

# ISAM 2014 Board Minutes - Yokohama, Japan

Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014  
Pacifico Yokohama Conference Centre

Present: H. Alho K. Brady G. Bunt N. el-Guebaly M. Galanter  
T. Gawad S. Higuchi G. Welle-Strand M. Dorozio (recorder)

Regrets: J. Reimer

- Meeting called to order at 9:10 AM by President H. Alho.
- H. Alho spoke on his experience with ISAM since 2000. He commented on the amazing hospitality in Japan and expressed we would have a great meeting. As he is stepping down from the Presidency, he thanked the members of the Board, especially Tarek Gawad for his mentorship and presented him with a gift.
- Motion by H. Alho, seconded by G. Bunt to adopt the agenda. Carried.
- Motion by T. Gawad, seconded by G. Bunt to adopt Minutes of September 2014. Carried.
- **President Report: H. Alho:**
  - Hopes this will be a blueprint for the future
  - Issue of financial sustainability:
    - H. Alho has had discussion with R-B Limited Pharmaceutical (new name for Reckitt-Benckiser division) and Lundbeck who want to directly support ISAM conferences. This means that the ISAM Office will not receive the 15% overhead.
    - Suggestions to put in the contract that all support needs to go through office but this may be objected to by the LOC and by the local companies that only have a relationship with the LOC and not with ISAM and may also have rule in place that will not allow them to send money to a third party organization.
    - Even when Pharmaceuticals give funds – these may already be ear-marked for specific expenses, ex, speakers for a set symposium
    - If ISAM demands control of all finances – many may not be willing to host the event as the agreement states the LOC is responsible for their fund-raising
    - Best support may be unrestricted educational grants or the payment of a specific item in the conference ex. One of the lunches.
    - Funds from registrations would be different and all registration going through the main office would mean that an amount for the Head Office would be assured.
    - Jens has been advised and will get an estimate on the cost of a registration package.
- **Gabrielle Welle-Strand, candidate for President-Elect**
  - Would like to focus on
    - Increasing the membership especially in lower income countries
    - Increased transparency in Board decisions and in financial matters
    - Expand on gender representation
    - Draw on the strengths of the other members of the Board in specific areas
    - Expand education in the field and facilitate this to lower income countries
    - Expand the information on the webpages
    - Motivate and distribute work for the Board – building of relationships

- Outline initiatives we can expand on
  - Asked about Leadership style
  - Suggestion to read all the past minutes to get the sense of history and journey of ISAM with past problems and motions that have been made
  - Election by show of hands for support for G. Welle-Strand to take position. Unanimous. Carried.
  - Proposal that in future elections will be made at the Annual General Meeting after members are send the recommended candidates from the Board – consult with Jens on possible e.communication/televideo.
- **Board vacancies**
  - Proposal to accept candidate Alex Baldacchino into the Board vacancy left by Gabrielle Welle-Strand. Carried unanimously.
  - Proposal to pre-elect Riaz Khan into the vacancy for 2015. Discussion on pre-electing second candidate for K. Brady's position which will be vacant in Dundee 2015. This was recommended by the ISAM Executive and brought to the Board last teleconference.
  - Motion by H. Alho, seconded by G. Bunt to accept pre-election of R. Khan for vacancy in 2015. Carried with one abstention.
  - Clarification that R. Khan will not be in attendance at the 2015 ISAM Board meeting.
- **President-Elect report – G. Bunt**
  - Mutual and compatible vision for ISAM with goals stated in President's report
  - Need to connect with Affiliate Societies for true world representation
  - Confidence expressed in K. Brady's to guide ISAM into new strategies and build our financial strength
  - Also would like to concentrate on networking with professional organizations
  - Goal to attract more participants and support
  - Potential for a Collaborative Symposium with Spanish Society as a first step towards a possible ISAM meeting in Spain.
- **2014 Fellowships and Best Abstract Award**
  - Total of 11 2014 Fellowships:
    - 3 WHO – Dr. Piyali Mandal (India), Dr. Kristianne Siste (Indonesia) and Dr. Jasmine Loo May Yee (Malaysia)
    - 4 NIDA - Dr. Ali Farhoudian (Iran), Dr. Olatz Lopez-Fernandez (Spain), Dr. Javier Ponce Terashima (Peru) and Dr. Katerina Skarupova (Czech Republic)
    - 5 ISAM – Dr. Adrian Abagiu (Romania), Dr. Mrunal Bandawar (India), Dr. Tim Brennan (USA), Dr. Kiyeti Hauli (Tanzania) and Dr. Nopporn Tantiragsee (Thailand)
  - Best Abstract chosen: *Serum BDNF Levels in Patients with Gambling Disorder are associated with the severity of Gambling Disorder and IOWA Gambling Task Indices* – **Dr. S.W. Choi, Korea**
    - 6 out of the top 10 abstracts chosen by the LOC were on gambling

### Annual Meetings:

- Yokohama 2014
  - 415 registrants plus plenary speakers with 36% local attendees
  - 160 abstracts – published in Alcohol and Alcohol Abuse
  - Budget of \$700,000 Us almost balanced
- Dundee 2015
  - Website is live and call for abstracts via simple online submission will open in November to fill 100 slots
  - Symposia planned on HIV/AIDS, Hep C, Infectious Diseases, etc.
  - Balance local interests and flavor with content to attract international delegates

- Will provide transfers from airport
- Involving community in form of several art projects and presentations
- Rio de Janeiro 2016:
  - A. Gigliotti unable to attend
  - No contract has been signed and H. Alho will arrange a teleconference (G. Bunt, H. Alho, K. Brady with A. Gigliotti) to see if 2016 Rio de Janeiro is still feasible with all the upheaval in Brazil
- Abu Dhabi 2017:
  - Dates Oct 23-26/17 (Tues-Thurs) OR Oct 21-27 (Sat-Fri)
  - Etihad Towers were chosen from potential sites
  - Registration and abstract submission will go through Head Office
  - 30 minutes to hotel from airport and will provide free transfers
- Bid for Busan 2018
  - Presentation on hotels, venue, support from organizations and experience
  - 40 minutes from airport
  - Venue: Bexco
  - 3 organizations involved: KAAP, ASBK and KORES0
  - Suggested dates: Nov 2-7, 2019
  - **Addendum:** Letter of Agreement was signed to accept ISAM 2018 Busan pending final contract review by both parties. Final contract is estimated to be ready by year end.
- Bid for Izmir 2019
  - Izmir chosen over Istanbul for support from BATI at the Ege University
  - Dates proposed for Nov/19
  - International airport 30 minutes away
  - Venue: Swissotel Grand Efes Izmir
  - Board requesting more details on local financial support
- Bid for India 2020
  - Jag Khalsa, spearheading with C.M. Prasad
  - Suggested venue: Bangalore, South India
  - 300 medical schools in India
  - Collaboration with the Indian Society of Psychiatrists
- Bid for Vancouver 2021
  - In conjunction with CSAM-SMCA
  - Venue: Hyatt on Burrard in downtown Vancouver
- Potential change of venue in 2016 to Beijing, PRC. Other option to try and combine with CSAM-SMCA in Montreal 2016

## Committee Reports

- **Education & Training**
  - Has not been able to expand network due to time constraints
  - Proposes to work on it in near future
- **Webpages**
  - Simplify contact us info to straight email or phone number – remove form
  - Check over for typos, ex. Dr. Higuchi's name, etc.
  - Determine if J. Reimer wants to apply for second term

- **Membership**
  - How to engage affiliate societies?
  - Include at Board meeting for greater representation?
  - Incentive: pay for 1 night hotel to attend Board meeting; or have quarterly teleconferences with affiliates
  - Regional representative may have suggestion on raising funds
- **Financial**
  - Three main sources of revenue:
    - Annual Meeting – need to amend contract to ensure funds from conference
    - Membership – need to increase regional meetings to reach out to new member. Suggestion Board commit to bring one new individual member each or a new affiliate society
    - Special projects – grants, unrestricted support, etc
  - Members being recruited for committee
  - Discussion on Conflict of Interest policy. Motion by G. Welle-Strand, seconded by G. Bunt to accept the ISAM Conflict of Interest and place on webpages. Final to be sent to Head Office.
  - Motion by T. Gawad, seconded by G. Welle-Strand to retain BDO Dunwoody as the 2013 accountants
  - Income graph was discussed last teleconference – the key is to have benefits to offer the affiliate societies
  - Summary of Accounts breakdown – M. Dorozio
    - Future – total revenue and expenses from all accounts combined

#### **ISAM Certification exam - N. el-Guebaly**

- Special consideration due to geographic location was given and 1 applicant sat the exam from Vietnam
- Discussions have been initiated to have possibly have the exam translated into Vietnamese through a grant
- Discussions ongoing with Manchester group to utilize the exam

#### **International Textbook - N. el-Guebaly**

- Launch December 2014
- 4 volumes with 278 contributors
- Section editors will receive a free hard copy and contributors will receive an online copy
- 25% discount for ISAM members and 20% discount for affiliate society members but Amazon will sell as well

#### **Journal Update - M. Galanter**

- Second international issue has just come out
- The ISAM newsletter was also published
- Publication of the top 50 abstracts from Yokohama and Kuala Lumpur to meet NIDA grant requirements
- Associate Editor opening which would be an interesting academic opportunity

#### **Ad Hoc Committee on Publications**

- Include in contract that LOC can publish in any journal at their expense
- Discuss need to use ISAM templates for example in abstract submission to avoid only having option for Intro-Objectives-Methods-Results-Conclusion format
- Need to develop option for online submission of abstracts that indicates permission to publish (respect authors who do not want to have abstract published)
- To publish all abstract in a journal is very costly (\$10,000 US for Yokohama) and most people do not care to have their abstract published
- Suggestion to have author indicate if they want their abstract published and just publish those
- Need to have some standard for quality of abstracts published under ISAM name

#### **Crime Reduction Initiative (CRI) - T. Gawad**

- Open certification to Nurse Practitioners – welcome idea for certification but needs to be developed and different from certification for physicians

- Egypt is considering using the ISAM exam for its medical school
- Chief Examiner will continue to be lead in dealings with O. D'Agnone and the university of Manchester

#### **ICD-II – T. Gawad**

- A meeting of ISAM Executive with Vladimir Poznyak in Yokohama is planned

#### **NIDA Grant status, G. Bunt**

- The ISAM Executive meet with Jag Khalsa to discuss next steps for new submission: timetable, limitations with R13 grants, etc.
- ASAM will be doing implementation but none of the info finding

#### **Goals of incoming President G. Bunt:**

- Relationships with organizations
- Expanding to Behavioral Addictions
- Broader membership
- Broader networks
- Stronger financial status

#### **LOC contract:**

- Currently more of an agreement than a legal contract
- Is being re-formatted so it is a legal document but not quite finished
- T. Gawad will sent when completed for review
- Write in contract that the LOC can publish abstract elsewhere at their expense

**Meeting scheduled with Menar:** group from IRAN who will be hosting a conference in Sept 2015 and hopes to collaborate with ISAM. The meeting for introductions will be Saturday at lunch time. Potential for an affiliate society. Also will have contact with delegates from Saudi Arabia and will mention affiliation to them.

**Next meeting:** Teleconference on Tuesday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM MST

#### **Final Comments:**

G. Bunt expressed appreciation to T. Gawad for all his efforts on behalf of ISAM – he will be missed on the Board  
Thanks also expressed to H. Alho for all his work on behalf of ISAM during his term as President

T. Gawad has considered it an honor to serve on the Board and especially thankful to N. el-Guebaly for his leadership and friendship as well as H. Alho who has become a dear friend. He appreciates the devotion shown by K. Brady and G. Welle-Strand and knows they will help ISAM progress towards more gender representation. He remembers M. Galanter first interview in Cairo years ago. And expressed thanks to M. Dorozio for all her support and work. Promises to continue to be involved and looking forward to hosting ISAM 2017 Abu Dhabi.

H. Alho reiterated it was an honor to work with the Board and is confident in the new leadership.

**Adjournment:** 5 PM