



Medical Symposium: The role of the expert in Medical Responsibility or The Expert and Medical Liability – by Prof. Duarte Nuno Vieira

The IRCT congratulates Prof. Duarte Nuno Vieira, a member of IRCT's Independent Forensic Expert Group (IFEG), who has been selected as recipient of the 2014 Douglas Lucas Medal by the American Association of Forensic Sciences.

In his way to Korea to receive the prize DOUGLAS LUCAS MEDAL, Prof Duarte Nuno came to Macau and was the speaker in a meeting organized by ACM for the topic: The role of the expert in Medical Responsibility or The Expert and Medical Liability. He shared his valuable knowledge and experience to audience.

Prof. Duarte Nuno Pessoa Vieira graduated in Medicine (M.D.) in University of Coimbra in 1983. He obtained his master degree in Occupational Health and PhD degree in Medical Sociology/Forensic Medicine in 1987 and 1992 respectively in University of Coimbra as well.

He is currently the President (Director) of the National Institute of Forensic Medicine, President of the Medico-Legal Council of Portugal and Chief Forensic Pathologist of the National Institute of Legal Medicine of Portugal.

His main fields of research include Forensic Pathology, Clinical Forensic Medicine and Forensic Toxicology.

Prof. Vieira and the IFEG have made significant contributions to the human rights field and the fight against impunity by addressing one of the major challenges in proving torture: investigating and producing medico-legal documentation, which can be used in courts to prosecute perpetrators.

The Lucas Medal was first established in 1999 and is presented triennially “to a person who has made internationally recognized contributions to forensic science.”

The Medal, which is among the highest distinctions in the world of forensic sciences, will be awarded to Prof. Vieira at the 20th World Meeting of the International Association of Forensic Sciences (IAFS), which will take place in Seoul, South Korea, in October of 2014.



