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Understanding the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act
Feb. 21, 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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IARP Launches Redesigned Web site

We are pleased to announce significant progress in the upgrading of IARP's technology platform. The next time you visit IARP's main site (www.rehabpro.org), you will notice that it has a fresh, new color scheme, revised content and a reorganized navigation structure.

These changes were made to help better convey the role that IARP and its members play in the private rehabilitation marketplace. These changes were also made in response to member feedback that indicated that it was difficult to find content on the previous site.



Here are several of the major improvements you will notice:

- **Drop down navigation** – You can now see what content is contained within a section by simply hovering over the title in the main navigation bar.
- **Footer navigation** – We now reveal a mini site map in the web site's footer area, allowing you to see at-a-glance where important content is located.
- **Find a Member** – You can now search the member directory right from the home page with the ability to constrain the search by state or province.
- **Consolidated all Members-Only Content within IARP Connect** – In our previous Web site, members-only content was spread out across many areas of the site. We have now moved all members-only content (including both Journals) to IARP Connect. Now, when you log into the web site, you will be automatically redirected to IARP Connect, where you can find members-only content as well as collaborate with fellow members in the discussion groups.

We hope you visit the new site and give it a try. As always, feedback is welcome and appreciated. Also, a special note of thanks goes to Angie Heitzman and the Technology committee for providing valuable guidance throughout this process.



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Are You Ready to Accept the IARP Leadership Challenge?

There has never been a better time to step forward and step up into a leadership position within IARP. IARP is seeking dedicated individuals to serve on the IARP International Board of Directors and other positions in special interest sections for terms commencing May 1, 2012. Open positions are listed below.

Nominations will be accepted until Monday March 5, 2012.

Open ***IARP Board of Directors*** positions include:

- > *President Elect* (one year term followed by a two year presidency and one year as Past President)
- > *At-Large Board Member* (two-year term)
- > *Disability Section Representative to the IARP Board of Directors* (two-year term)
- > *Forensic Section Representative to the IARP Board of Directors* (two-year term)
- > *Council of Presidents Representative to the IARP Board* (two-year term)

Open ***Standards Compliance Review Board*** (SCRB) positions include:

- > *Rehabilitation Counselor* (two-year term)
- > *Rehabilitation Nurse* (two-year term)
- > *Vocational Evaluator* (two-year term)
- > *Placement Specialist*

Open ***Case Management Section Board*** Positions

- > *Secretary*
- > One (1) *Section Board Member At-Large*

Open ***Disability Management Section Board*** Positions include:

- > *Section Representative to the IARP Board of Directors* (two-year term)
- > Two (2) *Section Board Members At-Large*

Open ***Forensic Section Board*** positions include:

- > *Section Representative to the IARP Board of Directors* (two-year term)
- > *Section Board Chair-elect* (three-year term to include one year as chair, followed by one year as past chair)
- > *Section Board Co-Chair* (two-year term)

Open ***Life Care Planners Section Board*** positions include:

- > *Section Board Chair-Elect* (one year term)
- > One (1) *Section Board Member At-Large* (two-year term)

Nominees should be able to attend all meetings, participate in conference calls, and attend the IARP Annual and/or Section Conference. Nominees must be an Individual Professional member in good standing with IARP for at least two years. Further explanations of duties and qualifications for the above positions may be found in the "Bylaws" and "Policies & Procedures" sections of www.rehabpro.org.

[Click here to learn more and to submit your nomination form.](#)



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Webinar Series

Understanding the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act and the role of Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors in LHWCA Cases

Date: February 21, 2012

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

Applied for 2.0 CEUs – CRC, CVE, CWA, CCAA, CDMS, CCMC, CLCP, MSCC

Speaker: Barbara K. Byers, MA, CRC, CVE, CCM, LPC

Program Objectives:

1. Participants will be able to interpret the history of the Longshore and Harbor Workers Act
2. Participants will be able to give example of the role of vocational rehabilitation counselors in the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Act
3. Participants will be able to explain how labor market surveys are used in Longshore and Harbor Workers' Act cases

The Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (LHWCA or Longshore Act) is a workers' compensation program administered by the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP). The Act provides for compensation and medical care to employees disabled from injuries that occur on the navigable waters of the United States, or in adjoining areas used in loading, unloading, repairing, or building certain vessels. The Act also provides benefits to specific survivors and dependents if the injury causes the employee's death. The term "injury" includes occupational disease arising out of employment.

This Webinar will help the participant understand the use of vocational rehabilitation under the LHWCA, how vocational counselors are utilized through the Office of Workers' Compensations as well as by private, self-insured employers and insurance companies. Opportunities to understand the steps to take when one has received a referral of a Longshore case, how to prepare for an ALJ hearing and how to document your vocational efforts.

[Click here for complete details.](#)

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IARP 2012 International Conference Updates

Planning and preparations for IARP's 2012 International Conference have kicked into high gear. Here are a few of the highlights:

Hotel Registration Is Now Open

IARP is excited to announce that the Caribe Hilton, site of IARP'S 2012 International Conference, is now accepting reservations. A block of rooms has been reserved for IARP Conference Attendees. The special room rates are effective from October 20 -

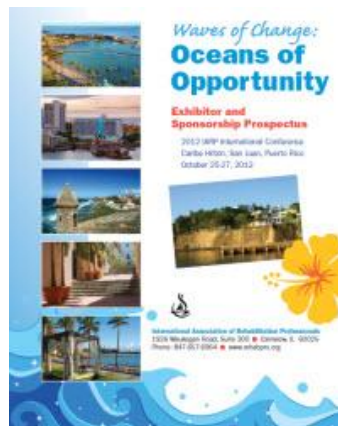
November 1, 2012. So, be sure to factor in some vacation time. Bring along your family and enjoy fun in the sun in beautiful San Juan! The special room rate is available until September 23 - or until the group block is sold out, whichever comes first. Don't miss out - book your accommodations today!

[Click here for complete details.](#)



Calling all Exhibitors and Sponsors

IARP believes strongly that the 2012 International Conference will provide the ideal opportunity for companies that provide services to private rehabilitation professionals to develop new and lasting relationships with conference attendees. IARP has just released its Exhibitor and Sponsorship Prospectus and encourages every attendee to share it with service providers that they deal with every day. Exhibitor and Sponsor support are key ingredients to a successful conference, so help spread the word. [Click to access Prospectus.](#)



Conference Video Delivers Convincing Message

If you are still on the fence as to whether to attend the 2012 International Conference, we ask you to take 3 minutes out of your busy day to watch this new conference video. Produced by Amy Vercillo's teenage daughter, this video will show you everything that is in store for you when you make the trip to Puerto Rico. It will also convince you that kids these days are pretty darn talented! [Click here to watch the video.](#)

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**Denver Marriott City Center
Denver, Colorado
September 22-23, 2012**

With Pre-Conference Workshops on September 20-21

“From Litigation to Implementation: Developing Life Care Plans That Work”

***Call for Paper Presentations:
Deadline: February 15, 2012***

***Call for Poster Presentations
Deadline: February 29, 2012***

To be considered, your packet MUST include the following:

- ***Biography and Resume or CV***
- ***Presentation Description***
- ***Statement indicating that you accept responsibility for your travel, hotel and meals.***
- ***Name and address of each speaker associated with this proposed presentation.***
- ***Chairperson, (primary contact) of session if more than one person is to present.***
- ***Tentative title of each individual presentation.***
- ***For complete details, please visit www.islcp.org***



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- Advertisement from IARP Member Benefit Provider -



10% Discount on All Classes

Nearly 700 pre-approved CEUs for CRC, CDMS, CCM, CLCP, CRRN available.

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If you already have an account with [AAACEUs.com](http://www.AAACEUS.com) you can easily move it to the IARP 10% discount program.

- 1) Open the custom link: <http://www.AAACEUS.com/IARP>
- 2) Log in with your current user ID and password...the webpage will automatically ask you if you want to add your account to the IARP 10% discount webpage - just hit the **Please Add Me** button and your account will then reflect the 10% discount on all future purchases.

CRC/CDMS/CCM

NL0311B: Blast Injuries - Polytrauma Pt 2: Family & Community Issues
10 hours

NL0311C: Blast Injuries - Polytrauma Pt 3: Rehab & Return to Work Issues
6 hours

HM3020: Test Review Manual for Vocational Evaluations - **10 hours**

NL0910: Autism Spectrum Disorder - Unraveling the Clues - **8 hours**

HM2003: Brain Injury and Return to employment - **6 hours**

CRC/CDMS ETHICS:

NL0906C: Methods and Models of Empowerment for the Disabled - **8 hours**
(*Pre-Approved for 8 hours CRC/CDMS Ethics Credit*)

ET1050: 2011 URAC Ethical Framework Class for Case Managers and Rehab Counselors **2 hours** - (*Pre-Approved for 2 hours CRC & CDMS Ethics credit*)

NL0906R: Conflict of Interest - Its Pervasive Impact on Ethical Decision-Making **8 hours** - (*Pre-Approved for 8 hours CRC Ethics credit*)

LIFE CARE PLANNERS (CLCP)

LC1001: Catastrophic Case Management and Life Care Plans - **8 hours**

HM3010: Standard of Care - Making Sense of 'Practice, Ethical, Legal and Credentialing' Guidelines in Forensic Rehabilitation **4 contact hours** (HM5025)



Questions recently discussed on IARP Connect

Forensic Discussions:

Value of a housewife's day

Duration of unemployment and RTW rate

Pharmacist possibilities

SOC conflict in OASYS and Job Browser

SS-VE Discussions:

Government relations fundraising

Mileage reimbursements

Fluctuating payment dates

Dwarfism

Fundraising challenge

SS-VE section update

Coffee Talk:

Need closest DOT title

Computerize case management software



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Welcome the Newest IARP Members

Please help us welcome the newest members of the IARP family. December saw 16 new members joining 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.

Student

[Jose A. Rua](#)

Chapter: Florida

Section: Disability Management

Individual Professionals

[Ivory Youngblood](#)

Chapter: Louisiana

Section: Social Security Vocational Expert

[Bridget Kelly](#)

Chapter: Georgia

Section: Case Management

[James W. Primm, Jr.](#)

Chapter: Pennsylvania

Section: Forensic

[Joe Manion](#)

Chapter: Florida

Section: Disability Management

[Ken Smith](#)

Chapter: Oregon

Section: Social Security Vocational Expert

[Kenneth Bennett](#)

Chapter: Georgia

Section: Social Security Vocational Expert

[Luke Sommers](#)

Chapter: Washington

Section: Life Care Planners

Individual Professionals

[Antony Ruddick](#)

Chapter: Canada

Section: Life Care Planners

[Ashley Johnson](#)

Chapter: Carolinas

Section: Forensics

[James Petersen](#)

Chapter: Michigan

Section: Case Management

[James Soldner](#)

Chapter: Members at Large

Section: Social Security Vocational Expert

[John Reiser](#)

Chapter: Florida

Section: Social Security Vocational Expert

[Ronald W. Porter](#)

Chapter: Georgia

Section: Disability Management

[Ruth Ann Gilpin](#)

Chapter: West Virginia

Section: Case Management

[Susan M. Guth](#)

Chapter: Chesapeake

Section: Life Care Planners



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SS-VE Donations Spike as Fund Exceeds \$60K

Let it never be said that SS-VE section members are not a competitive group. For more than 18 months, members of the section have been collecting donations for a Government Affairs fund. With the fund, the section plans to hire a government relations firm to raise awareness of SSVE issues and to make sure their message is heard by key members of Congress and SSA. The group collected \$37K through the end of 2011. However, an update on activities in early January and challenges between members caused a groundswell of recent activity. Over the last three weeks, the group has raised an additional \$23K. Buoyed by recent activity, the group is actively calling upon all SS-VEs to contribute as soon as possible so that the group can hit its ultimate goal - \$100K.

Donations are being accepted online at the IARP Web site. If you are interested in donating, or know someone who might be, please share this link:
<http://tinyurl.com/iarpssvedonate>



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Webinar Series

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.

