



The Institute of Allied Medical Professions **NEWSLETTER**

WINTER 2006

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Welcome Larisa!

The Elmhurst Campus is very pleased to welcome back a former graduate of our Diagnostic Medical Sonography program. Larisa Konshina, RDMS, RVT is an instructor in the day and evening programs. Additionally, Larisa runs the Saturday lab for extra help from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Be sure to call (718-779-7738) for an available spot on Saturdays if you would like to scan.



SDMS CME Meetings @ the Elmhurst Campus!

Mark your calendars! The 2006 schedule of the Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers CME meetings has been set. Echocardiography will be the topic of the March 15th meeting. Our June 17th meeting will be an IAMP Alumni get-together. The last meeting of the year is scheduled for October 4th. The time for all dates is 6:00 PM. Please call Deb Holcombe to reserve your spot (718-779-7738). CME credits, coffee and donuts are served!

YONKERS

New Clinical Affiliates

St. John's Campus is proud to announce new clinical sites to add to the list of student opportunities:
Lenox Hill Hospital, Crystal Run Healthcare Systems, Orange Regional Hospital, Norwalk Hospital and the Vascular Department at Phelps Memorial Hospital Center. They look for a student who is willing to go the extra mile. Show them what you can do and you just might become part of the staff !

NEW STAFF

IAMP would like to welcome Deborah Ridolfo RDMS as our Program Director to the St. John's Campus. Deb came to us from Stat Resources. She has 14 years experience as a sonographer and an Instructor/ Program Director. Deb is a pleasure to work with and everyone at St. John's welcomes her to the IAMP family.





Letter from the President

Dear **IAMP** Students and Staff,

IAMP has made monumental strides in the year 2005. Our Atlanta campus was erected this year. I want to thank all of the staff at IAMP Atlanta for making their first year a success. Another big milestone in 2005 was the institutional accreditation by ABHES of both our Florida and Georgia schools. IAMP has also implemented a new look with a new website (iamp.edu) and logo. In 2005, there was also a significant addition to our staff. I would like to welcome all new staff members to IAMP.

With a great year behind us IAMP is looking towards our goals for the coming year. This includes the expansion of our educational facilities at each campus. IAMP wants to provide larger laboratories to better accommodate the imaging machines and students.

In 2006, healthcare will continue to be the engine driving the economy and employment opportunities. IAMP looks forward to another year of placing competent medical professionals in their field.

Please log on to see our new website iamp.edu. If you have missed a past issue of the newsletter you can view them all on our website by clicking on 'newsletter'.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Haggerty

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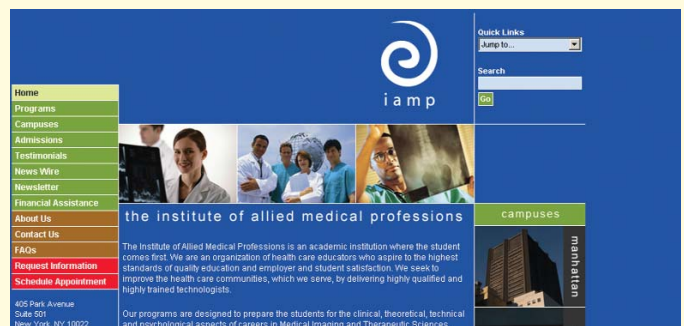
CAMPUS BULLETIN cont.....

Congratulations to St. John's Campus Graduates on passing ARDMS registry:

Lisa Krewson RDMS ABD
Graduated 6/27/02

Helen Michaels for passing Physics
Graduated 9/15/2005

Please let the school know when you pass a registry exam so we can let your fellow sonographers know of your success. Be PROUD, you worked HARD for the title RDMS



INTRODUCING iamp.edu

The Institute of Allied Medical Professions (IAMP) is proud to announce its new web address and website, www.iamp.edu. This website is designed to offer students, alumni, prospective students and staff, new and informative site features.

At iamp.edu prospective students can view our testimonials from IAMP graduates and click on the FAQ's to answer their specific questions. They can also schedule an appointment with an admissions representative or request more information about our programs. This website offers instructions for alumni such as transcript request and career placement. It is also possible to access our newsletter and view a news wire that gives you up to date information about IAMP.

This new website is designed to be a touchstone for all of our alumni, students and staff to remain better connected and informed. Please log on to www.iamp.edu to view our new website.



The Hart of Mt Sinai

John Hart carves model ships beginning with a large block of wood. This hobby could also metaphorically portray how John has shaped his multi-faceted career in healthcare. Beginning with Manhattan College in 1979, where John completed his Associates Degree in Nuclear Medicine. He then attended Rutgers University to earn a Bachelor's Degree in chemistry. Finally he received a Masters in Public Administration from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

After completing his educational goals John began his long career working in the hospitals. In 1986 he landed a job at Mt Sinai as a Junior Nuclear Medicine Technician. Almost twenty years later John Hart is now Administrative Director of Radiology at Mt Sinai Hospital and has been the Nuclear Medicine Program Director for IAMP for the last ten years. During these ten years John has been an integral member in making the IAMP Nuclear Medicine program one of the best in the country. He attributes the success of the program to its accreditation with the JRC (Joint Review Committee) and IAMP's strong faculty.

"In Nuclear Medicine the technology keeps changing to benefit the patient." John said, "At the current time other imaging technologies are to study anatomic structures only. Nuclear Medicine is unique because it also deals with the physiological structures of the body." John explained. There are some that find this concept a little hard to grasp. Exercising his superior teaching abilities John offered a very good example to explain the benefits of Nuclear Medicine. "For instance, if I take a picture of someone I can see their body and its dimensions. However, I could not tell by the photo if that person has heartburn. Nuclear Medicine analyzes the functions within the body." As for the type of person that he believes would make a good Nuclear Medicine Technologist John looks for someone who is dedicated to the patients and the sick. He also recommends a strong science background.

John now lives in New Jersey with his wife and two children Matthew, age 13 and Shannon age 6. He has been working on the model of the USS Constitution for the past 10 years however it is clear, John Hart's ship has already come in.

John Hart: Fills in the Blanks

When no one is looking I am: on the internet

*I am always humming the tune: New York, New York
by Frank Sinatra*

I'd rather be : in Cancun

I hate it when people: talk too much

I love it when people: listen

Annual Spring Symposium

The Greater NY Chapter of the Society of Nuclear Medicine is sponsoring the Annual Spring Symposium which will be held at The Tropicana in Atlantic City on Friday, March 10th and Saturday March 11th 2006.



Log on to www.ghycshm.org/meetings for more information

W A N T E D

Institute of Allied Medical Professions

Nuclear Medicine Technology Graduates

**A reunion is being planned
We need your current information**

**Please contact Carolyn Jacobs
(She will be happy to hear from you)**

Email: cjacobs@iamp.edu

IAMP's ATLANTA CAMPUS



Lonette Spence - Clinical Coordinator for Ultrasound (Left),
Carlee Curtin - Clinical Coordinator for Radiography (Middle)
Heather Malcom - Ultrasound Instructor (Right)

NEW STAFF

IAMP would like to welcome three new staff members to the team in Atlanta.

Lonette comes to us with a Masters of Administrative Science from Fairleigh Dickinson University, and has worked as a Vascular Technologist for several years. "I want to teach the students ethical and moral issues in the healthcare industry, and also how to have fun and enjoy what they do" states Lonette.

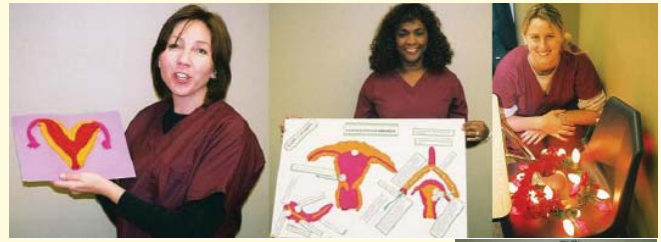
Carlee worked as a traveling radiologic technologist for several years and has a degree from local Emory University. "I am very excited about growing professionally at IAMP...I enjoy bringing people into this promising field." Carlee stated.

Heather has worked as a registered sonographer in various settings such as hospitals, clinics, and doctor's offices with geriatrics, adolescents, pediatrics, neonatals, etc. Heather hopes to become an "unforgettable instructor." Heather stated "I hope my students value, enjoy, and respect this career they have chosen". IAMP is excited to have Carlee, Heather, and Lonette on board. Welcome!



WELCOME NEW CLASS/PROGRAM

IAMP Atlanta is proud to announce the start of its first Radiation Therapy class. The class began on November 15th, 2005, and is off to an excellent start. Program Director, Anthea Stamelatos, and the class are steadfast in their mission to have a great learning experience.



Left to Right: Amie Neal, Marva Harris, Lynda Striker
Bottom Right: Mauricio Escalante



ULTRASOUND 3-D PROJECTS

Atlanta's first Diagnostic Medical Sonography class, that began in May 2005, were assigned a 3-D model project for the OB/GYN components. Marva Harris from the class said "The project was a great contribution to the learning experience and demonstrated how genetics correlates with human anatomy and physiology." Amie Neal found the subject/project "very interesting, challenging and fun". Lynda Striker said "I will never look at Christmas decorations the same, but will always remember the components of PID (Pelvic Inflammatory Disease). Mauricio Escalante stated "We learned to identify the different aspects of pathology. It reinforced the classroom knowledge."



ULATD 10/05 -HIGHLIGHT OF 2005

IAMP Atlanta's Diagnostic Medical Sonography students who began class on October 18, 2005 were asked what was the highlight of 2005 for you? Several students noted being accepted/enrolling at IAMP Atlanta as their biggest highlight (Kristen Bishop, Kerry Roberts, Abdul Kebe, Constance Boreland, Amanda Little, Yuli Shi, and Shaila Hegde). Way to go! Additionally, Shaila and Abdul also note moving to the warm climate of Atlanta as a highlight. IAMP says Happy Birthday to Amanda who turned 21 in 2005!



Student Profiles

IAMP Florida would like to introduce two students who began the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program in January 2005. Kaisa Luna (right) and Nathalie Germain-Foncette (left) not only started the program the same day but they also work for the same imaging center, Midtown Imaging. When they began the program, they actually did not even know each other despite working for the same facility. They now have come to know one another and are very diligently scanning on Friday's at IAMP to continue to improve their skills. We are also happy to announce that they have acquired Midtown Imaging as a clinical site for us. Great work girls and keep it up!

IAMP Florida's Relocation

After several newsletters stating that we are relocating, IAMP Florida is proud to announce that the move to Delray Medical Center in Delray Beach, Florida will finally be taking place on Saturday, January 28, 2006. The new suite is equipped with eight offices, four large classrooms, an Ultrasound laboratory, a Medical Assisting laboratory, a library and a large kitchen. We are also happy to say that there will be no delay in classes resuming since the move will take place on a Saturday, we will be up and running on Monday, January 30, 2006.

First Time is a Charm

IAMP Florida is thrilled to announce that our recent graduate, MaryAnn Matthews, has successfully passed the Ultrasound Physics and Instrumentation ARDMS exam on the first attempt. MaryAnn stated in a letter addressed to the Ultrasound Staff, dated December 31, 2005, "It was a very difficult exam and I highly recommend Dr. Edelman's Seminar, plus at least eight weeks of study after attending his seminar." She also added, "Thank you for all your help and preparation while I was a student at IAMP. It is an excellent program." We wanted to take this opportunity to congratulate MaryAnn and wish her well as she is currently studying to take the Abdominal ARDMS Exam sometime in April. Good Luck and remember not to second guess your first answer!

All specialties see more vascular US volume

By: Tracie L. Thompson
www.auntminnie.com

Unlike other imaging areas where American radiologists appear to be losing ground to other specialists, recent data on procedural volumes show that vascular ultrasound has been a "win" for radiology.

That's according to radiologist Dr. David Levin, of the Center for Research on Utilization of Imaging Services at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, who presented his center's data on vascular ultrasound volumes on Monday afternoon at the RSNA meeting.

Levin described the vascular ultrasound data as "a rather pleasant surprise," drawing an implicit comparison to other studies his group has done that show radiologists with a diminishing share of imaging volume.

The researchers analyzed vascular US performance by looking at Medicare's physician fee-for-service database from 1998 to 2003. Medicare patients receive about one-third of all imaging studies performed in the U.S., Levin noted.

Claims data for 15 vascular ultrasound CPT codes in the 93000 series were reviewed. The exams included ones performed on the neck and cranial arteries, extremity arteries and veins, and other areas.

Overall, the volume of vascular ultrasound increased by 35% over the study period, from 116 studies per 1,000 Medicare beneficiaries to 157 per 1,000.

Cardiologists increased their volume by 66% over the five-year period, nearly twice the pace of radiologists and vascular surgeons. But cardiologists' volume growth rate didn't overcome the overall share advantage held by radiologists.

As of 2003, radiologists performed 42% of all vascular US procedures, surgeons 26%, and cardiologists 13%, with other physicians rounding out the rest. Radiologists also added 900,000 new vascular US procedures over the five-year period. Overall, the trend lines for the specialties performing vascular US were increasing in parallel, Levin noted. "Nobody is acquiring a lot of the business of other specialties," he concluded.



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BODIES..... THE EXHIBITION

QUEENS CLASS TRIP



Queens IAMP Student Catherine Mauro won the Bodies poster contest by explaining how anatomical knowledge assists in the practice of ultrasound. Catherine's prize was a "Bodies The Exhibition" book.

On January 20, IAMP Queens Campus students gathered to receive what would be their most extensive anatomy lesson ever at "Bodies the Exhibition." This popular exhibit has traveled all over the world and can now be seen in New York at the South Seaport. It is an impressive collection of 20 whole well preserved human bodies that creatively display every last organ, bone and nerve ending in the entire body. The exhibition has a very appropriate theme "To see is to know" and with this strives to promote a healthy lifestyle by helping people visualize the complex machinations within their bodies.

For the first time the public can view the most accurate and detailed representation of a smoker's lung, the implications of obesity and cirrhosis of the liver. Perhaps the most visually stimulating display was the nervous system with red and blue dyed veins floating in thick preservation liquid. One could see thousands of tiny veins that cover every inch of the human body. The lit glass casings and bright colors of the veins looked like coral in a fish tank. When pondering this amazingly intricate web it is a poignant realization that you possess this same phenomenon just beneath your skin.

This exhibit can be seen as fascinating by anyone, but for IAMP students who are currently studying anatomy and imaging, these 3-D life size cadavers are an anatomy text book come to life. For Deborah Holcombe, Queens Campus School Director, and lover of all things anatomy, this exhibit was especially exciting. Deb enthusiastically spoke to the students about each exhibit, the different parts of the body that could be seen and how it relates to ultrasound. "The Bodies exhibit has afforded our students the unique opportunity to study human anatomy from cadavers." Deb said, "As medical professionals the dissection of a body allows views that cannot be expressed in a 2 dimensional drawing. Even 3-D representations are not the same as seeing real tissue and organs as they lie in the human body. Sonographers image these structures every day. This experience has given a deeper understanding of anatomy and pathology to our future sonographers that will enhance the application of their skills and their ability to identify, document and differentiate disease and health."

Get Registered Now

By Debbie Ridolfo

"Man is known, not by his abilities but by the choices he makes." So said Professor Dumbledore to Harry Potter concerning an important life decision.

Today, all of us are faced with choices and decisions to make. Sometimes our time is so limited that we put off making decisions. As sonographers, we know the importance of becoming a registered diagnostic sonographer, but because of family or time constraints, have procrastinated taking this next vital step on our career path.

More and more facilities are now requiring their sonographers to be RDMS in order to be reimbursed by their healthcare insurance providers. Therefore, sonographers who are not yet registered must make the time now to become part of this growing number of healthcare professionals. Having the RDMS credential demonstrates competency in your chosen field.

ARDMS provides a detailed list of the various credentials it offers, including explanations of the physics and specialty exams, content outlines for all 11 examinations and sample questions which are designed to familiarize candidates with the exam format. It has also compiled a directory listing of various ultrasound-related societies, associations and other recommended sites that may be useful to you. Check out their website @ www.ARDMS.org.

ARDMS Launches New Ultrasound Careers Web Site

In response to the growing need for information on careers in ultrasound, ARDMS now offers a new informational Web site for prospective students and allied health-care professionals.

The ultrasound careers Web site is a resource for students considering a career in ultrasound, and for anyone making a career change into the field.

The site will also educate the general public on the exciting and constantly evolving field of diagnostic medical sonography. It includes general articles on what an ultrasound professional does, what the different specialties are, what education one needs to enter this field, average salaries, and much more.

In addition to information about a career in ultrasound, the site has a helpful career center, testimonials from those currently practicing in ultrasound, and links to other sites that may be useful for our visitors. We anticipate that all of these areas will help create more interest in the field.

We are proud to present this exciting new site, and we hope that it will be an excellent resource for those who are interested in this promising field.

Log on to ultrasoundcareers.org.

ARDMS Converts to CME Audit System

Effective Jan. 1, 2006, ARDMS has converted to a CME audit system to verify compliance with CME requirements.

This means that – beginning with the current year, 2006 – you don't need to send in your CMEs to ARDMS. However, you must retain all of your CME certificates for a minimum of four years in the event that you are audited.

ARDMS will conduct an annual audit of a percentage of randomly selected Registrants whose three-year CME cycle ended in the previous year. The first audit will be for the Jan. 1, 2004 -Dec.31, 2006 CME Cycle.

You will receive your 2007 annual renewal invoice in the fall of 2006. But here's what's new: When you pay your annual renewal fee, you will also be attesting that you have fulfilled ARDMS' minimum CME requirements, thereby agreeing that you are and will stay in compliance with all ARDMS rules and policies.

In the first quarter of 2007, ARDMS will conduct its first audit and will send a letter to notify all Registrants who were selected that they must submit their requisite minimum of 30 CMEs for their three-year CME cycle.

To help you further understand this monumental change in CME processing, ARDMS has created a "CME Audit" section on our Web site. The section offers more information about the change, details about the process, answers to audit-related questions and much more. We strongly recommend that you visit the "CME Audit" section in order to familiarize yourself with this historic change that affects all Registrants – current and future.

2006 American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine (AIUM) Annual Convention

Venue: Marriott Wardman Park

City: Washington

State: DC

Country: United States

CME Type: Conference

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