

Notice of Meeting

Dear Member,

Notice is hereby given that the next meeting of the Australian Academy of Forensic Sciences (Victorian Chapter) will be held in the Neil McPhee room at the Victorian Bar, Owen Dixon Chambers East, Level 5, 205 William Street, Melbourne from 5pm on **Thursday 18 May 2017**.

The meeting will consist of a plenary presentation by **Professor Michael S. Pollanen** on the **Pathology of Torture**. Professor Pollanen will present on his international experiences and the legal and scientific challenges in examining victims of torture.

Detainees may be subjected to torture and extra-judicial execution by State actors and terrorists. But, the pathology of torture has not been well-described. This is due to the lack of autopsies performed on victims of torture, mostly due to the disposal of the bodies of the victims by their torturers. On this basis, the cause of death of detainees subjected to torture is often a matter of speculation or remains obscure. Seeking the truth about the medical consequences of fatal torture will raise awareness about torture-related injuries and assist in rehabilitation of torture survivors. The presentation will be illustrated by photographs which will include images of the external appearances of injuries, but no dissection images will be shown.

Michael S. Pollanen is the Chief Forensic Pathologist of the Province of Ontario, Canada and a Professor of Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology at the University of Toronto, Canada. He is also appointed as an Investigative Coroner for homicide and criminally suspicious deaths in Ontario. His service duties include oversight of the Ontario Forensic Pathology Service (OFPS). He is the founding Chair for the Forensic Pathology section of the Canadian Association of Pathologists and the founding Program Director for the forensic pathology residency at the University of Toronto. He has published over 50 papers in peer reviewed medical journals and has had international experience consulting in many countries and the international Criminal Court.

Time	Program – 18 May 2017	Location
5:00 pm	The Pathology of Torture Professor Michael Pollanen	Neil McPhee room at the Victorian Bar, Owen Dixon Chambers East, Level 5, 205 William Street, Melbourne
7:00 pm	Dinner Payable on the night	Scugnizzo 558 Little Bourke Street, Melbourne

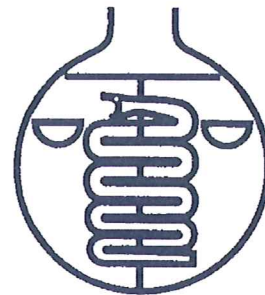
Please kindly RSVP as to whether you will be attending the meeting and/or the restaurant to eva.brueisholz@anzpaa.org.au by 12 May 2017.

All members and their guests are invited and encouraged to attend the dinner at the conclusion of the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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