



Newsletter

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Message from the President

Dear Colleagues and Friends:

This year ISAM's 15th annual meeting will convene in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, under the theme of *Managing Addiction through Evidence-Based Medical & Psychological Interventions*. Organizers include the University Malaya, the national Anti-Drug Agency of Malaysia, the Ministry of Health of Malaysia, the Malaysian AIDS Council, the Department of Prison of Malaysia, and the University of Malay Center of Addiction Sciences.

As per previous ISAM meetings, the annual meeting will be a unique opportunity for social interaction and networking among colleagues, as well as giving rise to a forum conducive to sharing of information in the field. The highlights for the 2013 annual meeting will offer a special time to share and enjoy the beauty and hospitality of Malaysia.

This meeting will mark a milestone as the first ISAM annual meeting to be held in Asia and we hope that it will be a positive opportunity to connect with our colleagues in this corner of the globe.

I am very enthusiastic in welcoming you all to Kuala Lumpur, our host city for the 15th ISAM annual meeting.

Registration and abstract submission are now open and we invite you to come and participate.

Best wishes, see you all in November

Hannu Alho, ISAM President

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ISAM COMMITTEES

In its continuing efforts to improve the ongoing running of ISAM, the ISAM Board of Directors established five committees to support the functions of the Society in key areas:

- Executive Committee (Chair H. Alho as President of ISAM with the President Elect and immediate Past-President)
- Education and Training Committee (Chair G. Welle-Strand)
- Membership Committee (Chair S. Higuchi)
- Public Relations Committee (Chair J. Reimer)
- Financial Committee (Chair K. Bardy)

These committees are now seeking active members, if you are interested please contact the Committee Chair or the ISAM office (isam.mdorozio@gmail.com).

RESULTS OF OUR MEMBER SURVEY ON ISAM PUBLICATIONS

Thank you to all who participated. The results of our survey on ISAM publications has been summarized below:

1. Do you read the ISAM web pages that are available at www.isamweb.org ?
- 59 % reads web pages regularly
2. Overall, are you satisfied, dissatisfied, or neither satisfied nor dissatisfied with our web pages?
- 74 % are satisfied (extremely, moderately or slightly), and extremely dissatisfied 0 %
3. Once you receive the email notice, do you go to the ISAM webpages to read the latest Newsletter?
- 58 % reads Newsletter each time and 6 % never
4. Overall, are you satisfied, dissatisfied, or neither satisfied nor dissatisfied with our Newsletter?
- 71 % are satisfied and 3 % are extremely dissatisfied on the content
5. What ADDITIONAL information would you like to be included in the Newsletter?
- many different proposals, but here are the most frequently reported:
 - More news from around the world
 - More information about addiction medicine in different countries
 - More news and international links
 - Anything that interferes with a one button click immediate access
 - ISAM is very important to me
 - More substance abuse open access publication info;
 - ISAM should be a network for the publications in the field of addictions
6. Are you happy with receiving an email notice of the ISAM Newsletter by E-mail, or would you prefer hard copy?
- 76 % are happy with the current e-mailing, and 21 % like newsletter to be published in open access journals, 0 % likes a hard copy
7. As ISAM member do you have an access to the Substance Abuse journal ?
- 41 % replied that "Yes, I have the access code but I never or seldom read the journal"
- 38 % replied that "No, I do not have the access code but I like to have one"
8. Overall, are you satisfied, dissatisfied, or neither satisfied nor dissatisfied with content of Substance Abuse?
- 44 % were satisfied (all categories),
- 38 % were neutral
- 18 % dissatisfied (all categories)
9. ISAM annual meeting abstracts are made available on the ISAM web pages, are you satisfied with this ?

- 59 % are happy with publishing at ISAM web pages,
- 38 % would like them to be published at open access journal
- 3 % likes them to be published at Substance Abuse journal

10. How many ISAM annual meetings have you attended?

- 18 % attended 0 times
- 41 % attended 1-3 times
- 23 % attended 4-6 times
- 18 % attended 7 or more times

Webpages changes and Online registration for 2013 Dues

- A new online membership registration for First time members, Renewal membership and Affiliate Society dues will soon be available on the ISAM webpages www.isamweb.org
- ISAM accepts both VISA and Mastercard
- Multi-year registration for 3 or 5 years will also be available
- A notice will be sent to the membership once the online registration is operating
- We are currently updating our webpages and will soon have a 'new look'

FUTURE ANNUAL MEETING LOCATIONS

ISAM 2014 Yokohama, Japan
Oct 2-6, 2014
www.isam2014.com

ISAM 2015 Dundee, Scotland
Oct 4-8, 2015

ISAM 2016 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Anyone interested to host an ISAM Annual meeting is invited to inform the Head Office of their intention and be prepared to bring a brief presentation to the Board of Directors at the annual meeting.

INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION 2013

- ISAM Annual Meeting, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Wednesday, Nov 20th, 2013
- CSAM [Canadian Society of Addiction Medicine] Annual Meeting, Vancouver, Canada Wednesday, Sep 25, 2013
- 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*.

ONWARD TO ISAM 2013 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Managing Addiction through Evidence Based Medical & Psychological Interventions

Happy greeting from Kuala Lumpur!!!

It is an honour for me to invite all delegates from various parts of the world to converge to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia for the ISAM's 15th Annual Meeting. It is for the first time it will be held in the Asia Pacific region.

As the field of addiction develops rapidly it is necessary for us to keep updated to enable us providing comprehensive services to our patients. As more and more evidence supporting medical treatment for addiction becomes available, it is vital for us to critically examine the choices of treatment. The theme of the meeting is "Managing Addiction through Evidence Based Medical and Psychosocial Interventions". In this meeting experts in the field will give updates on the latest development in the area of addiction. Since amphetamines use is a growing problem the meeting will also emphasise on it and subsequently, it will try to discuss critically scientific evidence on this type of drug use. As we know there are also emerging new behavioural addictions such as internet addiction which will also be the focus of this meeting.

Apart from attending the scientific programs delegates will have opportunities to visit interesting attractions in Malaysia. As widely known Malaysia is also known for its truly Asia culture. Food heaven is also synonymously attached to Kuala Lumpur.

Your participation in the 15th Annual Meeting for ISAM in Kuala Lumpur from 21st till 23rd November 2013 will definitely make this meeting more exciting.

"*Selamat Datang*" and Welcome to Kuala Lumpur

Dr Muhammad Muhsin Ahmad Zahari

*Chair, Local Organising Committee for ISAM's 15th Annual Meeting 2013
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.*

DATES: November 21-23, 2013

VENUE: Menara Tekekom (TM) Convention Centre

VISA INFORMATION: <http://www.imi.gov.my/index.php/en/main-services/syarat-kemasukan-ke-malaysia>
(please check if you require a VISA for entry into Malaysia)

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: Deadline June 15, 2013

REGISTRATION: Registration is open for ISAM 2013 Kuala Lumpur – Early Registration ends July 31st, 2013. A preliminary program and information are available at: www.ISAM2013.org

CONFERENCE INFORMATION: isam2013kl@gmail.com

HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS: Details on several hotels (from 5 Stars to 3 Stars) can be found on the ISAM2013 webpages under GENERAL INFORMATION along with other very useful items for those traveling to Malaysia.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM: Detailed Conference information is available: www.isam2013.org

REGISTRATION

In US dollars for Foreign Delegates	Early – till Jul 31 st	Aug 1 – Oct 31 st	Nov 1 onward & on site
ISAM Members	\$520	\$600	\$680
Affiliated Society Members*	\$585	\$675	\$765
Non ISAM Members	\$650	\$750	\$850
Students, Low and Lower Middle Income Economies (World Bank Categories)	\$250	\$300	\$400
Accompanying Persons	\$150	\$200	\$300
Workshops	\$100	\$150	\$150
In MYR for Malaysian Nationals			
Conference Registration - Nationals	MYR600	MYR700	MYR800
Workshop (fee for Nationals)	MYR300	MYR350	MYR350

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NEW ISAM ONLINE MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION & RENEWAL

In order to make dues payments and renewals more accessible and easier - We are excited to announce that online payment for Membership dues and dues renewal will be implemented by October 2013 on the ISAM webpages (isamweb.org)

ISAM 2013 membership dues are now due and required to take advantage of the reduce registration rate for ISAM members to attend ISAM 2013 Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia Nov 21-23, 2013. Members will have to still use the membership form or renewal form on the ISAM webpages for this year.

If you have not already done so, please go to ISAMweb.org to renew your 2013 dues.