

**ISAM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**September 26, 2003**

**AMSTERDAM 2003**

Present:	N. el-Guebaly	J. Gleser	M. Delgado
	R. ter Haar	R. McKinley	A. Holopainen
	W. Moran	R. Hajela	F. Poldrugo

M. Dorozio (Recorder)

**ISSUES:**

**Member-based organization**

1. This has been changed to both National Societies as well as individual Membership – National Societies will be approached individually for application.
2. System similar to WPA & ISBRA: go society by society to have a % or set fee sent to ISAM Head Office for group membership.
3. Important to delineate benefits of belonging – what do members receive for their dues.
4. Correspondence would then be sent to offices of Societies for distribution to their membership (avoid taking this task on at ISAM Head Office)

**Physician-only organization**

1. Board has voted 3 times to include those who have made a contribution to the field
2. Annual meetings open to non-physicians
3. Details for Associate membership still being fine-tuned.
4. Important to **guarantee accreditation** for CME and issue, upon request, a certificate with # of hours.  
Concerns:
  - (a) accreditation is now a country-by-country issue and not always accepted although it can be argued that addiction touches every area.
  - (b) often unattainable guidelines, i.e., US requires information details months before event and this has proved impossible to supply.

**Fund-raising**

1. NIDA grant: requires member from US to initiate
2. Approach WHO for grant/fellowship
3. Recognition of support for meeting from the local organization
4. Exhibitors: possible booth/table rental fee (2 in current meeting); however often prefer to sponsor an event such as a workshop or dinner talk, etc.

## **Annual Meetings**

1. Recognition and thanks to the Dutch Society and the Netherlands in general, and Andrea van der Pouw in particular for the organization and implementation of conference.
2. Abstracts will be available on-line or on webpages of the Dutch Association.
3. 2005: scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> week in April in Buenos Aires or Mar del Plata, Argentina
4. 2006: suggested alternatives include, Athens, Thailand/Asia and boat on Mediterranean.

## **Regional Meetings**

1. Easier to organize and more geared to local needs.
2. Information table and posters can be set up by ISAM member at Regional meetings if personal connections exist as some organizations not interested in having another society promote their event.
3. Let office know if poster needed. Also can have 4 slides available as package with general information on ISAM available to Board members.
4. Suggestion to co-host with British Doctors & Dentists group in Scotland.
5. Current identifiable geographical areas with gaps: Australia, Africa, and Asia.

## **TASK FORCES**

### **Education**

1. International Certification Project:
  - Link with Committee
  - Education is issue that generates the most interest
  - First identify 10 people to form working group
  - This group will in turn identify small list of English-language reference texts to start collecting pool of 350 questions
  - These will be reduced to 200 for certification exam
  - Investigate reciprocity with countries that already have certification
  - Exam can be administered locally and in conjunction when possible with Annual meeting
  - Goal: to have ready for Argentina
  - Validity/reliability of questions: need to hire educator/psychologist to evaluate

### **Physician Health**

Committee has suggestion for Helsinki meeting organizers to have the Task Force meeting later in day instead of morning.

“Mutual Health Meeting” is being advertised.

### **Adolescents and Family**

Yifrah Kaminer is looking for participants for this task force on Adolescents and the Family.

## **Election Results**

1. Jorge Gleser was elected President-Elect to take over the presidency after the Annual meeting in Argentina.
2. For the moment he retains his position as VP on the Executive along with other elected members: Douglas Talbott (USA) - VP, Tarek Gawad (Egypt) - VP and Maria Delgado-Pich (Argentina) – Secretary-Treasurer.