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Larry Webb, Bill Lapworth, Maureen Jacques-Turner at the W.A.D. booth at the World Investigators Conference

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### PRESIDENTIAL BRIEFING

A s many of you know, our corporate office is located in New Orleans, LA, which was affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Not only did we suffer tremendous damage in New Orleans, but our Mobile operations were inoperable for over two weeks because of Katrina; then along came Rita, which seriously affected all of our Louisiana Coast, including our Lake Charles, Houma, Morgan City, Bogalusa offices. Hurricane Rita also dumped a tremendous amount of water into our Corporate office, totally destroying the second floor of our building, which is where Christine and I and our accounting staff are domiciled.

At this point, we have been able to purchase a house in Baton Rouge, rent some condos, etc., and provide housing for our accounting and clerical staff. My house was unaffected; however, I have two other families living with us, and will remain living with us for another year or longer. Our guard operation on the first floor at 955 Howard is functional, but did suffer some damage. The phone service throughout the Louisiana region is still sporadic, and sometimes non-existent. Over 50% of the New Orleans area still does not have power and 250,000 homes have been completely destroyed by these two hurricanes. We have managed to pull together our guard operations and all the affected regions and continue to service many of our clients, and sometimes have an opportunity to take on new business. The biggest problem is lack of personnel, since many of the families living in New Orleans in the affected areas cannot return home because of the devastation. I have spoken with Richard Jacques-Turner and Sharon Hilke, and the Executive Director transition will take place, effective November 1, 2005.

I have kept in touch with several members by telephone, and all seems to be going well.



J D Vinson, Jr.

Sharon will do the Dues billing for our Association, along with the Newsletter and the Membership Directory. Richard has agreed to handle the processing of the 110 applications received in Las Vegas. He has agreed to do this at the rate of \$50.00 per processed application.

As of this writing, we still do not have email in New Orleans, but hope that within the next week we will begin having email and Internet capabilities. I have kept in touch with several members by telephone, and all seems to be going well.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Bangkok.

Sincerely,

ID Vinson, Jr.

PRESIDENT



### FROM THE CHAIRMEN'S PEN

# My fellow Officers, Members of the Board, and Dear Members,

When I was asked in Moscow, where would I like to have the next Mid Term Board Meeting, I have had mixed feelings. I pondered for a couple of weeks and since we have had several board meetings in Europe, I was considering between the United States, Canada, Middle East, Asia or Australasia, including South Africa. Since we did not have any board meetings in Asia, albeit the next Annual Conference in Tokyo in August 2006, I decided that we could have a versatile, friendly and internationally known venue, Bangkok, which I had hoped to attract in particular our Asian and Australasian members who are not too regular with our Annual Meetings, perhaps due to the distance.

**Bob Heales**, our ever willing Conference Chair, was brisk and wasted no time in getting the best package deal for us at the Shangri-La, Bangkok, assisted ably by Greg Scott and Davie Milne, who is based in Bangkok, and playing host. I can assure you that it will be a very pleasant and enjoyable visit to meet the Members of the Board, and other visiting members. To interact and network, to exchange and share ideas and knowledge, afterall, this is what it is meant to be. Just by being a member of WAD and being listed in the Directory and expect business to fall-in is a myth. You have got to meet and interact with people to get to know them inasmuch as they want to know more about you. You make new bonds of friendship with the social gatherings organised during the Mid Term and Annual Meetings. You can also become an observer at the Board Meetings and be informed of the on goings of the Association you belong to.



**Adil Naidu** 

The transition of the Executive Office from Hull, England to California has been a smooth one. Sharon Hilke has taken on the administrative responsibilities from Richard Jacques Turner and I am happy to note that things are moving in the right direction. You will be expecting regular reports and updates from Sharon on the progress of our Association through our Newsletters and the Website.

Membership development and retention remains one of our priorities which we had started in the year 2004, as the success of an Association is in its growth. The promotion of WAD as a business platform for case referrals and corporate reference of our members is taking its stride. WAD continues to be recognised for its professional membership, thanks to the Officers and Members of the Board and their various committees who takes on their respective duties responsibly and with dedication in promoting the Association. For whatever reason that is done, it is done with WAD's interest at heart.

With Best Wishes for the New Year.

Respectfully,

Adíl Naídu

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD 2005/2006





### FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Let me begin by thanking you for your very warm welcome and many messages of support. I am overwhelmed by your kind words and greetings. Thank you for welcoming me into your W.A.D. family.

I am very excited about serving as your Executive Director. Richard and Maureen are a very hard act to follow. It will be difficult to match their level of devotion to W.A.D., but I promise you that I will do the very best job I can for your organization.

### TRANSITION

The transition is coming along nicely. Any transition is difficult, but when you add to the mix that we are moving all of our records and systems from England to California, it can be quite a challenge. I think the task was a bit greater than anyone anticipated, but Richard has been ready and willing to help whenever needed and his efforts have contributed significantly to the progress we've made so far.

### **THANKS TO RICHARD AND MAUREEN!**

There are so many things to learn about the operation of the organization. Richard has been more help than I could have expected or had hoped for. We communicate almost daily, and both he and Maureen have been very generous with their time and patience. They have made me feel very welcomed.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

Richard accepted the task of processing the over 100 applications we received at the World Investigators Conference. As you know, W.A.D. does a very thorough job of vetting all applicants. The application process takes a bit longer, but it is well worth the wait to become a member of the World Association of Detectives.

Please tell your colleagues about the value of belonging to W.A.D. As all of you know, W.A.D. is more than an association, it is a global family of friends and peers. Be sure to let potential members know that there is the W.A.D. membership application is available online at www.wad.net.

### WEBSITE

One of the biggest projects I have been working on is the redesign of the W.A.D. website. I think you will be pleased with many of the new features you will be finding on our website.

The new website will bring you many online conveniences. With the new website you will be able to register for conferences and pay your dues online. You will also be able to review your membership record and make changes and updates online as well. The new website will enable you to check the status of your dues renewal to make sure that we have received your dues.

As you know, our website has recently been going down from time to time. When the site goes down, it takes my email with it. Our apologies if we have missed any of your messages. We are confident that when we move the site to Sacramento, these problems will be resolved. We are planning to launch the new site in March. So please look for the new site in the coming weeks!

Simon Jacobs, Technology Chair, has been very helpful in teaching me how to use the various W.A.D. listserves and in helping me troubleshoot any problems we may have encountered along the way.



W.A.D. NEWS



**Sharon Hilke** 

The plan is for the *W.A.D. News* to be published 6 times this year. The production schedule for 2006 is February / April / June / August / October / December.

Advertising in the *W.A.D. News* is a great way to promote your business throughout the world. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to expand your business to your W.A.D. colleagues. An advertising form can be found in this issue of the newsletter.

### JAPAN

The next opportunity I will have to meet many of you will be at the Annual Conference in Tokyo, Japan. Conference Chair Sumio Hiroshima has done a wonderful job in lining up speakers and special events.

### THANK YOU OFFICERS AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

I would like to especially thank Adil, JD, Eric, Allen and Greg for their support and invaluable assistance. They have been very quick to offer assistance.

### THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE OF ALL

Perhaps the biggest challenge I face is adapting to working with a global community of members from all over the world. You have been very gracious as I struggle with your names and have been very kind when I haven't always gotten it right.

Each and every day I learn something new and I am grateful for the opportunity to learn more about the world we live in.

As always, my best regards to you.



### FEATURE

### P.I. TAKES A DIVE

### J. E. Níssen

### MELBOURNE, FLORIDA USA

he five bodies were kept covered and undisturbed for Captain Walter Godfrey's arrival in the Bahamas four days after the small island-trading freighter exploded. The investigation moved quickly to uncover the cause: safety pumps (to unload tanks containing diesel fuel and gasoline) had broken down. By using a hose and small gasoline-powered pump to offload the gas, a ship's officer and 4 other men lost their lives as the exhaust from the pump ignited the gasoline fumes, causing a sudden flash fire of the rest of the cargo - boxes of explosive grade ammonium nitrate. The massive explosion dramatized the ongoing need for legislation and safety measures, especially in areas where education and industry updates are not readily available. "I've presented seminars worldwide ... working with local authorities and providing information" explained Capt. Godfrey. "Progress has been made, but there's a pressing need for basic investigatory procedures and training in some areas outside the U.S. - it's disheartening to see this kind of accident."

Walter P. Godfrey, Jr.'s company, Fire/Reconstruction Consultants, investigates fires, explosions, and suspicious sinkings in depths down to 10,000 ft. as well as in shallow waters – with special emphasis on marine incidents.

Protecting divers from hazards such as hypothermia, decompression, drowning and accidental injury and often needing to overcome poor visibility and hostile/turbid water conditions makes the VideoRay (ROV) the underwater camera of choice in operations down to 1,000 feet. The ROV (remotely operated vehicle) with its high intensity lights, scanning sonar, tether management system, and manipulator arms enables Capt. Godfrey to videotape and photograph the evidence – in depths divers dare not tread. An underwater 'mighty eye,' the ROV reveals exact conditions and whether divers can safely descend for further exploration. Even in shallow water, the ROV allows real-time processing of information which can eliminate unnecessary diving. "Without the ROV, we could not conduct as thorough an investigation" explained Capt. Godfrey.

With a solid foundation in aquatic research/farming, the ROV broadened its horizons after it was used to investigate the bombing of President Bush's private boat and the sinking of the USS Arizona in Pearl Harbor. Its practical application for the underwater investigative field "exploded."

Steven Van Meter worked specifically with the VideoRay ROV as Nasa's hazardous-duty robotic specialist; his experience as former head of Kennedy Space Center's security department and as a federal enforcement officer make him essential to Godfrey's investigative team. The ROV (small enough to fit in a breadbox) is only part of Capt. Godfrey's high-tech tool kit which he transports to worldwide sites. As a side scan sonar (sss) technician, he finds missing pieces from a vessel which can travel through the water during the fire sequence. Side scan sonar is very accurate in its imaging – like a photo – using sound waves underwater. "We can chart on a graph to show exactly what the debris field looks like. I'm not aware of any others in the underwater fire investigative field with the same capability and knowledge to use sss" noted Capt. Godfrey.

### **Vessel Fires are Different**

You need more than diving experience to become an expert in the underwater fire investigation field. When you're 'lead investigator' on more than 1400 fire investigations, you learn how to recognize burn patterns and correlate them to different fuel packages and different patterns. Sharing his knowledge and expertise, Capt. Godfrey has presented well over 40 international and national seminars to help others know what to look for and how to look for it.

Since 1981, Fire/Reconstruction Consultants has investigated underwater fires and explosions and received numerous accolades for its success rate. Vessel fires are not like structure fires. Ever since ships were built, most of them have draft patterns designed through them. Air flows through the bilge from bow-to-stern. That causes a very small decrease in PSI pressure in the bilge and vessel through air currents which ultimately can pull a fire straight down (instead of letting it burn upwards and out as in a structure fire). "Over the years, we've burned several discarded boats and observed exactly how it happens" explained Capt. Godfrey. With his knowledge and 24 years of underwater fire investigative experience, Capt. Godfrey understands vessel fires better than most.

He's not alone. In addition to Steven Van Meter, Capt. Godfrey's certified engineering team has training and expertise in aerospace, mechanical, structural, electrical, construction failure analysis and fire protection. They're actively involved, using an accredited laboratory, with chemical analysis, forensic and industrial, chemistry, and hydrocarbon testing. It's not a question of searching for the right people to deal with different challenges, but rather of knowing that their experienced staff is already qualified to deal with every aspect of the investigation: metallurgical testing, thermal fatigue, fracture mechanics, corrosive cause and prevention, ductile and stress failures, heavy rigging, burn and flame spread testing, computer fire modeling, and even weapons testing."



### **Spoliation of Evidence**

Dating to the 18th century, spoliation – failure to preserve the allegedly defective product – is now well documented in several legal cases. Capt. Godfrey has been an investigator for 41 years and spent many years in law enforcement as well as private investigation. Whether it's a civil or criminal case, ensuring that all evidence is handled and documented correctly – with integrity and honesty – is critical.

Right from the beginning, the ROV can document with photos and measurements – an asset when dealing with spoliation since a vessel may shift or move later on. "After the investigation, we handle the evidence and work with the engineers, all the way to the courtroom where we have reported our opinions as technical experts" said Capt. Godfrey.

### Out of chaos comes order

Once they've determined the cause, the hard work begins: the evidence is reviewed (for example, film under magnification can reveal evidence one might not have cognitively recognized at the scene itself), documented, and placed in a container. The case number is entered on an ETF (Evidence Transmittal Form) and then analyzed by engineers, who are unaware of details which could prejudice their findings (such as the client's identity).

That's extremely important. Many of their engineers have worked at Kennedy Space Center, have worldwide experience, and have established their credibility and earned reputations seeded in trust over the years. "If you don't properly document your fire scene, you don't have a case" explained Capt. Godfrey.

### **Codes and Care**

Fire/Reconstruction Consultants relies on basic standards of care as defined by NFPA 921 (Guide for Fire Investigations in U.S. – promulgated by the National Fire Protection Assn), and the American Society of Testing and Materials which addresses how to document and handle evidence.

Several of Capt. Godfrey's teaching seminars on underwater investigations have been directed towards insurance underwriters (ex. Lloyds of London), claims personnel, attorneys, and investigative arms of various government agencies as well as civic and professional groups. The U.S. Coast Guard inspectors have worked alongside him and used the case to set up procedures for their instruction courses. Instructing and sharing knowledge has helped to make Capt. Godfrey an expert spokesman, not only in the classroom but also in the courtroom. At present, he is working with an inter-island police agency in the Caribbean to help them establish and implement procedures for fire investigations. Since fire investigations change rapidly, Capt. Godfrey himself attends an average of 2-3 courses per year, within the U.S. and abroad. The technology about how fire burns and the cause of patterns is a volatile subject which needs ongoing awareness.

"Diving is my hobby and passion", said Capt. Godfrey (a sailor and licensed captain). "I've been at it since 1963. The underwater scene still intrigues me with its endless variety of 'critters' – they're first on the scene, and I'm next." No wonder Capt. Godfrey loves to take a dive.



Walter P. Godfrey, Jr., W.A.D. Member since 2000

Licensed as a Private Investigative Agency, Private Investigator, Agency Manager, and U.S. Coastguard 100 ton master, Capt. Godfrey's certifications include:

Board Certified Criminal Defense Investigator (CCDI); Board Certified Fire, Arson and Explosion Investigator (CFEI); Board Certified Investigator Instructor; Board Florida Certified Investigator (FCI); Board Certified Instructor/American Sailing Assn.; Board Certified Anti-Terrorism Specialist

He is also a member of more than twenty professional organizations, such as National Assn. of Fire Investigators where he serves as a National Director; Int'l. Assn. of Arson Investigators (including Florida Chapter); Hon. Order of the Blue Goose International; So. Florida Fire Safety Assn. (Charter member); Nat'l. Fire Protection Assn. (Fire Science and Technology Educator's Section).



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### **FEATURE**

### NURSES THAT KILL

Dr. Maurice Godwin and Bilan DeCarmine

### **British Serial Killer Nurse Beverly Allitt**

### Mr. Justice Latham told convicted British murderer Beverly Allitt:

"You are seriously disturbed. You are cunning and manipulative and you have shown no remorse for the trail of destruction you have left behind you. I accept it is all the result of the severe personality disorder that you have. But you are and remain a very serious danger to others. On the evidence I have heard there is no real prospect that the time will come when you can safely be released."

### ABSTRACT

Unexplained deaths involving children and health care patients have increased over the past ten years. In the first instance mothers are suspected; the health care patients are often murdered by nurses and health care givers. Yet, very little has been written to improve techniques that could lead to earlier detection of these crimes. This paper suggests that a rapid epidemiological investigation could identify common exposure to one nurse, therefore, prevent further harm to patients or deaths.

Many health professionals will regard the deaths at Grantham and Kesteven General Hospital located in Grantham, Lincolnshire UK, in which the nurse, Beverly Allitt, 23 years old, murdered four children, as an unprecedented event with little risk of repetition. There are, however, case reports from many countries of serial murder of patients by health care staff. Briefly, serial murder is defined as three or more separate murder events separated by a cooling off period.<sup>1</sup> These episodes differed from euthanasia as the patients did not consent to their death and were not usually seriously ill or in great pain.

Cases in which there have been convictions include that of a licensed vocational nurse in Texas, prosecuted for one death and who is likely to have murdered up to nine other infants in a pediatric intensive care unit,<sup>1,2,3</sup>; four nurses in Vienna convicted of 41 murders or attempted murders of elderly people,<sup>3,4</sup>; a nurse responsible for the death of four patients in a New York hospital,<sup>2,6</sup>; a nurse convicted for the murder of twelve patients in a Los Angeles intensive care unit,<sup>2,3</sup>; a nursing sister in Wuppertal, West Germany who was responsible for at least five murders in an intensive care unit,<sup>7</sup>; and a nurse in the former East Germany who murdered four patients on a surgical ward.<sup>7</sup>

Other murders include a nurse in Florida who plead guilty to five murders at a nursing home,<sup>2</sup> a nurse convicted of one murder in a Georgia intensive care unit and who may have killed five others and attempted to murder a further three patient,<sup>8</sup> and a nurse's assistant who admitted 29 counts of aggravated murder, in a series of deaths lasting from 1970 to 1987 and extending to three separate hospitals.<sup>2</sup> There are other reported cases in which

epidemiological evidence suggests that a particular individual was associated with a series of deaths, but in which the outcome is not reported, or in which the accused individual was acquitted or not brought to trial.<sup>9,10,11</sup> These incidents continued and in 1995, a trial in the Netherlands was continued for further psychiatric assessment of a nursing assistant who admitted to killing nine patients in a nursing home, between 1992 and 1995.<sup>12</sup>

These murders were place-specific, and most were committed by women. Criminologist Eric Hickey describes women who commit serial murders as the "quiet killers."8 Female serial murderers tend to use non-violent methods (e.g. poison), to be place specific, and to confine their activities to vulnerable groups in contrast to male perpetrators of serial murder who are usually violent and may mutilate their victims in ways which often allow crimes to be linked to the same individual. In Hickey's series of 34 female serial murderers in the United States, six were nurses.<sup>8</sup> They were, on average, slightly older than male serial murderers and had often killed for several years before being identified. Nursing homes and hospitals were the most common locations for place-specific female murderers. Although reported episodes suggest an over representation of nurses and nursing assistants, there is no reason to believe that other professions will be free of such individuals and the true number of murders - the "dark figure of crime" remains unknown.<sup>12</sup> It is not possible to conclude whether nurses are more or less likely to kill than any other professional or occupational group.

Methods used by convicted murderers included injection of benzodiazepines, drowning by pouring water into the airways,<sup>5</sup> suffocation with a plastic bag or a pillow,1 poisoning by arsenic digoxin,<sup>1,7</sup> cyanide<sup>1</sup> and injection of insulin, succinylcholine, potassium chloride or lignocaine.<sup>1,3</sup> In suspected cases, likely methods included administration of digoxin, pancuronium bromide potassium chloride and insulin.<sup>8,10,11,14,15</sup>

Cases have not been distributed evenly across all patient groups. Most proven or suspected cases have occurred among older people, children, or patients in intensive care units. In the reported series, risk has been associated with receiving intravenous fluids,<sup>11</sup> with being in a bed out of sight of a nursing station, and with evening or nights.<sup>15,16</sup> In some cases, victims have experienced repeated cardiopulmonary arrests, but only at one particular time of day, reflecting the shifts worked by the murderer.<sup>3</sup>

Early epidemiological investigations used examination of time trends in cardiopulmonary arrests, and case control studies of suspicious and non-suspicious cases.<sup>11</sup> This work demonstrated that crude mortality rates alone could fail to identify a problem, while monitoring of critical incidents such as cardiopulmonary

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arrests could identify the threat earlier. Two later studies examined staff schedules and identified strong associations between the relative risk of death and the duty times of particular staff members.<sup>4,10</sup> In one case, the identified nurse had moved to another job, and was convicted of murdering a child in her new location.<sup>4</sup> The other case, at a children's hospital in Toronto, resulted in a long-lasting controversy. A nurse was arrested and charged with four murders before the epidemiological evidence was available. The case against the nurse was dropped. Buehler and his colleagues found that the presence of another nurse was statistically associated with the deaths, although no further charges were brought.<sup>10</sup> A Canadian researcher has argued that these deaths were part of a wider medication problem affecting many hospitals, and that allegations of murder were incorrect.<sup>17</sup>

This criticism reflects a frequent comment on epidemiological investigations of unexplained deaths, that "statisticians...play at Sherlock Holmes."<sup>4</sup> Yorker has argued that media attention may result in a hospital having to explain an increased death rate, and that nurses form an easy target for investigation. As one lawyer suggested, that "being accused of murder may be an emerging occupational hazard for nurses." In one case in Las Vegas, however, a nurse found herself accused of the murder of patients in an intensive care unit and was the subject of intense media speculation before charges were withdrawn. It was later established that there had been no unexplained deaths, and no evidence of murder. Rather, the case was based on gossip and unfounded suspicions.<sup>18</sup> An epidemiological investigation may have ended the case before it began.

There are many possible causes of unexpected adverse events in health care setting. Recent epidemiological investigations have attempted to pre-empt criticisms by using rigorous methods. In an examination of deaths in a nursing home in Florida, Sacks<sup>15</sup> compared the incidence of deaths across all homes in the same chain to help exclude a widespread problem before conducting a case control study. In a separate incident in an intensive care unit, Sacks and his colleagues conducted the most satisfactory examination to date, using a cohort study with a nested case control study, combined with independent blind expert assessment of the deaths examined in the case control study.<sup>11</sup> Using logistic modeling to take other risk factors into account, they found that risk of death on the unit was most strongly associated with primary care by one nurse (adjusted odds ration 47.5). The judge in the case commented that statistical evidence alone was insufficient to convict someone of murder. The nurse was acquitted.

The importance of these murders and suspected murders lies in the possibility for prevention. Series of murders with a low murder rate would be difficult to detect, but most reported episodes, perhaps predictably, have involved a rapid increase in the number of critical incidents and murders. The shortest reported case occurred in a surgical intensive care unit in Georgia.<sup>16</sup>

A nurse supervisor identified an increase in the number of cardiac arrests in a three week period. A rapid epidemiological investigation identified common exposure to one nurse who was removed from duty and subsequently convicted of aggravated assault. Rapid recognition of increases in adverse incidents and appropriate investigation may, therefore, prevent further harm to patients.

Pre-employment screening, as recommended by the Allitt inquiry,<sup>19</sup> cannot eliminate the possibility of recurrence.<sup>20</sup> While some perpetrators show a similar psychological pattern to the serial killer Allitt, reports of others show no such features.<sup>3,8</sup> Our review of previous cases indicates that there is no consistent psychological profile of these murderers. The features identified in some murderers, such as the repeated hospital attendance and probable fabrication of illness seen in at least two cases, may be of some help.<sup>7</sup> The number of other staff who display such behaviors must be far higher than the very small number of murderers, and so the positive predictive value of these behaviors when used as a screening test is likely to be small.

### **GENENE JONES**

### Convicted in Texas in 1984 of the death of a child by overdose injection of a muscle relaxant

Other characteristics of these cases may be of more value. In most cases the initial episodes involve an increase in unexpected cardiac or respiratory arrests. The number of these critical incidents will vary over time in any case, but epidemiological techniques can help to identify an increase which is greater than that which would be expected by chance. Routine monitoring of critical incidents is practiced in many units. Most cases will prove to have been caused by chance, or by other factors such as alterations in case mix or medication errors.<sup>22</sup> The Georgia case cited above is an example of the speed with which an episode can be identified and investigated if staff respond to an unexplained increase in critical incidents are one source of advice on the application of appropriate epidemiological techniques.

### SERIAL KILLER NURSE ORVILLE LYNN MAJORS

### Suspected of killing hundreds of patients

In health care facilities where there is a suspicion of unexplained deaths even a simple occupational epidemiological study can be carried out as demonstrated in the serial murder case of Orville Lynn Majors. Majors, 36 years old, was suspected of many murders allegedly committed while he was on duty at the Vermillion County Hospital in rural Clinton, Indiana. <sup>25</sup> Majors had his nursing license suspended in 1995, but during almost two years from May 1993 to May 1995, he was on duty while 130 patients died at the rural hospital.



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Ms. Dawn Stirek, the Director of the Intensive Care Unit for the Vermillion County Hospital, had conducted an epidemiological study (apparently on her own initiative) for purposes of investigating the abnormal mortality rate present in the Intensive Care Unit. <sup>25</sup> A mortality summary for the Vermillion County Hospital, prepared by Stirek, established that historically there had been the following number of deaths in the Intensive Care Unit: <sup>25</sup>

 $1990 - 29 \\ 1991 - 24 \\ 1992 - 25 \\ 1993 - 31 \\ 1994 - 101$ 

The independent analysis carried out by Stirek pointed to one particular nurse, Majors, was inordinately associated with a higher number of codes and or deaths for the time period covered by her study. Majors, who gave lethal injections to six hospital patients was sentenced to 360 years for the 'diabolical' murders.

Previous cases suggest that some clinical areas are more vulnerable than others, such as wards with children, older people or intensive care unit.<sup>21</sup> Some reports suggest that wards with low staffing or inadequate supervision may be associated with such episodes.<sup>6, 23, 24</sup> It is unclear whether occupational stress was related to these incidents or, as may be more likely, decreased supervision and increased stress on other staff delayed recognition of the events. Several episodes occurred in well run units with adequate staffing, however, and so no unit should feel itself immune.

Several case reports describe staff concerns which were not initially taken seriously by supervisors, possibly because they believed the allegations to be improbable.<sup>1,21</sup> Similarly, such disbelief may result in an inordinate delay in involving the police.<sup>1</sup> Some episodes have ended with no clear resolution because of the lack of physical evidence. It is essential to involve police forces when there is a serious suspicion of murder. These events are very rare, but have enormous potential for harm. The best defense from them is likely to be awareness of the possibility, a willingness to listen and act on staff concerns, and knowledge of the methods used to investigate suspected episodes.

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### New project aimed at training Italian private investigators

ESTIFOR is a new project aimed at training Italian private investigators, new and already established ones. It is something completely new in the Italian market and is the creation of Mr. Guglielmo Conti, a past president of FEDERPOL, which is the Italian association of private investigators.

The project has been successfully presented in several Italian cities and has already attracted the interests of many young people willing to learn the basic of a new job and P.I.s willing to upgrade their know-how and align their proficiency to international standards.

In order to promote knowledge and skills, the web site of ESTIFOR (www.estifor.com) – very soon to also be in English for foreign visitors – has been equipped with a specific section dedicated to articles signed by foreign P.I.s outlining the local practice in their home countries.

For its innovative features and the professionals associated with ESTIFOR, it has attracted the interests and gained the appreciations of many prestigious universities in Italy and of a very important labour union association.

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# LAS VEGAS CONFERENCE

### WORLD'S LARGEST GATHERING OF INVESTIGATORS - EVER!

Ríchard D. Jacques-Turner

o say that the W.A.D./World Investigators Conference in Las Vegas was successful would be a considerable understatement! It was, in fact, an overwhelming success and the expectation of 1000 participants was not only achieved but greatly exceeded. Had it not been for Hurricanes Katrina, Ophelia and Rita, there would have been 1500 participants at the Conference. However, the effects of these hurricanes meant that many, who had intended to be there, were forced to cancel at the last minute. Even so there were close to 1400 participants who all stayed right up to the end.

### Most of the credit has to go to Jimmie and Rosemarie Mesis whose vision, enthusiasm and hard work put together the largest ever Conference of investigators.

Three days of seminars on a variety of subjects meant that the educational content of the Conference was outstanding. Add to this three cocktail parties, our President's Brunch, a lunch with the hilarious "Mr. President" (George Bush's double – Steve Bridges) as speaker, a Gala Banquet, an excellent Cabaret, a great band, which encouraged the most reluctant dancers to hit the dance floor, and a song by the lovely **Shireen Varga**, Allen Cardoza's daughter. There was also a large Exhibition Hall, crammed with interesting stands, including the P.I. Museum, which had a large display of all sorts of artefacts tracking the history of our profession.

Credit must also go to our Conference Chairman, **Bob Heales**, who also worked tirelessly both before and during the Conference to ensure that W.A.D. achieved maximum exposure and recognition from this event. I should also mention **Christine Vinson** who organised our booth at the exhibition, which was undoubtedly one of the very best there. This booth, which was in one of the premier positions in the exhibition hall, attracted more than 500 visitors and was instrumental in helping the many W.A.D. members, who volunteered to 'man' the booth, to achieve the remarkable success of signing up 110 of those visitors as new applicants for W.A.D.



Jimmie Mesis, John Walsh, Rosemarie Mesis

There were at least 200 W.A.D. Members in attendance to help us celebrate our 80th Anniversary and I am pleased that I was W.A.D.'s Executive Director during this Conference. I was, therefore, privileged to be close to our retiring President, **Adil Naidu** during our meetings. Adil has not been well for many months now and I thought him far too ill to make the long journey from Kuala Lumpur to Las Vegas. However, I had underestimated the courage and sense of duty of this man and also his dedication to our Association. He not only made the journey but he was there at all our functions, our opening Board meeting and also chaired both the General Meeting and our closing Board Meeting. I was seated next to Adil during the three meetings and not once did I hear him complain, despite the fact that he was in some distress for a lot of the time.

At the President's Brunch Adil presented the Awards (see Award Recipients 2005 in this issue) and installed our incoming President – **J.D. Vinson** – with his Medallion of Office.

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J.D. sworn in by Past President Neil Holmes

I swore in the three Vice Presidents:

Eric Shelmerdine – 1st VP Allen Cardoza – 2nd VP Gregory Scott – 3rd VP

I also gave the oath of office to the newly-elected Board members:

David Grimes – USA; Simon Jacobs – England; Maureen Jacques-Turner – England; Kim King – USA; Lothar Mueller – Germany; Siti Naidu – Malaysia; Jean Schmitt – France; Vladimir Solomanidin – Russia; Candice Tal – USA

As I said in the last *W.A.D. NEWS*, if you are an Investigator or Security Professional, Las Vegas was THE place to be between September 19th and 25th this year. You missed a great Conference if you weren't there, so don't miss our 81st conference in Tokyo, August 20-25, 2006.



President's Brunch



Candice Tal, Jean Schmitt, Simon Jacobs, David Grimes, Lothar Mueller, Kim King, Maureen Jacques-Turner, Siti Naidu, Vladimir Solomanidin



# **AWARD RECIPIENTS HONORED**

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AWARDS COMMITTEE CHAIR

### NORMAN J. SLOAN MEMORIAL AWARD

Awarded for outstanding service to the World Association of Detectives

### Maureen Jacques-Turner, Hull, England



#### Adil Naidu, Maureen Jacques-Turner

Maureen was nominated by two members. She was honored for the time and effort she has put into our association over many years. Maureen has assisted Executive Director Richard Jacques-Turner in countless ways and his success, as well as the success of W.A.D. is in great part because of her work. She knows almost all the members, and most of their spouses. She know the areas served by our members and when they were last at a meeting.

Maureen has been the critical force on the W.A.D. Welcome Committee, and she is a very important reason we are able to retain the number of members who are delinquent paying their dues each year. She also is a tremendous help to the efforts in recruiting new qualified members every day. It was submitted that Maureen worked harder than any other member to make W.A.D. great and to make our members feel special about themselves and about our Association. She has done all of this for years, not for pay, but out of love and dedication to this Association and the profession of Private Investigations. The nominating member felt it was time that Maureen got the credit and recognition she deserves.

### **NEAL HOLMES, SR. MEMORIAL AWARD**

Security Professional of the Year

### Raymond A. Pendleton, New Orleans, Louisiana USA



### Adil Naidu, Raymond A. Pendleton

Ray Pendleton was the owner of Pendleton Detective Agency and specialised in Security. He had been a graduate of West Point and a career Army officer when he was called back to take over an agency, founded by his father in the early 1920's. His firm eventually merged with Vinson Detective Agency and Ray continued as a security expert with a nationwide reputation. Ray is a man of impeccable credentials.

In early 2005, Ray was under consideration to the post of Secretary, Homeland Security. This was after President Bush's nomination, former New York Police Chief, bombed out for skeletons in his closet. In the final round, Ray was up with Federal Judge Michael Chertoff (who prosecuted the Whitewater scandal) for the job, which went to Michael Chertoff. Pendleton was cited for his significant contributions to the security profession.

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### AWARD RECIPIENTS HONORED, continued from page 17

### **INVESTIGATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD**

William J. Lapworth, Indiana, Indianapolis USA



Bill Lapworth, Adil Naidu

Bill Lapworth, without fear or favor, did an outstanding job – without being asked to – on the issue of a fake or fraudulent listserve promoter. He went out of his way to uncover the individual's false representations of his listserve.

Our Association greatly appreciates his contribution and he was therefore, nominated and awarded with the "Investigator of the Year 2005" Award.



### HAL LIPSET MEMORIAL TRUTH IN ACTION AWARD

John Walsh, USA



John Walsh, W.A.D. Ambassador Jim Foster

John Walsh is known for his activism against criminals, particularly those who target children. In July 1981, John and Reve Walsh's son, Adam, was abducted and murdered. The Walsh family turned their grief into action, helping missing and exploited children. Against bureaucratic and legislative problems, John and Reve's efforts eventually led to the creation of the Missing Children Act of 1982 and the Missing Children's Assistance Act of 1984.

Subsequently, they founded the Adam Walsh Child Resource Center, a non-profit organization dedicated to legislative reform. Recently, the Center merged with the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), where John Walsh serves on the Board of Directors.

Today, Walsh continues to testify before Congress and state legislatures on crime, missing children and victims' rights issues. His latest efforts include lobbying for a Constitutional amendment for victims' rights.

Walsh has also been the host of the FOX television show America's Most Wanted since 1988.



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Please join us welcoming the newest members to our W.A.D. family. These members come from all over the world: Cambodia, Canada, England, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Pakistan, Philippines, South Africa, Spain, and the USA.

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WORLD ASSOCIATION OF DETECTIVES, INC.





### WORLD ASSOCIATION OF DETECTIVES, INC. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Proposed by W.A.D. Member: \_

**Mail completed application to:** WORLD ASSOCIATION OF DETECTIVES, INC., SHARON HILKE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, 908 21st STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814, USA. E-mail: wad@wad.net Tel: +1-916-441-1888 Fax: +1-916-441-5577.

**The official language of the Association shall be English** (By-laws, Article III, Section 2, a.) The official language of the Association is English; therefore, at least one person of each member's office should be fluent in the English language.

### **APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP MUST BE SUBMITTED IN ENGLISH.**

An applicant for Active membership shall be an individual who is a Principal or the Manager or Branch Manager of an agency, firm, or corporation, which has been in operation for one (1) year, legally qualified to practice the profession of Private Investigator or Security Service, and has been employed as such for a period of three (3) years, unless decided otherwise by the Executive Committee, and licensed where required and be a legal representative. Combined experience from more than one agency, firm or corporation shall apply. An applicant who is not a Principal must submit, in English, a letter of authorization from the President of the Company, on company letterhead, verifying their stated position. The Board of Directors shall also consider applications from persons in countries where three (3) years of business experience was not possible.

The following must be provided or explanation given as to why it is not. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

- □ One (1) recent passport type photo (digitalized are preferable). Note: Names & photographs of applicants are usually printed in the *W.A.D. NEWS*. If you do not wish your photograph to appear in our Newsletter and/or on our Website please inform us.
- □ Money order, bank draft or check (payable in U.S. dollars and drawn on a U.S. bank) in the amount of \$200 (this includes the application fee of \$50, which is non refundable, and annual dues of \$150).
- A copy of your certificate of insurance and bond, where applicable or required, together with an English translation.
- □ A copy of your license certificate, where applicable or required, together with an English translation.
- □ A one-page letter of introduction, in English, on your company letterhead, stating the nature of your business and expertise. Full contact details of new members will later be published in our Newsletter.
- $\hfill\square$  List the languages spoken by you or your office staff.
- □ A letter from your company, **in English**, authorizing you to act in the capacity of Director, General Manager or Manager if you are not the owner.

1. Last Name of			
First Name:	Middle Name:		
2. Full international address of legal residence:			
3. Residence telephone number: Country Code: _	City or Area Code:	Number:	
4. Birthplace:	_5. Marital Status:5a. S <sub>I</sub>	pouse's Name:	
6. Date of Birth (spell month):		7. Nationality:	
8. Your agency name:			
9. <u>Full</u> international business address:			
10. Business telephone number: Country Code:	City or Area Code:	Number:	
FAX number: Country Code:	City or Area Code:	Number:	
E-mail address:	Web Site:		
11. Your position with agency:	11a. Do you have financia	l control of the Agency/Company? YES/NC	
12. Time in position: 13. Date agency	v established: 14. Date	e you entered above agency:	
15. Prior related experience including employer, p	osition, duties (must be included	in the letter of introduction)	

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- 16. Is agency subject to licensing regulations? YES NOT REQUIRED IN STATE NOT REQUIRED IN COUNTRY (circle whichever is applicable) (If YES, include copy license)
- 17 Have you ever been convicted in any criminal proceeding? YES/NO (If yes, explain on a separate sheet of paper where, why and when.)
- 18. Are you bonded? YES / NOT REQUIRED (If yes, include a copy of the bond.)
- 19. Type of work handled (choose up to 10 from the attached list of codes):
- 20. Do you maintain a full-time office? YES/NO \_\_\_\_\_ 21. Do you maintain branch office(s)? YES/NO
- 21a.If yes, list branch offices on a separate sheet of paper.
- 22. Are you connected in any way, directly or indirectly, with any other business profession? YES/NO If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

23. Do you hold a degree on a college or university level? **YES/NO** (If yes, include documents; certificate, diploma, etc.)

- 24. List professional organizations in which you now hold membership:
- 25. List social, civic, fraternal, service, or military organizations in which you now hold membership:
- 26. Please list referees who belong to W.A.D. or other professional organizations, such as A.S.I.S., C.I.I. or other State or National Associations.
- 27. Please list all the languages spoken by you or your staff.

### WAIVER

I give full consent to the World Association of Detectives, Inc., (W.A.D.) its Officers, Members, and/or their Agents, to verify and inquire into my reputation, character, credit and/or standing for membership in the W.A.D. I hereby release, indemnify and hold harmless the above named organization, its Officers, Members, and/or Agents from all liability, claims, (implied or actual) in matters emanating from said review and/or investigation.

Signature of Applicant\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that all entries made by me in this application and the application process are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith.

Furthermore, I do hereby certify that I am a person of good character and good behaviour, and that I will abide by the By-Laws, its Preamble and Code of Ethics of the World Association of Detectives.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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