From the President...

It is almost tough writing these updates as the year progresses week by week. Last week we faced two hurricanes, the reopening of schools amidst a pandemic, and a divisive presidential campaign. Each of these bring their own unique challenges and stressors. To help, our guest speaker this year will be Heather Golczynski. She is the widow of a husband killed in Iraq; she and her son, Christian, were handed the devastating blow in 2007. What she did with that news, ultimately set an example impacting hundreds if not thousands of people in a lesson on perspective.

The past few months have brought many new considerations to the forefront in how the IAFCCP continues to do business. At our core, our mission is to serve the advanced practice Paramedics with education, advocacy, and leadership. Some examples of this support are education offerings at conferences, advocacy through a robust delegate and GCAC program, and leadership through various project and position offerings. Navigating a purely virtual environment for a prolonged period was never a consideration. To that end, I am seeing our organization adapt and overcome, and despite a myriad of distractions, work to remain forward leaning into what a vision of our footprint into the future should look like.

Over the past couple of months, we have worked with ASTNA and AMPA to lay the structure and support for CCTMC to be the standard for nation HEMS conferences. We have also begun work on a project of updating our critical care exam, prep book, led by Jason Bazelow. Additionally, the project of the next revision of the Core Curriculum is well underway with Paramedic representation at nearly all levels of the effort. Finally, the IAFCCP recently completed an external audit of the organization’s operations. We were found to be in high standing, special thanks to Monica Newman or Executive Director.

Closing this update out, the value of diversity has come to the forefront of our conversations. Here at the IAFCCP, we are committed to negotiating this charge without preference to creed, color, or gender. We acknowledge the need for change in our world. We will learn how we can do better, and we will do our part to affect positive change. Lives depend on it.

We invite you to think about our future, remember our past, and most importantly, move forward with conviction and inclusiveness.

Ryan Walter
IAFCCP President
Sitting on the most amazing stretch of beach you didn’t know existed, the Perdido Beach Resort located in Orange Beach, Alabama has been selected to host the 29th Annual Critical Care Transport Medicine Conference (CCTMC), scheduled for March 29 – 31, 2021. This beautiful, yet affordable location perfectly complements the exceptional education you know CCTMC provides! Next year’s conference will be one you won’t want to miss!

There are few places in the world that have expansive sugar-white beaches, emerald waters, and natural beauty all its own that is found at Perdido Beach Resort. Nestled on an island oasis along the pristine beaches of the Gulf of Mexico where the pelicans perch, the blue herons stroll and sugar white sand and emerald waters are so captivating you won’t want to leave, Perdido Beach Resort awaits. The beautiful Mediterranean-style resort with private beach front is located in Orange Beach, Alabama just two miles west of the Florida state line. Learn more at perdidobeachresort.com.

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Worried about COVID19 restrictions? The Perdido Beach Resort’s spacious accommodations allow for adequate social distancing and plenty of outdoor activities for enjoyment.

Call for Presentations Open Until October 1, 2020.
2020 IAFCCP Elections

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IAFCCP 2020 VIRTUAL
General Membership Meeting

All members and guests are welcome to attend the 2020 General Membership Meeting held during EMS World Expo

Wednesday, September 16, at 5:00pm EDT.
(EMS EXPO Event Registration Required to Attend.)

AGENDA

Call to Order & Welcome
Financial Report
Approval of Financial Report
President’s Report
Incoming Vice President Announcement
Guest Speaker
Open Session

Guest Speaker:
Heather Golczynski

You won’t want to miss this heartfelt message on resiliency and courage.

Heather’s former husband, Ssgt. Marcus Golczynski (USMC), was killed in Iraq in March 2007. Since that day, Heather and Christian find ways to keep Marc’s legacy alive by positively impacting other Gold Star families, Wounded Warrior families, and families who have experienced military suicides. She and her son are both involved with multiple military charities, and both have spoken to audiences sharing pieces of their story as a way to help raise awareness and funds to continue helping others.

Heather Golczynski holds a Bachelors of Science in Business Administration from the University of Maryland University College. She currently lives in Maryland with her two dogs, and she is employed by the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab as a Database Administrator and Earned Value Specialist. She adores her son, Christian, who recently graduated college and moved to Texas to begin his next chapter in life.
Position Statement on COVID-19

Background

The International Association of Flight and Critical Care Paramedics (IAFCCP) recognizes the significance of proper infection control and prevention strategies. Communicable disease mitigation in the critical care transport environment is a grave safety concern and should be regarded as such. As the number of cases of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) continues to increase exponentially across the globe, so does the chances of transporting infected patients.

COVID-19 is caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). This is a previously unknown strain of coronavirus, a common virus known to infect both human and animal population. The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, lethargy, myalgia, and dry cough. Some patients may experience, nasal congestion, rhinorrhea, pharyngitis, or diarrhea. These symptoms are usually mild and begin gradually.

According to the World Health Organization, most people (about 80%) recover from the disease without needing special treatment. Around 1 out of every 6 people with COVID-19 develops dyspnea requiring pharmaceuticals, and 1 out of 30 will require ICU level care. Elderly patients and those with significant comorbidities are more likely to develop serious illness. The reported case-fatality rate (CFR) is between 1 and 2 percent.

In the wake of this current global pandemic the IAFCCP implores programs to follow infection control standards outlined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO), and local policies and procedures. The most important step in this process is proper hand hygiene.

IAFCCP Positions

- The IAFCCP recommends clinicians wash their hands with soap and water often, including before and after all patient contacts. If soap and water is not readily available a hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol should be utilized.
- The IAFCCP recommends following current CDC recommendations for the care of the suspected COVID-19 patient, which mimic that of any suspected communicable disease, and include utilization of an N-95 or higher-level respirator or facemask as well as the utilization of eye protection, exam gloves, and an isolation gown.
- The IAFCCP recommends that vehicle operators and pilots that provide direct patient care (e.g., moving patients onto stretchers) should wear all recommended PPE. After completing patient care and before entering an isolated driver’s compartment, the vehicle operator should remove and dispose of PPE and perform hand hygiene to avoid soiling the compartment. If the transport vehicle does not have an isolated driver’s compartment, the vehicle operator should remove the face shield or goggles, gown and gloves and perform hand hygiene. A respirator or facemask should continue to be used during transport.
- The IAFCCP recommends that transport personnel notify the receiving healthcare facility prior to their arrival and should keep the suspected COVID-19 patient separated from other people as much as possible.
- The IAFCCP recommends that family and other contacts should not be allowed to ride in the transport vehicle unless absolutely necessary, in which case those individuals should also wear a facemask.

Additional Information

https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019
https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/
Due to COVID-19, we regret that the golf outing has been cancelled for 2020. You can still support the Tim Hynes Foundation by donating through the IAFCCP website.

Donations to help raise awareness and funds to support the SMTA scholarship and activities of the Tim Hynes Foundation.

Annual Golf Outing at River Oaks
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International Delegates Wanted

Tim Hynes Foundation
Government & Legislative Affairs Committee Update

We Need Your Voice!

As we enter August, Congress is under intense pressure to come to agreement on the next round of COVID-19 relief legislation. House Democrats established their priorities with House passage in May 2020 of H.R. 6800, the HEROES Act, containing provisions to address COVID relief and a number of other priorities at an estimated cost of approx. $3.1 trillion. In late June, Senate GOP leadership put forth a proposed summary of their GOP COVID relief priorities, working towards a price tag closer to $1 trillion. Despite expiration of enhanced unemployment benefits on July 31, negotiations have stalled, without any reliable forecasts for when this “must-pass” legislation will cross the finish line.

Among the provisions being discussed is additional funding in the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund (PHSSEF) for healthcare providers. Both the American Ambulance Association (AAA) and the Association of Air Medical Services (AAMS) have written letters to Congress urging lawmakers to ensure that ground and air ambulances are included in the next round of COVID relief. As a member of the IAFCCP, we encourage our members to use the following link to reach out to your Members of Congress to let them know how the importance of this funding.

https://www.votervoice.net/BroadcastLinks/RWVs22Q07VsioJj2pndBMQ

As providers of emergency and critical care medical transports, IAFCCP members can raise their voice to let Congress know of your dedication to the communities you serve.

IAFCCP members represent a cross-section of the various organizations that serve our fellow citizens on their worst day. The IAFCCP will continue our efforts to represent all of our members and to advocate for policies which support the entirety of our membership. Now is the time to stand together as an EMS community and join the call to make EMS providers a priority in this round of federal support.

Thank you for acting each day to improve lives in your communities and thank you for getting home safe at the end of each shift.

Christopher D. Hall, IAFCCP GLAC Chairman

State Delegate Update

It has been an eventful few months within the delegate program and more exciting developments will be happening over the course of the next few months. I had the opportunity of serving in the delegate program for four years prior to my position on the Board and have seen many changes occur during that time. I will say, we have seen more growth and advancement in the last years, not from anything we have done, but from many dedicated members who are passionate about their profession and have the desire to be involved in the advancement of advanced care paramedics worldwide.

For years we have called ourselves the International Association of Flight and Critical Care Paramedics with members around the globe and a longstanding chapter in Germany. Over the last few months our brothers and sisters in the Latin American region have been working hard and coming together to drive and promote what they do for their patients. Over the next months we will expand the program to include International delegates to give representation to our members in those countries. We are truly excited about this opportunity and look forward to doing our part to support our members worldwide.

We currently have delegate representation in thirty-one states but am always looking to expand our program. The following states currently have opening: AL, AZ, AR, HI, ID, IN, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MT, NH, NJ, ND, RI, SD, VA and WV. If you would like to be a part of our program or want further information you can visit our website www.iafccp.org for details and the delegate program application.

Stay Safe,

Cory Oaks
State Delegate Coordinator
You are invited to contribute to Air Medical Journal!

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This year’s AMTC will be held virtually. We will post information as it becomes available.

Event Registration
Submit Your Work

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