



ACADEMIC PROGRAM

ASIA OCEANIA LEGAL & MEDICAL CONFERENCE 2018

23 Mar – 1 Apr, Mekong Delta River Conference

Friday 23 March 2018

17.15 – 18.00 Welcome drinks, meet the delegates – Caravelle Hotel, Ho Chi Ming City, Vietnam

18.00 – 23.00 Welcome dinner

Saturday 24 March 2018

Field Activity – Ho Chi Ming City

08.00 – 13.00

Historical examination of the Vietnam War examining some key sites in the conflict such as the Re-Unification Palace, the US Embassy (now the US Consulate) and War Remnants Museum, including an examination of the practice of medicine in a war environment and treatment of wounded, issues of war crimes, torture and in human punishment. [Conducted by an historian]

13.00 – 14.30 Workshop and discussion for reflexion of issues arising out of the Vietnam war including medical treatment, war crimes, torture and inhuman punishment (over a working lunch)

Sunday 25 March 2018

Field Activity – Ho Chi Ming City

08.00 – 15.00 Visit and participatory examination of the Cu Chi Tunnels, part of a 250km network of tunnels located in an area known as the 'Iron Triangle' used by the Viet Cong as a means of engaging in guerrilla warfare. A close, hands on examination of the ways & means of guerrilla warfare, seeing booby traps close up including handling such devices in situ, consideration of the nature and medical treatment of injuries caused by such devices, seeing some of the effects of aerial bombing and examining the health circumstances of guerrilla soldiers living in the tunnels.

16.00 – 17.00 Reflection and discussion of medical and ethical issues in times of guerrilla warfare

17.00 – Assemble on board the Mekong Navigator

Monday 26 March 2018

Orientation & Networking day

Tuesday 27 March 2018

Networking day

Wednesday 28 March 2018

Experts' Forum [held in the ship's library]

14.00 – 16.30

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Michael Eagle, Barrister-at-Law, Edmund Barton Chambers, Sydney:

'Tactics in Medical Negligence' (Commentary by Lorenzo Boccabella, Barrister-at-law)

15.00 – 16.30

Barry Thomas Barry Barrister-at-Law, Brisbane 'Cryptocurrency, blockchain technology and the law'

21.00 - 23.30

'Don't Tell' Workshop on institutional child abuse, including the role of psychologists and the medical professions

Thursday 29 March 2018

Experts' Forum [held in the ship's library]

13.30 – 17.45

13.30 – 14.30

Dr Wendy Brown (DCP), Psychologist, QLD:

'Psychological Injuries in General Practice: Post-traumatic Stress Disorder, Mood Disorders, and Chronic Pain'

14.30 – 15.30

Dr John Pyle, Ophthalmologist, Brisbane : 'Aspects of Ophthalmology'

15.30 – 16.30

Peter Kumnick, Solicitor, K2 Law, Gold Coast, 'Legal formalities on Put & Call Transactions'- some issues in practice management

16.30 – 18.00

Lorenzo Boccabella, Barrister-at-law, 'The new regime in migration law, the end of the 457 visa, the birth of new visas and an update on refugee law including issues on the engaging of overseas staff in medical practices and the regulation of overseas registered medical practitioners obtaining visas to Australia'

Friday 30 March 2018

Field Activity Phnom Penh, Cambodia

08.30 – 13.00

The 'Killing Fields' - A case study on torture and war crimes. Study tour of the Choung Ek memorial stupa and the Tuel Sleng Genocide Museum, conducted by a Cambodian historian including a briefing of eye-witness account by a survivor of the S-21 prison. Includes a close examination of injuries causing death in skeletal remains

13.00 – 14.00

Reflection and discussion of medical and ethical issues in times of war

Saturday 31 March 2018

Field Activity – Angkor Ban, Cambodia

08.00 – 11.00

Case study of Angkor Ban, a traditional Cambodian village on the Mekong River, examining its sociology, anthropology, economy and political situation including a participatory briefing at an English school for local school students and looking at sanitation, public health and medical issues

Field Activity – Wat Hanchey, Cambodia – Broader Professional Education

15.30 – 17.30

Hands on briefing on the Buddhist religion, participating in a traditional water blessing ceremony conducted by a Buddhist Monk at one of the earliest Buddhist temples in Cambodia (dating back to the 1600's). Briefing on the cultural, religious and historical aspects of Buddhism, conducted by a Buddhist monk. [In Australia's increasingly multicultural society, it being essential for understanding patients' needs to have a practical insight into the workings of the religion of a significant body of the Australian population.]

19.30 – 20.30

Reflection and discussion of medical and associated issues arising from the day's activities

Sunday 1 April 2018

NETWORKING DAY

Monday 2 April 2018

Disembarking the Mekong Navigator

Thursday 5 April 2018

Accor Hotel, Siem Reap

08.00 – 09.00 Barry Thomas, Barrister-at-law, Peter Kumnick & Lorenzo Boccabella Barrister-at-law – 'Medical aspects of legal practice including the assessment of aging or disabled clients and their respective capacity to give proper instructions, give proper evidence and make legally binding decisions.

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Conference Motto: CARPE DIEM (Seize the day!)