



WINTER NEWSLETTER, 2020

We hope this newsletter finds you healthy and safe. Our sincere thoughts go out to everyone affected by the coronavirus both in China and beyond. Stay strong, and be well.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Despite the most recent health concerns, we are still planning for the annual conference. APATS is fine tuning logistics and will provide more information once we are able to finalize. Thanks for your understanding, and patience.

Save the date now!

When: May 29-31, 2020

Where: International School of Beijing

We are looking for presenters! Email us if you are interested.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Marc Voicechovski MS, ATC, CES

Marc joins the Asia Pacific Athletic Trainers Society via United Nations International School (UNIS) in Hanoi, Vietnam. Marc has been an athletic trainer for ten years and has experience working in the high school, industrial and outpatient clinic settings. Marc is the first athletic trainer for UNIS. He comes to Vietnam from New Jersey and has a wife and two cats.



Where did you come from (work history)?

I was born and raised in northern New Jersey, just outside New York City. After graduating from a local university, I began work as a clinic/outreach Athletic Trainer in Westchester, NY. I worked in a PT clinic and served as the Head Athletic Trainer at a nearby high school. I accepted a job at an all-boys private school in New Jersey and was there for 8 years. I also worked part-time as an Industrial Athletic Trainer while I was working at the private school. As an Industrial AT I was servicing Anheuser-Busch in Jersey City, NJ where I treated the beer delivery drivers and helpers that had a pretty grueling job.

What do you enjoy most about international athletic training?

So far I've enjoyed teaching others about what an athletic trainer is and does. It's taken a considerable amount of time to educate the community but it's rewarding spreading the word of athletic training internationally. It's also great working with student-athletes from around the world and learning their history.

Tell us a little about your family

My wife, Cydney, is here with me in Vietnam. She's not teaching full-time but will be working seasonally teaching a competitive dance team and choreographing the high school play here at UNIS. We don't have any children but we do have 2 cats.

What is your proudest moment as an athletic trainer?

My proudest moment as an athletic trainer so far has been landing this position at UNIS. This is the first time starting a position from scratch. From ordering all the new equipment, designing the athletic training room, educating the community, etc.--all while moving abroad for the first time. This past year has been incredibly stressful and demanding but it's also been the most fun.

Where is the best place you've traveled to and why?

How could I choose just one?! I'm gonna cheat a bit and give you my top 3. For the rugged landscape and natural beauty it would be Iceland. For food and culture Portugal. For fun-loving people and amazing exploring, it has to be Lombok, Indonesia. Wow, that was tough.

What is the most important trend you see today in the field of athletic training?

I think the most important trend is how concussions are becoming a treatable injury. A lot of research is being done to hammer down the parameters that could help speed up recovery. It will be nice to be able to introduce exercise and actually reduce signs & symptoms to return to play earlier.

If Hollywood made a movie about your life who would you cast to play you?

The only person that comes to mind would be Keanu Reeves! He would need to shave his head though. I've been told that I'm pretty laid back but I love extreme sports such as snowboarding, rock climbing, and anything that pretty much scares the heck out of me. I think he could play me well.

What athletic training chore do you absolutely hate doing?

Inventory! Inventory! Inventory! I can't think of anything more mundane and annoying than just keeping track of supplies. Not a major part of my position but it still grinds my gears.

What is something you learned in the last week?

This past weekend I took a motorbike to a national park in Vietnam and was forced to use my very limited Vietnamese vocabulary. It was here that I learned how to properly order chicken in Vietnamese because the first attempt yielded just a plate full of chicken feet! Nothing against chicken feet but it doesn't exactly hit the spot after a long day on a motorbike.

LEADERSHIP

APATS has 2 leadership position openings starting in June 2020. Both of these positions are APATS Coordinators. Responsibilities are to carry out the mission and vision of APATS. Coordinators serve 2 year terms. Current Coordinators—Erick Chen and Caleb Lott's roles will become open. Josh Euten serves as the third Coordinator. We will vote at the annual conference. Email APATSociety@gmail.com to express your interest in serving in this role, or to request more information.

BRANDING

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