



International Association of
Rehabilitation Professionals

2010 FORENSIC CONFERENCE

ASTOR CROWNE PLAZA ★ NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA ★ NOVEMBER 4-6, 2010

Forensic Rehab and the Big Easy:

RISING *to the Challenge*

Register Today

LEARN FROM YOUR PEERS | DISCOVER INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS | EXPLORE ISSUES IMPACTING YOUR PROFESSION

WELCOME

The International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals Forensic Conference Committee is proud to present **Forensic Rehab and the Big Easy: Rising to the Challenge**. This conference is guaranteed to KICK you into high gear, TEACH you new ways to eliminate the obstacles to the challenges faced in your work and INTRODUCE new tools to the practice of forensic rehabilitation — *Rising to the Challenge*.

The program provides you the opportunity to learn formally and informally about forensics in both the vocational and life care planning realms. This is the conference where forensic state-of-the art comes together for vocational experts and life care planners.



About IARP

IARP unites rehabilitation professionals across North America and beyond to promote the availability of effective, interdisciplinary services for persons with disabilities. The association serves a diverse membership practicing in the fields of long-term disability and disability management consulting, case management and managed care, forensics and expert testimony, life care planning, social security vocational experts, and Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) consulting.

IARP supports the professional growth of more than 2,000 members by providing standards of professional competence and ethics, continuing education programs, networking opportunities and group-discounted packages of professional benefits. The association fosters rehabilitation research and management innovation through national conferences and the publication of peer-reviewed articles in *The Rehabilitation Professional* and *Journal of Life Care Planning*. IARP strives to shape public policy favorable to private-sector rehabilitation by working closely with other professional associations, government and industry.

WHO ATTENDS?

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| Business Owners and Managers | Social Security Vocational Experts |
| Case Managers | Vocational Economists |
| Disability Managers | Vocational Experts |
| Forensic Experts | Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors |
| Life Care Planners | |



WHY ATTEND?

ENHANCE your skills and grow professionally.

ACQUIRE the information you need to know today, ideas you can implement tomorrow, and the latest on what is shaping the future of rehabilitation from leaders during specialized workshops and educational sessions.

AWAKEN new perspectives, collect new ideas and be inspired through up-to-date educational sessions.

BUILD and establish your own personal network with noted professionals in rehabilitation.

DISCOVER the latest products, services and innovative solutions in the conference exhibit hall. Take advantage of the opportunity to meet face-to-face with vendors.

EARN CEUs and nursing contact hours towards the following certifications, CRRN, CRC, CCM, CDMS, ABVE, CLCP, and CVE. Application has been made for up to 14.0 contact hours for the basic conference and up to 7.5 for the Thursday workshops for a total of 21.5 contact hours. IARP is requesting an additional 1.0 unit from interaction with exhibitors.

This activity has been submitted to the Illinois Nurses Association Approver Unit for approval to award 21.5 contact hours. The Illinois Nurses Association is accredited as an approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

One of the ways to stay connected and learn new things is to attend conferences and network with other professionals.

With the advent of social networking and list serves, we stay in touch on a technological basis. However, the mentorship and camaraderie of meeting new and established professionals is a huge advantage to attending a conference. Meeting and greeting others can provide a wealth of knowledge and friendships that benefit our work and our lives.

We are excited that we can join together in a pre-conference with two focuses: one for the new professional and the second for those looking for advanced training.

We are pleased that you're coming to New Orleans! What do you want to know about effective testimony? What is your resiliency score? How do you understand and apply recommendations for new technology in brain injuries? How do you assess a diligent job search? What might be a better way to answer that tough or tricky question in deposition or trial? Have you considered transitional plan development for special education students as a potential service delivery area?

Do you want to participate in an actual work propensity study? As a SSVE, do you want more hands on information and guidance to prepare for the hearings? Do you want to learn new ways to integrate Internet search tools into your work? Is there an acceptable level of absenteeism from work? Would you like to learn new techniques for analyzing data and hypotheticals given in SS hearings? How best can you handle complicated life care plans and support your recommendations in court?

Come to the 2010 Forensic Conference and explore these questions, find the answers, identify new ways to do your job and spend some time with old friends and new acquaintances! Please take a look at the program and plan on joining us in Nawlins in November!

See you there for beignets and café au lait!

Anne Savage Veh, MA, LPCC, CLCP

IARP Forensic Conference Chair,
IARP Forensic Section Board Chair

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FOREVER NEW ORLEANS

Forever New Orleans is a statement of permanence and renewal for a people and a city that is an authentic destination, a place like no other.

Today, the most celebrated and historic core of the city — including the Faubourg Marigny, French Quarter, Central Business District, Warehouse and Arts District, Magazine Street corridor, Garden District, Audubon Zoo and Park, and the beautiful St. Charles Avenue, lined with shady oaks, stately homes and historic mansions — is better than ever. The cultural riches, sensual indulgences and unparalleled service that define the New Orleans experience continue to flourish, as they have for centuries.

NEW ORLEANS IS MANY THINGS...The Crescent City...a sportsman's paradise...a city of chefs and delectable cuisine...rich in culture and history... the birthplace of Jazz. It is a city teeming with music bubbling up from the streets, immersed in art and architecture, lavished in celebration and beauty. Come and see for yourself. The experience continues — Forever.

DAY OF SERVICE *in NEW ORLEANS!*

NOVEMBER 3, 2010

Helping Hands in Rehabilitation

was developed by IARP members to coordinate this day of service. This VOLUNTEER project with a Day of Service will precede the Forensic Conference. This is a national and organizational FIRST of a kind and hands-on opportunity for many within the IARP community. Both career development mentors and lend-a-hand community workers are welcomed, needed and encouraged to register.

**This project has a choice of
2 local hosting organizations:**

- **Beacon of Hope**
- **Goodwill Industries**

For more information:

www.rehabpro.org/events/helpinghands

"It is such a great idea and the city will benefit. We still need a lot of help here even after almost 5 years...You have a lot of work to do down here."

— DB, IARP member and local resident

"I know lots of people who endured the storm...Their spirits of perseverance is impressive and worth honoring. I have family members and friends who lost homes. Some returned, some didn't. My brother-in-law, who lives in the Quarter, spent 6-7 weeks as a guest in other people's homes away from the city until he was allowed to return. When he left all he took was an overnight bag...He returned to a desolate place with water marks from the flooding rising half way up buildings...Those marks are still there on empty houses. Grim reminders are always present...family members left and never returned. I recall helping families who fled to the mountains of Arkansas after the storm. Displaced, confused, poor, and afraid. But they came back with strong and faithful spirits."

— DT, IARP member



There is a spirit in New Orleans today, a spirit that celebrates the idea of "*Forever New Orleans.*"

TOURS

New Orleans is a city immersed in art and architecture, lavished in celebration and beauty. New Orleans is forever a feast for the soul. Come and see for yourself. Below is a small sampling of the many tours available to visitors. Please contact the Astor Crowne Plaza New Orleans concierge for availability and cost. 504-962-0570



City Tours

New Orleans' neighborhoods define the city. Each neighborhood is so vastly different; yet they are still so distinctly New Orleans. Discover the jazz clubs of the Faubourg Marigny, the art galleries of the Warehouse District or the historic beauty of Uptown. Since each section of the city has so

much to offer, take a tour to familiarize yourself with the history and culture, then stick around to enjoy the restaurants, homes, shops and feel of the area. Have a guide take you around the Garden District then spend some time exploring Magazine Street, topping the day off with a delicious meal at one of the street's many intimate eateries. Even if you've done some exploring of your own in the French Quarter, why not take a tour and learn more about the hidden treasures and faded secrets that characterize the historic section of town?

Culinary Tours

New Orleans is a city that is rich in the history of dining and drinking. Did you know that the first cocktail, the Sazerac, was invented in New Orleans? So were Peychaud's Bitters, Herbsaint, the Ramos Gin Fizz, the Grasshopper and the Hurricane. But brunch was also invented in the city that loves to eat! And where would this city be without gumbo, crawfish étouffée and the po-boy?



French Quarter Tours



The Vieux Carré — better known as the French Quarter — is the largest and best-preserved district of predominantly 19th century architecture found in an American city. It is a unique treasure that millions of people the world over flock to see, while they experience the city's musical excitement and its world-class cuisine.

Garden Tours



New Orleans is an escape from the ordinary. Spend an afternoon exploring the city's famously lush gardens and you may just find yourself getting lost in the charm. Join in on a garden tour to get the full experience of the stories, history and lore that makes these remarkable gardens such a large part of the city's cultural and aesthetic magnetism.

Swamp Tours



Have you ever wanted to get up close and personal with an alligator? Cruise leisurely along the mysterious, moss-draped bayous? See exotic flora and fauna found nowhere else in the country? You can by checking out one of the many swamp and wildlife tours offered by experienced boat captains in the watery regions surrounding New Orleans.

Haunted Tours



This is the premier walking tour on French Quarter Haunts and the paranormal. As seen on A&E, History Channel, Discovery, Bravo, and recommended by The Travel Channel as "The #1 Tour in New Orleans! A Must Do!" Real hauntings. Real history. And bring the camera! 90% of tour participants capture paranormal activity in their photos. Also, see the tomb of Voodoo Queen Marie Laveau (the 2nd most visited tomb in the country) in New Orleans oldest burial ground, St. Louis cemetery #1. Tours are mildly theatrical, hugely historical, extremely entertaining! For information on the Haunted History Tours, please call (504) 861-2727 or visit www.hauntedhistorytours.com for complete information.

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

7:00 am - 6:00 pm

Registration/Information Central

8:00 am - 10:00 am

Morning Workshops

101 — Empowering Vocational Experts in Social Security Hearings: Tools for Beginners

102 — International Life Care Planning

10:00 am - 10:30 am

Networking and Refreshment Break

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

103 — Rising to the Challenge in Testimony: Preparation and Delivery of Testimony in Depositions, Hearings and Trials

104 — Advanced Testimony

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Lunch on your own

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Afternoon Workshops

201 — Filling the Gaps: An Ethical Framework for Forensic Consultation and Supervision

202 — Work and Job Analysis Methodologies: Differences and Data Quality

1:00 - 5:00 pm

Exhibitor Move-in

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

7:00 am - 5:00 pm

Registration/Information Central

7:00 am - 8:00 am

Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors

8:00 am - 10:00 am

Opening Remarks

General Session: Resiliency: Rising to the Challenge

10:00 am - 10:30 am

Refreshment Break with Exhibitors

10:30 am - 12:15 pm

Concurrent Sessions

12:15 pm - 1:15 pm

Lunch with Exhibitors

1:15 pm - 3:00 pm

Concurrent Sessions

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Refreshment Break with Exhibitors

3:30 pm - 5:15 pm

Concurrent Sessions

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Reception with Exhibitors

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

7:00 am - 5:15 pm

Registration/Information Central

7:00 am - 8:00 am

Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors

7:45 am - 8:00 am

Annual Forensic Section Meeting

8:00 am - 10:00 am

Opening Remarks

General Session: Statistics on Disability: What's Out There?

10:00 am - 10:30 am

Refreshment Break with Exhibitors

10:30 am - 12:15 pm

Concurrent Sessions

12:15 pm - 1:30 pm

Lunch on your own —
Final Exhibit Session

1:30 pm - 3:15 pm

Concurrent Sessions

3:15 pm - 3:30 pm

Refreshment Break

3:30 pm - 5:15 pm

Concurrent Sessions

5:15 pm

Conference Adjourns



Registration/Information Central:
7:00 am - 6:00 pm

MORNING SESSIONS: 8:00 am - 10:00 am

101 — Empowering Vocational Experts in Social Security Hearings: Tools for Beginners

Vocational Expert (VE) work for Social Security is quite unique and different from the typical forensic work in other settings. Vocational work in this setting is dependent on information and parameters provided throughout the hearing process. Therefore, it requires the expert to be able to respond and “think on his/her feet”. This presentation will explain how VE work offers the expert the opportunity to serve a vital role in the disability adjudication process. Additionally, the participants will be provided helpful resources and tools to reference during the hearing process. Participants will observe a mock hearing which will provide an understanding of the typical process. Additional discussion includes responding to hypotheticals and cross examination. The presenters’ goal is to empower the vocational expert and improve their comfort level in this arena. **INTRODUCTORY LEVEL**

PRESENTERS: Michelle McBroom Weiss, MA, CRC, NCC, MSCC, CCM, Vocational Consultant; Julie Sawyer-Little, M.S., OTR/L, CRC, ABVE/F, CLCP, Principal, Sawyer & Associates; John Yent, MA, LRC, CRC, ABDA, CLCP, Principal, John Yent LRC – Recovery at Work

102 — International Life Care Planning

This presentation focuses on the conversion of a U.S. life care plan in the international arena. Civil litigation involving aliens with catastrophic injuries can be a significant part of a consulting practice. This presentation is designed to address the questions typically raised by U.S. attorneys. The presenters will discuss the following topics; life care planning and cost portrayal, service provision and service needs, informational databases, collaboration with U.S. forensic economists, and understanding various international healthcare systems. **ADVANCED LEVEL**

PRESENTERS: Penelope Caragonne, PhD, Principal, Caragonne and Associates; Keith Sofka, Assistive Technology Provider, Caragonne and Associates

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

103 — Rising to the Challenge in Testimony: Preparation and Delivery of Testimony in Depositions, Hearings and Trials

The key to effective testimony is the understanding of basic communication skills. Functioning in the forensic arena takes more than technical skills. This presentation consists of a review of basic oral and written communication skills beneficial to an expert witness; techniques for careful case analysis and understanding of the basic components of the opinion to be rendered; and a review of the cross examination. The presenter will provide examples of effective and ineffective testimony/research and the potholes that can have a negative effect on opinions. **INTRODUCTORY LEVEL**

PRESENTER: Howard Caston, PhD, CRC, LPC, ABVE/D

104 — Advanced Testimony

This interactive session with trial attorneys addresses specific issues that arise in giving expert testimony as a rehabilitation professional. The attendee will receive immediate feedback from the attorneys with the do’s and don’ts for responding to the thornier issues and questions under cross-examination. All attendees are encouraged to be prepared to offer their “war story” and discuss it with the panel and other members. **ADVANCED LEVEL**

PRESENTERS: Adam Knight, JD, Associate Attorney, Dickinson Wright PLLC; Autumn Gentry, JD, Associate Attorney, Dickinson Wright PLLC

Lunch on your own: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

AFTERNOON SESSIONS: 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

201 — Filling the Gaps: An Ethical Framework for Forensic Consultation and Supervision

This presentation will provide a rationale for adoption of an ethical framework for consultation and supervision for use by forensic practitioners. The specific rationale for the framework will be based on gaps in the current IARP and CRCC professional codes as they relate to forensic work and drawn from literature reviewed on consultation and supervision similar to other fields of practice. More specifically, the presenters will identify the gaps in the current practices, which have lead to ethical dilemmas, as well as provide a framework, which participants may use to develop and apply to their own practice for addressing this important area of professional practice. Participants will benefit from group and individual peer feedback as well as assist in adopting an ethical consultative framework within their individual practice.

INTRODUCTORY LEVEL

PRESENTERS: J. Patrick Decoteau, PhD, CRC/ LRC, Professor of Rehabilitation & Disability Studies, Springfield College; Cherie King, Sc.D, CRC, CDMS, Assistant Professor, Professional and Rehabilitation Counseling Program, Central Connecticut State University; Paul Bourgeois, Masters Candidate, Springfield College

202 — Work and Job Analysis Methodologies: Differences and Data Quality

In this session, attendees will participate in a pre-conference online experiential exercise to describe the core functions and activities of a job. The results of the exercise will allow participants to examine and evaluate methods used in occupational analysis with the Dictionary of Occupational Titles (task-based), the O*NET (holistic) and a generalized work activity system. Emphasis will be placed upon the quality of data derived from the various methods and the application within a forensic context. **ADVANCED LEVEL**

PRESENTERS: Shanan Gibson, PhD, Chair, Work Taxonomy and Classification Subcommittee, Occupational Information Development Advisory Panel; Mark Wilson, PhD, Chair, Research Subcommittee, Occupational Information Development Advisory Panel

Come early and add to your overall conference experience. Attend one to three pre-conference workshops and get in-depth information on a variety of timely topics and earn additional CEUs.

Please note pre-registration is encouraged for all Thursday sessions.



Registration/Information Central:
7:00 am - 5:00 pm

Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors:
7:00 am - 8:00 am



OPENING REMARKS: 8:00 am - 8:15 am

GENERAL SESSION: 8:15 am - 10:00 am

Resiliency: Rising to the Challenge

Following high school graduation, John Siciliano studied theater and journalism at Point Park College, in downtown Pittsburgh. In 1992, he received a soccer scholarship and was appointed as team captain. In 1993, a drunk driver ran a red light and struck the vehicle in which John was a passenger. Ejected from the vehicle, Siciliano was seriously injured. Three days later, surrounded by friends and family, he was informed it had been necessary to amputate his right leg four inches above the knee. Several months after returning to school, he read a brochure about amputees competing in track and field events, and met several of these unique athletes. He discovered it was possible to once again compete athletically, as an amputee. Ever determined, Siciliano procured a special prosthesis designed for running, and began training with the goal of representing the United States as an athlete in the 1996 Paralympics Games. Having completed his degrees at Point Park College, he received the "Swim with Mike Scholarship" to attend USC theater graduate school. He set goals to find success in film and television and became a professional actor appearing on hit shows such as "ER". Today, he travels around the world sharing his story with recent amputees.

PRESENTER: John Siciliano, Actor, Athlete, Entertainer

Refreshment Break with Exhibitors:
10:00 am - 10:30 am

CONCURRENT SESSIONS: 10:30 am - 12:15 pm

301 — An Invitation to the Expert Testimony Tea Party...Just How Deep Does That Rabbit HoLEGO?

This unique presentation will explore the comedy and tragedy that befalls our profession as expert witnesses when self-importance, spawned by EGO, dominates our testimony at deposition and in trial. Attendees will be encouraged to examine the extent to which EGO may play a role in their sworn testimony and responses when under cross examination. The presentation will incorporate actual experiences of seasoned trial lawyers with vocational and economic experts who unwittingly unraveled finely woven arguments through their inability to be flexible and concede on issues relative to their opinions where reasonable. Lewis Carroll, Shakespeare, and other notable authors are quoted for their words of wisdom in this regard.

PRESENTER: Lisa Clapp, MA, CRC, CEA, Vocational Consultant/President/Manager, Arizona Vocational Consulting & Forensic Services, Inc.

302 — OIDAP Update

The potential of a new occupational information system (OIS) using updated descriptions and measures of work to help make better decisions about the person-job match is exciting to those working within disability determination and services field. This session will provide participants an update of efforts by the Social Security Administration (SSA) to create an OIS for disability determination and the advice and recommendations provided by the Occupational Information Development Advisory Panel to SSA pertinent to the first year of research and development activities.

PRESENTERS: Mary Barros-Bailey, PhD, CRC, Chair, Occupational Information Development Advisory Panel, Social Security Administration; Sylvia Karman, Director, Occupational Information Development Project, Social Security Administration



Lunch with Exhibitors: 12:15 pm - 1:15 pm

CONCURRENT SESSIONS: 1:15 pm - 3:00 pm

401 — Education Law: A New Frontier for Vocational Rehabilitation

Transition planning, assessment and rehabilitation counseling are among the components addressed in The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 1997. Unfortunately, schools are ill equipped to provide vocational assessments and realistic transition planning for special education students, yet they are attempting to do so. Education law attorneys and parents are beginning to learn the importance of vocational assessments and rehabilitation counseling and are requesting these services. This presentation will provide the beginning tools to add transition planning and broaden your practice. This is the time for vocational rehabilitation professionals to meet the needs in this emerging area...before other disciplines try to.

PRESENTERS: Charles Fox, JD, Attorney at Law, Law Office of Charles P. Fox; Elizabeth Watson, MS, LCPC, CRC, CCM, CBIS, Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist, Watson VR Resources, Inc.

402 — “Thinking on My Seat” for Experts

This session will provide opportunity to go beyond listening to or reading “good answers” to questions that may intimidate the expert, or with which one is not familiar. Each participant is asked to SHARE and learn from VERBATIM best answers of those at their table, in lieu of speaker-provided answers and concepts. The individualized “practice aloud” format is designed to enable more comfort and skill in being familiar with exact words and phrases in giving replies that work, rather than simple “yes” and “no.” The session acknowledges the difference in the learning methods between hearing what others say versus formulating and mouthing one’s own responses. Participants will try, practice and share how to create “teaching” opportunities and provide input regarding their foundations and opinions, by way of responding to the question posed. Novice and advanced experts alike should find this session practical and helpful in further developing their own careers as LCPers or vocational experts. Time will be given for “full audience” sharing in the final segment of the exercise.

PRESENTERS: Robert Paré, MS, CRC, LRC, CDMS, Principal, Senior Rehabilitation Consultant, Consultative Review & Rehabilitation; Dianne Simmons Grab, MA, CCM, CDMS, CLCP, President, Simmons Grab & Associates, LLC

403 — The Art and Science of Understanding and Treating Mild Traumatic Brain Injury

This presentation will lead to attendees understanding “the miserable minority” or “walking wounded” phenomenon as it relates to MBI. Whether a fall from a ladder, a 200 mph airbag, a 300-pound lineman, or a 500-pound bomb rigged to explode in the road, a mild brain injury is often the result. Eighty percent of these injuries resolve with few consequences. A few see an opportunity for personal gain. Others may lose their identity and embrace the role of “patient”, “victim” or “wounded warrior”. The majority experience physical, cognitive, functional and behavioral consequences that will dramatically change their lives. The brain heals, but these individuals do not. Understanding this phenomenon can be the key to successfully working with these individuals in any capacity.

PRESENTER: Robert Hogan, MS, NeuroRehabilitation Consultant, The Mentor ABI Network

Refreshment Break with Exhibitors: 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

CONCURRENT SESSIONS: 3:30 pm - 5:15 pm

501 — Evidence-based Life Care Planning

This presentation will describe in detail a methodology to develop a medical foundation for damages, which has yielded a high rate of success for clients, including a reduction in errors and omissions and defensible life care projections. In addition, the value and impact of evidence-based research to case success will be discussed. Actual case examples of the application of these methods will be provided and discussed.

PRESENTER: Reg Gibbs, MS, CRC, LCPC, CBIS, CLCP, Chief Executive Officer, Rocky Mountain Rehab, PC

502 — Conducting a Job Search in the Worst Labor Market You’ve Ever Seen

You’re a vocational counselor with a caseload of people displaced from the labor market. You have questions:

- With unprecedented high unemployment rates and strong competition for the fewer open jobs, how do job seekers spend their job hunt time effectively and find work?
- When a “good faith effort” is mandated by law or benefit provider, what expectations can you have for job seekers? What are realistic job search activities and duration?
- How should you modify your instructions to job seekers to fit the job goal, geography, agency mandating the job search and their personal circumstances?
- How can you help your clients find work in this challenging environment?
- Does one type of job search fit all job seekers?

PRESENTER: Betty Kohlenberg, CRC, ABVE/D, Principal, Vocational Counselor, Kohlenberg & Associates Vocational Counseling Services

503 — Domestic Relations and the Vocational Expert: Ready to Challenge Your Skills in Divorce Court?

Vocational experts have a long history of value in litigated matters involving disability-related issues but their value within the realm of marital dissolution is less well known among VEs and within the legal community. Attribution of earnings is a crucial step in determining whether spousal support is warranted and, if so, in what amount and for what duration. Family court proceedings also need expert testimony to opine on adequacy of job search and provide foundation and plans for rehabilitative alimony. With understanding of nuances in divorce litigation and avenues to market their skills, VEs will be well positioned to enter and/or expand their practice into this niche market.

PRESENTER: Deborah Veatch, MA, MS, CRC, LRC, D/ABVE, Vocational Consultant/Expert, Veatch Occupational Consulting

Reception with Exhibitors: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

SATURDAY • NOVEMBER 6

Registration/Information Central:
7:00 am - 5:15 pm

Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors:
7:00 am - 8:00 am

OPENING REMARKS: 8:00 am - 8:15 am

GENERAL SESSION: 8:15 am - 10:00 am

Statistics on Disability: What's Out There?

Disability statistics can be informative and useful, but where can you find them? What are they based on? What should be considered when presenting disability statistics? What are the strengths and limitations of different data sources? This presentation will provide guidance for individuals who are seeking statistics on disability and help answer these questions. We will go on a tour of the web and demonstrate how to access disability statistics from a variety of resources including the Decennial Census, American Community Survey (ACS) and the Current Population Survey (CPS).

PRESENTER: William Erickson, MS, Research Specialist, Employment and Disability Institute, Cornell University

Refreshment Break with Exhibitors:
10:00 am - 10:30 am



CONCURRENT SESSIONS: 10:30 am - 12:15 pm

601 — Life Care Planning: Digging Out From Under the Rubble of Testimony

The presenters will share potential pitfalls in testimony and methods to avoid or handle them, so that LCPers are more confident in their testimony skills. They will share experiences and then participants will break into small group roundtables, address real situations; methods for handling them; and additional personal experiences. The group will rejoin to share those experiences that stood out and role-play the court scene. The experience will also serve to build camaraderie and allow for networking opportunities to take away for future mentoring or support when facing a difficult or unusual deposition or testimony.

PRESENTERS: Angela Heitzman, MA, CRC, CLCP, MSCC, Principal, Heitzman Rehabilitation, LLC; Anne Savage Veh, MA, LPCC, CLCP, Vocational Evaluator, Certified Life Care Planner, Vocational Assessments, Inc.

602 — Social Security Vocational Expert Testimony Regarding Limitations and Transferability

Occasionally the SS VE is presented with hypotheticals that will not allow a clear-cut decision about whether or not occupations exist within the limitations posed. Part of this presentation will discuss how the occupational base becomes more and more eroded for hypotheticals in these marginal areas. In addition, the presenters will discuss transferability for the older worker. Special attention will be focused on understanding the rulings pertaining to transferability for these age groups. Also included will be recent decisions resulting in remands due to VE testimony. This segment will help the SS VE understand how to avoid testimony that will result in a remand due to VE error or shortcoming.

PRESENTERS: Dale Thomas, CRC, CCM, ABVE/D, Principal/Consultant, Thomas Vocational Consulting; Rebecca Williams, CRC, CVE, Principal/Consultant, Rebecca Williams Vocational Consulting Services

603 — Future Work Propensity Study

This presentation offers an alternative methodology to the widely published and debated work life expectancy tables. The panel will summarize key components to the concept of "Future Work Propensity" as it applies to an individual. The presenters will provide the design and methodology of a pilot survey being undertaken on the topic. Participants will voluntarily provide survey data on variables considered in making professional judgments or formulating conclusions regarding a person's future work propensity. Survey results will be submitted for publication.

PRESENTERS: Rick Robinson, M.Ed., MBA, CRC, CVE, ABVE/D, LMHC, President, Robinson Work Rehabilitation Services Company; Gil Spruance, MS, CRC, CVE, CCM, CLCP, MSCC, QRP, President, Spruance and Associates, Inc.; Jamie Pomeranz, Ph.D., CRC, CLCP, Assistant Professor, University of Florida

**Lunch on Your Own —
Final Session with Exhibitors:
12:15 pm - 1:30 pm**

CONCURRENT SESSIONS: 1:30 pm - 3:15 pm

701 — Internet Based Forensic Rehabilitation Power Tools for the 21st Century

This presentation demonstrates how to work smarter, not harder, when conducting occupational and labor market research. Participants will be able to exploit the latest interfaces between social media and Web content to maximize forensic rehabilitation research outcomes. Participants will learn to:

- Use advanced Internet search tools in new ways.
- Use old tools in new ways to research demand requirements of occupations.
- View archived job postings.
- Use computer agents as LMS assistants.
- Use Internet portal for enhanced LMS efficiency.
- Efficiently generate comprehensive employer listings for labor market research.
- Harvest county data for numbers of businesses and employees within industries.
- Efficiently access salary surveys.
- Use an authoritative database to quickly research associations among allergens, chemical/biological agents, diseases and processes, tasks, occupations and industries.
- Readily interpret medical acronyms/abbreviations

PRESENTER: Sharon Shou, CRC, LCPC, ABVE/F, Senior Vocational Rehabilitation Consultant, Unum

702 — Resiliency: the Key to Success in Challenging Times

Resiliency is a key component to thriving in the adverse conditions of today's marketplace. Resilient people accept life's challenges knowing that they will emerge stronger and rise above any negative encounter they experience. They demonstrate flexibility, durability, an attitude of optimism and are open to learning the process of bouncing back. This presentation will provide participants the opportunity to discover their resiliency level, learn keys to developing resilient strategies, discover how to avoid the pitfalls to old thinking and strategies and learn techniques to handle any personal or professional challenge they encounter.

PRESENTER: George Grams, MA, CRC, CPDM, Sole Proprietor/Consultant, Grams Consulting

703 — Making Rational Decisions in Brain Injury Rehabilitation: When is Enough, Enough?

Trying to decide "when enough is enough" in traumatic brain injury rehabilitation is a complicated task and involves specialized expertise. This workshop will help in determining relevant variables specific to TBI that assist the case manager in making decisions about MMI and case closure for patients with moderate and severe TBI. Dr. Carnevale, a clinical neuro-psychologist with extensive experience, will present this information in a lively manner including providing a "Top 10" list to discuss variables which result in patients staying in rehabilitation too long.

PRESENTER: George Carnevale, PhD, Neuropsychologist, VP of Clinical Service Department, Rehabilitation Specialists

Refreshment and Networking Break: 3:15 pm - 3:30 pm

CONCURRENT SESSIONS: 3:30 pm - 5:15 pm

801 — Serving Eggs and Scrambled Ethics in the Big Easy with Take-Out!

How are eggs and juggling like ethical behavior? What are your ethical beliefs? Have you fully implemented all of the major changes required by the CRCC 2010 Code of Ethics? You won't be sitting in your seat for this presentation! Explore issues of professional disclosure, technology and more in this highly interactive session and leave with a practical Take-Away Tool Kit.

PRESENTERS: Ann Neulicht, PhD, CRC, CLCP, CVE, CMDS, LPC, ABVE/D, Rehabilitation Consultant; Mary Barros Bailey, PhD, CRC, CDMS, CLCP, NCC, ABVE/D, Bilingual Rehabilitation Counselor, Vocational Expert, Life Care Planner, Intermountain Vocational Services, Inc.

802 — Traumatic Brain Injury: Use of New Technology for Objective Evidence

Persons who suffer traumatic brain injury often complain of many symptoms that they relate to their brain injury. Traditional CT scans and MRI's of the brain may be negative leaving limited objective data to document a brain injury. PET/ CT scans, SPECT scan, and Diffusion Tensor Imaging MRI are new and exciting technologies that may help document even the mildest TBI. Greenwald will demonstrate why it is critical for professionals in the field to be aware of these emerging technologies and how they should be used.

PRESENTER: Brian Greenwald, MD, Medical Director of Brain Rehabilitation, Mount Sinai Medical Center

803 — Absence from Work: Is there an Acceptable Level of Absenteeism? A review of Absence Data and Implications for the Vocational Expert

Vocational experts and rehabilitation counselors in relation to Social Security, Worker's Compensation, personal injury and employment law cases are often questioned as to the impact of absence on an individual's ability to retain employment. Experts are often asked if there is an "acceptable" level of absence during an initial phase of employment and thereafter. Based upon comments from attorneys and vocational professionals, responses to such questions have a very substantial range and are often based upon limited foundation aside from the described experience. This presentation will provide a review of available data, provide an overview of the speaker's labor market research and stimulate discussion of potential future research by vocational professionals.

PRESENTER: Scott Stipe, MA, CRC, CDMS, LPC, ABVE/D, President and Rehabilitation Counselor, Scott Stipe & Associates, Inc., DBA Career Directions Northwest



HOTEL INFORMATION

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New Orleans, LA 70130

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IARP has arranged for a special conference rate of \$149 plus taxes single/double guestroom. Please call the Astor Crowne Plaza Hotel at 888-696-4806 to make your hotel reservations. Please mention either that you are with the International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals or reference Group Code RHB to receive the special conference rate. The special room rate expires on October 6 so be sure to make your room reservations ASAP. Space is limited and IARP cannot guarantee the room block will still be available after the cut-off date.

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TRAVEL INFORMATION

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Ground Transportation

Airport Shuttle New Orleans is the official ground transportation for the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport. Prices for shared van services are \$38 round trip; \$20 one-way per person. Service is available on a continuous basis with vans departing approximately every 30 minutes.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESS is available by calling 866-596-2699 for reservations.



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The early-bird registration deadline is September 17, 2010. All registrations received on or before September 17 will be eligible for early-bird rates.

Registration Confirmation

All registrants will receive confirmation/receipt of registration via email. If you have not received confirmation from IARP, please contact the registration department at 847-657-6964.

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- Full refund less \$100

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| Which Day? | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday |

Guest \$150 Guest Name: _____

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The pre-conference sessions are not included in the conference registration fee. Please indicate which session(s) you are attending, only selecting one session per time slot. After selecting the sessions you want to attend, indicate the appropriate fee.

| Thursday Morning, Nov. 4 (8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.) | Thursday Morning, Nov. 4 (10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.) | Thursday Afternoon, Nov. 4 (1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 101 – Empowering Vocational Experts in Social Security Hearings | <input type="checkbox"/> 103 – Rising to the Challenge in Testimony | <input type="checkbox"/> 201 – Filling in the Gaps |
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One form per registrant.

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Friday, November 5

10:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

- 301 – An Invitation to the Expert Testimony Tea Party
- 302 – OIADAP Update

1:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

- 401 – Education Law: A New Frontier for Vocational Rehab
- 402 – “Thinking on My Seat” for Experts
- 403 – The Art and Science of Understanding and Treating MBI

3:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

- 501 – Evidence-based Life Care Planning
- 502 – Job Search in the Worst Labor Market
- 503 – Ready to Challenge Your VE Skills in Divorce Court

Saturday, November 6

10:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

- 601 – Life Care Planning: Digging Out
- 602 – Social Security VE Testimony
- 603 – Future Work Propensity Study

1:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

- 701 – Internet Based Forensic Rehab
- 702 – Resiliency: The Key to Success
- 703 – Making Rational Decisions in Brain Injury Rehab

3:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

- 801 – Serving Eggs & Scrambled Ethics
- 802 – TBI: Use of New Technology
- 803 – Absence from Work

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Total Amount Due: \$ _____ (US funds only)

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