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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:

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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

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Limitations in the clinical use of all this neurobiological knowledge

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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:

Australia	Austria	Belgium	Canada	Czech Rep.	Denmark
Egypt	England	Finland	France	Gambia	Georgia
Germany	Iceland	India	Indonesia	Iran	Iraq
Israel	Italy	Japan	Kenya	Korea (South)	Liberia
Lithuania	Malaysia	Nepal	Netherlands	New Zealand	Nigeria
Norway	Romania	Russia	Scotland	Slovakia	Slovenia
South Africa	Sweden	Switzerland	Thailand	Uganda	USA

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.

BOARD POSITION VACANCY

As per the restructuring approved by the ISAM Board of Directors, Board positions are attached to a specific job description. Currently there is a vacancy on the Board of Directors linked to the job of WebMaster outlined below:

Webmaster

- Term, three years renewable once
- Work with webpage host editor to keep pages current
- Editor of the website implementing all updates and changes to information quarterly or as required
- Ensure developing the website to serve the members' need
- Creating quarterly newsletter for membership
- Monitoring future blogs or discussion forum on webpages
- Develop on line membership application, membership renewal and payment system (in conjunction with ISAM office)

The Board would like to welcome expressions of interest from the membership to fill this specific position. Please send your CV with experience in Webpages to the ISAM office at ISAM.mdorozio@gmail.com

INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION

Potential Certification Exam for the 2011 sitting(s):

- ISAM Annual Meeting, Geneva, Switzerland Oct 14-18, 2012
- CSAM Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada Sep 20-22, 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*.

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

DATES: October 14-18, 2012

VENUE: International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG)

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 will be open: Feb 1, 2012

Deadline for Symposia Submissions: Mar 30, 2012

Deadline for Abstract Submission: May 15, 2012

CONFERENCE INFORMATION:

ISAM 2012 c/o MCI Suisse SA, Conference Organizers

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FUTURE CONFERENCE 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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Dues for 2012: renewal form

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*** 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
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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	Sierra Leone	Solomon Islands	Somalia
Sudan	Tajikistan	Tanzania	Timor-Leste	Togo	Uganda
Uzbekistan	Vietnam	Yemen, Rep	Zambia	Zimbabwe	