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The next issue of the Newsletter is planned for **spring-summer 2020**. We would appreciate if you could send us your comments, suggestions, information on upcoming events and contributions (comments on events; book reviews; discussions; interesting case studies etc.) by April-May 2020.

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EDITORIAL

Dear FASE members and colleagues,

Another year is over in a flash! In 2019 the FASE Board has been renewed; Professor Cristina Cattaneo continuing as President for another term with most of the Board members and some new faces.

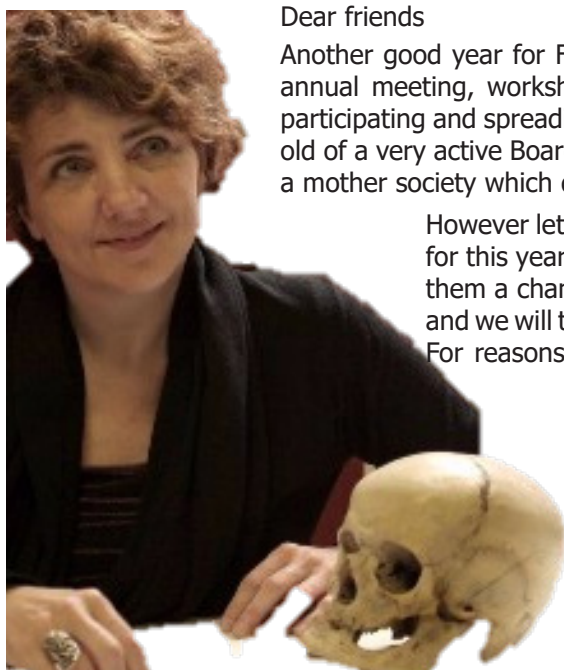
The Advanced Course with the title „Forensic Anthropology and Biomechanics“ followed by the One-Day Symposium took place in September in Brussels. You can read about the event from a participant's perspective in this Issue.

Another Basic Course will be organized in August/ September 2020 in Crete so register early to get a „place under the sun“ or, better said, around the autopsy table :-)

We wish that the 2020 will bring you lots of exciting forensic anthropology events!

Your Editorial team

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear friends

Another good year for FASE has gone by, with our association relentlessly proceeding with its annual meeting, workshop and certification, this time in Bruxelles, and with its components participating and spreading our "mission" nationally and internationally, thanks to the young and old of a very active Board. FASE is almost twenty years old and is as active as ever regardless of a mother society which doesn't always acknowledge its full activity.

However let us also look at the goals we still have to fulfill, which remain a milestone for this year. We did not make it to ENFSI in Madrid last year, but have opened with them a channel of communication thanks to contacts with the French Gendarmerie and we will try to find a space within this society for FASE and identification protocols. For reasons related to the multifaceted activity of Board members some projects

are still waiting to take off, for example a wide collaboration on the identification of migrants, as well as an assessment of European and international protocols for aging minors, and, last but not least, our FASE manual. These are topics which touch not only scientific issues but also and especially social and "political" ones, and therefore take more time – but we will get there, and further.

A healthy, prosperous and successfull 2020 to all!

Cristina

FASE EVENTS and ACTIVITIES

INTRODUCING FASE BOARD 2019-2021

FASE Board has been renewed in 2019 with Prof Cristina Cattaneo still in the function of President. While part of the Board remained the same, last year Prof Philippe Lefèvre joined the main Board and we have welcomed new Board members that will help us to continue promoting FASE activities in Europe and abroad, develop new projects and help in keeping the old ones, networking with other societies and working groups in forensic and not only, as well as rise consciousness of our work among people and other

forensic practitioners.

All the information about FASE Board members (old and new ones) are available on the internet, on our webpage

<http://forensicanthropology.eu/board-members/>

but here we want to give you a short glimpse into who has joined us in the marvelous journey and wish them a long and prosperous collaboration with FASE.

OGUZHAN EKIZOGLU - TURKEY



Oguzhan Ekizoglu is a medical doctor, graduate of the University of Istanbul, Faculty of Medicine (2004) and Department of Legal Medicine (2009).

He is currently associate professor of Department in Legal Medicine at the Izmir Tepecik Training and Research Hospital (Turkey) and also works a Phd candidate in University Center of Legal Medicine, Lausanne-Geneva (CURML) on a age estimation project.

His researches focus on radiological methods of age estimation on the living individuals, virtual methods of sex estimation, interpersonal violence evaluation especially violence against women, development of clinical medicine center and neuroscience studies.

MARIA TERESA FERREIRA - PORTUGAL



Maria Teresa Ferreira, PhD in Forensic Anthropology, is Assistant Professor at the Department of Life Sciences, University of Coimbra in Coimbra (Portugal).

She is co-curator of the 21st Century Identified Skeleton Collection, housed at the Forensic Anthropology Laboratory of the University of Coimbra.

Her research interests include field anthropology, biological profile methods, taphonomy, and trauma. She also works in archaeological collections, being the coordinator of the project "Bioarchaeology of Slavery: the African slaves' skeletal collection from Valle da Gafaria (Lagos, Portugal – 15th-17th centuries)".

PIERRE GUYOMARC'H - SWITZERLAND



Pierre Guyomarc'h is a forensic anthropologist who graduated from the University of Bordeaux in 2011 with a PhD on computerized facial approximation using geometric morphometrics.

After working at the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command Central Identification Laboratory in the USA, he joined the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) for different field missions on forensic humanitarian action. He is now the deputy head of forensics at the ICRC's headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

His research interest include virtual anthropology, osteobiography and humanitarian forensics.

EMELINE VERNA - FRANCE



Emeline Verna is Assistant Professor at the faculty of medicine, Aix-Marseilles University in Marseille (France).

She obtained a PhD in biological anthropology from Aix-Marseilles University in 2014 on postcranial discrete traits and their contribution to the identification in forensic anthropology.

Her research interests include discrete traits/anatomical variations, biological profile methods and trauma. She also works on archaeological periods and more precisely on archaeological remains from wars (WWI and II).

FASE ANDVANCE COURSE IN BRUXELLES

by Calil Makhoul

From 12th to 14th September 2019, the Forensic Anthropology Society of Europe (FASE) organized an Advanced Course in Biomechanics and Forensic Anthropology and FASE One Day Symposium.

The course took place in Brussels, a remarkably warming and easy-going city, at the Faculty of Medicine of the Université Libre de Bruxelles.

More than 90 participants from 20 countries attended the FASE Advanced Course focused on the theoretical and practical implications of biomechanics and its role in the forensic anthropology. Renowned speakers shared their knowledge and experience with the participants. This course enabled attendees to develop skills in how the latest biomechanics research in bone tissues, trauma, pathology, finite elements and gait analysis can enhance their capabilities in the forensic anthropology practice.

Besides the course, the participants had the opportunity to visit the Museum of Anatomy and Embryology in the Université Libre de Bruxelles. The museum is comprised of old models (wax and plaster) and castings next to modern "plastinated" freshly-dissected, and virtual models of numerous anatomical and embryological specimens.


The networking and synergies between attendees and speakers elevated the FASE meeting in a friendly manner. Definitely, the FASE Advanced Course lets professionals and students with different backgrounds to acquire, enhance and exchange experience and knowledge in an inspiring and bridge-building environment.

In the end, I would like to congratulate the organizers for promoting this opportunity which, without doubt, let us looking forward to the next FASE event!

Participants and lecturers during the Advanced Course in Biomechanics and Forensic Anthropology



SAVE THE DATE



next FASE BASIC COURSE in FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGY and symposium - Heraklion, 31 august-05 september 2019

FASE BASIC COURSE IN CRETE

The host of the next Basic course in Forensic Anthropology that will be organized in September 2020 will be Crete. From 31 st august till 05 September the Medical School in Crete will be the meeting place of all interested in a basic course in forensic anthropology, and not only. The course will be continued by the traditional FASE symposium where the latest researches in the field of forensic anthropology will be presented.

A blending of different lecturers and specialists coming from different backgrounds, but all engaged in forensic anthropology practice will guarantee an excellent introduction in the field of forensic anthropology. The course is intended for students and practitioners at their first steps in the field of forensic anthropology from the fields of anthropology, biology, forensic medicine, archaeology etc. The course will accept up to 40 participants.

The course will be divided in two parts. Part 1 normally held in the mornings will be dedicated to oral presentations held by senior FASE members and faculty of the University of Crete, University of Athens and University of Dundee. Lectures will include a review on human osteology and odontology and will cover basic topics in forensic anthropology such as biological profile reconstruction, trauma analysis, taphonomy, positive

identification etc. 19 lectures are scheduled to date.

The second part will be dedicated to practical sessions. Each lecture topic will be discussed with hands on examples from the Cretan Collection, a contemporary collection housed at the University of Crete, the virtual collection of post-mortem CT scans of forensic anthropology cases and the experimental collection of ballistics and sharp force trauma of the Forensic Medicine Unit. A total of 5 practical sessions 2,5 hours each with a small break in between are scheduled. The Virtual Anatomy Table of the University of Crete can be made available for a session of musculoskeletal anatomy to the workshop participants.

To follow is the symposium that will be held at the same place, the 5 th September 2020.

The registration has already been opened (started the 15th January) and it can be done online through the official workshop webpage

<http://forensic.med.uoc.gr/fase2020/index.jsp>

Here you can find the complete workshop program, the list of lecturers as well as information on the accommodation and venue.




FASE BASIC COURSE AND SYMPOSIUM 2020

Forensic Anthropology Society of Europe

31 August - 5 September
Medical School, University of Crete
Heraklion, Crete



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UPDATE ON THE FASE CERTIFICATION PROCESS

by Eugenia Cunha

The latest FASE certification exams were held in September 2019 in Brussels and we are delighted that all 5 applicants were successful in passing the practical part of the exam. One applicant was successful in both parts and she is now ready to take the part 3 of the exam since she is applying for level 1. We have been

able to keep an interesting number of applications through the certification process, coming from different parts of the world. The exams ran smoothly and we owe a special thanks to Professor Philippe Lefèvre who hosted them.

The next round of applications for FASE certification exams for both Level I and Level II is now open. Written and practical examinations will be held on 6 September 2020 in Crete, immediately after the FASE Basic Course and Symposium.

Please send the completed application form, which can be downloaded from:

https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B-2oy7MpdE_tbW1vdTIXWWVCdUk, including your CV, case reports

and any other relevant documentation to the following email address: **cunhae@ci.uc.pt**.

The deadline for applications is **31 May 2020**.

Please note that all documents need to be translated to English. Please ensure that all mandatory documents are included by providing a completed checklist. Applications with missing documents will not be considered.

Detailed requirements for the applications can be found in the FASE Newsletter Volume 5 Issue 1-2 on pages 3-5. The Newsletter can be downloaded from:

<http://forensicanthropology.eu/index.php/newsletter>

Fee: A processing fee of 50 € needs to be paid at the time of application (see bank details below). The applicants, who decide to take the written and practical examinations (after being approved), need to pay another fee of 100 €.

Account Holder: FASE

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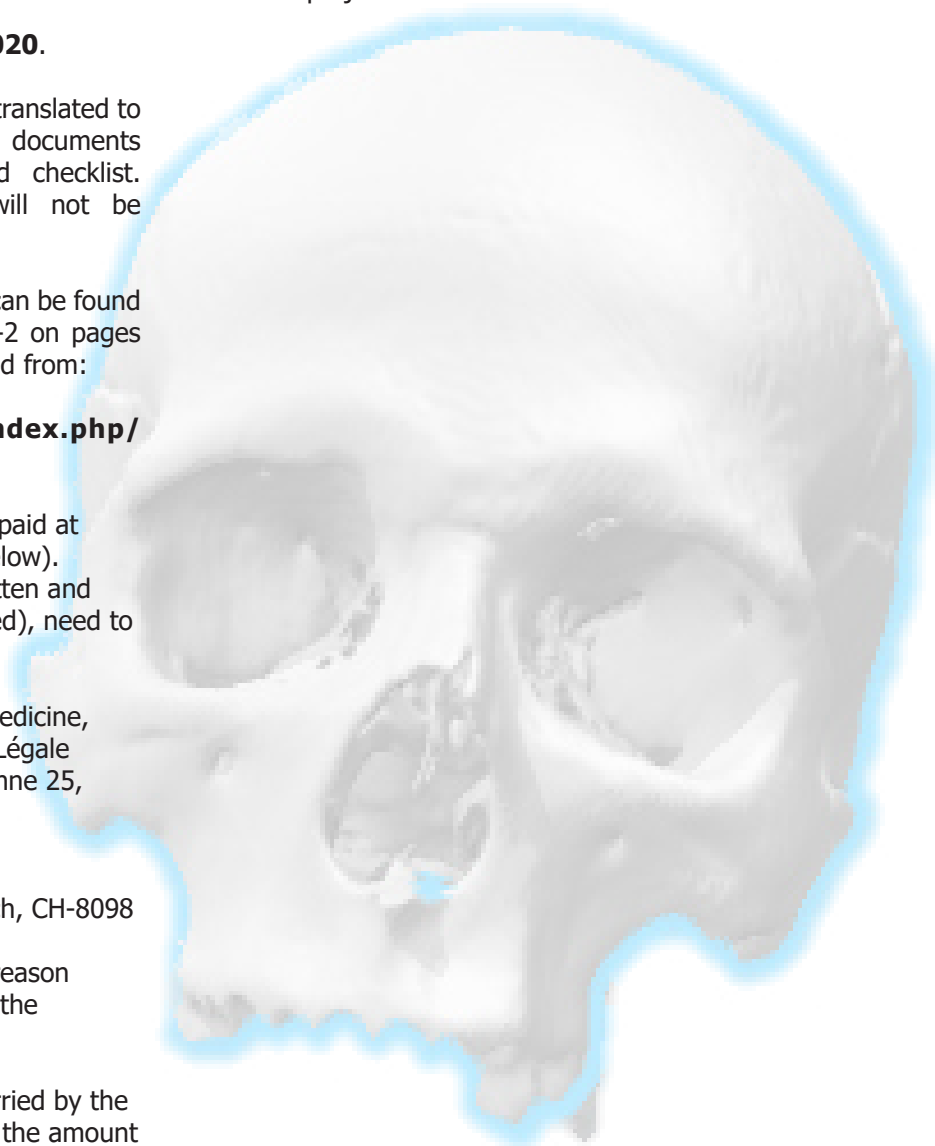
Bank address: UBS Switzerland AG, Postfach, CH-8098 Zürich

Please indicate clearly your name and the reason for your transaction (certification 2019) on the transaction.

Disclaimer: All transaction fees must be carried by the participant. In case of any discrepancies in the amount

of the transaction, the participant will be required to pay the difference at the registration counter in cash.

We would like also to inform you about some changes that took place in the FASE Certification Committee that is now composed by Eugenia Cunha, Cristina Cattaneo, Ann Ross, Laurent Martrille and Philippe Lefevre. We wish them a successful continuation of this important FASE project.



FASE FACEBOOK update

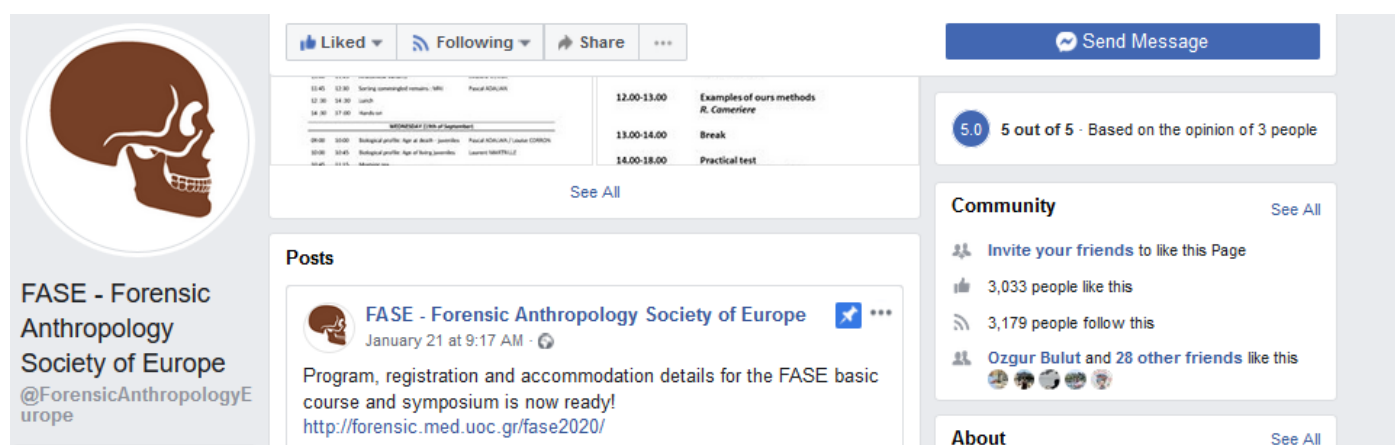
by Zuzana Caplova



FASE Facebook page is active and growing!

The number of followers increased to 600 during 2019.

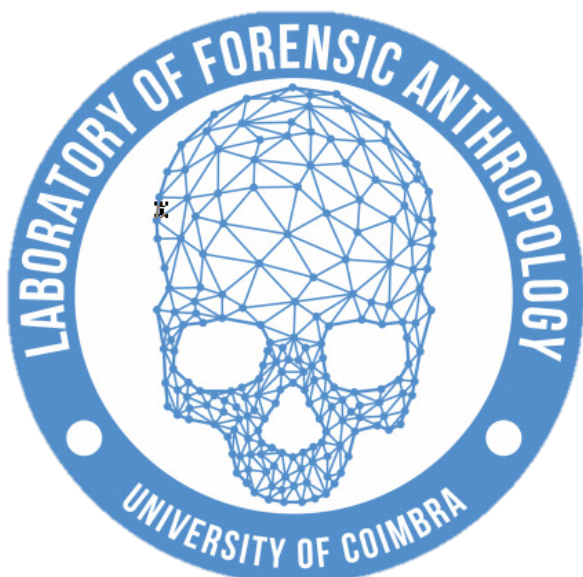
We post news about forensic anthropology, job announcements or events (such as workshops, conferences and summer schools). Some of our posts have reached over 2500 FB users, concluding from likes, shares or comments. We receive a few messages on the FB page, and we are always happy to reply, post your event suggestions or give advice about universities, FASE courses or certification.v.



FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGY NEWS

Message from the Laboratory of Forensic Anthropology, University of Coimbra

by Maria Teresa Ferreira



The Laboratory of Forensic Anthropology, located in the Department of Life Sciences of the Faculty of Sciences and Technology of the University of Coimbra (Portugal), houses the 21st Century Identified Skeletal Collection (CEI/XXI). This collection comprises 302 skeletons from identified individuals whose deaths date from 1995.

The Laboratory welcomes new researchers to develop their investigations based on the collection including topics such as development of methods for the biological profile and pathology assessments. In order to do so, researchers need to be acquainted and accept the collection policies and send their application in a timely manner. See more information in the following

<http://lfa.uc.pt/research-policies/>

SAVE THE DATE: CALENDAR OF THE UPCOMING EVENTS

CONFERENCES/ WORKSHOPS 2020

March	<p>13.03. 23. Treffen der Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Forensische Altersdiagnostik <i>Berlin, Germany</i></p> <p>16.-20.03. WORKSHOP IOFOS international forensic odontology course Disaster Victim Identification <i>Aarhus, Denmark</i> https://forensic.au.dk/disaster-victim-identification/</p>	August	<p>26-29.08. 22nd Congress of the European Anthropological Association <i>Vilnius, Lithuania</i> http://www.eaa2020.mf.vu.lt/</p> <p>26.-30.08. 26th Annual Meeting of the European Association of Archaeologists (EAA) <i>Budapest, Hungary</i> https://www.e-a-a.org/eea2020</p>
April	<p>14.-15.04. Paleopathology Association 47th Annual North American Meeting <i>Los Angeles, USA</i> https://paleopathology-association.wildapricot.org/event-3516852</p> <p>15.-17.04. Topical Issues of Forensic Medicine and Expert Practice - 2020 <i>Moscow, Russia</i> http://asme.nichost.ru/attachments/article/136/Invite_2020_EN.pdf</p>	September	<p>31.08.-04.09. WORKSHOP FASE basic course in Forensic Anthropology <i>Heraklion, Crete</i></p> <p>05.09. FASE One Day Symposium <i>Heraklion, Crete</i> http://forensic.med.uoc.gr/fase2020/index.jsp</p>
Maj	<p>13.-15. 05. 7th Czech-Slovak Congress of Forensic Medicine with International Participation <i>Košice, Slovakia</i> http://sudnelekarstvo.sk/7th-slovak-czech-congress-of-forensic-medicine-with-international-participation/</p> <p>19.05.-22.05. <i>ENFSI Annual Meeting</i> <i>Madrid, Spain</i> http://enfsi.eu/agenda/enfsi-annual-meeting-2020-save-the-date/</p>		<p>01.-04.09. 99. Jahrestagung der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Rechtsmedizin "Forensik on the move: Forensic fit for Future" <i>Luzern, Switzerland</i> https://regis.buchertravel.ch/event/DGRM%20Tagung%202020</p> <p>09.-11. 09. Triennial I.O.F.O.S. Congress of Forensic Odonto-Stomatology <i>Dubrovnik, Croatia</i> https://iofos2020.belsoft.hr/</p> <p>11.-13. 09. BABAO annual meeting <i>Teesside, UK</i> https://www.babao.org.uk/conferences/future-babao-conferences/</p> <p>21.09.-25.09. <i>22nd Triennial Meeting of the International Association of Forensic Sciences</i> <i>Sydney, Australia</i> https://iafs2020.com.au/</p>
August	<p>20-24.08. 23rd Paleopathology Association European Meeting <i>Vilnius, Lithuania</i> https://www.ppa2020.mf.vu.lt/</p> <p>20-21.08. 9th European Meeting on Forensic Archaeology (EMFA) <i>Geneve, Switzerland</i> https://www.xing-events.com/EMFA2020.html</p>		<p>We advise you to take a look at the AAFS page which offers a list on other national and international meetings, conferences, educational courses taking place in 2020. https://webdata.aafs.org/public/Meetings/Listings.aspx</p>