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Message from the President

Dear Colleagues and Friends:

This year ISAM's 14th annual meeting will convene in Geneva, Switzerland, under the theme of **Treatment Delivery Systems – Asserting the Future**. The Division of Addictiology, Department of Mental Health and Psychiatry, University Hospitals Geneva is organizing the meeting in collaboration with the World Health Organization [WHO], the Swiss Society of Addiction Medicine [SSAM] and the Confederation Suisse.

Each year ISAM meetings attract distinguished colleagues and speakers from all over the world. The content of the ISAM's scientific programs has become a hub for most of the international researchers in the Addiction Research domain. A glance at the Geneva scientific program and key speakers will assure that this will continue in ISAM 2012 Geneva. As per previous ISAM meetings, Geneva 2012 annual meeting social program will be a unique opportunity for social interaction and networking among colleagues.

The highlights for the 2012 annual meeting will offer a special time to share and enjoy the unique flavor of Switzerland, a privileged nation that lives and guards the world peace.

In addition to the meeting you will also have the fabulous possibility to explore the country, and for example take a trip through some of the most picturesque mountains and valleys landscapes in Switzerland.

I am very enthusiastic in welcoming you all to Geneva, Switzerland our host city for the 14th ISAM annual meeting.

The abstract submission system is now open, please submit your abstract: <https://b-com.mci-group.com/AbstractSubmission/ISAM2012.aspx>

Best wishes, see you all in Geneva

Hannu Alho, ISAM President

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ONWARD TO ISAM 2012 GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

Treatment Delivery Systems: asserting the future

We are excited to announce that ISAM's 14th Annual Meeting will be in Geneva, Switzerland: A preliminary program and information: www.ISAM2012.org

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

The choice of Geneva for the ISAM 2012 meeting, and the subject of Treatment Delivery Systems: asserting the future, is somewhat of a natural selection. Geneva, based on humanist foundation is the mirror of a pluralistic world: capital of international human rights, headquarters of WHO. It is also a city of peace, knowledge and cultural exchanges around universal themes: respect and integration being the founding principles. The field of addictions is young and evolving, characterized by the rapid adaptability of its service providers to the needs of the clients hence directly impacting the Treatment Delivery Systems and challenging its mission. The field being in full effervescence with the multiplicity of treatment models, along with increasing economic constraints is facing the challenge of designing Treatment Delivery Systems where asserting the future with realistically achievable goals in different national working contexts around the world remains the main concern. This meeting aims to offer a platform of exchange and debates where the sharing of experiences and recent progresses will hopefully permit the delegates in an integrative manner to explore new paths to solution oriented outcomes and empower the participants to take home the choice of asserting their respective positions in their working contexts of national Treatment Delivery Systems.



Dr. Riaz Khan
President of the Organizing Committee

DATES: October 14-18, 2012

VENUE: International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG) – 15 minutes away from international airport

VISA INFORMATION: <http://www.bfm.admin.ch/bfm/en/home/themen/einreise.html> (please check if you require a VISA for entry into Switzerland)

IMPORTANT DATES:

Conference registration & Abstract/Symposium Submission now open

Deadline for Symposia Submissions: April 30, 2012

Deadline for Abstract Submission: May 15, 2012

CONFERENCE INFORMATION:

ISAM 2012 c/o MCI Suisse SA, Conference Organizers

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM: The program will offer plenary talks, workshops and parallel track symposia

PLENARY Speakers:

- Prof. Ambros Uchtenhagen
- Dr. Jag Khalsa, NIDA

- Prof. Thomas Babor
- Dr. Nady el-Guebaly
- Prof. Louisa Degenhardt
- Prof. Rafael Maldonado Lopez
- Dr. Jurgen Rehm
- Dr. Wilson Compton
- Prof. David Nutt

REGISTRATION

In Swiss francs	Before June 15	June 16 – Sept 20	Oct 1 and after
ISAM Members	CHF 750.00	CHF 850.00	CHF 1'000.00
Affiliated Society Members*	CHF 850.00	CHF 950.00	CHF 1'100.00
Non ISAM Members	CHF 950.00	CHF 1'050.00	CHF 1'200.00
Students, Low and Lower Middle Income Economies**	CHF 350.00	CHF 450.00	CHF 600.00
Participants Accompanying Persons	CHF 200.00	CHF 250.00	CHF 400.00
Workshops (in French only)	CHF 50.00	CHF 50.00	CHF 50.00

* The reduced registration fee for Affiliated Society Members is based on membership list & promotional code

**For Student fee a photocopy of the students' identity card or statement of the head of the department is required

Participant's registration fee includes:

- Admission to the scientific sessions unless otherwise stated
- Congress documents, including badge
- Final programme and abstract book
- Access to the commercial exhibition and posters
- Welcome reception on Sunday, 14 October 2012 at the CICC
- Coffee breaks
- Lunches from Monday, 15 October to Wednesday, 17 October 2012
- Free city transportation pass if staying at a hotel in Geneva for the duration of the stay

Accompanying person registration fee includes:

- Welcome reception on Sunday, 14 October 2012 at the CICC
- Access to the commercial exhibition and posters
- Free city transportation pass if staying at a hotel in Geneva for the duration of the stay
- Geneva Pass

HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS:

MCI has reserved a large number of hotel rooms in different price categories. As Geneva attracts many tourists, hotel reservation will be made on a first come, first served basis. Availability of rooms in each category is limited. Name of persons sharing rooms must be indicated. The specified rates are in Swiss Francs (CHF) and cover the room for one night, service, city tax and VAT included. To guarantee your reservation a deposit covering one night is required, either by bank transfer or by credit card. Hotel check-in time is 15:00 or later. If you are arriving after 18:00, please notify MCI in advance. Check-out time is noon.

Please book before September 1st, 2012 in order to guarantee your booking.

If you wish to stay for additional nights before or after the congress, please contact MCI Suisse S.A. directly at: isam2012reg@mci-group.com

Detailed Conference information is available: www.isam2012.org

ISAM AWARD FOR BEST ABSTRACT 2012

The ISAM 2012 Scientific Committee is proud to announce that there will be a \$1000 US award for the abstract judged as having the highest international scientific merit, chosen from among the conference submission.

INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION

Potential Certification Exam for the 2011 sitting(s):

- ISAM Annual Meeting, Geneva, Switzerland Oct 14-18, 2012
- CSAM [Canadian Society of Addiction Medicine] Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada Sep 20-22, 2012
- CPDD [College on Problems of Drug Dependence] La Quinta Resort, Palm Springs, California, June 9-14, 2012
- Additional sittings may be available, depending on demand and a critical number of 8 applicants for the sitting

All pertinent information and application form can be downloaded from the ISAM website: www.isamweb.org on the left hand sidebar under *International Certification*.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW WEBMASTER

We are pleased to inform the ISAM membership that **Dr. Jens Reimer** has been elected to the ISAM Board to the position of WebMaster. Dr. Reimer is the Director of the Centre for Interdisciplinary Addiction Research at the University of Hamburg, Germany and a Consultant for the Dept of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy at the University medical Centre Hamburg-Eppendorf.

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ASAM DEFINITION OF ADDICTION

At the February 14th ISAM Board Teleconference, a motion was made by the ISAM Board to adopt the 2011 American Society of Addiction Medicine [ASAM] short version of the definition of Addiction, following its adoption by our sister society, the Canadian Society of Addiction Medicine [CSAM].

The CSAM Board passed a motion on Oct 5, 2011 to temporarily adopt the 2011 American Society of Addiction Medicine [ASAM] definition of Addiction.

The adopted definition with clarifiers published by the Canadian Society of Addiction Medicine [CSAM] in its entirety is reproduced below. The full version can be found on the ASAM web pages. www.ASAM.org

Addiction (2011 Definition from the American Society of Addiction Medicine [ASAM] Adopted temporarily on 2011-Oct 5 through a motion by the CSAM Board of Directors) -

“Addiction is a primary, chronic disease of brain reward, motivation, memory and related circuitry. Dysfunction in these circuits leads to characteristic biological, psychological, social and spiritual manifestations. This is reflected in an individual pathologically pursuing reward and/or relief by substance use and other behaviors.

Addiction is characterized by inability to consistently abstain, impairment in behavioral control, craving, diminished recognition of significant problems with one's behaviors and interpersonal relationships, and a dysfunctional emotional response. Like other chronic diseases, addiction often involves cycles of relapse and remission. Without treatment or engagement in recovery activities, addiction is progressive and can result in disability or premature death.”

Please note the following:

- A diagnosis of this condition must be based on a comprehensive biopsychosocial assessment.
- Awareness of the developmental aspects of addiction as well as the impact of gender and socio-cultural factors is also required.
- It is recognized that a significant portion of society's burden attributable to misuse or harmful use of substance, such as intoxication or traffic accidents as well as from other behaviors may occur in the absence of addiction.

The ISAM Board would welcome member comments and feedback – to be send to the ISAM office: isam.mdorozio@gmail.com which will be distributed to the ISAM Board for future discussion.

FUTURE ANNUAL MEETING LOCATIONS

ISAM 2013	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
ISAM 2014	Yokohama, Japan
ISAM 2015	Proposed: Scotland, UK
ISAM 2016	Proposed: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Grants-In-Aid-Of-Travel for ISAM 2012 Geneva

We are pleased to be able to offer three different types of Grants-In-Aid-Travel: please see summary below of the three types of Grants-In-Aid –of-Travel being offered. Details can be found on the ISAM webpages www.isamweb.org on how to apply and eligibility. Conference details for ISAM 2012 Geneva can be found at: www.isam2012.org

Deadline to receive application and documentation: April 15, 2012

WHO - ISAM GRANT IN AID OF TRAVEL FELLOWSHIPS FOR PHYSICIANS 2012

Two 2012 Grants in Aid of Travel Fellowships, a joint program of the World Health Organization (WHO), Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse (http://www.who.int/substance_abuse/en/) and the International Society for Addiction Medicine (ISAM) have been approved for 2012. These Grant-in-Aid awards, a maximum amount of \$2500 US each, will support participation of physicians/addiction specialists from eligible countries* to attend the 2012 ISAM Annual Scientific Meeting to be held October 15 – 18, 2012 in Geneva, Switzerland (<http://www.isam2012.org>). The grant-in-aid –of travel can be used for travel, accommodation and registration fees for the conference. Successful applicants must show proof of medical/travel insurance.

ISAM GRANT IN AID OF TRAVEL FELLOWSHIPS FOR ISAM MEMBERS

The Grants-in-Aid-of-Travel Fellowships is encouraging applications to support participation of ISAM members to attend and present at the ISAM Annual Scientific Meeting to be held in Geneva, Switzerland Oct 15- 18, 2012 (www.isam2012.org).

The grants are to a maximum value of \$3000 US based on actual costs (receipts required) and will be presented to each awardee at the Closing Ceremony (or alternatively a money order can wired after the meeting). The applicant is responsible for travel arrangements and accommodation as well as any general expenses for the conference. Successful applicants must show proof of registration, travel and medical/travel insurance.

NIDA-ISAM GRANT IN AID OF TRAVEL FELLOWSHIPS FOR YOUNG INVESTIGATORS

These grants in aid of travel would enable the subsidizing of Young Investigators to Geneva, Switzerland Oct 15-18, 2012 to attend and present at the ISAM Annual Meeting (www.ISAM2012.org)

Four Grants-in-Aid-of-Travel from a joint grant between ISAM and NIDA (National Institute of Drug Abuse) have been approved. The maximum amount of each grant is up to \$2500 US to offset costs related to hotel accommodation, conference registration fees and travel associated with Young Investigators presenting at the ISAM 2012 meeting in Geneva, Switzerland to be held Oct 15-18, 2012. Successful applicants must show proof of registration, travel and medical/travel insurance.

Dues for 2012: renewal form

- The ISAM Office now accepts both VISA and Mastercard
- Applications for first time members and renewals can be downloaded from www.isamweb.org

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Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Province/State: _____ Zip/Postal code: _____ Country: _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

VISA/MasterCard: _____ Exp date: _____

Authorizing signature: _____ Dues for: ____ 1 yr ____ 3 yrs ____ 5 yrs

*** Members will receive a free online copy of Substance Abuse

DUES CATEGORIES & FEES: (World Bank Economic Categories) for Full Members below

A. \$100 US

Andorra	Antigua & Barbuda	Aruba	Australia	Austria	Bahamas
Bahrain	Barbados	Belgium	Bermuda	Canada	Cayman Islands
Cyprus	Czech Republic	Denmark	Estonia	Finland	France
French Polynesia	Germany	Greece	Greenland	Guam	Hong Kong, China
Iceland	Ireland	Isle of Man	Israel	Italy	Japan
Korea, Rep.	Kuwait	Liechtenstein	Luxembourg	Macao, China	Malta
Monaco	Netherlands & Antilles	New Caledonia	New Zealand	Norway	Portugal
Puerto Rico	Qatar	San Marino	Saudi Arabia	Singapore	Slovenia
Spain	Sweden	Switzerland	Trinidad & Tobago	United Arab Emirates	United Kingdom
United States	Virgin Islands				

B. \$67 US

American Samoa	Argentina	Belize	Botswana	Brazil	Bulgaria
Chile	Costa Rica	Croatia	Dominica	Equatorial Guinea	Gabon
Grenada	Hungary	Kazakhstan	Latvia	Lebanon	Libya
Lithuania	Malaysia	Mauritius	Mayotte	Mexico	Montenegro
Northern Mariana Is	Oman	Palau	Panama	Poland	Romania
Russian Federation	Serbia	Seychelles	Slovak Republic	South Africa	St. Kitts & Nevis
St. Lucia	St. Vincent & Grenadines	Turkey	Uruguay	Venezuela	

C. \$35 US

Albania	Algeria	Angola	Armenia	Azerbaijan	Belarus
Bhutan	Bolivia	Bulgaria	Cameroon	Cape Verde	China
Colombia	Congo Rep	Cuba	Djibouti	Dominican Republic	Ecuador
Egypt, Arab Rep.	El Salvador	Fiji	Georgia	Guatemala	Guyana
Honduras	Indonesia	Iran, Islamic Rep	Iraq	Jamaica	Jordan
Kiribati	Lesotho	Macedonia, FYR	Maldives	Marshall Islands	Micronesia
Moldova	Morocco	Namibia	Nicaragua	Paraguay	Peru
Philippines	Samoa	Sri Lanka	Surinam	Swaziland	Syrian Arab Republic
Thailand	Tonga	Tunisia	Turkmenistan	Ukraine	Vanuatu
West Bank & Gaza					

D. \$17 US

Afghanistan	Bangladesh	Benin	Burkina Faso	Burundi	Cambodia
Central African Rep.	Chad	Comoros	Congo Dem Rep	Cote d'Ivoire	Eritrea
Ethiopia	Gambia	Ghana	Guinea	Guinea-Bissau	Haiti
India	Kenya	Korea, Dem Rep.	Kyrgyz Republic	Lao PDR	Liberia
Madagascar	Malawi	Mali	Mauritania	Mongolia	Mozambique
Myanmar	Nepal	Niger	Nigeria	Pakistan	Papua New Guinea
Rwanda	Sao Tome & Principe	Senegal	Sierre Leone	Solomon Islands	Somalia
Sudan	Tajikistan	Tanzania	Timor-Leste	Togo	Uganda
Uzbekistan	Vietnam	Yemen, Rep	Zambia	Zimbabwe	