

MINUTES OF ISAM 2014 YOKOHAMA, JAPAN ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Saturday October 4, 2014

In Attendance: 23 members and 17 non-members

1. Call to order at 13:30 and Introduction by President Hannu Alho
2. Adoption of the Minutes from ISAM 2013Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Annual General Assembly. Motion by T. Gawad, seconded by A. Baldacchino to adopt. Carried
3. Update on future annual meetings:
 - Recap by S. Higuchi on ISAM 2014 Yokohama
 - Slide presentation for ISAM 2015 Dundee by A. Baldacchino
 - Brief intro by T. Gawad on 2017 Abu Dhabi
 - Future years are in process of being confirmed

4. 2014 Fellowships: **WHO-ISAM fellowships (3)**

Dr. Piyali Mandal, India - *Pattern of Tobacco Use: Barriers of tobacco cessation among Indian buprenorphine-naloxone maintained patients*

Dr. Kristianne Siste (Indonesia) - *Neurocognitive Disorder on Prisoners using Cannabis in Cipinang Jakarta Prison*

Dr. Jasmine Loo May Yee (Malaysia) - *Treatments in Asia and phenomenological analysis of the lived experience of recovering gamblers in Malaysia*

ISAM Fellowships (5)

Dr. Adrian Abagiu, Romania - *5 years of legal highs in Romania – Consequences and Solutions*

Dr. Mrunal Bandawar, India - *Follow-up rates in opioid dependence Syndrome: Case Control Study*

Dr. Tim Brennan, USA - *The Opioid Pandemic in Children: Equipping Ourselves for Success*

Dr. Kiyeti Agnes Hauli, Tanzania - *Prevalence of HIV Infection among the over 18 year old substance abusers in Mwanza urban, Tanzania*

Dr. Nopporn Tantiragsee, Thailand - *The Association between clinical improvement in substance-related problems and psychiatric symptoms in psychosis: a post-hoc analysis*

NIDA-ISAM Fellowships (4)

Dr. Ali Farhodian, Iran - *A qualitative study on methamphetamine related sexual harm in Iran*

Dr. Olatz Lopez-Fernandez, Spain - *Internet and Gaming Addiction: A systematic review of clinical studies*

Dr. Javier Ponce Terashima, Peru - *Lifetime prevalence of Alcohol Use Disorders in Peru: Findings from the World Mental Health Study Users*

Dr. Katerina Skarupova, Czech Republic - *Excessive Internet use and its correlation with negative experiences in 25 European countries*

BEST ABSTRACT AWARD - Of note 6 out of the 10 Top Abstracts were on gambling this year.

Dr. S.W. Choi, Korea - *Serum BDNF Levels in Patients with Gambling Disorder are associated with the severity of Gambling Disorder and IOWA Gambling Task Indices*

5. Update on the International Certification Examination: Nady el-Guebaly
 - 1 accepted to sit the exam in Yokohama from Vietnam. There is a potential to translate the exam in Vietnamese.

- Dialogue in with Manchester University, UK for exam
6. Update on the ISAM Textbook: Nady el-Guebaly
 - Textbook will come out December 2014
 - Delegate bags had information on how & where to order
 - Three Editors: N. el-Guebaly, M., Galanter and G. Carra
 - Discount for ISAM members and affiliate society members but Amazon also will offering
 7. Update on the Journal: Marc Galanter
 - Special edition on International Perspective out
 - Top 50 Abstracts from ISAM 2013 Kuala Lumpur and from Yokohama 2014 to be published in Journal Substance Abuse.
 - There is an opportunity for an Associate editor at the journal of substance Abuse – contact Dr. Galanter through ISAM office if interested.
 8. Finances:
 - Review of the 2013 Financial Statements
 - ISAM is in compliance with the New Not-for-Profit Corporation Act in Canada
 - Motion by G. Bunt, seconded by G. Welle-Strand to retain BDO Dunwoody as the accountants for 2014. Carried.
 - M. Dorozio moved report on the Notice to Reader Financial Statements as presented, seconded by T. Gawad. Carried.
 9. Evaluations
 - Request to all to please fill out and hand in the evaluations in delegate bags.
 10. Suggestions from members:
 - Jag Khalsa spoke on the importance of receiving the evaluations, suggestions from members for improvements and also communications from fellows awardees as to their future endeavors and how having been an ISAM, ISAM-NIDA or ISAM-WHO fellows has helped expand the field.
 11. Other business:
 - Thank you to Tarek Gawad who will be stepping down from the Board for all his work for ISAM. We are excited that he will continue to be involved and will be hosting ISAM 2017 Abu Dhabi.
 - Introduction of Gregory Bunt as the new ISAM President
 - Introduction of Gabrielle Welle-Strand as the new President-Elect
 - Introduction of Alexa Baldacchino and Riaz Khan as the new ISAM Board members
 - These decisions were made by the Board from the expressions of interest but in the future elections will be determined by the membership at the General Annual Meeting.
 12. Adjournment at 2:05 PM

Members in attendance

Ali Farhoudian	Greg Bunt	Marc Galanter	David Smith
Gabrielle Welle-Strand	Robert Haemmig	CM Prasad	Raju Hajela
Susumu Higuchi	Alex Baldacchino	Adrian Abagui	Brooke Nofle
Lochandra Naidoo	Danielle Zullino	Riaz Khan	Norman Wetterau
Simon Oliver	Sharon Koivu	Nady el-Guebaly	Tarek Gawad
Jag Khalsa	Hannu Alho	Gary Surak	