RECAP OF ISAM 2011 OSLO

ISAM 2011 Oslo, organized by SERAF (the Norwegian Centre for Addiction Research) was officially opened by his Royal Highness Crown Prince Haakon and presented a great opportunity for colleagues in the field of Addiction Medicine to meet and take advantage of high-caliber speakers.

The conference ran over 4 days with 2 morning and 2 afternoon Plenary talks, as well as a morning and afternoon Parallel Symposia sessions and a Poster session.

The Plenary presentations by well-known international speakers in the field were all well received as per the evaluations:

- **Does Drug Policy Matter? An assessment of the evidence**
  Peter Reuter

- **Compulsory and quasi-compulsory treatment research and practice**
  Ambros Uchtenhagen

- **An oriental mystery: the alcohol flushing response and its clinical and preventive implications**
  Susumu Higuchi

- **Drug Abuse treatment efficacy: Clinical vs Scientific realities**
  Ivan Montoya

- **Limitations in the clinical use of all this neurobiological knowledge**
  Michael Gossop

- **DSM-V: Implications for research and treatment**
  Deborah Hasin

- **A medical specialty in addiction medicine: Approaches, specializations and regulations**
  Helge Waal

- **The Amsterdam situation: open drug scenes as problem of the past?**
  Wim van den Brink
Mortality among regular or dependent users of heroin and other opioids: A systematic review and meta-analysis of cohort studies
Louisa Degenhardt

Standards of care for substance dependence during pregnancy and impact on development outcome in exposed children
Gabriele Fischer

Crossed wires and double trouble: the neuroscience of dual diagnosis
R. Andrew Chambers

Treatment options; agonist replacement and antagonist relapse prevention – not only for opioid dependency?
Michael Farrell

Substance Abuse and HIV/AIDS in Africa
Charles Parry

The program format included opportunities for colleagues from 42 countries worldwide to network and interact. It is estimated that each delegate has the potential to reach an exponential number of colleagues in their country with the information and updates learned through inservices, lectures, seminars, etc.

Attendees: 461 participants from 42 countries:

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Evaluations
The meeting had positive reviews from attendees with an overall score of 4.55. Facilities and venue were evaluated and the suggestions for improvement passed on to the next LOC and future planners of the ISAM Annual meetings.

WHO-ISAM, NIDA-ISAM and ISAM member Grants in Aid of Travel encouraged colleagues to share their research and promote an interchange of ideas and information.

Adrian Abagiu, Romania - How harmful are the new “legal drugs” in reality?
Kelly Clark, USA - The role of US health plans in opioid management
William Ebiti, Nigeria - Determinants of psychoactive substance use among individuals in Borstal Institution in Nigeria
Stuart Gitlow, USA - The role of US treatment in opioid management
Shelly Iskandar, Indonesia - Role of mu opioid receptor in addiction and HIV
Joshua Lee, USA - Extended-Release Naltrexone as Jail and Prison Re-entry Treatment for Opioid Dependence
David Matuskey, USA - Subcortical D3/D2 receptor binding in cocaine dependent humans
Mahmoud Nazar, Malaysia - Matrix program for opiates and stimulants drug users in community rehabilitation setting
Bola Ola, Nigeria - Psycho-education in substance abuse prevention: is it effective among Nigerian senior school students?

Moushumi Purkayastha, India - Alcohol dependence with comorbidities – case report

The awardees presented on their topics gaining valuable experience. Awardee evaluations expressed appreciation and thanks for this opportunity to present to an international audience of addiction specialists and gather information to take back to their home countries. Several noted that the fellowships allowed those from economically constrained countries a chance to gain insights in the field which would otherwise have been impossible.

Dissemination of information - All abstracts were distributed to delegates and will also be posted on the ISAM webpages.

ISAM AWARD FOR BEST ABSTRACT 2011

The ISAM 2011 Scientific Committee was proud to announce Birgit Kochl as the recipient for the above award at ISAM 2011 Oslo outlining her work with traumatized children and adolescents.

Ms. Kochl studied psychology at the University of Vienna from 2004-2009 and afterwards educated as a clinical and health psychologist specializing in the field of psychiatry with her main interests being addiction and trauma. Currently she is a PhD student and employed at the Department of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, Vienna, Austria as a research assistant and at Die Boje as a clinical psychologist for traumatized children and adolescents.

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Treatment Delivery Systems: asserting the future

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DATES: October 14-18, 2012

VENUE: International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG)

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Deadline for Symposia Submissions: Mar 30, 2012
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