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President's Column

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The UHMS Annual Scientific Meeting (June 15-18) in San Diego, California is quickly approaching. Many thanks to the UHMS ASM Committee members for their hard work through the fall and winter to bring the ASM program together. I think this meeting promises to be very educational and enjoyable.

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Executive Director's Report

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Greetings from all of us here at UHMS!

It’s an exciting time as we prepare for our Annual Scientific Meeting and pre-courses at the Sheraton Marina on Harbor Isle in San Diego, June 15–19.

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Guest Column

Care of the Forensic Patient in Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy

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A forensic patient is one who is under the legal custody of law enforcement or correction facility. The United States has over 2 million individuals who are incarcerated. Of these individuals, 800,000 were found to have chronic conditions requiring medical care.

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As we start off a new year, here are a few things to help make the survey process easier or maintain your accreditation.

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Changes have come to the UHM Journal...

We upgraded its look in 2022.
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The Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine Journal is seeing some significant changes in 2023. This is one way we’re celebrating the 50-year anniversary of our flagship communication,’ said UHMS Executive Director John Peters. The Journal was known as Undersea Biomedical Research until 1996 when the current name was adopted. Read more on the website
**Dr. Michael Bennett and Dr. Ivan Montoya**

Those of us at the UHMS as well as in the worldwide dive medical community were greatly saddened to hear of the passing of two immense figures in diving and hyperbaric medicine: Dr. Michael Bennett of Sydney, Australia, and Dr. Ivan Montoya of Miami, Florida. Yet many are grateful for the years and experience both men devoted to their profession, their colleagues and their patients.

Dr. Bennett passed away at home on 29 April of this year due to illness. Dr. Montoya died 10 March 2023. A photo gallery of Dr. Bennett is available at: https://michael-heywood-bennett.muchloved.com/Gallery/Pictures and a description of his work is at https://www.unsw.edu.au/staff/michael-bennett

Dr. Montoya’s tragic passing was the result of an accident in the department of Antioquia in Colombia. A news story is posted here: https://newsbeezer.com/colombiaeng/the-cyclist-killed-on-the-rionegro-la-ceja-road-was-a-renowned-colombian-doctor-in-the-united-states/
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