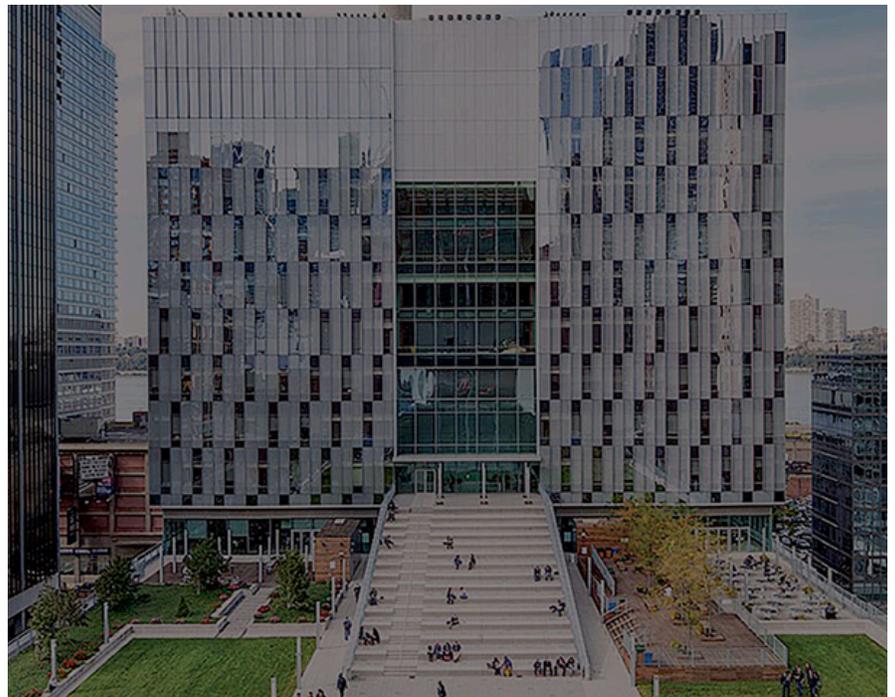


# INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FORENSIC MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

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## Welcome

Welcome to the first issue of the International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services Newsletter. On behalf of the organization, I am pleased to present what we hope will be the first of many issues in a publication aiming to provide up-to-date communications and information of interest to all members and prospective members of IAFMHS.

As we undergo the development and planning stages of the Newsletter, I welcome any feedback, suggestions, and input regarding future issues. Anyone interested in contributing to the Newsletter or participating in its development is welcome to be in touch.

In this edition, IAFMHS Present Michael Doyle provides a welcome note and we

feature the upcoming [annual conference](#) in New York City, June 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Our Student Section is active and growing, and members have provided important contributions to this issue. Stay tuned for future issues, and we hope to see you in New York City!

**Kaitlyn McLachlan**  
Newsletter Editor



# Welcome letter from IAFMHS President Michael Doyle

I am delighted to offer this welcome to our inaugural association newsletter. In its 15-year history, the IAFMHS has published several newsletters for our special interest groups such as nursing and RISC sections. However, for the first time this newsletter aims to capture all the good work conducted by our members across all our special interest groups and beyond.

We are hoping this will be the first of many IAFMHS newsletters, which will help us communicate with our members and potential members, while providing interesting and contemporary articles on relevant topics related to forensic mental health and related issues.

In this first edition we hear about the plans for the newsletter going forward and details are provided of the upcoming 2016 annual conference in New York City. This year's conference sees an excellent line up of [keynote speakers](#), a comprehensive program of symposia and easy access to state of the art [workshops](#) delivered by leading international researchers and practitioners. The [student section](#) is something we are very proud of and details of their activity are provided with a call for students from all disciplines to get involved. We also hear from one of the founding fathers of the association, Dr Derek Eaves. His early work and ongoing

commitment to the IAFMHS are truly inspiring and its safe to say the association would not have achieved what it has without Derek's vision and determination; we are indebted.

The IAFMHS has always encouraged international dialogue to foster exchange of information and experience from across the world. The newsletter will support the achievement of these goals and I hope all members, old and new, will consider getting involved and use it to share news, research, experience, evidence and best practices. If you have any ideas for articles, please let us know; [iafmhs@sfu.ca](mailto:iafmhs@sfu.ca).

Finally, I would like to thank all those involved in preparing the newsletter including Professor Barry Rosenfeld and Michael Martin, but in particular the newsletter Editor Dr. Kaitlyn McLachlan. Kaitlyn has managed to produce a great newsletter despite all the demands of her busy day job.

I do hope you enjoy reading the newsletter and find the content interesting. Again, any comments, suggestions or contributions are very welcome as we look forward to developing the newsletter for the future.

**Michael Doyle**  
IAFMHS President

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# 16th Annual IAFMHS Conference

## John Jay College of Criminal Justice and Fordham University | New York City

Conference: June 21st - 23rd | Workshops, June 20th & 24th

*KEEPING ABREAST OF CHANGING TIMES: EDUCATION, TRAINING, & PRACTICE TO ENHANCE FORENSIC MENTAL HEALTH*

The IAFMHS [annual conference](#), scheduled for June 21-23, 2016, in New York City, is rapidly approaching. The conference is jointly sponsored by John Jay College of Criminal Justice and Fordham University, in the Lincoln Center area of Manhattan. The full conference schedule is available online and features several internationally known keynote speakers that will make this one of the biggest and most exciting IAFMHS conferences ever. Featured keynote speakers include Itiel Dror (June 21), Aisha Gill (June 22), and Thomas Grisso (June 23). Dr. Dror, a Senior Researcher at University College of London, studies cognition and decision making, with particular emphasis on cognitive errors that impact the forensic evaluation process. Dr. Aisha Gill, of the University of Roehampton (UK), studies honor-based violence and forced marriage, a topic of considerable importance internationally. Dr. Thomas Grisso, one of the foremost experts in forensic assessment, will close the

conference with a talk focusing on juvenile sentencing and reforms.

Other conference highlights include the annual conference [dinner/dance](#), which will take place on a cruise through New York Harbor (featuring spectacular views of the Statue of Liberty, the Brooklyn Bridge, and Ellis Island), a welcome reception, two poster-sessions and several [pre- and post-conference workshops](#). The annual fun run is being organized by the student section and will be held on the morning of the middle day of the conference (Wednesday). The student section is also planning several events, including a pre-conference breakfast on the morning of the first day and a special panel discussion on the topic disseminating research to diverse audiences on Wednesday June 22nd at 11am. Make sure to register soon, since space is limited!

**Barry Rosenfeld, Conference Co-Chair**

## FEATURED KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



**ITIEL DROR, PHD**  
 COGNITIVE ERRORS IN  
 FORENSIC EVALUATION  
**JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2016**



**AISHA GILL, PHD**  
 HONOR-BASED VIOLENCE  
 AND FORCED MARRIAGE  
**JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2016**



**THOMAS GRISSEO, PHD**  
 JUVENILE SENTENCING  
 AND REFORM  
**JUNE 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2016**

# 2016 Conference Workshops

## Pre-Conference Workshops June 20th, 2016

### *Conducting Competency to Stand Trial Evaluations with Challenging Populations: Sovereign Citizens, "Frequent Flyers", and High Risk Offenders*

Presenters: Elizabeth Owen, Ph.D., Cheryl Paradis, Psy.D., Michael Fullar, MD, Fiona Radcliffe, Ph.D., and Patrice Francois, Psy.D.

**HALF DAY (9am - 12:30pm)**

### *The Next Generation of Risk Assessment and Management: Introducing the e-HARM-FV*

Presenters: Gary Chaimowitz, MB, ChB, FRCPC & Mini Mamak, Ed.D, C.Psyc.

**HALF DAY (9am - 12:30pm)**

### *Learning to Use the SAPROF-Youth Version: Assessment of Protective Factors for Violence Risk in Juveniles*

Presenters: Ed Hilterman, M.Sc. & Kelly Vullings, M.Sc.

**FULL DAY (9am - 5pm)**

### *Forensic Use of the Personality Assessment Inventory*

Presenter: Christopher J. Hopwood, PhD

**FULL DAY (9am - 5pm)**

## Post-Conference Workshops June 24th, 2016

### *Gender-Sensitive Violence Risk Assessment. The FAM: An Additional Guideline to the HCR-20<sup>V3</sup> for Assessing Risk for Violence in Women*

Presenters: Vivienne de Vogle, Ph.D. & Anouk Bohle, Ph.D.

**HALF DAY (9am - 12:30pm)**

### *Considerations for Mental Health Professionals Conducting Evaluations in Immigration Proceedings*

Presenter: Virginia Barber-Rioja, Ph.D.

**HALF DAY (9am - 12:30pm)**

### *Workshop in the SAPROF (Adult Version): Assessment of Protective Factors for Violence Risk*

Presenters: Michiel de Vries Robbé, Ph.D., & Ed Hilterman, M.Sc.

**FULL DAY (9am - 5pm)**

### *Introduction to Version 2 of the SVR-20: Updated Guidelines for Assessing Risk of Sexual Violence*

Presenter: Stephen D. Hart, Ph.D.

**FULL DAY (9am - 5pm)**

## 2016 Conference Registration Rates

Student Member Rate	\$315 CAD (~\$225 USD; ~€210; ~£150)
Member - Standard Rate	\$840 CAD (~\$600 USD; ~€555; ~£400)
Non-member - Standard Rate	\$980 CAD (~\$700 USD; ~€650; ~£470)

<http://www.iafmhs.org/Registration>



## Welcome from the IAFMHS Student Section

On behalf of the IAFMHS Student Section (2015-2016), I would like to introduce our Student Board members and provide you with information on some of our current initiatives and the wonderful activities we have planned over the next few months.

The IAFMHS Student Section aims to provide students in the broad areas of forensic mental health a platform for collaboration and intellectual exchange with other students internationally. We hope to create and facilitate opportunities for support, education, training, and knowledge exchange towards the development of forensic mental health services globally for our student members.

With the support of the main board and the generous donations by benefactors, we are again able to offer a few familiar initiatives and events (e.g., our student social at #IAFMHS2016) and several new programs that we hope will benefit our [student members](#). Some of our activities this year include:

- \* Student travel and conference **awards** totalling \$2,100.
- \* A new [Peer Mentorship Program](#) which will offer

undergraduate or incoming graduate student members the opportunity to engage in mentorship relationships with senior graduate students. The application deadline for this year is March 31, 2016.

- \* A new [student webpage](#), which will be fully running by the summer of 2016.
- \* Student **fundraisers** in Vancouver and New York City which will raise funds to help students attend #IAFMHS2016.

As you can see, we are a very engaged and interactive board. Please feel free to tweet us (@IAFMHS\_Student), leave us a message on [Facebook](#), join us on [LinkedIn](#), or get in touch via email: <mailto:students@iafmhs.org>. We share weekly updates on Twitter and Facebook relating to new developments in the field, relevant news stories from around the world, and useful (free) resources such as webinars, workshops, and online courses.

On behalf of our student board, Thank you!

**Michael Martin**  
President of the IAFMHS Student Board

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## 2016 Student Conference Events

**June 21st, 2016**

**Student Breakfast**

**June 22nd, 2016**

**Student Section Invited Panel**

**5k Fun Run**

**Student Social**

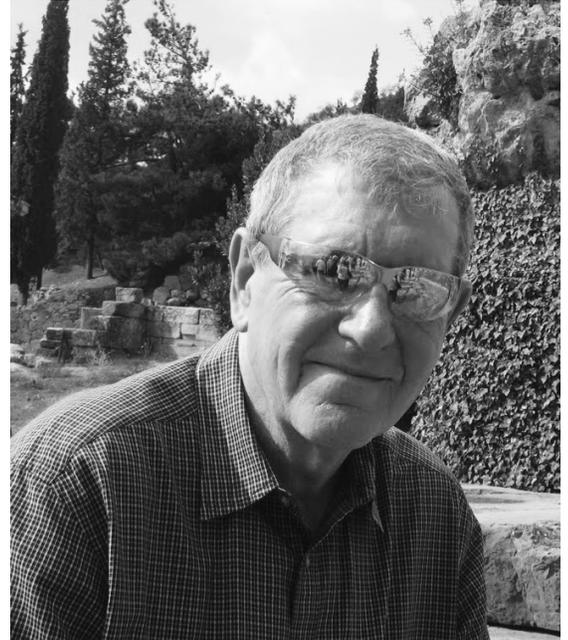
*Make sure you get the best out of #IAFMHS2016*

# Student Interview with Derek Eaves

## Founding IAFMHS President

I became a forensic psychiatrist by accident, when the day hospital I worked in became a drug addiction centre. I began writing reports for the probation services and basically trained myself, since, in those early days, there were no formal training programmes. I was trained in medicine but found the medical model restrictive in some ways. However, my training provided me with a grounding in physiology, biochemistry, and genetics, and that was a great foundation! Later, I wrote a textbook on addictions with Professor Richard Swinson of the University of Toronto. I came to Canada on sabbatical leave and worked at the University of British Columbia (UBC) and the Federal Forensic Service before switching to the Forensic Services Commission of British Columbia, eventually becoming its Executive Director. Although I was a professor at UBC, most of my academic work was with an exceptional group of researchers at Simon Fraser University (SFU). They included Ron Roesch (we wrote the FIT together), Chris Webster (we developed the original HCR20 and contributed to the SARA), and, more recently, Steve Hart and Kevin Douglas. Working with psychologists and criminologists at SFU expanded my horizons, and I encourage all graduate students to peer beyond narrow professional perspectives in order to solve problems.

I was inspired to initiate IAFMHS after I collaborated on an international study of civil and forensic service systems in Sweden, Germany, Finland, and Canada, under the overall direction of Professor Hodgins. It involved the HCR-20, which has now been translated into some twenty languages and used all over the world. Some of my collaborators belonged to another international organization, and they encouraged me to develop an organization with a different model. It was important to me that the IAFMHS incorporate cross-disciplinary studies. At the time, researchers, clinicians, and policy makers,



amongst others, were often confined to their own worlds and did not talk to one another. We felt that research should lead to policy and assist in developing clinical programmes and so on. The reasons are explained in articles written by me, Drs. Roesch, Hart, and Hodgins in the first edition of our journal. The journal contents have reflected and expanded on our original notions and it is nice to see how successful it has been.

Although I am retired now, I am still committed to supporting the Association. I would like it to expand its interests even further, for example, incorporating legal studies more and civil rights issues and in developing international standards of care and assessment, and influencing actual policies more. The Association will only be successful if it attracts a large cohort of students and encourages them to be active in the organization as they pursue their own individual careers. My career would not have been so satisfying if I had not met so many brilliant international colleagues through IAFMHS.

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# Update: International Journal of Forensic Mental Health

The inaugural edition of the IAFMHS newsletter provides a unique opportunity to update members on the status of, and progress with the society's journal, the [International Journal of Forensic Mental Health](#) (IJFMH). I was appointed Editor-in-Chief in 2011, and am nearing the conclusion of my 5-year term. The search for my replacement has already begun, and will hopefully be concluded by the close of the annual conference this June.

The journal was healthy and flourishing when I accepted the editorship, having been brought from a self-published, open-access publication that put out two issues per year, to a quarterly journal housed within a major international publisher (Taylor and Francis). These improvements, ushered in by my predecessor (and co-founder of the journal), Stephen Hart, were critical to the journal's growth and no doubt facilitated the continued growth we have witnessed over the past 4+ years.

The health and viability of IJFMH has increased steadily over the past few years, and is most evident in our recent inclusion in Web of Science's annual Citation Index of scholarly journal impact factor rankings. The process to be included in this listing was a lengthy one, taking nearly three years from initiation to our ultimate success. More importantly, our first impact factor was a remarkable 1.04! This impact factor places us squarely in the middle of all forensic mental health journals, most of which have been publishing for decades longer than IJFMH. We are hopeful that the impact factor will continue to rise, but this process depends on a) submission of strong and impactful manuscripts and b) reading, distributing, and citing the articles that appear in IJFMH.

Coinciding with the achievement of an impact factor has been the rapid growth in the rate of manuscript submissions. In 2015, we had well over 100 new manuscripts submitted for consideration. The increase in submissions does bear a cost (beyond the increased workload of our editorial staff): our rejection rate for submitted manuscripts has increased substantially as well. While rejection of a manuscript is inevitably disappointing to the authors, a healthy rejection rate is an equally no less important an indicator of a journal's health than its impact factor, and allows us to publish the strongest papers possible that will attract a broad readership. I should note that these changes have not altered the overarching mission of the journal, to provide

an outlet for innovative scholarship across a range of disciplines and topics. In addition to the traditional research studies that comprise the lion's share of our publications, we will continue to publish case reports, literature reviews, and jurisprudential scholarship.

We have also initiated several additional changes that benefit both the IAFMHS membership and journal readers more broadly. Effective this year, we moved to a predominantly electronic format, no longer printing "hard copies" of the journal on a quarterly basis. Instead, quarterly issues will be published on-line (and are available to all active members of IAFMHS) and a single compilation of the entire volume will be printed at the end of each year. Members who enjoy the print version will continue to have an opportunity to purchase this volume, for a modest supplement to their membership (a \$20 surcharge), but the change will enable the association to keep membership dues as low as possible (since the expense associated with printing and mailing a quarterly publication is substantial and ever growing). In addition, Taylor and Francis has recently initiated an "online first" opportunity for manuscripts that have been accepted for publication but are awaiting inclusion in a future issue. Although we have long prided ourselves on a short lag time between acceptance and eventual publication, the growing health and popularity of the journal means that some manuscripts may wait several months before publication. The availability of these papers in advance means that association members, and the general public, will continue to have access to accepted papers quite rapidly.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the important role played by the journal's three Associate Editors, Tonia Nicholls, Vivienne de Vogel and Michael Daffern. Each of these Associate Editors (all of whom represent a different continent), along with our distinguished Editorial Board, is critical to the success of the journal. Their contributions cannot be overestimated. But beyond the formal editorial staff, many of our members, authors, and graduate students play an important role in submitting and reviewing manuscripts and your participation is greatly appreciated. We hope – and expect – that the journal will continue to flourish for many years to come, long after my reign as Editor-in-Chief has ended.

**Barry Rosenfeld, Editor-in-Chief**  
**International Journal of Forensic Mental Health**