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This is the place for ACE!

by Deb Holcombe BFA, RDMS, RVT

The Institute of Allied Medical Professions has been approved by the American Council on Education (ACE), a national college credit recommendation service. This team of college faculty reviewers and medical doctors have approved a recommendation of the DMS (Diagnostic Medical Sonography) program for 70 credits. These credits are accepted at over 60 major universities in New York State and many other universities nationally. View a complete list at <http://www.acenet.edu/clll/corporate/network.cfm>.

The DMS program transcript is now ACE approved for 70 credits. These credits may be applied towards a baccalaureate degree at cooperating colleges. As if that was not exciting enough, the ARDMS, American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers accepts ACE transcripts. This means that our graduates may be able to apply under prerequisite one, as having 70 semester credits. Candidates who have less than a baccalaureate degree will only have to work full time for one year to be registry eligible. This transcript is applicable to graduates who began the program dating back to September 2002.

As always the IAMP is working hard to bring to you the highest standard of imaging education. We are committed to teaching the skills you need to become a successful sonographer.



CAMPUS BULLETIN

Queens Campus

SDMS (Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers) Local Society Meeting -

Wednesday, March 16, 2005 from 6pm - 8pm

Vascular cases will be discussed. Take this opportunity to dazzle your fellow sonographers with your wealth of knowledge and present a case.

2 CME's will be awarded to all attendees.

Contact Nancy to attend or present 718-779-7738

Adult Echocardiography Cross Training - 3/7/05-4/14/05

Taught by Rena Kayne, RDMS - staff sonographer at NYU Medical Center - Mon/Thurs evenings - 6-10pm - 12 classes - all Anatomy, Physiology, Common Pathologies and Scanning protocol. Offered to any General Ultrasound student or working sonographer.

Contact Nancy - (718) 779-7738.



Letter from the President

Dear **IAMP** Students and Staff,

I hope you had a happy and healthy holiday season. Looking back on the year of 2004, IAMP had its ups and downs. Our Florida campus suffered extensive damage from the relentless hurricanes making for a very turbulent time for them. However, on the bright side, IAMP's Ultrasound program approved for 70 credit semester hours by the ACE. Also, our Nuclear Medicine program was accredited for another 5 years and cited as one of the outstanding programs in the United States. I would like to congratulate everyone involved on both projects.

This year we will be opening a new campus in Atlanta, Georgia that will offer programs in Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Nuclear Medicine, Radiation Therapy, Radiography and MRI. Also, we have designed a new website to be more helpful and informative for our students. Please take the time to read over our website at www.iampny.com.

I anticipate that 2005 will be another great year for IAMP, its student, staff and clinical affiliates. I look forward to seeing alumni at our annual meetings and working with our advisory and curriculum committees. Please enjoy the newsletter's first edition of the year and, as always, we would love to hear from you with any feedback or articles you would like to contribute. Email, alehner@iampny.com.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Haggerty

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CAMPUS BULLETIN cont.

Congratulations to ULT EM D 4/03 -

Commencement Ceremonies were followed by an Italian Feast at Giardino's Ristorante on 11/19/04. 50% of the class has graduated with Honors and 8 students already had been hired by the time of graduation.

Yonkers Campus

IAMP's Yonkers campus at St. John's Riverside Hospital will be offering a series of Case Study Programs during 2005. Please mark the dates on your calendar and come with a case. Two CME credits will be awarded each meeting at no charge. In fact, ten credits can be earned toward fulfilling yearly registry requirements.

TIME 6:00PM

ROOM III LOBBY FLOOR

SCHEDULE

Thursday, January 27

Thursday, March 31

Thursday, May 26

Thursday, August 25

Thursday, November 17

Physics Registry Classes

Three tutorial physics sessions will be presented at St. John's on Saturday April 9, 16 and 23. This comprehensive course will include general physics as well as some vascular topics. Lectures will be presented by Charles Odwin, RT, RDMS, PA-C. Space is limited so reserve a seat as soon as possible.

Contact Phyllis (914)964-4995

Congratulations to the following St. John's students for passing the ARDMS Registry

Larisa Gorn ARDMS Breast

Lyubov Simmons ARDMS Abdomen

Nina Bradley ARDMS Abdomen

Taijmattie Persaud ARDMS Breast

Xiaoran Zhang ARDMS OB

Kathryn Gurian ARDMS Abdomen

Gretchen Chenard ARDMS Abdomen



An IAMP Vet

Executive Vice President, Carolyn Jacobs, began working at IAMP in the fall of 1988. Sixteen years later Carolyn has been with IAMP longer than any other employee. She can't help but laugh when she describes what it was like working here in the beginning. "We had a Tandy 1982 used computer made by Radioshack, and a daisy wheel printer," Carolyn reminisces, "We had 75 students a year with two



A New Arrival

The Institute is proud to welcome our new Program Director, Terry Benson, to our Atlanta campus. Terry recently made his first trip ever to our New York City office for an orientation. During his visit we learned more about the qualifications and personality that help him land the job.

Born in Birmingham, Alabama Terry is the quintessential Southern man filled

admissions per program."

Since then Carolyn has worked on all the different aspects of IAMP, i.e. admissions, clinicals, and course development. Through it all she has continued to be director of IAMP's extremely successful Nuclear Medicine Program. If one thing is unique about Carolyn as a director it is her ability to keep in touch with her students. Her favorite part about her job is following the success of her graduates. Just this Christmas, Carolyn received a card from one of her first students. "This student graduated eleven years ago, he is now chief technologist," Carolyn beams as she glances over the card, "I love hearing of students that graduate from our program and become senior staff members, or are able to put their children

with charm and manners. Terry has left his beloved South only once, after high school, and headed for Santa Barbara, California. There he held two jobs, working at Burger King during the day and an electronics factory at night. "This is when I was convinced that college was in my future." Terry admitted, "This is when I realized how important it is to have a good education."

Terry enrolled at the University of Alabama and received his B.A. in Radiological Sciences. He then continued at the University to receive his Masters in Education and has been an educator ever since. Terry hopes to bring a vast amount of experience to the Institute and looks forward providing students with a high quality education. "I would like to see them enter the work place with

through college, or are able to buy a beautiful home."

Before Carolyn worked at the Institute she was working as a corporate gallery manager at Hallmark. At that time Dr. Vinceguerra, the founder of IAMP, was one of her loyal customers. When the gallery was set to close around Christmas in 1987, Dr. Vinceguerra, offered her a job. Carolyn had a BA in education so she was considering the possibility. "Then finally Dr. V convinced me, I would love my job, and he was right" Carolyn said. "I am happy to be associated with a school that continues to offer a very specific and focused training to prepare students with a career in health care."

See Carolyn "fill in the blanks" on page 6.

more than entry level skills." Terry said.

After spending a week in New York City Terry expressed great regrets for not having visited sooner. "I love the energy of this city. It is so diverse and seems very alive." However Terry admits that although he was thoroughly impressed with New York City, the warm weather is where he belongs.

In his free time, or what will be left of it after opening a new school, Terry loves to read and hang out with his cat "chance". "I found my cat at a shelter, he was on his way out, I was his last chance". When asked who is his personal hero he replied "I admire Colin Powell for his calm under fire and steadfastness." It is clear that Terry applies these qualities to both his life and career.

Congratulations!

IAMP is very proud of our students. We would like to take this opportunity to recognize them for their outstanding accomplishments.

Congratulations to the following graduates who are now registered or have passed one exam with the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (ARDMS).

Irina Dok, RDMS
Alexandru Popescu, RVT
Larisa Konshina, RDMS, RVT
Thomas Su, RVT
Anna Shtamler, RVT
Sabra Bashir, RDMS
Diwandatt Phagu
Galina Lyzhina, RDMS
Carmen Nicodinovici, RVT
Ella Titova, RDMS
Marina Kozlova, RDMS
Irina Belyayeva, RVT
Ilan Shams, RDMS
Natalia Tchernenko, RDMS
Boguslawa Kubicz
Tamara Malkova, RVT

Congratulations to the following graduates who are now working sonographers!

Alissa Tsvelkh, Fernando Amador, Kenia Arias, Irina Labovskaya, Kye Hee Lee, Aracelyz Tineo, Diana Agabs, Danielle Cordaro, Roema Gangarampanday, Karine Khashkhyayan, Dilbar Mirzokandova, Natallia Sapitsky, Tatiana Tyrhalo, Natella Davydova, Emiliya Gibel, Michael Shamailov, Jose Zuniga, Vitaly Bershtein, Penina Meth, Emnonila Bircaj, Monica Garces, Andrea Garofalo, Wendy Trapani, Yuriy Yakubov, Aleksy Avadayev, Svetlana Bekmurotova, Ardiana Bilali, Ilona Bukher, Christine Christensen, Diana Ferrazoli, Ariel Gonzalez, Lucy Gonzalez, Yana Mogilevsky, Svetlana Shargorodskaya, Emma Champness, Michelle Stankes, Elmira Yusufova, Evelyn Alejo, Edith Suarez, Deodat Budhram, Maria Pedron, Daniel Engel, Besa Kolpepaj, Tracy Moss, Aida Aguilera, Sara Jimenez, Tamineh Kohan, Diwandatt Phagu, Thomas Su, Tanya Zarovsky, Jodi Baccollo, Jessica Giamundo, Varsha Kapoor, Diana Aranbayeva, Vesna Talanga, Anzhela Faylayeva

A Yonkers Graduation

The St. John's Campus held graduation exercises for the Evening Ultrasound program on November 18th at the Harvest on Hudson Restaurant, Hastings, N.Y. The Alumna Address was offered by Virginia Gordon (Evening Class of 2000) Virginia is presently employed as OB Staff sonographer at Mid Rockland Imaging.

Susan Berkowitz provided Student Commentary. Her address reviewed the many humorous events in the life and times of her fellow students while at St. John's. The address to graduates was given by Fay Perry, RDMS, Clinical Instructor at Bronx Lebanon Hospital. Fay enjoined graduates to keep focused by continuously working toward professional excellence. Accepting the Award for Outstanding Clinical Instructor Elana Capatina RDMS, Good Samaritan Hospital.

Congratulations to Irene Mitchev and Tracy Roksvold for receiving High Honors and Angela Lemus for Honors.

CLASS PHOTO



Back Row (Left to Right)

Frank Hall, Angela Lemus, Irene Mitchev, Janice Yeugelowitz, Leticia Delgado, Susan Berkowitz, Elina Krasnova, Celia Lemus, Kelvin Portalatin

Front Row

Gayitri Sookram, Tracy Roksvold

IAMP's ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

On December 8, The Institute of Allied Medical Professions, had their annual open house at the Queens Campus. The event attracted over 80 prospective students to view our facilities and learn about the program. Alumni, Songraphers and Staff gathered to inform our guests about all the opportunities IAMP has to offer.



IAMP Instructor Deb Holcombe demonstrates a scan in the dark to get a clear and detailed image.



Charles Odwin RDMS,PA-C, co-author of “Review for the Ultrasonography Examination”, was on hand to talk about his success as a sonographer.



Ralph Safarti RDMS,RVT,RDCS talked about his experience in the field of ultrasound.



Queens Director Nancy Baer and Director of Admissions Brian Haggerty talk to prospective students about our program.



IAMP Alumni's helped demonstrate everything they learned in the program.



IAMP Florida Campus News

The Long Road to Recovery

by Jen McCann



IAMP in West Palm Beach, Florida campus was greatly affected by the Hurricanes that ripped through Florida earlier this year. Months later IAMP has finally made a full recovery.

The first hurricane to make landfall was Frances starting at Seawall's point, 35 miles north of West Palm Beach on September 4, 2004. A dangerous category 2 hurricane, Frances sustained maximum winds near 105 mph. This was more than enough to cause significant damage to the roof of the Institute. Unfortunately, all repairs were made just in time for Hurricane Jeanne to strike. Hurricane Jeanne made landfall just before midnight on September 26, 2004. This was the same area ravaged by Hurricane Frances three weeks earlier. This Category 3 Hurricane had winds of 120 mph which caused the roof on our building to lift and then flooded the entire office.

The carpets were soaked and the ceilings were missing, leaving insulation and ceiling tiles all over our desks and floors. The majority of our walls were extremely wet and in turn developed mold. The walls were removed and finally, over the weekend of December 11th and 12th, they were replaced. IAMP Florida is happy to report that all the damage has been reversed and we are back in business.



New Instructor

We would like to introduce and welcome our new instructor Estiben Collado to the West Palm Beach family. Estiben has been working in the ultrasound field since 1997. He is registered with the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (ARDMS) in the fields of Obstetrics/Gynecology and Abdomen. In addition, he is a Registered Cardio-Vascular Technologist. (RCVT) Estiben is responsible for instructing our students in Vascular Sonography and Echocardiography.

Graduation

IAMP in West Palm Beach is proud to announce the graduation of our first Ultrasound class on Sunday, January 23, 2005. The ceremony and celebration brunch will be held at the Atlantis Country Club in Atlantis, Florida. President, Thomas Haggerty, will be in attendance.

President Emeritus to Play Santa

Former President, Dr. Eugene Vinciguerra, will play Santa Claus at a Christmas Party on Saturday, December 18th. The party is being given for neighborhood children by the Coral Springs, Florida, Police Department. Dr. Vinciguerra served as the Institute's President from 1974 to 1995.

Carolyn Jacob's "Fills in the Blanks".....

When people aren't looking I'm: dreaming.

I'm always humming the tune: "Time to say goodbye by Andrea Bocelli"

My personal hero is: Robert E. Lee

I'd rather be: walking on the beach.

I can't stand it when: people complain.

My golden rule is: do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Have You Met Your Renewal Requirements?

There are two requirements for maintaining your credential(s) with ARDMS:

- 1) Submission of 30 ARDMS-acceptable CME credits earned within your three-year CME cycle
- 2) Payment of annual fee
\$60 U.S. or \$75 Canadian (Active Status)
\$10 U.S. or \$13 Canadian (Retired Status)

What to Do If You Failed to Meet the Renewal Requirements by Dec. 31, 2004

ARDMS will assess a \$150 USD (\$187 CND) administrative fee for Registrants who fail to comply with the continuing competency requirement and/or payment of the annual Registry fee on or before Dec. 31 of each year.

Registrants who fail to comply with the continuing competency requirement and/or payment of annual Registry fee by Dec. 31 of each year will be required to meet those requirements as well as pay an administrative fee by Feb. 28 (Feb. 29 during leap year).

If you did not meet the Dec. 31, 2004 deadline, go to www.ardms.org for detailed instructions.

Clinical Verification Forms Required With Application Materials Starting Jan. 1, 2005

Starting Jan. 1, 2005, all applicants (first-time applicants and reapplicants) will be required to submit an ARDMS clinical verification form in addition to the current educational, clinical and documentation requirements listed in the prerequisite chart of the ARDMS Information & Application Examination Booklet.

There are currently four separate CV forms: (1) breast-specialty examination, (2) fetal echocardiography examination, (3) international applicants and (4) the standard CV form for all other specialty examinations (i.e. AB, OB/GYN, NE, VT, AE, PE).

The Standard CV Form must be completed, dated and signed by an ARDMS-registered sonographer/vascular technologist in the applied-for specialty area.

Prerequisites 5A and 5B Will Be Eliminated on Dec. 31, 2004

Applications sent under Prerequisite 5A or 5B must be received in the ARDMS office on or before Dec. 31, 2004 to be considered for review. After this date, all applicants will need to apply under a different prerequisite.

All submitted applications will be processed and assessed the \$60 (USD) or \$80 (CND) processing fee for each examination, irrespective of eligibility determination.

ARDMS Increases Annual Fees

The ARDMS Board of Directors authorized the increase of annual Registry fees from \$45 (USD) to \$60 (USD) or from \$60 (CND) to \$75 (CND) effective for the 2005 renewal.

Throughout its 29-year history, ARDMS has tried to remain sensitive to increases in Registry-related fees. However, if ARDMS is to continue to produce the quality examinations the community expects and provide Registrants with continued outstanding service, while providing the support of ARDMS volunteers and staff at the level commensurate with various business requirements, the Registry must from time to time assess its examination and registration fees, and the business environment.

ARDMS Offers Examination Switch Form

We know that mistakes can be made; that's why ARDMS has implemented a new policy. If you submit an ARDMS application with the wrong examination selected, you can fill out the Examination Switch Form and pay a \$60 USD (or \$75 CND) processing fee to have the examination switched. Once payment has been received, ARDMS staff will reprocess the application internally and switch the examination for you.

This news and more information on:
www.ardms.org