INTERNATIONAL COURSE ON AGE ASSESSMENT

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Definition of the scope of the course

The International Course on Age Assessment is designed to provide practicing health professionals and all the professionals related with skills and experience in the field of forensic and legal age assessment. An age assessment qualification allows dentists to perform forensic and legal examinations on age estimation as required by law enforcement agencies, courts, or medical examiners (coroners). The international course offers an emphasis on practical aspects of age assessment 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 to the community in both civil and criminal jurisdictions.

This course is designed for practicing forensic experts who wish to gain experience in the professional field of age assessment, and for all professionals who are somehow related to the different areas of intervention of age assessment. They are professionals in the field of law, medicine, anthropology and other areas that intervene in an interdisciplinary way. Whether you are new to conducting age assessments 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 age assessment training covers all aspects of the age estimation process in living persons and 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 age assessment (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 age assessment by intervention of forensic experts to enable them to perform age estimation in living and dead bodies.

Skills to be acquired

Enable forensic experts to obtain a set of basic knowledge about the various aspects of age assessment, 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 evaluated, for holders of a Bachelor's or Master's degree in Dentistry and Medicine, through the practical competence that the participants demonstrate in the practical realization of the fundamental age assessment 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 age assessment. It is an international course recommended for all professionals who act as forensic experts in the areas of age assessment in living and 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 age assessment 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 age assessment will be successful or unsuccessful. The successful participants will receive a proficiency certificate on age assessment for 2 years.

Location

School of Dental Medicine University of Zagreb, Croatia, Gunduliceva 5**.**

Information and registration

The pre-registration needs to be until February 28th, 2027.

To pre-register you need to fill out this form and mail it to brkic@sfzg.hr (Professor Hrvoje Brkić, the Treasurer of IOFOS) before ***February 28th, 2027***.

Once you have been provisional accepted, you will receive a notification with billing information. Your participation will be confirmed upon payment of the course fee, which must be made by ***March, 5th 2027.***

Course Fee

The Course fee of 1900 Euros will cover the course and includes lunches and coffee/tea breaks and a social dinner.

Accomodation

Please note that School of Dental Medicine of University of Zagreb where the course is offered, is in city center. For information about the accommodation, you may send email to Professor Hrvoje Brkić, the Treasurer of IOFOS, to help you if you need support. The email is: brkic@sfzg.hr