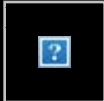


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LEIR STEPS DOWN FROM F.I.R.S.T.
SIMS GATHERS NEW "DREAM TEAM"

Pioneering abduction researcher Derrel Sims has asked for and received the resignation of colleague Dr. Roger Leir as Medical Director of Fund For Interactive Research in Space Technology, the partnership they formed in 1996. The team gained notoriety when they became the first to remove alleged alien implants in a controlled medical setting.

Sims stated that the medical responsibilities of FIRST are going to require professionals with a broader scope and experience than Leir possesses, who is a podiatrist. Sims is currently finalizing the selection of a team of medical, scientific, and other uniquely-disciplined professionals to explore new research released from Saber, Sims' organization specializing in abduction research and the source for the original implant material.

As related in Dr. Leir's book, THE ALIEN AND THE SCALPEL, Sims and Leir met at a UFO convention where Simswas a featured speaker. The initially skeptical podiatrist agreed to help organize the surgical removal of an anomalous object from the foot of one of Sims' patients. Other surgeries followed, and Sims and Leir formed the FIRST partnership to focus on the medical and scientific analysis of the objects. Recently, as part of the NBC special Confirmation, Sims and Leir consulted on the surgical removal of a possible alien implant.

Although some of the testing results of FIRST's work have been available on their web site or discussed by other researchers, Sims stresses that "much more testing and research is needed before any conclusions can be drawn." To this end, he has formed strategic alliances with scientists from all over the world eager to contribute their expertise. A former private investigator, Sims is extremely concerned with the special handling, maintenance and archiving of samples and artifacts. "Security and proper chain-of-evidence will be the hallmark of FIRST from now on," he promises.

In addition, Sims has been invited by Helmut Lamaar of the Austrian Space Research Institute to head up MILAB abduction/implant work worldwide. Meanwhile, Leir continues to serve as Section Director for the Ventura County chapter of MUFON. "Dr. Leir's participation in the surgeries and the follow-up has been an important part of FIRST," acknowledges Sims. "Now we are moving in an exciting new direction, with

improved efficiency and resources."

A new web site, www.alienimplants.com, is currently underconstruction. In the meantime, please visit www.ALIENHUNTER.org, www.FIRSTevidence.org, www.ALIENIMPLANTS.com (coming soon) for news about FIRST and Saber projects.

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