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1		<p>Roshan Bhad Chair</p>  <p>India</p>	<p>Assistant Professor, National Drug Dependence Treatment Centre (NDDTC), AIIMS, New Delhi</p>	<p>I completed my post-graduation in psychiatry (MD), in year 2012 from AIIMS, Delhi, India. I developed an interest in Addiction Medicine 10 years back during my clinical work in addiction and was especially inspired by patients who had dramatic improvement after taking opioid agonist maintenance treatment. Currently am working as an Assistant Professor and faculty at National Drug Dependence Treatment Centre (NDDTC), AIIMS, Delhi and have certification in Addiction Medicine by ISAM. I have been embraced as a fellow of ISAM in year 2019. My specific areas of interest are addictive behaviors in adolescent and youth. I aspire to improve the outreach of addiction medicine training and research globally and particularly in low- and middle-income countries. In my free time, I enjoy travelling, swimming, running marathons and learning about different cultures and people.</p>
2		<p>Sophia Achab Co-Chair</p>  <p>Switzerland</p>	<p>Medical Associate Deputy (University Hospitals of Geneva), WHO Collaborating Center for training and Research in mental Health, Board member of ISSBA</p>	<p>Sophia Achab is a Psychiatrist and Psychotherapist In-Charge of specialized program in Behavioral Addictions at University Hospitals of Geneva, where she has the position of Medical Deputy to the Addiction Division Head in Department of Mental Health and Psychiatry. She combines clinical activity with research and training in the field of behavioral addictions (Internet use disorders, pathological gambling, sexual addiction and compulsive buying). She has a PhD in Neurosciences of Human Behavior and she is a Senior Lecturer (Privatdocent) at University of Geneva, In-Charge of courses, mainly on Psychiatry and Primary Care with a specific focus on addictive disorders including behavioral addictions. She is also a Coordinator for Addictive Disorders at WHO Collaborating Center for training and research in Mental Health at Geneva University and part of several work groups at a Swiss and Global level in the field of behavioral addictions.</p>
3		<p>Hossein Mohaddes Ardabili Co-Chair</p>  <p>Iran</p>	<p>Psychiatric assistant, Mashhad university of medical sciences, Mashhad, Iran</p>	<p>My name is Hossein, A psychophil looking for new edges! I had a long journey to choose my major, from molecular fields to even surgery, but at the end, I selected psychiatry with whole my heart ❤️! I started making love with neuroscience a couple of years ago and directed my professional career towards neuropsychiatry and interventional psychiatry. I am now doing a couple of projects in ISAM besides my psychiatric residency duties. My craving is new friends who really add values!</p>
4		<p>Parnian Rafei Member Secretary</p>  <p>Iran</p>	<p>University of Tehran</p>	<p>Parnian Rafei has been recently graduated with her master's degree in Clinical Psychology at the University of Tehran, Iran. She is keen on investigating the neurocognitive aspects of substance use disorders with a focus on cannabinoids and future-oriented cognition. She uses neuroimaging techniques such as fMRI to research the brain functions that are influenced by psychoactive substances. Her other areas of interest in the field of addiction medicine comprise medical cannabis legalization, drug policy, and implications of cognitive training interventions for addiction treatment and rehabilitation. She has been serving as the executive secretary and research assistant for the International Society of Addiction Medicine, Neuroscience Interest Group (ISAM-NIG) since January 2020. Parnian enjoys cooking and tasting different cuisines, following political tweets, snowboarding, and petting all the cats she finds around her.</p>
5		<p>Beatrice Matanje</p>  <p>Malawi</p>	<p>Lighthouse Trust</p>	<p>I am a 40 year old native Malawian female Medical Doctor and Public Health expert with Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery (MBBS) from College of Medicine, University of Malawi; an Msc in Epidemiology from School of Public Health, University of Witwatersrand, South Africa; and a PhD in Medicine from a joint Global Health Implementation Programme under the School of Public Health and Family Medicine at College of Medicine, Malawi and School of Medicine University of St Andrews, Scotland. My research and practice interests are on systems strengthening for integration of strategies for prevention, management and control of chronic diseases and their risk factors including control of harmful use of alcohol. I have over 12 years' experience in health program management including 5 years of national coordination for non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and Mental Health Control Program. I am currently working as a Medical Director with the Lighthouse Trust in Lilongwe, Malawi.</p>

6		<p>Bezzina Gianluca</p>  <p>Malta</p>	<p>Specialist in Family Medicine/General Practice at Agenzija SEDQA, The Malta national agency against substance use and behavioural addictions.</p>	<p>Dr Gianluca Bezzina is a specialist in Family Medicine with a special interest in Addiction Medicine. Dr Bezzina graduated from the University of Malta as a Doctor of Medicine and Surgery in 2012, and completed his specialist training in Family Medicine in 2019. He is now furthering his studies in the field of Addiction Medicine, and is one of four doctors working at Sedqa, the national agency offering prevention and treatment for addiction and substance use disorders.</p> <p>His special interests include Substance use in adolescence, as well as behavioural addictions.</p> <p>He is very passionate about music and sports. He represented Malta in the Eurovision Song Contest 2013. He is an active solo artist till this day, and is also the lead singer of bands Funk Initiative, The Tailors, and Pilgrim&King.</p>
7		<p>Chia-Chun Hung</p>  <p>Taiwan</p>	<p>Bali Psychiatric Center, Taiwan</p>	<p>I'd like to watch movies, singing, and dancing. My recent researches focus on brain imaging of patients with chronic ketamine use.</p>
8		<p>Danielle Jackson</p>  <p>USA</p>	<p>Psychiatry resident at Yale</p>	<p>Dr. Jackson is a senior resident in general psychiatry at Yale University. She is passionate about health equity and policy change in mental health and addiction. As scholar in the inaugural cohort of Recognizing and Eliminating disparities in Addiction through Culturally Informed Healthcare (REACH program) she received unique training in the health equity and policy of addiction. She contributes to policy literature, legislative feedback and advocacy initiatives. She has collaborated with organizations to provide online workshops and lectures on healthcare inequity and its effect on mental health and substance use disorder treatment access and outcomes in underserved communities.</p> <p>She currently holds national leadership positions as a SAMHSA Substance Abuse Fellow, the American Psychiatric Association- Caucus of Black Psychiatrists and the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry liaison to ISAM-NeXT committee.</p>
9		<p>Enjeline Hanafi</p>  <p>Indonesia</p>	<p>Department of Psychiatry Universitas, Jakarta, Indonesia</p>	<p>My interest involves the topic of behavioral addiction, particularly internet related addiction (such as online gaming, social media, pornography, and pathological gambling). My alma mater is Universitas Indonesia and University of Melbourne, Australia. Currently, I am working as a lecturer and medical staff in the Department of Psychiatry Universitas Indonesia, Cipto Mangunkusumo Hospital.</p>
10		<p>Erna Gunnthorsdottir</p>  <p>Ísland</p>	<p>Medical doctor at SAA detoxification center</p>	<p>A 36 year old mother of three. I've worked in the field of addiction medicine since 2014. I'm a registered nurse and a medical doctor</p>

11		<p>Francina Fonseca</p>  <p>Spain</p>	<p>Addiction Department; Neuropsychiatry and Addictions Institute; Parc de Salut Mar</p>	<p>Born in Barcelona, obtained my Medical degree in 1996. I have been interested in psychiatry from the beginning and in Addiction when I started the specialization training. I have been working in Hospital del Mar (Barcelona), in the Addiction Unit since 2001. I have obtained my PhD in 2010, in the field of pharmacogenomics in response to methadone maintenance treatment. My research interests have been focused in recent years in biomarkers of dual depression and now I am the co-PI of a research project aiming to find biomarkers of dual depression, also, from a gender perspective.</p> <p>In my personal life, my main hobby is photography and cinema. Also a yoga practitioner since 10 years ago.</p>
12		<p>Georgios Tzeferakos</p>  <p>Greece</p>	<p>Hellenic Psychiatric Association</p>	<p>Dr. Tzeferakos has a lot of experience in the fields of Forensic Psychiatry and Dual Diagnosis and in the management of difficult and dangerous patients, who present with severe and enduring mental health difficulties as well as in the field of geriatric psychiatry. He is president of Board of a Association for Regional Development and Mental Health (EPAPSY) and was appointed Director of Education, Research and Validation at the same NGO. Head of the Forensic Psychiatry and Dual Diagnosis Sections of the Hellenic Psychiatric Association and Resident Senior Psychiatrist in the mobile mental health units for West Cyclades with the EPAPSY an organisation offering psychosocial rehabilitation services (Assertive Community Treatment, individual and group psychotherapy, psychiatric care etc) to patients with a range of moderate to severe mental health difficulties including psychosis, depression, somatoform, affective, personality disorders etc. He is the author of numerous publications in both international and Greek journals and has served as editor of the ATI Forensic Psychiatric Journal since 2012 as well as a review editor in forensic psychiatry for Frontiers in Psychiatry. He has an ongoing and consistent presence as a speaker in both Greek and international psychiatric conferences, whilst his research interests include dual diagnosis, forensic psychiatry, involuntary psychiatric admissions, suicidality and community psychiatry.</p>
13		<p>Hussien Elkholly</p>  <p>Egypt</p>	<p>Ain Shams University, Egypt</p>	<p>Dr Elkholly (MBBCh, MSc, MD, MRCPsych) is an Associate Professor and consultant of psychiatry in the Department of Neurology and Psychiatry, Faculty of Medicine, Ain Shams University, Egypt. Dr Elkholly's areas of interest include general adult psychiatry, addiction and liaison psychiatry. He acted as co-director of tobacco control and cessation unit in the Institute of Psychiatry, Ain Shams University. Dr Elkholly's research interests in the field of addiction are tobacco dependence and addictive behaviours. He is a member of several editorial boards, and is a handling editor in the British Journal of Psychiatry International. Dr Elkholly is also the current co-chair of the Section on Education in Psychiatry in the World Psychiatric Association and a member of the Training and Education Committee in ISAM.</p>
14		<p>Jenna Butner</p>  <p>USA</p>	<p>CUNY and Yale School of Medicine, USA</p>	<p>Jenna Butner is an addiction medicine and family medicine physician born and raised in New York City. She completed residency in family medicine in the South Bronx at Bronx Lebanon Hospital, and completed two fellowships in hospice and palliative medicine at Mount Sinai Beth Israel in NYC, and addiction medicine at Yale University School of Medicine.</p> <p>She is passionate about treating hepatitis C and HIV in patients with substance use disorders. Her treatment approach to substance use disorders, particularly opioid use disorders, is through a harm reduction model, and she is an advocate for decreasing stigma of SUDs and mental health.</p> <p>She is also a 500-hour certified Jivamukti yoga instructor, with additional training in 12-step and trauma-informed yoga.</p>
15		<p>Jiang LONG</p>  <p>China</p>	<p>Shanghai Mental Health Center, Shanghai Jiao Tong University School of Medicine</p>	<p>M.D. and Ph. D. in mental health and psychiatry with integrated education background and extensive working experience on addiction in mental health facilities.</p>

16		<p>Katrine Melby</p>  <p>Norway</p>	<p>Department of clinical pharmacology, St. Olav University Hospital, Trondheim, Norway</p>	<p>I am the mother of two, and a physician working in clinical pharmacology and addiction medicine in Trondheim, Norway. I completed my PhD on a double-blind RCT in treatment of alcohol dependence in 2020. This project gave me the opportunity to present my research in different conferences, due to the Late-Breaking Abstract Award at ASAM 2017, the NIDA-travel grant at the ISAM annual meeting in 2018, IDARS travel grant 2019 and Volterra conference 2020 (postponed to 2022). I am a board member of BRAC, a biological research group with focus on pharmacology, addiction medicine, toxicology and neurology, and I hope to be able to continue working on projects with international collaboration in the future. My goal is to do more research on pharmacological treatment in addiction disorders in order to improve the treatment available today, and get to know more about research and treatment of addiction in other countries.</p>
17		<p>Kelly Ridley</p>  <p>Australia</p>	<p>West Australian Country Health</p>	<p>I am an Addiction Psychiatrist working in a country town in rural Western Australia. I've recently finished my specialist training and a Masters in Public Health. I love teaching students at our local Rural Clinical School and to other health professionals across the state. Most recently I have been working on policies, procedures and publication relating to how tobacco smoking and nicotine dependence is managed in our state. When I'm not at work I like to explore the beautiful region I work in and take advantage of the local produce and wineries. In other times I like to keep a work-life balance by jet setting off to new destinations, but more recently I have had to settle the wanderlust by trying new foods in the kitchen at home.</p>
18		<p>Laura Orsolini</p>  <p>Italy</p>	<p>Psychiatrist and clinical researcher at Hertfordshire University, Hatfield, UK and Department of Clinical Neurosciences/DIMSC, School of Medicine, Polytechnic Univ. of Marche, Ancona, Italy</p>	<p>Dr Laura Orsolini is a M.D., Addiction, Forensic and General Adult Psychiatrist, Clinical Researcher at the Unit of Clinical Psychiatry, Department of Clinical Neurosciences/DIMSC, School of Medicine, Polytechnic University of Marche, Ancona, Italy and Research Fellow at the Psychopharmacology Drug Misuse and NPS Research Unit, School of Life and Medical Sciences, University of Hertfordshire, Hatfield, Herts, UK. She was post-doc senior research assistant at the Psychopharmacology Drug Misuse and NPS Research Unit, School of Life and Medical Sciences, University of Hertfordshire within the EU-funded SON, EU-MADNESS and EPS/NPS projects working in the field of Novel Psychoactive Substances (NPS), Legal Highs/Designer Drugs, drug-related dark web and deepweb activities, cybercommunities of e-psychonauts, profiling of new drug consumers. She is currently working in clinical and research activities in the field of Youth Mental Health, particularly focussing on web-based psychopathology, digital and behavioural addictions as well as Digital Psychiatry in Youth Mental Health and Addictions. She obtained a MSc in Forensic Psychiatry, Criminology, PGCert in Forensic Psychology, MSc in Health Economy and Management. She is board member of the ECPC committee of the Italian Society of Psychiatry (SIP), Italian Society of Social Psychiatry (SIPS), secretary of the TeleMental Health section of the European Psychiatric Association (EPA), member of the WPA sections of Informatics, Addictions and ECPC, board member of the task force on "e-Mental Health" of the SIPS, member of the NECPAM.</p>
19		<p>Mandana Sadeghi</p>  <p>Iran</p>	<p>Technical manager of Aftab Mehrvarzi clinic</p>	<p>I am hardworking and eager to learn.</p>
20		<p>Mehdi Farokhnia</p>  <p>USA</p>	<p>NIDA and NIAAA, NIH</p>	<p>Dr. Farokhnia is a Staff Scientist in the Section on Clinical Psychoneuroendocrinology and Neuropsychopharmacology (CPN), a research group jointly supported by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Intramural Research Program and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) Division of Intramural Clinical and Biological Research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Dr. Farokhnia received his medical degree from Tehran University of Medical Sciences and completed a postdoctoral fellowship, supported by an Intramural Research Training Award, in Dr. Lorenzo Leggio's lab at the NIH Clinical Center. Dr. Farokhnia's research has been focused on understanding the neurobiology of addictive behaviors and identifying/testing novel therapeutic targets for alcohol and other substance use disorders. He utilizes a combination of behavioral, pharmacological, genetic, and neuroimaging methods and is also interested in investigating innovative human laboratory approaches to facilitate the crosstalk between preclinical and clinical research, with a particular focus on behavioral pharmacology and substance use. Another line of research that Dr. Farokhnia is pursuing includes using big data to characterize possible biobehavioral substrates of health disparity (e.g., racial disparity) in risk/resilience to addiction and other mental health disorders.</p>

21		<p>Mehrnoosh Vahidi</p>  <p>Iran</p>	<p>Tehran University of Medical Sciences</p>	<p>Finishing my medical school years in 2107, I decided to continue my path as a Psychiatrist derived by the passion to help people understand their mind and self. As a psychiatric resident at Tehran university of medical sciences, I got involved with ISAM endeavors to help people with addiction problems and now I am more and more looking forward to reach ISAM NEXt goals through working together internationally to refine addiction-related services.</p>
22		<p>Mitika Kanabar</p>  <p>USA</p>	<p>CSAM/ISAM</p>	<p>Dr. Mitika Kanabar is a board-certified Addiction Medicine, Lifestyle Medicine and Family Medicine physician practicing in California, USA. Dr. Kanabar did her medical school in India, then completed her Master's in Public Health in Epidemiology from the University of Minnesota. After her residency in Family Medicine in Minnesota, she moved to California for her fellowship in Addiction Medicine at Stanford University. She also participated in the Research in Addiction Medicine Scholars Program at Boston University and researched on benzodiazepine use trends. Currently Dr. Kanabar serves on the membership committee for the California Society of Addiction Medicine and has previously served as a conference planner for the same. Dr. Kanabar's interests are in research and publications. She is passionate about holistic care for people suffering from substance use disorders and is interested in behavioral addictions. Dr. Kanabar has been involved in giving talks locally and internationally to disseminate information about the disease of addiction and has also participated in podcasts.</p>
23		<p>Mohammed Aljneibi</p>  <p>UAE</p>	<p>Consultant psychiatrist at National Rehabilitation Centre, UAE</p>	<p>Dr Mohammed is an Arab board-certified psychiatrist with extensive experience in diagnosing and treating mentally ill patients with various psychiatric problems across different age groups in different settings. Expert in treating general adult psychiatric patients and patients with addiction and/or other co-morbid psychiatric disorders. Currently Dr Mohammed is working as consultant psychiatrist At National rehabilitation center in Abu Dhabi. Graduated from college of medicine, United Arab Emirates University, in 2006, completed his training in psychiatry at Tawam and Alain hospitals in 2011, got his Arab board certificate in psychiatry in 2012.</p>
24		<p>Paolo Grandinetti</p>  <p>Italy</p>	<p>Addictions Service, Dept. Territorial Services, ASL Teramo, Teramo, Italy.</p>	<p>Dr Paolo Grandinetti is a psychiatrist and currently Co-chair of NECPAM.</p>
25		<p>Paxton Bach</p>  <p>Canada</p>	<p>University of British Columbia</p>	<p>Paxton Bach MD, MSc, ABIM, FRCPC, CISAM, FASAM is a post-doctoral research fellow with the BC Centre on Substance Use and a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine at the University of British Columbia. He additionally serves as the Director for the BCCSU Clinical Addiction Medicine Fellowship Program, and works as an addiction medicine physician and preceptor at St. Paul's Hospital, in Vancouver, Canada. Dr. Bach conducts research in the area of opioid and stimulant use disorders, with a focus on epidemiologic trends in use and on the development of evidence-based treatment strategies. He is additionally interested in the management of complex medical co-morbidities in patients with concurrent substance use disorders, and exploring innovative ways to improve the care of this vulnerable population. Dr. Bach completed his undergraduate medical training at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, before relocating to the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, British Columbia, for a residency in internal medicine. He has since completed clinical fellowships in General Internal Medicine and Addiction Medicine, along with the Canada Addiction Medicine Research Fellowship. He has received numerous awards and recognitions for his work, including participation in the NIDA funded Research in Addiction Medicine Scholars program, operated jointly through Boston University and the Yale School of Medicine. He is certified as an addiction medicine specialist through the International Society of Addiction Medicine and the American Board of Preventative Medicine.</p>

26		<p>Serenella Tolomeo</p>  <p>Singapore</p>	<p>National University of Singapore (NUS)</p>	<p>Dr Serenella Tolomeo currently works at the National University of Singapore. Her research focuses on determining brain pathophysiological mechanisms underlying psychiatric and addictive disorders. Her research goals integrate cognitive neuroscience, neuroimaging and psychiatry.</p> <p>EMPLOYMENTS</p> <p>2019-Present. Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Department of Psychology, National University of Singapore.</p> <p>2018-2019 Research Fellow, School of Medicine, University of St Andrews.</p> <p>2012-2014 Research Assistant, School of Medicine, University of Dundee.</p> <p>EDUCATION</p> <p>2020 Ph.D. Neuroscience and Neuroimaging, Medical School, University of Dundee, UK.</p> <p>2012 M.Sc. Cognitive Neuroscience, University of Milano-Bicocca, Milan, Italy.</p> <p>2010 B.Sc. Neuropsychology, University of Milano-Bicocca, Milan, Italy.</p>
27		<p>Sung Young Huh</p>  <p>Korea, Rep</p>	<p>Pusan National University Yangsan Hospital</p>	<p>My name is Sung Young Huh. I am pleased to meet to you. I am interested in alcohol and behavioral addiction. I'm a quiet type in a unfamiliar situation. But I can talk well when I get close. So I want to get close to you with this meeting.</p>
28		<p>Venkata Lakshmi Narasimha</p>  <p>India</p>	<p>Assistant Professor Psychiatry, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Deoghar, India</p>	<p>I became passionate about Addiction during my post-graduation and later I did my specialized training in Addiction Psychiatry for 4 years. I am also certified by ISAM in Addiction Medicine. Clinically, I am good at handing complications related to alcohol and I published many articles related to it. Academically, I am a good teacher and I love teaching post graduates in psychiatry. Personally, I am an Ultra-marathon runner and I have an hobby of running at different places, terrains and continents.</p>
29		<p>Vicky Phan</p>  <p>Australia</p>	<p>Turning Point/Monash Addiction Research Centre</p>	<p>Vicky Phan has experience working across alcohol and other drug and mental health services in both NSW and Victoria, and believes in a holistic and person-centred approach when working with people and their families. Her areas of interest include mental health comorbidity, harm minimisation, pharmacotherapy, training and education. Outside of medicine she enjoys travel and the arts.</p>
30		<p>Wafaa Elsawy</p>  <p>Egypt</p>	<p>Alexandria University, Egypt</p>	<p>A medical doctor, graduated at Faculty of Medicine in Alexandria University, Egypt. After my bachelor degree I pursued my passion for public health and received my Master in Public health, majoring Epidemiology at Alexandria University as well in 2018. My Thesis was focused on mental health and at that time I developed a deeper interest in the field of public mental health and I currently work at the Mental Health and Substance Use unit at the Non communicable diseases department of the Eastern Mediterranean Region Office of the World Health Organization in Cairo.</p>

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Dr. Zhao has been engaged in clinical, teaching and scientific research in psychiatry and addiction since 1996. She has received more than 20 research national and international grants from WHO and NIH. She has published over 200 peer-reviewed articles and 6 books, 30 book chapters. She is on the editorial board of peer review journals including *Addiction*, *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews*. She is a member of informal scientific group of UNODC, and a member of international advisory group and FSCG of ICD-11 mental, behavioural and neurodevelopmental disorders (MBD) and led the field study of ICD-11 MBD in China. She is the vice president of Chinese Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Association, Executive Committee of Chinese Society of Psychiatry and Chairman of Committee of Shanghai Society of Psychiatry.

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