

Call for Entries: “My First IALM”

Are you an early-career professional or student in forensic or legal medicine?

We invite you to take part in “My First IALM” — a global storytelling campaign — and share your journey towards the congress for a chance to win exclusive opportunities connected to IALM 2027!

What is “My First IALM”?

“My First IALM” is a digital campaign following young professionals on their journey to IALM 2027. Through short, self-produced videos, participants share:

- Who they are
- Why they want to attend
- What motivates them in the field

The campaign aims to:

- Give visibility to emerging professionals
- Share authentic personal stories
- Inspire young professionals worldwide
- Build momentum towards IALM 2027 in The Hague

Selected participants will be featured on IALM 2027 communication channels.

What Can You Win?

The creators of the most inspiring and engaging videos will have the chance to **win exclusive experiences at IALM 2027**. Think opportunities such as access to parts of the congress programme, invitations to selected social events, and other unique ways to be part of the IALM community in The Hague.

How to Participate

Create a short video (maximum 2 minutes) including:

- Who are you? Where are you based?
- Why do you want to attend IALM 2027?
- What inspires you in forensic or legal medicine?

We recommend ensuring your LinkedIn profile is up to date, public and you follow IALM 2027. Further instructions on how to submit your video will be shared upon participation.

Submission Deadline

All entries must be submitted by 30 September 2026. Winners will be announced shortly after.

Time Commitment

Creating your video is simple and can be done in just a few hours:

- Preparation & concept: ~30–45 minutes
- Recording: ~30–60 minutes
- Editing & posting: ~30–60 minutes

Total: approximately **1.5 to 3 hours**

If selected, you may be invited to contribute to additional videos throughout the campaign.

As a guideline, this would involve approximately 1 short video per key moment in the campaign, with a similar time investment per video (around 1.5–3 hours). These moments are spread over time, meaning the overall commitment is limited to a few hours per phase, rather than a continuous workload.

Selected participants will be invited to continue sharing their journey towards the congress, including:

- **From Abstract to Stage**
(when abstract submissions open)
- **Behind the Scenes: Preparing for IALM**
(registration opening)
- **What I'm Looking Forward To**
(when the programme is announced)
- **Getting Ready for IALM – the App**
(in the lead-up to the event)
- **My First IALM – Live at IALM 2027**
(during the congress in The Hague)
- **What I Learned at IALM**
(after the event)



Helpful Tips

- Be authentic and clear in your message
- Record in a quiet and well-lit environment
- Add subtitles if possible for accessibility
- Show your personality and passion for the field

Contact

If you have any questions, please contact the organising team at ialm@congressbydesign.com

We look forward to seeing your story!

