



# ISAM NEWS

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## 25th Annual Summer Meeting

July 16-23, 2016

Dominica - Fort Young Hotel

**EARLY REGISTRATION ADVISED!**



The 25th Annual Summer Meeting will find us at the Fort Young Hotel in Dominica, West Indies. Nestled between the islands of Guadeloupe to the north and Martinique to the south, lush, mountainous Dominica is one of the last Caribbean islands to feel the tread of tourist's feet. Fort Young is Dominica's premier hotel. The property is an old fort on the edge of a cliff overlooking the Caribbean Sea that has been transformed into a luxury resort. The grounds are both charming and intimate and knowing that the walls were part of an ancient fort adds intrigue and atmosphere to the hotel. The diving will be conducted by Fort Young's onsite dive operation Buddy Dive Dominica.



Both the crystal clear water of the Caribbean Sea on its western shore and the nutrient rich waters of the Atlantic on its eastern side bless Dominica. These two factors, combined with the dramatic walls that plunge 1,000 feet down, directly off shore makes Dominica the

undisputed diving capital of the Eastern Caribbean as well as one of the most unusual dive locations in the world!

In a region saturated by tourism, Dominica remains one of the hidden gems of the Caribbean. Known as the "Nature Island" due to its abundance of natural splendors: 365 rivers, the second largest boiling lake in the world, volcanoes, mountains, waterfalls, hot springs, black and white sand beaches; and below the water, volcanic vents, plunging sea walls, colorful reefs, soft corals, sea turtles and sperm whales. Much of the island is protected under national parks, one of which has been given UNESCO World Heritage status. Dominica is a paradise for divers, hikers, birdwatchers and nature-lovers.

**DIVING HIGHLIGHTS:** The lush, beautiful scenery that characterizes the topside of Dominican rain forest continues beneath the waters. You will find dense, pristine coral reefs, among the richest in the world. Daily sightings of batfish, seahorses, flying gunnards, and all colors of frogfish are not uncommon. There is wall diving, pinnacle diving, reef exploration, wrecks and even two hot springs dives, where you can observe, first hand, Dominica's volcanic origins. On these dives, you actually see thousands of tiny bubbles rising to the surface from subterranean volcanic activity and feel the water temperature increase dramatically. Experts rate Dominica as a "must see" experience for divers of all experience levels.

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

The scientific sessions will be hosted by SUNY Upstate Medical University and will feature as our keynote speaker Joel Silverstein. He is one of the leading specialists in diver training, explorations, and decompression analysis. Mr. Silverstein is the author of three books and six training programs. He is a major contributor of the NOAA Diving Manual and will over 100 articles on scuba diving training, exploration, and technology. He has conducted almost over 5,000 dives all over the world, with such noted dives as the USS Monitor and 12 expeditions to the Andrea Doria.





**ACTIVITIES THAT CAN BE OFFERED EXTRA TO THE PACKAGE:**

- Dominica Hiking
- Rain Forest Expeditions
- Exotic Waterfalls
- Sea Kayaking
- Horseback riding
- Cave tubing
- Snorkeling
- Hot Spring Explorations



**CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES:**

ISAM is an association of diving physicians dedicated to the promulgation of diving medicine information in the United States and foreign countries. The conference will include the study of such topics as underwater physiology, diagnosis and treatment of decompression sickness, physical examination for divers, and the treatment of injuries caused by poisonous and venomous animals.

**COSTS:**

Per person/double occupancy (No airfare included in this price. All prices subject to change.) Costs are based on payment by check. Use of a credit card adds 4%.

Diver .....	\$2245.00
Non-Diver .....	\$1845.00
Single Supplement .....	\$500.00
Yearly ISAM dues to be current .....	\$100.00

**GROUP PACKAGE INCLUDES**

- 7 nights accommodation
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner daily
- Government rooms taxes
- Transfers to and from the airport to the hotel
- 5 days of diving, 2 tanks daily
- Tips for the dive guides
- One ISAM gift per guest
- 30 hours Category 2 CME

**REQUIRED EQUIPMENT**

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**RESPONSIBILITY**

ISAM, Traveler's Choice, Fort Young Hotel and Buddy Dive Dominica assume no responsibility or liability as to the safety, quality of conditions, nor the act of any employee or agents of any establishments, firms, person or entity furnishing such services, transportation, equipment, substitution or unperformed services, nor assume any responsibility or liability for the safety of any participating individuals while engaged in underwater activities. All trip participants will be required to sign an ISAM/Traveler's Choice liability waiver.



**DOMINICA REGISTRATION**

Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Sizes: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like Traveler's Choice to make airline reservations for \_\_\_\_\_ persons

Departure City: \_\_\_\_\_ Airport Preference: \_\_\_\_\_

Please charge my airline ticket to the following credit card: Credit Card Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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\$1000 Deposit per person required at this time.

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