Welcome to the latest edition of the ISAM newsletter. In this issue, we present updates about ISAM 2017 in Abu Dhabi and other events.
DON'T FORGET THE NEW ISAM SEMINAR !!!

**ISAM 2017 Fundamentals**

**Title:** HOW TO TRANSFER OUR KNOWLEDGE ON ADDICTION MEDICINE TO THE NEXT GENERATION?

**Subtitle:** A seminar on teaching addiction medicine at under- and postgraduate level

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**DESCRIPTION:** In our era we have competent physicians and healthcare workers in addiction medicine. The next step is that we need to transfer our knowledge to our colleagues and the next generation. Training in this field is often lacunar and patchy at under- and postgraduate level.

*This 1 day fundamentals course will address conceptual and organisational aspects of addiction curricula, provide practical tools for preparing educational and evaluation material, and discuss and experiment different teaching methods.*

The latter will include use of existing training material, assessing training needs, e-learning, portfolio development, inter-professional training, preparing teaching material and exams, identifying Entrustable Professional Activities (EPA’s), how to provide clinical feedback, etc. (See Table 1 and 2 for details of topics)

**AUDIENCE:** The interactive course is developed for clinicians, teachers and policy makers from different disciplines who are

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*Registered ISAM Members, Non Members, Affiliated Society Members. Students are entitled to attend all scientific sessions, the exhibition, receive the conference material as well as attend the Gala Dinner (28 Oct. 2017, Saturday).

All registrants are required to pre-register.

For administrative and preparatory reasons, pre-registration & name changes are possible until 23th September 2017 12:00 hrs (GMT+ 4). From this date onwards, we advise you to register and pay the applicable fee on-site during conference registration hours commencing on 25th October 2017.
interested in medical education and who want to improve addiction medicine training in their clinic, their university or at a governmental level. Please note some preparatory work is expected to be done before the training starts. This means that this one day Fundamental course is highly relevant for all addiction medicine specialists and scientists who want to transfer their knowledge to the next generation, and for those who are already doing this and want to improve their skills in teaching.

**Date and venue:** October 29th, 2017  
**Cost:** $200 per participant.  
**Organisation:** ISAM Education and Training Committee  
**Number of participants:** maximum 30

For registration please go to isam2017abudhabi.ae under Registration

Abstracts of the 18th Annual Meeting of the International Society of Addiction Medicine (ISAM)—2016

It is a pleasure to write about one major feature of our Society's medical-scientific mission, namely our role in sponsorship of the journal, *Substance Abuse*. This peer-reviewed publication is a leading resource for research findings in our field, with a high impact factor (2.52), reflecting its important role in this capacity. The Journal's articles are available in full text as a benefit for our ISAM individual members, and a list of articles in the most recent issue is given below. The Journal also makes available the top 50 scientific abstracts from our annual conferences, after each meeting.

Marc Galanter, MD  
ISAM Chief Editor

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Welcome EUROPAD! ISAM's newest Affiliate Society

EUROPAD, formerly EUMA, was founded in Geneva, Switzerland on September 26, 1994. It is, and shall remain, independent of political parties and of any government. EUROPAD currently has around 800 members.

The Vision

EUROPAD exists to improve the lives of opiate misusers and their families and to reduce the impact of illicit drug use on society as a whole. The association works to develop opiate addiction treatment in Europe but also aims to make a major contribution to the knowledge of, and attitudes to, addiction treatment worldwide.

To read more about how EUROPAD seeks to achieve this vision, go to: www.europad.org

Announcements

Order of Canada to Dr. Nady el-Guebaly

Dr. Nady el-Guebaly has been awarded the Order of Canada which was established in 1967 by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the Order of Canada is the cornerstone of the Canadian Honours System, and recognizes outstanding achievement, dedication to the community and service to the nation. The Order recognizes people in all sectors of Canadian society. Their contributions are varied, yet they have all enriched the lives of others and made a difference to this country. Since its creation, more than 6 000 people from all sectors of society have been invested into the Order.
The Order of Canada’s motto is DESIDERANTES MELIOREM PATRIAM (They desire a better country). Her Majesty The Queen is the Sovereign of the Order, and the governor general is the chancellor and Principal Companion of the Order.

**KEEP IN MIND for 2018**

In August in Holland they organize a Summer School: Addictive Behaviors from Bar to Brain

for more information access the link:


**Launch of British Columbia Centre on Substance Use**

February 7th, 2017, the Honourable Terry Lake, Health Minister, and Sam Sullivan, MLA for Vancouver - False Creek, Canada, announced the new BC Centre for Substance Use in St. Paul’s Hospital, Vancouver, BC.

The province of British Columbia in Canada has recently invested in the creation of a new substance use research centre. The BC Centre on Substance Use (www.bccsu.ca) is a networked resource with a mandate to develop, implement and evaluate evidence-based approaches to substance use and addiction.

As part of the Centre’s creation, the centre is advertising broadly for individuals with clinical and research experience including for university affiliated junior and senior scientist positions, graduate students and post-doctoral fellows, as well as clinical trials research manager and research coordinators and assistants.

Thank you for considering circulating this information in your network. For those that are interested in more information, please send a copy of your curriculum vitae to: Cheyenne Johnson <cheyenne[dot]johnson[at]cfenet[dot]ubc[dot]ca>.

**Canada Addiction Medicine Research Fellowship - 2017 deadlines**

The Canada Addiction Medicine Research Fellowship (CAMRF) was created in 2013 to develop the skills required for a career in addiction research. The Fellowship is a US National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)-funded research training program offered in partnership with the BC Centre on Substance Use, St. Paul’s Hospital, the University of British Columbia, and the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS.
This research training program provides $50,000 Research Fellowships for health care providers who are involved in the care of patients with drug and/or alcohol use disorders. The part-time, one-year curriculum runs from July 1 to June 30 annually. The timeline for 2017 applications is as follows:

- October 30, 2017: Application process opens
- December 4, 2017: Application deadline
- December 11, 2017 to January 12, 2018: Interview period
- January 22, 2018: Acceptance notification
- January 29, 2018: Deadline for acceptance
- July 3, 2018: Fellowship begins

For more information about the fellowship, please go to: http://www.bccsu.ca/addiction-medicine-clinical-research-fellowship-overview/canada-addiction-medicine-research-fellowship/

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