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#### **International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals**

## The Experts' Express

#### **Upcoming Events**

2012 International Symposium on Life Care Planning Denver, Colorado Sept. 22, 2012

IARP Webinar Series: Opportunities for Vocational Experts Sept. 27, 2012

2012 IARP International Conference San Juan, Puerto Rico Oct. 25-27, 2012

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### **IARP Connect Updated to Improve Member Experience**

Over the last month, several exciting updates have been made on <u>IARP Connect</u>, the members-only area of the <u>IARP Web site</u>. The most significant change involves the overall organization of the site and specifically the introduction of new navigation.



Changes to the navigation are designed to make it easier and more intuitive for members to find what they are looking for. Here is a quick overview:

**Communities** – Every section, every chapter and every committee now have their own mini-community on IARP Connect. Each community features a discussion group, resource library, blogging area, and directory of community members.

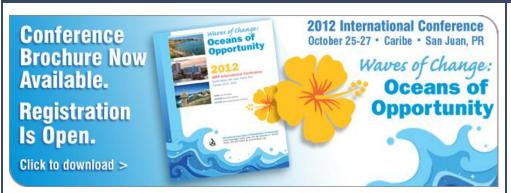
**Participate** – All the ways that you can participate (Post a Message, Share a Resource, Join Community, Write a Blog) are found in one location now.

**Browse and Find** – With more than 10,000 discussion posts and hundreds of valuable resources on IARP Connect, this new area makes it much easier to find what you need.

**My Stuff** – Here is where you will find all of your stuff, including your profile, your privacy setting, your discussion subscriptions and any content you have contributed.

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### Early Bird Discount Offers Spur 2012 IARP International Conference Registration

We are happy to report that we have **exceeded 300 attendee registrations** so far with new attendees joining every day. This healthy turnout seems to be driven by several factors including the great location, and comprehensive program the conference committee has put together, along with the various incentives that were provided to attendees who registered before August 27<sup>th</sup>.

# Attendees Who Have Booked Rooms, But Not Yet Registered, What Are You Waiting For?

If you have booked a room at the Caribe, but have not registered, we kindly ask that you do one of two things; either <u>register for the conference today</u>, or please cancel your room reservation so that registered attendees can get into IARP's room block. Thank you!

#### International Conference Offers an In-depth Pre-Con Workshop on Life Care Planning (LCP) Basics

Life Care Planning - The Basics: Does It Fit into Your Future?

IARP members hail from a variety of clinical backgrounds. Most are exposed to LCP in their practice while working with individuals with disability. Kathie Allison and Karen Preston will present an all-day workshop (Thursday October 25<sup>th</sup>) giving the participant a baseline to critically evaluate LCPs and to see if LCP fit their future practice plan.

At the conclusion of the program, participants will be able to:

- > Identify standards of life care planning
- > List areas of care consideration for the development of a life care plan
- > Identify the process of obtaining costs for services identified in the life care plan

#### **Conference Exhibitors**

Academy of Forensic Rehabilitation Research

American Board of Vocational Experts (ABVE)

Atlas Development Corporation

**Bright Sun Technologies** 

Capital Law University

<u>Cigna</u>

**EPI Rehabilitation** 

**FIG Services** 

Gould & Lamb

Greater Options, P.C.

National Association of Disability Representatives (NADR)

SkillTran, Inc.

Touchstone Neurorecovery Center

<u>UNUM</u>

#### **Conference Sponsors**

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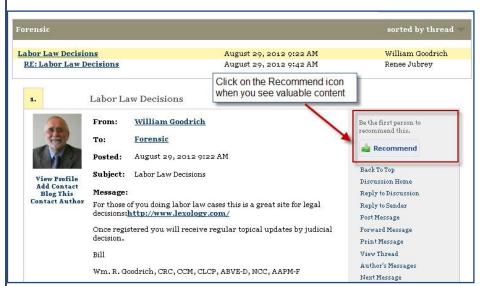
**Brian Preston Sponsorship** 



#### **New Features on IARP Connect**

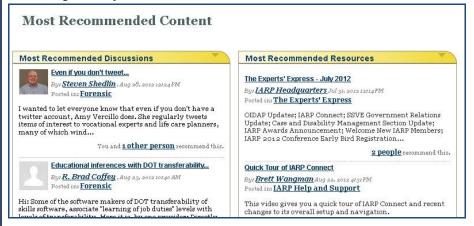
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In addition to the introduction of a simplified navigation structure, we have also added a **new Recommend feature** that will help to better identify the best and most useful content on IARP Connect. When you see a discussion post, resource item or blog post that you think has valuable content, just click on the Recommend icon (see screen shot). With more than 10,000 pieces of content on IARP Connect (a number which grows everyday), it is important that everyone begin to use the Recommend feature as it will help to "make the cream rise to the top".



#### **Most Recommended Content**

To take full advantage of this new feature, we have created a new page under Browse and Find, called <u>Most Recommended Content</u>. Over time, this will probably become one of the most useful sections of IARP Connect.



#### **Upcoming Chapter Events**

#### **IARP Ohio All Day Seminar**

Sept. 14, 2012 Columbus, OH

#### 2012 Annual IARP IL Seminar

Sept. 20, 2012 Naperville, IL

### 2012 Virginia Workers' Compensation Symposium

Sept. 21, 2012 Hampton Roads, VA

#### <u>IARP Washington Fall</u> Conference

Sept. 21, 2012 Tacoma, WA

#### IARP Arizona - ARA Fall 2012 Conference

Sept. 21, 2012 Phoenix, AZ

#### <u>IARP New England Fall 2012</u> Conference

Sept. 28, 2012 Portland, ME

#### **IARP Member Benefit**



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### Opportunities for Vocational Experts: Tips and Techniques to Expand Your Practice

Date: Thursday, September 27, 2012

7 am Hawaii, 9 am Pacific, 10 am Mountain, 11 am Central, 12 pm Eastern

**Speaker**: Steven Shedlin, MeD, CRC, Rehabilitation Experts of Maryland

2.0 CEUs Applied for: CRCC, CDMS, CVE, CWA, CCAA, ABVE, CLCP, MSCC, CCMC

Individuals who already understand what Vocational Experts do, will now learn different settings in which they can apply their skills. This will increase business opportunities for attendees as they learn of new opportunities in which they can serve as Vocational Experts, as well as ways in which they can adapt their skills to deal with the nuances that occur in different types of litigation.

#### **Educational Objectives:**

At the completion of this presentation, participants will be able to:

- 1. Identify different types of matters in which a VE can provide service
- 2. Demonstrate cases in which disability is not an issue, but that are still applicable for VE's to provide service
- 3. Identify the skill set that they already possess, or need to learn, in order to deal with the nuances inherent in working on different types of litigated matters.

#### **About the Presenter:**



Steven Shedlin has worked as a vocational expert since the mid 1980's. He has been qualified as a VE in several hundred matters pending in state circuit courts and district federal courts throughout the United States. Shedlin has testified in matters related to medical malpractice, other personal injury torts, divorce, alleged employment discrimination, FELA, lead exposure, mold exposure, workers compensation appeals, product

liability and other areas. Shedlin is the current president of IARP. He has served on the board of directors for three years. He is a past president of NARPPS and of the IARP Chesapeake chapter.

Register Online for this Webinar

### IARPCONNECT

Community, Education, Professional Growth,

Questions recently discussed on IARP Connect

#### **Forensic Discussions:**

depo dilemma

Referral advice

<u>Disclosure of AA Participation/MH</u> <u>Issues?</u>

2nd careers for former athletes

Source for bilateral use of upper extremities

tort reform law in Tenn

#### **SS-VE Discussions:**

**Beyond The Grid** 

Transferable Skill

1 and 2 step tasks revisited

new solicitations for VEs and MEs

New BPA SSA-RFQ-12-1781

#### **IALCP Discussions:**

Long term care needs for client with schizophrenia

**Pediatric PMR** 

American Board of Professional Counselors?



#### Welcome the Newest IARP Members

Please help us welcome the newest members of the IARP family. In August, we welcomed 16 new members into the association. To see more about a member, click on their name. This will take you to the new member's profile in the Member Directory on IARP Connect. Then use the Send Message link on their profile to send a welcome message.

#### **Individual Professionals**

<u>Laurel Bennett</u> Forensic Section California Chapter

Kenny Boaz

Social Security Vocational Expert Section Members at Large

**Emily Cade** 

Life Care Planners Section

Georgia Chapter

Angela Fleming Canada Chapter

Life Care Planners Section

**Brian Harmon** 

Illinois Chapter

Social Security Vocational Expert

**Jeffrey Joy** 

Forensic Section New England Chapter

Barbara Krasa

Life Care Planners Section

Pennsylvania Chapter

**Individual Professionals** 

Student

Mary Anderson

Forensic Section

Chesapeake Chapter

Jennifer Lyon

Life Care Planners Section

Forensic Section Members at Large

Sandra Mears

**Case Management Section** 

Carolinas Chapter

Kathleen Ojudun

**Case Management Section** 

Florida Chapter

**Mark Raderstorf** 

Forensic Section Members at Large

Kristine Skahan

Social Security Vocational Expert Section

Members at Large

**Lindsey Southerlin** 

Life Care Planners Section

Carolinas Chapter

Elizabeth Skyles

Forensic Section

**Case Management Section** 

Illinois Chapter

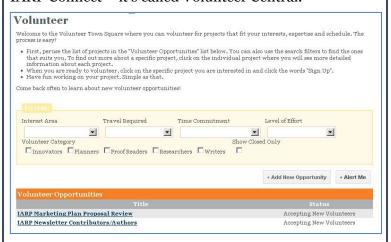
**Carrie Thomas** 

**Case Management Section** 

Alabama Chapter

### **Calling All Volunteers**

IARP realizes the strength and vitality of the association is powered by the volunteer spirit that resides within IARP members. To help organize and harness this volunteer spirit, IARP is introducing a new feature to IARP Connect – it's called Volunteer Central.



Introduced in July, this new area on IARP Connect lets you see all the opportunities that are available across IARP for you to volunteer your time and expertise. Both short term projects and long term initiatives will be available.

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#### **Free Ethics Webinar Available Now**

In late November, IARP produced a free Ethics webinar entitled **Technology Ethics: Basics, Clinical Application, and Decision-Making**.

Mary Barros-Bailey and Vilia Tarvydas led this 2-hour webinar, which received rave reviews.

The On-Demand Replay of this webinar is now available for all members to view. Just <u>click on this link</u>, register, and you will immediately receive a link to watch the replay. CEUs are also available.