



Newsletter

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Message from the President

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Dear Colleagues and Friends:

This year ISAM's 16th annual meeting will convene in Yokohama, Japan, under the theme of **Addictions: Issues for the Next Decade**. The main organizer is the National Hospital Organization, Kurihama Medical and Addiction Center, chaired by Professor Susumu Higuchi. This meeting will mark a new milestone as the first ISAM annual meeting to be held in Japan. We are sure that it will be a positive opportunity for ISAM to grow. And for you, the outstanding program gives a unique opportunity to add to your knowledge of the field in understanding and treating addictions.

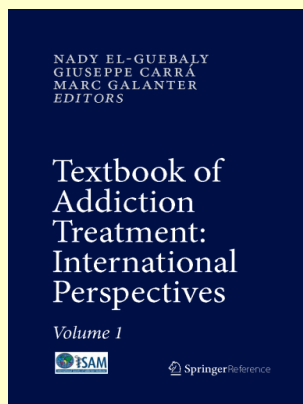
As per previous ISAM meetings, the annual meeting will offer a unique opportunity for social interaction and networking among colleagues, as well as giving rise to a forum conducive to the sharing of information. The highlights for the 2014 annual meeting will provide a special vehicle to learn about new issues, facilitate new research and collaborations and share time with your colleagues and friends around the globe.

I am very pleased and honored in welcoming you all to Yokohama, our host city for the 16th ISAM annual meeting.

Take advantage of this educational event to learn about updates and new issues, enjoy the meeting, connect with old colleagues, make new friends and most of all enjoy the special beauty and hospitality of Japan.

Professor Hannu Alho,
ISAM President

ISAM TEXTBOOK READY TO LAUNCH!



We are excited to announce imminent launch of ***the Textbook of Addiction Treatment: International Perspectives*** (A Springer Reference). The 4-tome textbook will be available at a discount rate to ISAM and ISAM affiliate society members. A notice will be sent out to members and there will be a link on the webpages for ordering with the discount.

Editors: N. el-Guebaly, University of Calgary, Calgary, Canada; M. Galanter, New York University, New York, USA; G. Carrà, University College London, London, United Kingdom

Presenting a world view of the spectrum of addictions-related problems across different cultures, this reference volume highlights the main differences and similarities between clinical practices in the field of Addiction Medicine based on neurobiological similarities as well as epidemiological and socio-cultural differences.

Addiction is an increasingly recognized major global public health issue. A growing number of medical specialties, psychological and social science training programs, and professional associations are incorporating addiction as part of their training and continuing education curricula across a broad array of cultures. The need for an International Textbook in this expanding field has therefore become evident.

This Textbook, which collates the experience and wisdom of some 260 leaders in the field, from 30 countries, is promoted by the International Society of Addiction Medicine (ISAM), founded in 1999, which has as its principal mission the education of practitioners in Addiction Medicine and their trainees worldwide (website: www.isamweb.org).

This unique book offers:

- An international perspective with broad authorship for an increasingly recognized major public health issue
- A reference text for the medical specialties as well as psychology, nursing, and social sciences worldwide
- A compendium of the core knowledge required from a standard practitioner in Addiction Medicine worldwide
- A reference book for the ISAM certification

CONTENTS: 150 Chapters in 12 Sections

Basic Sciences and Clinical Foundations - Heinz, A. (Germany); el-Guebaly, N. (Canada)

Screening and Early Interventions - Saunders, J. (Australia); Latt, N. (Australia)

Drugs of Abuse and Pharmacotherapies for Substance Disorders - Montoya, I. (U.S.); Bobes, J. (Spain)

Behavioural Approaches - Rawson, R. (U.S.); Galanter, M. (U.S.)

Social Therapies and Treatment Settings - Bunt, G. (U.S.); Nazar, M. (Malaysia)

Main Elements of a Systems Approach to Addiction Treatment - Uchtenhagen, A. (Switzerland); Carrà, G. (Italy)

Behavioural Addictions and Management Applications - el-Guebaly, N. (Canada); Tavares, H. (Brazil)

Medical Disorders and Complications of Alcohol & Other Drugs; Pain and Addiction - Khalsa, J. (U.S.); Haber, P. (Australia)

Psychiatric Comorbidities and Complications of Alcohol & Other Drugs - Brady, K. (U.S.); Carrà, G. (Italy)

Special Populations - Carrà, G. (Italy); el-Guebaly, N. (Canada)

Children, Adolescents and Young Adults - Crome, I. (U.K.); Milin, R. (Canada)

Education and Training - el-Guebaly, N. (Canada); de Jong, C. (Netherlands)

ONLINE MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION & RENEWAL

Online payment of membership dues and dues renewal is now available on the ISAM webpages: www.isamweb.org with VISA or Mastercard. Multi-year registration for 3 or 5 years is also available. **Please Note: Because of our new webpages and database – everyone must register as a New Member (one time only) and will be issued a new login and password.**

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. Brady)

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

GEARING UP FOR ISAM 2014 Yokohama, Japan

ADDICTION: Issues for the Next Decade

On behalf of the local organizing committee and the international program committee, we cordially invite you to the International Society of Addiction Medicine (ISAM) World Congress in 2014 in Yokohama, Japan.

Alcohol and drug problems are serious health and social concerns across the globe. Likewise, problems arising from behavioral addictions have expanded and become major social threats globally.

Please take a moment to check out the program that will be offered by ISAM 2014 Yokohama. We believe the LOC has put together a program that will cover relevant topics, updates in treatment, management and prevention, and give attendees a solid grounding on the problems in the addiction field worldwide.

Presentations will offer insight on how different countries are dealing with these global problems with diverse resources and from a variety of perspectives.

This Congress will be co-hosted by the Japanese Society of Alcohol-Related Problems, the Science Council of Japan, and the National Hospital Organization Kurihama Medical and Addiction Center. The Congress will be jointly held by the three major scientific societies related to addiction in Japan.

The program will offer time to network with your peers and colleagues around the world and several events will be offered to allow participants to experience aspect of the Japanese culture.

We hope you will join us in beautiful Yokohama and participate in this very encompassing educational event.

DATES: October 2-6, 2014

VENUE: Pacifico Yokohama Conference Center

CONFERENCE INFORMATION: www.congre.co.jp/isam2014

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REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS ATTENDING ISAM 2014

The ISAM 2014 Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 4th, in Room 1 at the Pacific Yokohama Conference Center from 13:20 – 14:05 PM

FUTURE ANNUAL MEETING LOCATIONS

ISAM 2015 Dundee, Scotland
Oct 4-8, 2015
www.isamdundee2015.com

ISAM 2016 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
TBA

ISAM 2017 Abu Dhabi, UAE
TBA

Anyone interested in hosting 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 on **October 2, 2014**.

INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION 2015

- ISAM Annual Meeting, Dundee, Scotland Oct. 4th, 2015
- CSAM-SMCA [Canadian Society of Addiction Medicine] Annual Meeting, Calgary, Canada Nov. 4th, 2015
- 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 under the tab *ISAM Products/International Certification*.

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COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITY

An invitation to participate in an opportunity for collaboration on ICD-11 is available.

- The World Health Organization (WHO) is looking to identify sites/centers in under-developed countries
- Funding and materials for project would be provided by WHO

For more details or to express interest, please contact Dr. Tarek Gawad: tarekgawad@me.com ISAM members will be contacted directly by Dr. Gawad.