

Terms of Reference ISAM Twelve Step Interest Group (TSIG)

Purpose:

The purpose of the group is to increase and improve the capability and capacity of addiction medicine to pursue further Twelve Step philosophy research and education

This will be accomplished through:

- Joint publications to draw a roadmap for international collaborations
- Unified assessment batteries and protocols and shared databases
- Multi-centric trials with novel Twelve Step interventions
- Mobilizing international funding resources for collaborative research in the field in the global level
- Twelve Step-informed educational materials in different languages for patients, families, communities and policy makers

Membership:

- The interest group will consist of two co-chairs and up to 15 active members.
- Founding co-chairs: Donald J. Kurth, MD, FISAM and Marc Galanter, MD, FISAM
- The co-chairs and more than 50% members must be ISAM members.
- Members will be approved by the co-chairs
- The co-chairs and interest group members should ideally represent different global regions, whenever possible.

Frequency of Meetings:

The Twelve Step Interest Group will meet at least once “in person” coincident with the annual ISAM scientific meeting. Meetings will also be held via telephone (teleconference), skype (or equivalent) or electronic mail (e-mail) as the need arises. Members are asked to commit to participate in an active and productive manner. Quorum at the “in person” meeting and at teleconferences will be defined as 50% or greater, whenever possible, of the interest group members.

Decision Making Process:

This will ideally be conducted through a consensus process. In exceptional circumstances when a consensus is unachievable, decisions will be decided by a majority vote.

Reporting Process:

TSIG will regularly report on its activity at the ISAM annual meeting.

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