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ILLEGAL DRUG ABUSE AND MORTALITY IN HUNGARY

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The illegal drug abuse and mortality were analysed on the base of the health care and police statistical data. The increase of use of illegal drugs has begun in the middle of 90's and has reached the maximal level in 1999. There was $12\,765$ drug users registrated in the health care system ($126,49/100\,000$ inhabitants), 888 criminal processes ($8,79/100\,000$ inhabitants) and 42 drug related deaths ($0,42/100\,000$ inhabitants) in the country. Cannabis is the most commonly consumed illegal drug followed by the opiates and amphetamines. The male-female relation is 2:1 in the health care system and 7,5:1 in the criminal processes and there is a predominance of 20-24 years old age group. The most inflected parts of the country are the capital (435 patients, 13,16 criminal cases, 0,98 death $100\,000$ inhabitants) and the south/east part of the country (150 patients, 24,75 criminal cases, (1,43 death $100\,000$ inhabitants). The increasing tendency has stopped during the last two years.

KILLING OF A NEWBORN INFANT BY HIS MOTHER NEONATICIDE) – NEW REGULATIONS IN THE HUNGARIAN CRIMINAL LAW

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MEDICO-LEGAL ASPECTS OF CHILD ABUSE

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In connection with the increasing number of abused children connected with the increased interest of the society on the problem, high attention is also focused on the extreme phenomenon of CAN on fatal cases and its different forms. The early diagnosis of abused child can prevent such course because detailed autopsy finding can explain not only the cause of the death and the origine of the trauma but the results of the postmortem findings are usefull for the solution of other non lethal cases - timing and estimation of the type of the injury or detection of vital reaction. The report analyses 84 lethal cases of abused children aged to 5 years (excluding neonaticide), died in the time period of 38 years. The mechanical trauma is the most frequent type of the injury and some are typical. In other cases the explanation of the detected lesions offered by the parents is

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sometimes difficult to reject. Even the physician who knows well the symptoms of abused child has to overcome the rooted feeling of the child's untouchability, that is to go against the generally admitted principle love for the child. The higher incidence of CAN can be observed in families which are immature emmotionally or by age, socially isolated or incomplet. It can be observed that abused child develops in a maltreating parent and represents the risk of agressivness to the family.

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BENZODIAZEPINE DERIVATIVES IN FORENSIC TOXICOLOGY PRACTICE

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Medicines of a group of the benzodiazepine derivatives used commonly in therapeutic procedures are the subject of investigations in the toxicological practice of forensic medicine. Therapeutic qualities of benzodiazepines and their broad application cause that beside ethanol, medicines of this group become a co-effect of different events resulting in breaking the law or even death.

The authors have presented their own toxicological observations relative to cases in which benzodiazepines were found and carried out at the Forensic Medicine Department, Silesian Academy of Medicine Katowice in years 1995 – 1999. These observations refer 27 persons who committed suicide and 45 persons who died after taking drugs of opium narcotics (home-made poppy straw products). Among alive persons whose being under the influence of benzodiazepine derivatives broke the law, the largest group was traffic users (15 cases).

Benzodiazepine concentrations determined in blood ranged widely not only in persons died in the course of narcotization and persons poisoned with other medicines but also in alive persons who committed an offence.

ETHYLENE GLYCOL POISONING

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Aim of the study was the retrospective analysis of 19 patients suffering from acute ethylene glycol poisoning who were treated from 1972 to 2000 in the Dialysis Centre of the 4th Medical Clinic and of the Nephrological Clinic of L. Pasteur University Hospital in Košice.

Main clinical signs of ethylene glycol poisoning were various neurological symptoms (cramps, hemiparesis, coma), severe metabolic acidosis and the signs of acute toxic hepatitis and of acute

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renal failure. Calcium oxalic crystals in urine were present in 16 patients and leucocytosis was observed in each patient. In the first 4 patients we administered intravenously ethylalcohol and later in other patients we used ethylalcohol in dialysis solution. The concentration of ethylalcohol in dialysis solution was 100 mg%. Severe metabolic acidosis improved in 14 patients using bicarbonate haemodialysis. Total number of haemodialyses was 114, among them were 86 bicarbonate haemodialyses.

Conclusion: 1. Conservative treatment (including vitamin B_6 administration) and bicarbonate haemodialysis was successful in 16 patients (84.2%) suffering from acute ethylene glycol poisoning. 2. In the present time early and repeated bicarbonate haemodialysis is the method of choice in the treatment of ethylene glycol poisoning.

COMPETENCE OR INCOMPETENCE OF THE MEDICO-LEGAL ACTIVITY IN ROMANIA?

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Achieving the act of justice in the sense of righteous solutions in the essential element in a constitutional state. The ascertaining of the truth must be undertaken in the context of the evidence and the methods of examination as institutions of trial. The auxillary extrajudicial sciences including forensic medicine, contribute to supplement the documentation with specialized knowledge at the present level of the science.

Two normative legal documents drawn up in Romania in 2000 determine the way the institutions of forensic medicine should function and how their activity most be organized. These acts stipulate that forensic medicine comes under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Health and Family and ordains that the Superior Council Board of Forensic Medicine from Romania be established. The human and professional quality of forensic exerts, however, is not a criterion of appointment in the present legislation and the managing directors of institutions in Academic University enters are appointed arbitrarily, on the basis of non-professional criteria. In some academic centers professors of forensic medicine have been turned out of office by the Ministry of Health, being replaced even by doctors without any scientific/unversity degrees. In the academic center of Târgu-Mureş, for example, the managing director of the Medico-Legal Institution is a professor of histology. The author also exposes circumstantially other aspect in the field.

INCIDENCE OF PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS IN FORENSIC AUTOPSY CASUISTRY

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Tuberculosis in general, pulmonary tuberculosis in particular, shows an incidence of growing tendency in Romania: in 1999 this was of 119.9 $\%_{000}$. In Mureş county (605.000 inhabitants) the



rate was of $105.4 \%_{000}$. There are no data regarding the unrevealed cases among the population, which at the same time, constitute the epidemic source.

In their retrospective study, the authors examined the medico-legal cases in a series of 5.031 autopsies, from which 1.830 natural (non-violent) death. In this category, 102 cases of tanatogenerative pulmonary tuberculosis were diagnosed ($5.57\pm1.92\%$). The case occured predominantly at men (79.41%); the average age of the sample was of 46.27 ± 17.0 years. Most of the "sudden" death occured at home (71.55%); only in 7 cases (6.98%) did the deceased have the diagnosis of pulmonary tuberculosis established. Chronic alcoholism was found in 28.43; in 19 cases (26.3%) of 76 histopathological examinations, ethylic hepatopathia was confirmed. In 32 cases the persons had no faily or permanenr residence, 40 persons were unemployed, 19 were retired (on account of illness or age). From 100 analyzed cases, 32 persons had a positive alcoholemia.

The authors underline the chronic alcoholism and pauperization involved in the problem.

VWA POLYMORPHISM IN THE UPPER SILESIAN POPULATION (POLAND); APPLICATION TO PATERNITY TESTING AND ROUTINE FORENSIC CASEWORK.

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Allele and genotype frequencies for the VWA locus (12p12-pter) were determined in the Upper Silesian population (226 unrelated individuals from paternity cases and 200 unrelated individuals from forensic casework). No deviations from H-W equilibrium were observed, no rare or anomalous genotype was found. Comparison with other Polish and world populations was made.

Statistical parameters of forensic importance (Ht obs., Ht exp., PD, MEC, MEP, PIC) were calculated.

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MEDICO-LEGAL AIMS

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Forensic medicine (FM) is not only an independent branch in the system of medical sciences for judgement and explanation of medical issues of the whole great field of judicature but it has and more and more will have its unsubstitutable commission in public health care, prevention and in particular by the solution of contemporary moral and ethical problems of modern life including problems connected with parenthood, cloning, euthanasia and many others.



An active involvement of these tasks has to be a principal aim of FM in Slovakia. In particular, when Slovakia is on the beginning of incorporation into all new European political and economical structures.

Therefore, FM has above all to ensure a firm but flexible legislative base in present structures of health care on the basis of the momentary state and incorporation, moreover with prospectives of further possibilities of development, application and cooperation with all borderline branches, not only medical.

However, the main aim of FM ought to be an active institutional work in terms of management and control of efficiency of health care professions of all degrees and so an improvement of work and output.

MEDICO-LEGAL CRITERIA RELATING TO THE DECIDING ABOUT THE INABILITY TO WORK IN POLAND

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In years 1996 and 1997 both the Pensions Act ant the Social Insurence Act were changed in Poland and as a consequence og this all the regulations relating to the deciding about the inability to work. Having supressed the so-called disability groups, such terms as permanet or temporary inability to work were introduced. Medical boards deciding about disability were replaced by predicative physicians working for the Social Insurence Department. Recently, there has been observed a rise in number of cases relative to the verification of the decisions passed by the SID and sent by either Work or Social Insurence Departments of district courts to the Department of Forensic Medicine in Katowice.

The authors have tried to analise the cause of a rise in number of appeals against a decision of the SID submitted by the insured. Taking into consideration sex, age, occupation, job and diseases, the statistical analysis were carried out with regard to the cause of differences in opinions given by us and physicians of the SID.

THE ANALYSIS OF FORENSIC AND POLICE ACTIVITY COORDINATION IN THE CASE OF MURDER OF THE FATHER, EXHUMATION AND FURTHER EXAMINATION APPROACHES



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Authors present the case of murder of the father with passive complicity of the rest of the family. The son has illegally buried his father after killing and covered up traces at the scene of crime.

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Later the evidence of the crime became clear, so it was inebitable to detect, exhumate, perform the medico-legal autopsy and other expertise and examination approaches on the victim's corpse in the framework of police investigation. Authors describe the procedures of forensic and police staff coordination in detecting and exhumation of the corpse, procedures of autopsy and other laboratory examinations, as well as further participation of forensic doctors in inquiry and proof procedures.

THE STRESS IN DIVING: AN IMPORTANT TRIGGERING FACTOR OF SERIOUS DIVING ACCIDENT

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The fatal diving accident, which happens in the water hyperbaric environment, hostile for the human's being survival, presents a lot of questions both for the investigators and medicolegal experts alike. The causes of the diver's crisis being underwater are many. The most important seems to be the permanent stress, which may lead to severe psychic or somatic overload of a diver. Thus, the panic as the most adverse reaction may result. The presented lecture points out the most frequent causes of a diver's stress, which may lead to the human loss.

SOME PATHOMORFOLOGICAL FINDINGS IN SUBSTANCE ABUSERS

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Dispersed myocardial fibrosis is often found among young people using drugs. No illness accounting for such pathomorfological changes was found either in their history or in autopsy. Other pathomorfological findings (in lungs) are presented in the following text.

AN UNUSUAL DEVELOPMENT FOLLOWING A HEART SURGERY

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A 60-year old woman suffering from a heart disease was succesfully operated by means of mammocoronarius bypass. One day after the operation, left chest cavity was drained due to the

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presence of a fluid in the cavity, and the right ventricle of the heart was perforated. This injury led to a quick death of the patient as a result of an acute haemorrhagic shock.

ACUTE COMPARTMENT SYNDROME AS A LIFE-THREATENING CONDITION

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The compartment syndrome is defined as a condition in which increased pressure within a limited space / compartment / compromises the circulation and function of the contents of its space. In addition to the local neuromuscular sequelae of the compartment syndrome, the systemic consequences of the myonecrosis / mostly acute renal failure / may threaten patient's life.

During past 5 years the authors treated 7 patients, suffering from an acute compartment syndrome with systemic consequences caused by rhabdomyolysis. They focused on the etiologic factors of the an acute compartment syndrome, therapeutic approaches, and the methods of the skin closure after the fasciotomy.

In the field of the vascular surgery, we can differentiate between 2 types of compartment syndrome. The secondary compartment syndrome is caused by a surgical revascularisation of the ischemic tissue. An acute compartment syndrome caused by a prolonged pressure, exerted by own body mass, is in majority of cases associated with a medicamentous, drug or alcohol intoxication.

Myonecrosis, as a result of an acute compartment syndrome, may threaten patient's life in a form of its sequelae – the multi-organ failure. In addition to an early local surgical therapy, the monitoring of the target organs combined with a failure-preventing therapy is necessary.

TWO SUICIDAL SHOT WOUNDING CASES: ON-LINE COLLABORATION OF THE FORENSIC DOCTOR AND THE SURGEON

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Authors demonstrate the valuability of using some on-line communication systems in advanced investigation of medico-legal cases. Two suicidal shot wounding cases were chosen as an example. On-line collaboration of the forensic doctor and the surgeon in Internet led to the possibility of explanation of main circumstances of mentioned cases.

The first case was the suicidal attempt of a man with using of home-made slaughter weapon. Death occured at a hospital due to irreversible brain damage 9 days after shooting wounding with

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constant inconsciousness background. The essential questions to solve the case concerned the parameters of the wound channel compared with the weapon's characteristics, as well as a range of brain damage. The information on CT analysis of the head sent via E-mail helped the forensic doctor to summarize main circumstances of the case and estimate the mechanism of brain injury.

The second case was the suicidal attempt of a man with using of altered low-caliber pistol. Death due to channel-like brain injury was attested 10 days after admitting to a hospital. The deformated and partially fragmented lead projectile was revealed within the cranial cavity of the deceased and all alien parts were precisely taken for further examinations due to obtaining of exact on-line information, including images of CT- and X-ray transparencies via E-mail at the procedure of medico-legal autopsy.

Authors also discuss on the problem of encoding/decoding and general security of specific medical information transfer through Internet channels.

CLASSIFICATION OF THORAX INJURIES TOGETHER WITH OTHER INJURED AREAS BY THE ABBREVIATED INJURY SCALE AND NEW INJURY SEVERITY SCORE

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The aim of our study was classification of thorax injuries together with other injured areas of the body at persons who were treated and later died at the University Hospital Královské Vinohrady. All these patients were autopsied at our Department of Forensic Medicine. The data set is consisting of 99 victims who died during the 5 years from 1996 through 2000.

It was the Abbreviated Injury Scale – revision 1990, update 1998 (AIS) that was used for classification of injuries. The AIS is a standardized system developed to provide a simple numerical method for ranking and comparing injuries by severity, and to standardize the terminology used to describe injuries. The injury is described in terms of its anatomical location, specific lesion and relative severity. Thanks to the AIS is further possible to calculate the New Injury Severity Score (NISS) designed for the standard summary measure of human trauma and prediction of survival. The NISS is a modification of the Injury Severity Score used in the U.S.A. and around the world for 25 years.

We used the AIS and NISS for a retrospective study that provided us with summary measures of 99 victims. These measures were compared to other foreign studies and results. From forensic point of view this measurement has significant importance for retrospective assessment of survival prognosis of injured in cases such as no first medical care was provided etc.

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UNUSUAL FATAL INJURY OF A SMALL TRUCK DRIVER

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Deceleration, compresive and penetrating injuries of the truck drivers sitting relatively high above the road level are more rare then those occurring to the personal car drivers. Very unusual from this point is a deadly injury of a small truck driver during the car collision with a low obstacle.

RECONSTRUCTION OF THE CASE OF DOUBLE PERFORATING HEAD SHOT WOUNDING



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Autors present the case of perforating double shot wound of head with brain injury. On the base of investigation, autopsy results, surveying (geodetic measurements) and reconstruction of the case, they try to resolve the question whether the wound was performed as suicide or by other person.

IDENTIFICATION OF POSITION OF THE CRIMINAL IN SHOT WOUNDING OF THE PERSON



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USING OF GEODETIC METHODS IN FORENSIC AND CRIMINALISTIC PRACTICE

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General applications of surveying (geodetic) methods in forensic medicine and criminology, using of electronic devices.

COMPREHENSIVE MEDICO-LEGAL EXAMINATION OF AN UNIDENTIFIED BURNT DECEASED NN WITH REGARD TO THE INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFICATION

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In the paper the authors present results of the postmortem examination of the burnt dead body of an unidentified young man NN, who might have been kidnapped, held in custody and finally burnt. During the autopsy stomatological identification was carried out and its results were compared to he dental card of the chosen man. Toxicological examinations of alcohol, CO, drugs and medicines were negative. Additionally, for the individual identification, the analysis of blood DNA polymorphism was carried out in the following loci: CSF1PO, TPOX, TH01, F13A01, VWA, F13B, HPRTB (STR systems) and also DQA1, LDLR, GYPA, HBGG, D7S8, GC. The results of the DNA polymorphism in the deceased were compared to those obtained in putative parents. Statistical analysis of the obtained results of the DNA analysis allowed to find out that the man NN was a son of H.E. and R.E. This comprehensive medico-legal examination let identify the deceased.

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MULTIPLE STAB WOUNDS OF THE BACK: ASSAULT BY OTHER PERSON OR A SEQUEL OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENT?

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Numerous stabbed wounds have been found on the body of the traffic accident victim, female. Victim's relatives have expressed suspicion, whether the young victim hadn't been raped or

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attacked by other person before the accident. An additional inspection of the traffic accident scene and of the vehicle together with the autopsy results found out circumstances concerning the mechanism of these injuries.

WHETHER THE FATAL HEAD INJURY CAUSED BY OTHER PERSON OR BY FALL DOWN IN DRUNKENESS?

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In discourse authors report a death of 37 years old woman who was found on the floor in the kitchen, in her flat.

According to a preliminary, informative interrogation made by police, the death should have been caused by another person with an iron bar. According to the character of the injuries police come to a conclusion that a head injury could not have been caused by a whack of the bar but by a fall when she hit her head on the concrete floor covered with a carpet. Probably it had happened as a consequence of the intoxication.

Besides these facts, they refer to a necessity of a closet examination of a place of crime with an acceleration of subsequent execution of dissection.

CASPASE AS A MARKER OF TISSUE DAMAGE

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There are several markers described which indicate hypoxic, ischaemic, traumatic and other changes of tissue and could by detected by histochemical or immunohistochemical methods. In this study we focused on immunohistochemical detection of several types of caspases in various tissues. Caspases are activated in cells to initiate the apoptosis and other proteolytic changes. In sudden and traumatic death cases we detected various types of caspases for visualisation of tissue damage in myocardium and other organs.

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AB0 SYSTEM AND DECOMPOSED BLOOD

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Being able to determine the AB0 types of blood is an important task in identify of unknown body. Detection from fresh blood or bloodstains is usually no problem. Problems come with a decomposition of blood.

We had investigated 100 samples of decomposed blood and comparised with known serological properties.

PREREQUISITES TO FORENSIC TOXICOLOGICAL ANALYSIS AT PRESENT

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The continued rise of xenobiotics, their well-grounded or not grounded consumption often in combination, sometimes bring for forensic analysts, but even for forensic doctors, analytical but also diagnostic problems manageable with great difficulty. The analyst should cope with problems of extensiveness of used screening procedures, separation and detection, selection of suitable separation, separation effect, detection limit, artefacts etc. These facts raise requirements to professional erudition, but in some connections to ethical qualities and in our conditions to economical criteria, too. This is valid similarly for the forensic doctor by diagnostics of influence of xenobiotics, who has to give opinion about interaction of a number of substances, to judge their influence not only in lethal intoxications, but also in connection with the time immediately before a traffic or working accident and so on.

This is a brief enumeration of problems, to which the author wants to direct attention and which can excite the interest mainly of younger colleagues engaged in toxicology.

EXPERT ACTIVITY OF FORENSIC TOXICOLOGIST AND ITS RISKS

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The results of expert activity of toxicologists – non-physicians represent an integral part of expert opinions in forensic medicine in cases of lethal poisoning and traffic or working accidents. The

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experts for toxicology should perform their work personally in accordance with the valid expert law. Therefore, they have claim to a reward. Of course, the expert's work must be realised outside of working time. An expert in the branch of health care can be only a person, who fulfil the defined professional conditions. But it happens too often, that experts taken *ad hoc* do not have the necessary qualification. This fact can be negatively projected into quality of expert's statement, incorrect conclusions and finally into impairment of judged person. Here are great reserves also in ethical access, in connection with groundless, economically pretentious chemical analysis of solved cases.

The author directs the attention towards above mentioned as well as other shortcomings in realization of expert work with possible legal consequences.

THE POLAROGRAPHIC DETERMINATION OF METALS BY FIREARM INJURIES

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There was tested the use of the polarographic determination of some metals (Pb, Cu, Fe, Sb) in the skin in deceased due to multiple firearm injuries.

The authors present on a real case, in which the shots throught the dress of victim penetrated, the possibility to determine entry and exit wound.

DETERMINATION OF OPIATES IN CASES OF DEATH OF TWO YOUNGER PERSONS – INTERPRETATION OF THE RESULTS

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A younger man of foreign nationality died under uncommon circumstances – the body was found in a bath, already without water, and a hair dryer was plugged in the socket. The hair dryer was hanging into the bath. During the autopsy, samples for toxicological analysis were taken, the results of which substantially influenced the physicians' conclusion leading to the determination of the cause of death of above mentioned man.

The second case was the death of a young man, who was found dead in his flat; the physician who inspected the corpse determinec "an unknown narcotic overdose" as the preliminary cause of death. During the autopsy, samples for toxicological analysis were taken as well; the results however did not directly influence the determination of the cause of death.

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In both cases, there was a positive finding of opiates in biological materials, and quantification of morphine in blood in both deceased persons proved to be very important.

SPECIFICATION OF A CORRECTION FACTOR VALUE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ETHYLALCOHOL CONCENTRATION IN A HEMOLYTIC SERUM DETERMINATION

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Determination of ethyl alcohol concentration in blood using method of gas chromatography is one of the most common and frequent analyses realised in laboratories of forensic and clinical toxicology. Depends on type of analysed blood sample, the final calculation includes multiplication of the raw GC result (related to a reference standard) by one of the well known correction factors (0.9259 for whole blood, 0.8696 for hemolytic serum and 0.7937 for serum).

The correction factors for whole blood and for serum as well are related to quite well defined samples. The hemolytical-serum-related one, in contrary, covers relatively broad range of blood hemolysis possible rate fluctuating between the whole-blood- and the serum-related values.

Does using of just one, common correction factor for whole possible range of samples covered by the term "hemolytical serum" represent potential source of significant inaccuracy in ethyl alcohol determination, namely in case of its high concentration? Results of the presented investigation try to answer the question.

SETTING OF CHROMATOGRAPHIC INSTRUMENTATION FOR TOXICOLOGICAL LABORATORY

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Toxicological laboratory represents complicated system of measuring instruments, methods and evaluation systems. We would demonstrate an uniquate system that couples chromatographic instrumentation – gas chromatography (GC), liquid chromatography (LC), thin-layer chromatography (TLC) – with high effective detection and identification system in one block.

Instrumentation of GC and HPLC is supported with column bank, new technology columns SolGel, GC-MS database support, accessories support (liners, head-space, pyrolysis injector, etc.).

TLC is specially used at preliminary analysis, pre-dominantly, unknown samples. All three methods and instrumentation are controlled via LIMS system and software at central PC. By this way there are connected all three chromatographic instrumentations to provide elegant effectivity of the analyses, shorteness time to provide an acceptable results. System is full quantitative and supported by evaluation programs.

CRANIOMETRICAL RESEARCHES AT THE FORENSIC MEDICAL IDENTIFICATION OF THE PERSON

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The given work is devoted to diagnostics of an individual membership of a skull to one of local variants Southern European of race by a method of the discriminant analysis. For these purposes the method of craniometric diagnostics of a skull of an unknown person to populations of the Caucasian ,Central Asian and Southern European origin is developed.

The racial structure of the modern nations of former USSR is investigated rather full. Now there is no some significant region, which has been not covered by craniological researches. For the purpose of forensic medicine the method of craniometrical diagnostics of a skull of the unknown person to populations of the Caucasus, central Asia and south European origin is developed. The method assumes using of two classes of models based on one and multimeasuring discriminant analysis. Use of models is stipulated also in case of examination of fragmentated skull. Diagnostics of local variant of southeuropean race (the Caucasus or Central Asia, the Caucasus or Southern Europe) on models of one-dimensional discriminant analysis assumes: practically authentic decision -85.63%; the probable decision -10%; failure of the decision of a task-4.37%; The craniometrical diagnostics of local variant of southeuropean race on a basis of discriminant is possible: Central Asia - 68.94-80.73%; Southern Europe - 71.79-79.07%: the Caucasus -76.32-81.08%. The simultaneous differentiation worsens all of the 3rd local variants of race 57.50-65.26% and accordingly 61.79-73.33%. diagnostic prospects – 64.71-78.46%,

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SURVEY OF AUTOPSY RATE IN SLOVAK REPUBLIC IN THE LAST YEARS

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Authors present the survey of autopsy rate in Slovak Republic in the last years (approximately 20 years). The source of this presentation are informations from Statistical Office of S. R.

PARTICIPATION OF SLOVAK FORENSIC DOCTORS ON THE 10TH INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON FORENSIC MEDICINE IN CROATIA IN MAY 2001

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Authors report on representation of Slovak specialists in forensic medicine by modern, digital, multimedia form in the 10th International meeting on forensic medicine in Opatija, Croatia, from 23rd to 26th of May 2001.

FOREST CONFLAGRATION IN THE REGION OF SLOVENSKÝ RAJ



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Six people died during the forest fire in the region of Slovenský Raj (Slovak Paradise) in October 2000. Authors analysed the accident from following aspects:

- 1. reasons and beginning of fire
- 2. identification of victims
- 3. autopsy findings of victims
- 4. toxicological analyses.

AIR ACCIDENTS IN SLOVAKIA

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Author refers occurence of aircraft accidents in Slovak republic and analyses reasons of accidents from forensic medicine point of view.

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REPEATED AGGRESSIVENESS OF THE PERPETRATOR

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Autors demonstrate two cases of homicide in Gipsy family as a result of repeated violent agressivity of the assailant (the father of the family). The first case is referred to the year 1994, when the little child, his son, was dead due to head injury caused by father-perpetrator. The second case of the mother's violent death caused by the same person is referred to the year 2001. The cause of death was traumatic shock due to repeated blunt injury on the whole body with using of different types of instruments.

USAGE OF BIOPHYSICAL METHODS OF DEFINITION OF VITAL SKIN INJURIES

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The investigation is devoted to the problem of vital and postmortal definition of skin injuries. The authors using the thermophysical method find the difference of heat- conducting values in following groups: vital injuries, postmortal injuries, intact areas (control group). On the base of preliminary received experimental data analysis, the following conclusions can be made:

- 1. Biological tissue (skin) heat-conducting coefficients is in direct relation with tissue temperature, under which investigation was hold that agrees with some investigations made before.
- 2. Changing of skin heat-conducting coefficients in vital injuries doesn't depend on injury location that allows to consider it as a universal process the same for all areas of human body.
- 3. Heat-conducting coefficients of skin with vital injuries, postmortal injuries and intact skin greatly differ from each other, that shows the possible availability of our method for definition of vital injuries.

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DNA IDENTIFICATION – INSTITUTE OF FORENSIC MEDICINE LJUBLJANA EXPERIENCE AND A CASE REPORT



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To identify biological trace with the newest method of DNA analysis using extremely sensitive DNA multiplication methods we can use as little as a trace of blood from a millimeter surface, saliva from the place of contact, a single root-containing pubic hair and some other biological material in small, sometimes microscopic quantities. The method we are using in our DNA laboratory is based on microsatellite polymorphisms analysis as well (we analyze 14 STR loci). For determination of sex from forensic samples we are using amelogenine gene multiplication in PCR.

There are more steps in forensic medicine genetical testing:

- Isolation of genomic DNA from different biological samples, which can be of extremely small quantities.
- PCR amplification of STR loci and amelogenine gene sequence. Approximately 30 cycles of the reaction amplifies specific regions of the genome to a million or even more copies.

Separation of the amplification products with capillary electrophoresis and determination of genotypes from the analyzed samples. PCR products (amplification products) are separated in the process of capillary electrophoresis by the help of *ABI Prism 310 Perkin Elmer*. The sample separation progresses consecutively with automatically injecting and fluorescence-based DNA fragment detection.

Case report. A murder of a younger businessman has been committed on the day of 12/31/2000. He was found dead at the entrance to his shop. At the beginning we believed mafia had committed it, because the suspect was unknown and the murder weapons were not found at the crime scene. The deceased was lying in a pool of blood and the investigation showed he was attacked by firearms. The investigators found 7,65 caliber bullet shells for a Beretta model 82 in a bathroom of a residential object. The deceased was found to be shot in the same bathroom with 6-8 projectiles. The autopsy declared none of the shot wounds to be mortal. It also showed multiple sharp injuries made by an axe or a similar object – two on the subject's head, three cuts on his back and seven cuts on both arms. The autopsy established the exact time of death, which opened a new direction in criminal investigation. It was not until the fifth day after the incident that the suspicion of murder was drawn to the deceased's extra-marital partner and her mother, who were living common residence. Investigators found a smaller axe in a container with water and confiscated both suspects' shoes and clothes. A criminal investigation of both their cars insides' was carried out as well. All the confiscated material was sent to the institute together with the secured samples from the crime scene. We performed a detailed revision of all the material found. In consensus with the examining magistrate we selected numerous biological samples from the crime scene, following a logical clue.

Examining the soles of one of the suspects' shoes, we discovered a macroscopical sample, which reacted positively with the hematest. Examining a sports shoe, belonging to the other suspect, we didn't find any biological trace on the surface, because the shoes had been previously washed. In



spite of that we found a microscopical trace of blood while opening the front margin between the linen and the plastic part of the shoe.

We carefully examined the pads on the cars' brake, clutch and accelerator pedals and obtained a positive hemastix reaction on the brake pad. We collected the microscopical sample of the biological trace.

Test results. We isolated DNA according to standard procedures, performed PCR and separation of PCR products by capillary electrophoresis. The results were genotypes and phenotypes of the biological samples as seen on the ferrograms shown. We weren't able to isolate genomic DNA from the axe. The biological trace from the light shoe sole and from the brake pad were genotypically and phenotypically identical to the victim's biological samples, as well as biological trace from the blood stains in the bathroom, the outer side of the bathroom window shelf, the roof gutter and from the entrance to the shop where the deceased was found.

MEDICAL EXPERIMENTS ON PEOPLE IN POLISH LAW

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In the paper are presented the following issues:

- 1. law regulations relating to medical experiments in Poland,
- 2. differential problems (kind of experiment, medical systematics etc.),
- 3. procedures of getting a patient's agreement,
- 4. acceptance of the bioethical board,
- 5. legal responsibility of experimentators.

THE NIGHT OF HORROR

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Autors present a case which happened in the Slovak L'upča Castle in "The Night of Horror" during time at performance of actor's role as the hanger "public execution".

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LEGAL ASPECTS OF THE FORENSIC MEDICINE AND TOXICOLOGY IN REGARD WITH THE PERSON'S DETRIMENT

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The authors studied the conception of the right to life and the detriment of the subject from a viewpoint of civil as well as criminal law. The study mainly concerned kinds of prevention, assumptions of responsibility and indemnification. By the criminal responsibility, they tried to elucidate in addition to history of euthanasia the problems of phases of criminal act and deed substance of this act. Furthermore, they analysed the detriment of the subject from a viewpoint of the administration law. An important part of the work is the processing of statistical dates from northern and southern Moravia.

METHODS OF DIATOMS EXAMINATION IN DROWNING

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Authors are presenting their experience of different diatom detection methods. Besides of disorganization methods using strong acids or ultrasonic irradiation, they applied also enzymatic digestion method for detection of plankton from lung, kidney, liver and bone marrow by using proteinase K and sodium dodecyl sulphate. After using of this method in 32 cases of drowning and comparising it with routine proceedings they fully recommend it, as simple, safe and effective for detection phytoplankton and zooplankton too.

Authors emphasize the inevitability of comparative analysis of diatoms species from the biological material and from samples of the water at the scene of drowning investigation.

EFFECT OF IONIZING RADIATION ON THE HUMAN BRAIN: WHETHER IS IT DIFFUSE AXONAL INJURY?



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The authors present 16 cases of low-dosage ionizing radiation influence on the human fetal brain. Unique material was taken from Clinics of Gynekology and Obstetrics in Kyjev (Ukraine) after

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procedures of artificial termination of pregnancy of the women being influenced by low-dosage ionizing radiation due to Chernobyl nuclear power station accident in April, 1986.

The samples of different parts of the brain were examined by transmission electron microscopy. There was estimated, that ultrastructural pathomorphological changes of white matter of the human fetal brain resemble some characteristics of diffuse axonal injury (axons' ballooning, cytoskeletal disorganisation, retraction balls and multivesicular complexes incidence). The relatively higher grade of vitality of myelinated structures in comparison with non-myelinated components was indicated.

The authors analyse pathogenetical consequences of the possible mechanism of referred changes, discuss on the nature of influence of low-dosage ionizing radiation on the human fetal nervous system at different stages of ontogenetical development and try to estimate so-called "critical periods" of the human brain development in relation to the artificial ionizing radiation.

FATAL INTOXICATION DUE TO NARCOTAN (HALOTAN) INHALATION

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Halotan is effective inhalating anesthetic matter in the group of halogenhydrocarbons which cause associative anesthezia. Poster shows scene of death, autopsy findings and also stated laboratory results of analyses halotan levels in blood and urine samples after inhalating intoxication in 18 years old student.

CHILD ATTACKED BY TWO DOGS

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Authors represent a case of the dogs attack of the ten years old boy. There are demonstrated a lot of injuries of the extremities, of the face and especially of the neck.

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PHARMACOKINETICS OF ETHYLALCOHOL: IMPLICATIONS FOR FORENSIC CALCULATION OF BLOOD ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION

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Calculation of blood alcohol concentration for forensic purposes is based on several simplified assumption (linear pharmacokinetics of ethanol, elimination from one body compartment, constant rate of alcohol absorption and time of achievement of peak blood levels).

Simplified and idealized assumptions mentioned above significantly restrict possibility of back-extrapolations blood alcohol concentration from observed values and calculation based on them exclude the absorption phase of blood alcohol curve (BAC) from being estimated.

In this work there is a design of more advanced model of alcohol pharmacokinetics resulting from analysis of BACs. Its possible benefits for forensic medicine and practical aspects of BACs generating software are discussed.

SELF-INFLICTED INJURIES TO SIMULATE XENOPHOBIC OFFENCES

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In the field of clinical forensic medicine the expert is often confronted with different categories of self-induced bodily harm:

self-mutilation for the purpose of insurance fraud, voluntary self-mutilation among prisoners, dermal artifacts in patients with personality disorders, false rape allegations and suicidal gestures.

For about ten years a new category of simulated offences has been observed in Germany: Adolescents as well as adults of both sexes allegedly claim to have become victims of xenophobic or right-wing/neo-fascist assaults. As proof they inflict mostly superficial cuts on themselves characterized by the following features: localization in easily reachable regions (avoiding especially sensitive body areas) without consistent damage to the clothing, a multitude of individual lesions in grouped and/or parallel arrangement. To support the impression of a neo-fascist/xenophobic background of the offence the symbols of the right-wing scene are often applied, for example by cutting swasticas into the skin. Motives for this behaviour are the desire to attract attention, arouse compassion and gain respect.

The criteria of forensic evaluation are presented and discussed on the basis of cases investigated at the Freiburg institute.

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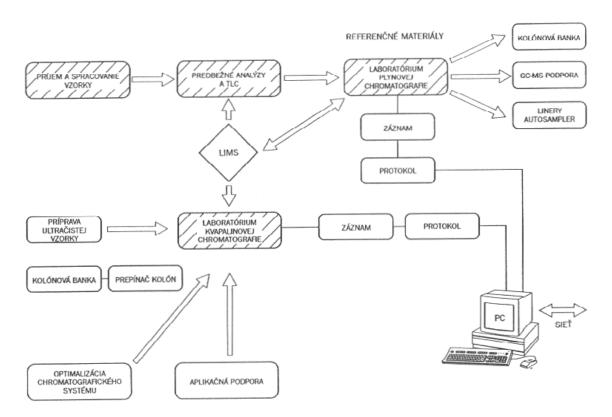
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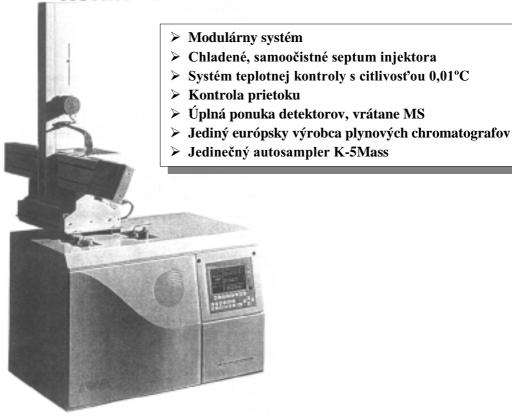
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