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 distinguish 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](https://b-com.mci-group.com/AbstractSubmission/ISAM2012.aspx)

Best wishes, see you all in Geneva

Hannu Alho, ISAM President
Happy news from Norway: The Minister of Health and Care Services has decided to establish a full medical specialty in Addiction Medicine.

On June 22nd 2012, the Norwegian Minister of Health and Care Services Anne-Grete Strøm-Erichsen put forward a Governmental White Paper on “Drug and Alcohol Policy”. One of the decisions in this paper is to establish a full medical specialty in Addiction Medicine.

This has been a long struggle for Norwegian doctors involved in the treatment of addictions. The first proposal was turned down by the Norwegian Medical Association in 1999. The second proposal was considered positive, but was turned down in 2003 by the Norwegian Council for Specialities and Specialist Education. In 2004 the “Drug Reform” was launched by the government giving the Specialised Health Care System the responsibility for the treatment of Drug and Alcohol patients. The Multidisciplinary Specialised Treatment was established for the treatment of patients with problems with alcohol, prescribed drugs and/or illegal drugs.

The Norwegian Association of Addiction Medicine (NFRAM) is one of 60 specialty branches (associations of physicians with shared scientific interests) in the Norwegian Medical Association. In 2008, NFRAM made a report commissioned by the Norwegian Medical Association: Evaluation of a New Speciality in Addiction Medicine. This report was approved by the Medical Association in 2009. The report was then further developed and approved by the Norwegian Council for Specialities and Specialist training and the Norwegian Directorate of Health in 2010. Finally, last Friday the decision was taken by the Ministry of Health and Care Services to establish a full medical specialty in Addiction Medicine.

The time frame for the new Addiction Speciality is 5 years. The suggested internship in accredited institutions includes three years in different part of Addiction treatment (in-patient, out-patient, detoxification, rehabilitation and opioid maintenance treatment), one year in psychiatry and an unspecified year in for example research or working as a GP. The candidates should have individualised learning plans, clinical supervision, hospital based internship teaching and specified national addiction medicine courses.

What is left to do? The suggested speciality rules have to be further developed, a speciality board has to be appointed and teaching hospitals have to be appointed and accredited. We have to develop transition speciality rules/interim regulations for medical doctors who have the necessary competence in Addiction medicine to ensure clinical supervision for the new specialist candidates. There is a lot of work ahead, but we are happy to go on with this work for the benefit of our patients. More competent doctors mean better treatment for our patients.

Submitted by Dr. G. Welle-Strand

ONWARD TO ISAM 2012 GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

Treatment Delivery Systems: asserting the future

A reminder that registration is open for ISAM 2012 Geneva. A preliminary program and information are available at: www.ISAM2012.org

DATES: October 15-18, 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)

CONFERENCE INFORMATION:
ISAM 2012 c/o MCI Suisse SA, Conference Organizers
75, rue de Lyon
1211 Geneva 13, Switzerland
Tel: +41 22 33 99 586/ Fax + 41 22 33 99 651/ Email: isam2012@mci-group.com

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 Maldonando Lopez
- Dr. Jurgen Rehm
- Dr. Wilson Compton
- Prof. David Nutt

REGISTRATION

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**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 CICG
- 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 evening, 14 October 2012 at the CICG
- 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 ACCOMMODATIONS
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 for 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

INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION

Certification Exam 2012 sittings:
- 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.

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 |

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