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Upcoming Events

IARP CM/DM Conference Creating a Culture of Care Scottsdale, AZ Feb. 10-12, 2011

IARP Webinar Series How to Decode a Psych Report March 23, 2011

IARP Webinar Series **Medical Ethics** April 13, 2011

IARP 2011 Forensic Conference Las Vegas, NV Nov. 3-5, 2011

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Call for IARP Leadership Nominations

This is a reminder to members to submit a name for consideration (including your own!) to serve in a leadership position.

IARP seeks dedicated individuals to serve on the IARP International Board of Directors and in other positions in IARP special interest sections for terms commencing May 1, 2011.

A complete list of open positions as well as necessary qualifications is listed on the **IARP** website.

Click here to download the Nominations form.

Nominations will be accepted until 5PM CST Feb. 15, 2011

2011 Membership Survey – Your Voice Counts!

IARP is seeking to insure that we provide the best and most relevant services and benefits to members. Periodically the IARP Board of Directors surveys members to assess the overall membership experience.

This year's survey is designed to help IARP leadership and staff better understand your needs and the direction that you would like us to pursue. Additional sections of the survey also will be provided based upon section membership. Because members may choose to belong to more than one section, it is possible that a member may receive more than one survey.



The main survey will take about five to ten minutes to complete. You can edit your responses to any question until you complete your survey and submit it. You cannot return to edit a survey after submission.

The deadline for completing the survey is Friday February 11 at 5PM CST.

Survey results are confidential and will be used in aggregate only.

Thank you in advance for your participation!

Click here to participate in the All Member Survey.

And watch your email for information about participating in Section-specific surveys.







Dear Colleagues:

For those of you who are teetering on the fence about attending the CM/DM Conference in Scottsdale next month, I truly hope you decide to join us! The weather has been exceptional in the low 70's and sunshine all day, casting long shadows in the afternoon and making for tremendous sunsets and colorful skies! I LOVE IT! (but that's why I live here).

If the weather doesn't "tip" you, then please take a moment to review the <u>conference topics/speaker line</u> up. There is a strong representation on Labor Market research matters....a hot topic on the list serves lately...presentations all day during the pre-con will cover "ethical approaches to employers" and "12 steps to valid and reliable labor market survey". On Friday morning one session will offer attendees the opportunity to provide input regarding labor market survey forms to be used, in an attempt to standardize what we as professionals use in our surveys. There will be a plethora of presentations on cultural considerations with numerous populations, social security work, grief, adjustment disorders and technology presentations. Plus, the early bird registration has been **extended to Feb. 4th!**

I would love to see everyone here! When you decide to register, make a mental note to say "hi to Lisa" in Scottsdale....you can thank me at that time for helping you choose to attend during your time of indecision! <grin> Seriously, I do hope to see as many of you as can make it!

See you in Scottsdale!

Lisa Clapp Conference Co-chair

DOWNLOAD FULL BROCHURE

REGISTER ONLINE TODAY AND SAVE!

The early-bird registration fee has been extended until **February 4, 2011**

CONFERENCE HOTEL

The Hilton Scottsdale Resort and Villas is the conference hotel. Call the hotel directly at 480-948-7750 to book your hotel accommodations. If you have any trouble securing your room, email Marcie McGlynn at IARP or call 847-657-6964.



Special Thanks to the Exhibitors and Sponsors of the 2011 IARP CM/DM Conference

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IARP Member Discount for 2011 Learn and Leisure Workshop in Mexico

IARP and Caragonne and Associates have teamed up to offer a discount to the 2011 Learn and Leisure Workshop, February 23 to 26, 2011.

The Leisure and Learn Workshop is held in the small, rural mountain village of Ajijic, Jalisco, Mexico. Today, experienced, as well as newer litigation professionals function in an increasingly competitive and complex environment. As a result, they need tools and relevant information technology to position their expert practices in the vanguard. The Leisure and Learn Workshop has been designed with these factors in mind. It provides a supportive context for learning, assists the development of professional identity, fosters long lasting peer relationships, provides means to immediately apply and practice new learning and it gives a range of technology and content applications to aid decision-making.

IARP members will receive a \$100 discount on registration fees for the workshop.

You can find a <u>brochure</u> and registration information at www.caragonne.com.

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New Class Just \$50.40 with your IARP Discount NL0510: Chronic Sleep Loss and Sleep Disorders (8 contact hours)



IARP Connect Update

Over the last week, IARP Connect, our online collaboration center has undergone a mild transformation, which includes a redesign of the <u>Connect home page</u>, and changes to the site's navigation.



We have reorganized the Connect home page to have three columns of content versus the previous layout that featured two. And we have added a variety of new dynamic portlets that lets a member see all the new content on the Connect site (discussion posts, resource documents, blog posts) all on one page. This new design should gives members a quick, at-a-glance update on what's new.

Navigation Changes Worth Noting

IARP Connect's main navigation has changed as well. Here are the changes:

- Added a direct link to a member's profile (My Profile) and sub links to help a member manage their contacts, inbox and privacy settings.
- Changed the eGroups navigation link to Discussions, since this is more intuitive.
- Added a link to Search. In recent weeks, the software that powers IARP Connect was upgraded with lots of new features, including a much better Search. IARP Connect now contains more than 4,000 posts, so try using the new Search functionality to find what you are looking for.



Questions recently discussed on IARP Connect

Forensic eGroup:

- DOT Code
- Response on Job Application
- BLS SuperSectors

SS-VE eGroup:

- Encrypted CDs
- Hand limitations/snow cancellations
- VE security concerns

Life Care Planner eGroup:

- Collaboration between vocs and LCPlanners
- Implementation study

Coffee Talk eGroup:

- Call for Volunteers
- Passwords
- Totally off topic



I am IARP Featured Profile

Meet Gail Maron, a Forensic Expert and SSA-VE with more than 30 years experience.

"My practice has expanded from work as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor into other areas for which my experience has qualified me. This includes conducting job analyses, ergonomic evaluations, job modifications, etc. I also perform long term disability evaluations,



evaluations for forensic settings and marital dissolution cases as well as work for the Social Security Administration as a Vocational Expert. I began conducting Long Term Disability Evaluations, Forensic evaluations, marital dissolution evaluations, and I have had a contract with the SSA/ODAR where I work on a contract basis as a Vocational Expert."

"My Ah Ha moment was when I truly recognized that I loved what I do and when my work makes a difference in someone else's life, I have another Ah Ha moment!"

Read Gail's complete profile

Read all the I am IARP Profiles

IARP Webinar Series

How to Decode a Psych Report

March 23, 2011 9 am Pacific; 10 am Mountain; 11 am Central; 12 pm Eastern

PresentersDr. David Lamb

Arizona NeuroRehab

Marcos Molinar Vocational Foundations

Watch your email for details.

Medical Ethics: The Complex World of Medical Care Delivery

April 13, 2011 9 am Pacific; 10 am Mountain; 11 am Central; 12 pm Eastern

Presenter

Nancy Alexander Arizona Disability Law

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IARP Webinar Series

Missed one or more of IARP's Webinar Series? No worries. You can still access any of these previous webinars and earn CEUs. IARP's on-demand archive includes:

Clinical Judgment

Job Numbers and Labor Market Resources for Occupations

What Works at Work Following TBI

SSDI Clients' Options for Returning to Competitive

Employment

Adaptive Transportation Safety SSA Vocational Experts: The Basics

Neurofunctional Assessment: How to Find out What You -

Really Need to Know to Plan for Your Clients

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