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Upcoming Events

IARP Webinar Series:
Upper Extremity
Impairment
Considerations in Life
Care Planning
August 16, 2012

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

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

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Merge the CM and DM Sections? Survey Says...

For nearly two years and counting, the leadership of both the Case Management (CM) and Disability Management (DM) Sections has been actively engaged in identifying and developing additional benefits for its members. As part of these efforts, the leadership, including each section's Board, began to identify common interests across sections. Such discussion led to exploring the possibility of combining both the CM and DM sections. As these discussions proceeded, a presentation was brought before the IARP Board of Directors' meeting held at the Forensic Conference in Las Vegas, to support a possible merger.

Part of that presentation included the results of a survey initiated by the Case Management Section to illicit feedback on the possible merger from its members. Using Survey Monkey, a link was sent out to CM members posing five (5) questions:

1. What is your educational background?
2. How many years of experience as a case management?
3. What is your current job title?
4. Please list up to five (5) of your essential job functions.
5. How do you feel about a merger between the CM and DM Sections in an effort to increase resources and benefits to both section members?



With an acceptable survey response rate of 20%, nearly 75% of the respondents reported being favorable toward the possible merger, 15% undecided, and 10% unfavorable.

As a result of their presentation to the Board, the Board charged both sections to proceed in their merger efforts. Specifically, both sections' leadership was asked to bring forth a transition plan that included a timeline as well as how that new section would look. While the details continue to be worked out, the timeline has been accepted by the IARP Board and plans are underway to bring about the merger by electing its representative to the Board and two of its board members as part of the 2013 IARP elections. It is the intent to post periodic updates of the merger progress in the newsletter and in section's IARP Connect Discussion Groups on to keep members informed. In addition, at the 2012 International Conference in Puerto Rico, opportunity for all members to engage in a discussion about the planning will be available. Watch for announcements!

In next month's issue, the diversity of the Case Management respondent's job titles and essential job functions will be reported.

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Case Management Representative



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Waves of Change:
**Oceans of
Opportunity**

IARP Announces Special Early-Bird Conference Registration Offer – Your Choice of Any Two IARP Webinars!

Register for the 2012 International Conference by **July 13th** and **you will receive free, your choice of any two webinars** from the IARP Webinars On-Demand Archive (**a \$138 value!**). But you must register by the July 13th deadline. You will then receive a discount code via email.

Just like the 2012 International Conference, IARP's webinars cover a wide-range of timely topics of value to all rehabilitation professionals serving the private sector. Each webinar has been approved for 2.0 CEUs and can be viewed at your convenience. Here are the twelve webinars you can choose from:

1. SSA-VE: Back to Basics
2. Social Security Vocational Expert Testimony and Psychiatric Impairments
3. Social Security Vocational Expert Testimony Regarding Limitations and Transferability
4. Job Numbers and Labor Market Resources for Occupations
5. Occupational & Demographic Data from the US Dept. of Labor and Bureau of Census
6. DOT Redux Why We Did It
7. Clinical Judgement
8. Clinical Case Management of Grief
9. Digital Job Analysis
10. Decoding a Neuropsychological Report: Are You Interpreting it Correctly
11. Understanding the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act
12. Education Law: A New Frontier for Vocational Rehabilitation

For more details about each of these programs, [check out our Webinar On-Demand program](#). **Hurry – offer ends at midnight July 13, 2012!**

Featured Exhibitors



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IARP has released its Exhibitor and Sponsorship Prospectus and encourages every attendee to share it with service providers that they deal with every day. [Click to access Prospectus.](#)



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Announcements

IARP Call for Awards Nominations

IARP is accepting nominations for Awards to be presented at the IARP International Conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico on October 25-27, 2012. **Deadline for award nominations is: July 31, 2012**

Award Categories

- Individual Professional Member Lifetime Achievement Award
- Outstanding Employer
- Outstanding Individual Professional Member
- Outstanding Rehabilitation Educator
- Outstanding Governmental Services Award

All Nominations Must Include:

1. Letter of nomination explaining the reason for nominating the individual or organization and specifying award category.
 2. Two (2) other letters of support for the nomination.
 3. OPTIONAL - Additional materials which support the nomination, describe the individual or organization, are also welcome and encouraged although not required.
- * Only IARP Members may submit nominations *

A brief description of each Award Category is below. The Awards Committee will consider all submissions and will reply to all nominators regarding outcome.

IARP Awards Category Descriptions

- **Individual Professional Member Lifetime Achievement Award:** For the individual professional member who has demonstrated a life-long commitment to the rehabilitation profession and has made significant and notable contributions both to the organization and profession throughout his/her career.
- **Outstanding Employer:** For the employer who best demonstrates proactive hiring of and/or achieves a successful, win/win return to work program for employees with disabilities.
- **Outstanding Individual Professional Member:** For the individual professional member who consistently exemplifies personal qualities and work behaviors/experience for the betterment of people with disabilities.
- **Outstanding Rehabilitation Educator:** For the rehabilitation educator in an academic setting who best demonstrates effective teaching qualities, knowledge of the industry, student mentoring, community service and contributions to the rehabilitation profession.
- **Outstanding Governmental Services Award:** For the Federal or State Legislator or individual, active in legislative/governmental services, who has significantly and positively contributed to disability legislation, governmental services or legislative activities on behalf of people with disabilities.

Submit nominations via mail to: IARP Awards, 1926 Waukegan Rd., Suite 300, Glenview, IL 60025-1770 or via email to Marcie McGlynn at marciem@tcag.com no later than July 31, 2012. Have questions? Call Marcie McGlynn at 847-657-6964 x 3016.



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IARP Launches 2012 International Conference Web site



IARP is pleased to announce we recently launched a new Web site that is completely dedicated to the 2012 International Conference. You can access this site from the IARP home page (www.rehabpro.org) or by going directly to you at www.iarp2012conference.org.

Every detail about the conference is contained on this new site. Special highlights include:

- Detailed program
- Featured speaker details
- Comprehensive preview of everything Puerto Rico has to offer
- Hotel information
- Conference Brochure and Registration (downloadable)
- Link to online registration system
- Exhibit and sponsorship details

Please take a peek when you have chance!

Caribe Hilton Ranks Among Top 5 Kid Friendly Resorts

At the Caribe Hilton in San Juan, you're conveniently close to the Old City and smack in front of one of the city's best beaches. Families staying at the hotel also get the benefit of Kidz Paradise. This children's program kicks off with a special welcome gift (for kids 12 or younger). The Kidz Center is equipped with games and play equipment that kids can borrow for free, a Game Room, and recreational activities. [Read more...](#)



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Questions recently discussed on IARP Connect

Forensic Discussions:

Odd lot doctrine
Family law case question
Secondary gain/motivation
LTD issue

SS-VE Discussions:

Sedentary sit/stand at will
Self-employed Pinata Maker
Assembler position SVP 2/sedentary
SSA contract issue update

IALCP Discussions:

Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy

Association News

Special message for IARP Florida
Airfare specials to San Juan

Industry News

Special message from IARP Florida
Article on SSA Disability Program Shortfall in 2014



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Welcome the Newest IARP Members

Please help us welcome the newest members of the IARP family. In June, we welcomed 14 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

[Scott Brown](#)

SSVE Section
Florida Chapter

[Alejandro Calderon](#)

California Chapter
Forensic Section

[Mary Courville](#)

Louisiana Chapter
Case Management Section

[Vida Key](#)

New Jersey Chapter
Disability Management Section

[Laurie Reeder](#)

Carolinas Chapter
Case Management Section

JoAnn L. Sharp
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Case Management Section

[Amy Statzer](#)

Ohio Chapter
Life Care Planners Section

[Jessica L. Stoll](#)

Chesapeake Chapter
Life Care Planners Section

Student

[Mrs. Rachel A. Duchon](#)

New York Chapter
Forensic Section

[Alexandro Gonzalez](#)

Members at Large
Case Management Section

[May Martinez-Bailey](#)

Texas Chapter
Forensic Section

Associate

[Julie Steele](#)

Florida Chapter
Case Management Section

Retired

[Dr. Audrius V. Plioplys](#)

Illinois Chapter
Life Care Planners Section

[Toy L True](#)

Michigan Chapter
Case Management Section
Forensic Section



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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.

Volunteer

Welcome to the Volunteer Town Square where you can volunteer for projects that fit your interests, expertise and schedule. The process is easy!

- First, peruse the list of projects in the "Volunteer Opportunities" list below. You can also use the search filters to find the ones that suite you. To find out more about a specific project, click on the individual project where you will see more detailed information about each project.
- When you are ready to volunteer, click on the specific project you are interested in and click the words "Sign Up".
- Have fun working on your project. Simple as that.

Come back often to learn about new volunteer opportunities!

Filters

Interest Area	Travel Required	Time Commitment	Level of Effort
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Volunteer Category ☐ Innovators ☐ Planners ☐ Proof Readers ☐ Researchers ☐ Writers ☐ Show Closed Only

Volunteer Opportunities	
Title	Status
IARP Marketing Plan Proposal Review	Accepting New Volunteers
IARP Newsletter Contributors/Authors	Accepting New Volunteers

Rolling out in July, this new area on IARP Connect will let 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. Watch your inbox for the official release!

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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 [click on this link](#), register, and you will immediately receive a link to watch the replay. CEUs are also available.

