in volume 2, issue 3. It is hoped that a number of original articles will be identified from the meeting abstracts and presentations and full original articles be submitted for volume 3, issue 3.

Updates from the working groups

Communications Group

Since the ISFRI World Congress in May, the networking and communication subcommittee has refocused their approach with the suggestions and recommendations brought up at the World Congress. Those goals include: increasing the society's presence in social media and on the web, providing profile pages and/or discussion sections for members on the website for collaboration and possible case sharing, additionally to recruit new members and encourage current members to interact via a forum provided online by the society. We are exploring the technical requirements that will be needed to support such endeavours online. We are also currently contacting all members who expressed interest in joining the subcommittee individually to see what their interests and potential useful skill sets are. We as a group are committed to promoting the long term success of the society through regular communication and networking opportunities. Please contact Dr. Summer Decker at sdecker@health.usf.edu with any questions, concerns or suggestions.

Education Group

The group Chair has established contact with all of the Group members who were present at ISFRI 2104 and at ISFRI 2013 to keep momentum alive. Please contact Professor Guillaume Gorincour at Guillaume.GORINCOUR@ap-hm.fr with any questions, concerns or suggestions.

Image acquisition

Two draft documents regarding image acquisition for CT and radiography have been produced and distributed to members of the Group and to ISFRI board for review. Please contact Mark Viner at m.viner@cranfield.ac.uk with any questions, concerns or suggestions.

Certification

Members of the Group who were present at ISFRI 2014 have started to assess published guidelines for certification in medical sub-specialties as potential template. A first draft is to be expected in autumn. It was noted that the UK Royal College of Pathologists would be interested in having a template for training and certification in forensic radiology for trainee pathologists in the near future. Similar guidelines may be of interest for UK radiographers. Please contact Dr Thomas Ruder at Thomas.Ruder@irm.uzh.ch with any questions, concerns or suggestions.

Reading and Reporting

The Group has decided to focus on Guidelines related to reporting first and work on reading later. A draft is being worked on currently. Please contact Dr. Gary Hatch at xraygary@hotmail.com with any questions, concerns or suggestions.

Disaster Victim identification

The DVI group remains very active. We have achieved the following:

- The second positional paper from the ISFRI DVI group has been published. This addresses the use of PMCT for mass fatality incidents.
- The third positional statement is in planning. This is to address the use of plain film in mass fatality incidents.

The group is also looking to review the evidence base behind the use of these modalities in mass fatality work as the positional statements are been written. This is something other organisations undertake. The paper will identify knowledge gaps in the evidence base and allow for researchers to target these areas for future research. Please contact Professor Guy Ruddy at gnr3@le.ac.uk with any questions, concerns or suggestions.

2014 Conference update

Photographs from the 2014 Marseille meeting are now available at the following website
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/uk138c4uw740510/AACIseIAHMhyEC1nBd4u2STUa>

2015 conference update

Planning for the 2015 joint ISFRI and IAFR conference is now at full steam ahead. For all current information on the event please visit the conference website at;

<http://www2.le.ac.uk/conference/radiology-2015>

As informed above in the *Chair's Message of the Month* registration opens in August 2014. We have decided to reserve registration for ISFRI and IAFR members only for the first 2 months. We encourage early registration as there are limited spaces on the social events and we wish to give ISFRI and IAFR member's first choice in relation to these events. Again for full details as to each nights meals and entertainment please visit the website.

The website will change on a regular basis now as more details are released. Please visit regularly. Key speakers will be announced over the next few months. As delegates submit abstracts the meeting agenda will be populated. Rather than populate the meeting with a large number of invited speakers this year we have decided to invite a limited number of Key Talks and all other talks will be selected from the submitted abstracts, similar to other international meetings.

We hope that delegates will submit for both talks and posters. All meeting abstracts will be published in JoFRI. We hope that those giving full talks will be invited to prepare full manuscripts for JoFRI.

This year we will introduce a poster prize for the best scientific poster presented at the meeting.

For all information related to ISFRI 2015 please contact us via Wendy Pitts isfri.2015@le.ac.uk
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Upcoming conferences and events

The following upcoming conferences and events are known to the Board. We encourage anyone who is aware of a similar event or who is hosting an event involving forensic radiology and imaging to submit it to Thomas Ruder at contact@isfri.org so that it can be added to the ISFRI website and placed into the next e-newsletter.

Full details of all meetings featured can be accessed via the ISFRI website <http://www.isfri.org/> or by following the embedded link.

- *September 7-8 2014 Hamburg, Germany*
3rd Virtangio Workshop
- *September 13th 2014, Middlesbrough, United Kingdom*
Annual Conference and Meeting of The international Association of Forensic Radiographers
- *October 2014 Albuquerque, New Mexico*
Inaugural Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions of the Forensic Imaging Society of the Americas (FISA)
- *November 2014 Chicago USA*
Radiological Society of North America
- *March 16-20 2015 Zurich, Switzerland*
12th Virtopsy Course

Membership

For ISFRI to be a successful, international influential Society it is critical that new members continue to join the Society, read the journal and attend the conferences. Thus;

- Do you work with someone who is involved in forensic radiology or imaging?
- Are they a member of ISFRI?

Spread the word. Encourage membership of the world's only dedicated Society for Forensic Radiology and Imaging.

Contact the Chair

I hope that ISFRI members will be encouraged to contact each other to form international discussion and research networks. As the discipline of post-mortem imaging develops across the world and takes us into a new era of practice it is important we talk to each other.

Why not contact the Board with your ideas, observations and suggestions. This should be done via the Secretary Thomas Ruder contact@isfri.org.

I also encourage members to contact me as Chair. I am available on email at gnr3@le.ac.uk I also have Skype and am happy to talk to members re new ideas and improvements at any time.

Why not get in touch?

Professor Guy Ruddy MBE

Chair, ISFRI

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