



INTERNATIONAL COURSE ON PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION BY DENTAL METHODS

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Coordinators of the Course: Prof. Cristiana Palmela Pereira, Prof. Hrvoje Brkic, Prof. Vilma Pinchi.

Definition of the scope of the course

The International Course on Personal Identification by Dental Methods is designed to provide practicing health professionals and all the professionals related with skills and experience in the field of forensic victim identification by dental methods, such as in the circumstances of Disaster Victim Identification. A personal identification by dental methods qualification allows dentists to perform forensic examinations on unidentified dead bodies as required by law enforcement agencies, courts, or medical examiners (coroners). The course offers an emphasis on practical aspects of human identification single and DVI cases and an in-depth understanding of the correct professional handling, examination, interpretation, and presentation of evidence which may come before the legal authorities. Forensic Odontologists provide an important service



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to the community in both civil and criminal jurisdictions.

This course is designed for practicing forensic odontologist experts who wish to gain experience in the professional field of human identification by dental methods, and for all professionals who are somehow starting in the field. Whether you are new to conducting forensic examinations for human identification or would like to refresh your previous training, our international course will enable you to approach this work using up to date case law, best practice guidance and best scientific evidence based.

This course human identification by dental methods training covers all aspects of the human identification process in DVI context and single dead bodies, from making decisions at initial the forensic examination, through to writing a forensic report.

General objectives of the course

Create a period of acquisition of basic skills in human identification by dental methods (knowledge, skills and attitudes), in view of preparing health professionals and other professionals in the forensic and judicial sciences to act correctly and appropriately, in the best interest of society and always under the terms of the law, when confronted in their professional life with issues of the nature of forensic medicine, regardless of the area in which they work, in order to contribute to a good administration of Justice, to the prevention of violence and to the treatment, protection, rehabilitation and reintegration of people involved in issues with forensic and medico-legal repercussions.

Provide theoretical knowledge and practical skills within the scope of human identification by intervention of forensic odontologist experts to enable them to perform human identification in DVI teams and single dead bodies in autopsy room.

Skills to be acquired

Enable forensic odontologist experts to obtain a set of basic knowledge about the various aspects of human identification by dental methods, in terms of its scope, objectives, competencies and pertinent legislation, with particular emphasis on how this science can and should articulate with the remaining areas of medico-legal, legal, judicial, and forensic intervention. This training is



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evaluated, for holders of a Bachelor's or Master's degree in Dentistry, through the practical competence that the participants demonstrates in the practical realization of the fundamental human identification expertise in the legislation in force within the scope of the same.

Career Opportunities

This international course as continuing education provides the necessary tools to pursue research in human identification by dental methods. It is an international course recommended for all professionals who act as forensic odontologist experts in the areas of disaster victim identification and single dead bodies.

Language

English

Assessment

All participants of the course will receive a certificate.

The assessment of knowledge will be carried out, through 2 written final experts reports on human identification by dental methods based on 2 practical cases. The participants will do experts reports according to the methods recommended during the course.

The final classification of the international course on personal identification by dental methods will be successful or unsuccessful. The successful participants will receive a proficiency certificate on personal identification by dental methods for 2 years.

Location

School of Medicine University of Lisbon, Portugal



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Information and registration

The pre-registration needs to be until **March 30th, 2027**.

To pre-register you need to fill out this form and mail it to treasurer@iofos.eu (Professor Hrvoje Brkić, the Treasurer of IOFOS) before **March 30th, 2027**.

When you have been pre-accepted you will receive notification and billing information. Your participation is formal when the course fee has been paid until **April 5th, 2027**.

The number of participants is limited to 15.

Course Fee

The Course fee of **2100 Euros** will cover the course and includes lunches, and coffee/tea breaks and social dinner.

Accommodation

Please note that Faculty of Medicine of University of Lisbon where the course is offered, is inside the Hospital Santa Maria and belongs to the University Campus. The subway stop is Cidade Universitária. There are frequent bus and subway connections from the city center.

For information about the accommodation, you may send email to Dr. Valon Nushi or Dr. Ana Rodrigues if you need support. The emails are: nushi.valon@gmail.com or ana.m.rodrigues@edu.ulisboa