



XI NATIONAL MEETING - GRUPPO ITALIANO DI PATOLOGIA FORENSE

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Update in forensic pathology: from daily practice to the Courtroom

Rome - Italy
April 18th-20th, 2024

Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore
Aula Brasca, Fondazione Policlinico Universitario Agostino Gemelli



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TOPICS

Quality management in Forensic Science
War crimes
Scientific evidence in Courtroom
Education in Forensic Pathology
Immersion Death
Advances in interdisciplinary research

What to expect from 2024 GIPF meeting

The 11th National Congress of the Italian Group of Forensic Pathology (GIPF) will be held in Rome, at the University Cattolica del Sacro Cuore. The Italian Forensic Pathology is on its way forward internationalization, combining tradition with and bold innovation, pursuing quality and multidisciplinary. On opening the Congress we will discuss the current role of the forensic pathologist in US and EU, along with an overview of national trends in pushing technical and authorization procedures. Forensic investigation of international crime victims will be addressed, focusing on multidisciplinary practical approach and on the experience of the Public Prosecutor's Office in specific forensic contexts like terrorist attacks' casualties and war crimes. On April 19th, the morning session will be dedicated to the issue of prioritizing quality in a field that sometimes risks being driven by quantity and by low standards. The value of scientific evidence will be discussed in the light of the viewpoint of Italian Supreme Court, while experts will analyze what direction Criminal Law and Forensic Pathology are heading in. Choosing quality over quantity is also a critical scientific issue since the recent "paperdemic" and the phenomenon of the predatory publishers, that will be evaluated by the Editors of the two main scientific journals of the forensic field. Finally, quality in education and as a core item of evaluation will be addressed by experts in Legal Medicine. The afternoon session will deal with drowning. The complexity of this kind of death has urged forensic pathologists to broaden the dimension of forensic investigation beyond the exclusive autopsy, encompassing toxicological and genetic analyses and making a critical example of beneficial multidisciplinary approach of it. Multidisciplinary attitude will also lead the evening, with the round table of the Presidents of the National Groups of Forensic Pathologists, Forensic Toxicologists and Forensic Geneticists. April 20th will be dedicated to the young forensic pathologists and to their commitment to envision the future. The three best oral communications presented at the Congress will be awarded by the GIPF, concluding the event.

April 18th, 2024

2:30 PM Opening Ceremony

I session: 3:00 PM - Quality management in Forensic Science

Chairman desk: *V.L. Pascali, P. Frati*

1. The accreditation of the Office: the US perspective, *B. Wolf*
2. The role of the expert in the Court: the EU perspective, *M. Tsokos*
3. Forensic pathology evidence and the Supreme Court, *P. Piccialli*

4:15 PM Coffee break

II session 4:30 PM - War crimes

Chairman desk: *A. Oliva, D.S. Priemer*

1. The pathologists join anthropologist in forensic setting, *W. Rodriguez III*
2. The Role of the Forensic Pathologist in the Examination of Combat Deaths, *K. Harshbarger*
3. Procedures and actions of the Public Prosecutors' Office in the jurisdiction of war crimes, *S. Colaiocco*

05:30-5:45 PM: Questions & Answers

07:30 PM *Welcome Reception*

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III session: 9:00 AM - Scientific evidence in Courtroom

Chairman desk: *F. Introna, E. D'Aloja*

1. Value of autopsy guidelines in medical malpractice claims, *A. d'Ippolito*
2. Scientific evidence in Courtroom, *S. Dovere*
3. Conflicting hypothesis, cognitive bias and legal assessment, *M. Caputo*
4. Junk science, expert panels in legal medicine cross-examination, *C. Pomara*
5. Peer-reviewing in Forensic Pathology: what does it really bring to the courtroom?, *C. Cattaneo*
6. Predatory publisher: risks for forensic science. An editor's point of view, *T. Fracasso*

10:45-11:00 AM Coffee break

IV session: 11:00 AM – Education

Chairman desk: *V. L. Pascali, L. T. Marsella*

1. The training of the forensic pathologist during pathology residency, *R. Zoia*
2. The accreditation of future Forensic pathologist, *D. De Leo*

12:00-12:30 PM: Question & Answers

01:00 PM **Lunch**

V Session: 2:30 - 4:00 PM - Immersion Death

Chairman desk: *V. Fineschi, F. Ventura*

1. The autopsy in the floating body, *J. Caruso*
2. The complementary diatom test in the diagnosis of drowning: state of the art, *S. Tambuzzi*
3. Testing the specificity of the diatom test: search for false-positives, *F. Bortolotti*
4. Forensic histopathology investigations, *R. Barranco*
5. Drowning: still an exclusion diagnosis? *G. Viel*
6. Forensic genetics perspective, *P. Fattorini*

VI session: 4:00-5:00 PM - Advances in interdisciplinary research

Chairman desk: *A. Oliva, P. Fattorini, S. Strano Rossi*

1. Forensic pathologists face femicide: challenges and opportunities, *R. Cecchi*
2. New frontiers of interdisciplinary research on dental tissues, *V. Pinchi*
3. Interdisciplinary applications of insects as forensic indicators. A multicenter study, *C. Campobasso*
4. The DoD/USU Brain Tissue Repository: Characterizing the Neuropathology of Combat-Related Traumatic Brain Injuries and Military Suicides, *D.S. Priemer*

5:00 PM: Coffee break

5:15 - 6:15 PM: **Board Members renewal meeting**

8:30 PM - GALA DINNER - CAFFARELLI TERRACE



April 20th, 2024

VII Session: Young Researchers

Chairman desk: *P. Fais, G. Cecchetto, E. Ventura-Spagnolo*

09:00 – 11:30 AM: Oral presentations

11:45 AM: *Best oral communications: Award Ceremony*

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GIPF Members SIMLA Members	€ 450,00	€ 550,00	Member	€ 450,00 (Early Fee) / € 550,00 (Late Fee)
GIPF Members who need to renew their membership	€ 450,00	€ 550,00	€ 50,00	€ 500,00 (Early Fee) / € 600,00 (Late Fee)
GIPF Non Members	€ 550,00	€ 650,00	Not included	€ 550,00 (Early Fee) / € 650,00 (Late Fee)
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(*) Gala Dinner Fee included

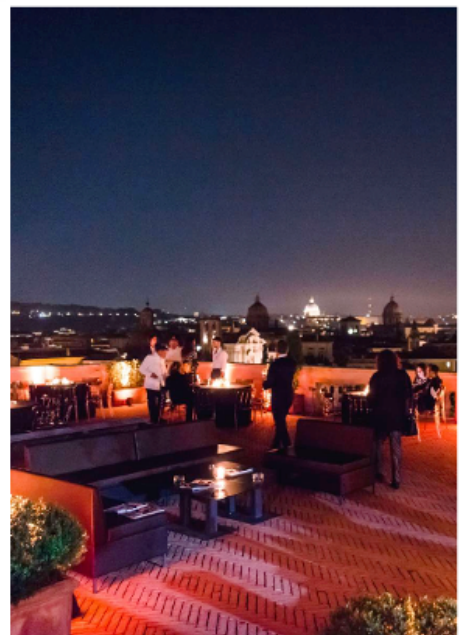
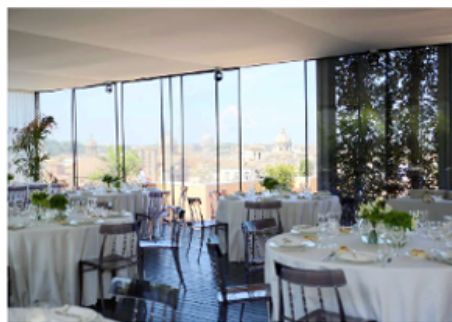
Gala Dinner, April 19, 2024
Piazzale Caffarelli 4 - Roma

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