



International Society of
Forensic Radiology and Imaging

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Chair's message of the month

As the new chair of the ISFRI I would first like to thank Guy Ruty for a job well done. I'm certain that all attendees of the ISFRI/IAFR meeting in Leicester will agree with me that the meeting was very well organised and had a high academic level. The idea of organising a meeting with the same quality is a daunting prospect but it is one that I, with the help of my fantastic scientific committee, will bravely face.

Website news

As an international society, with one annual meeting, the internet is the most important way to disperse news and information. With the development and growth of our society the board felt that the time has come to upgrade our website. Our new website is optimized for use on all platforms, e.g. open it on your smartphone and it automatically scales to your screen size.

With our new website we also have the option to make information available for members of the ISFRI. After logging into our site members will be able to read e.g. positional statements. We hope that, with your help, information for members will expand in the near future.

Besides our website we would like to point your attention to our Facebook page and twitter account. We will frequently use these channels in order to promote our society and all that is related to our work.

To get access to the members section please go to <http://isfri.org/Security/lostpassword> (fill out your e-mail address and you'll receive a password for the site).

2016 conference update

The scientific board is hard at work to organise a great fifth annual meeting of the ISFRI. Just as in 2015 the board of the ISFRI and IAFR have decided to organise a joined meeting. We feel that a strong collaboration between our societies benefits all involved in the field of forensic radiology and imaging.

As announced at the last ISFRI/IAFR meeting the 2016 annual meeting will be held from May 12th to 14th, at the Academic Medical Center Amsterdam the Netherlands.

Up to date information on the meeting can be found on our website: www.isfri2016.org. We will also use the Facebook and Twitter account of the ISFRI to keep you up to date, so if you use one of these social media like us or follow us.

JOFRI

This year, Elsevier will submit the application for PubMed listing for the JoFRI. The editor-in-chief would like to take the opportunity and thank all ISFRI members who have supported the application with a letter of recommendation.

In addition, the JoFRI has recently implemented “Article Based Publishing”, a tool to enable faster publication of accepted manuscripts. Final articles are published online with full citation information without needing to wait until a journal issue is complete. This means that ABP allows for faster citation.

The special issue on paediatric post mortem imaging has been published and is available online for free via www.jofri.net.

The Board encourages all ISFRI members to submit their case reports, original articles or review article online via <http://ees.elsevier.com/jofri/>.

Update from the working groups

Disaster Victim Identification

The DVI workgroup will start on a new statement regarding the use of dental imaging, conventional as well as computed tomography, in September this year. An important topic in which forensic radiology plays an important role.

Paediatric Working Group

During the last ISFRI Meeting the members voted to start a new paediatric working group which is chaired by Owen Arthurs. At the 2015 meeting there was a very successful paediatric day which was both well attended as well received.

The PWG shares the same overall aims as ISFRI, to:

- Strengthen & develop field of forensic radiology & imaging
- Promote best practice, education & specialization
- Establish quality standards & guidelines
- Encourage & develop research programs
- Provide publications

In particular, the PWG intends to:

- Act as a support network for performing and interpreting PM imaging
- Work towards optimization and standardization of paediatric and perinatal post mortem imaging across different centres
- Facilitate collaborative research
- Act as expert review for difficult cases

Upcoming conferences and events

- February 22nd - 27th 2016 AAFS, Las Vegas, USA.
The annual meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, a multi-disciplinary professional organization that provides leadership to advance science and its application to the legal system, will be held in Las Vegas, USA. More information on the program can be found on-line: <http://www.aafs.org/meetings/2016>.
- March 2nd – 6th 2016 ESR, Vienna, Austria
The ISFRI will be present with a society booth at the upcoming congress of the European Society of Radiology. We hope to see many of you there and encourage the submission of abstract on forensic imaging to the ESR. More information on the program can be found on-line: https://www.myesr.org/cms/website.php?id=/en/ecr_2016.htm
- March 14th – 18th 2016, Virtopsy Course, Zurich, Switzerland
The Virtopsy Course combines a Basic and an Advanced Course into an entire week of forensic imaging. The Basic Course is focused on post-mortem CT and 3D documentation. The Advanced Course is dedicated to post-mortem MR and angiography. The objective of the course is to provide theoretical knowledge and practical skills in forensic radiology and imaging. Virtopsy Courses are aimed at all persons who are professionally involved in forensic radiology and imaging, including forensic pathologists, radiologists, radiographers, and surveying specialists. Information on the program can be found on-line: <http://www.virtopsy.com/datastore/documents/courses/upcoming/VC2016prelimprogramf.pdf>

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. Therefore;

- 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

As the chair of ISFRI I believe that a our society should be an open and democratic society, this means that every members voice should be heard. This can be achieved through an active role within our working groups or as a future member of the board. The board would like to encourage our members to contact us if you have ideas or suggestions, e.g. for research projects or collaboration. This can be done via our secretary Thomas Ruder: contact@isfri.org

Of course if you would like to contact me please feel free to so, I can be contacted via e-mail on: r.r.vanrijn@amc.uva.nl