

**Minutes of the ISAM 2010 GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**Milan, Italy**  
**Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**3:00 – 4:00 PM**

28 members in attendance

1. ISAM President Dr. T. Gawad called the meeting to order at 3:10 PM and introduced the ISAM Board of Directors.
2. The 2009 Minutes were read out. After questions, motion by Dr. A. Munoz, seconded by Dr. R. Haemmig to adopt the Minutes of Calgary, Canada 2009. Carried.
3. Annual Meetings: The presentations with preliminary details will be available on the ISAM website.
  - 2010 - Recap of Milan, Italy  
442 participants from 41 countries: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Iceland, India, Iran, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea (South), Latvia, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Malaysia, New Zealand, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, USA.  
Early comments on excellent program.  
Appreciation expressed to hosts: Prof. M. Clerici and Dr. G. Carra for all their work.
  - 2011 - Oslo, Norway – Sept 6-10, 2011 Dr. Jorgen Bramness
    - Webpages up: [www.isam2011.org](http://www.isam2011.org)
    - Presentation given.
    - Deadlines: Abstracts & Symposia (May 15); Early registration (June 15); and Fellowship applications for WHO-ISAM and NIDA-ISAM early April.
  - 2012 – Geneva, Switzerland Oct 15-18, 2012 Dr. Riaz Khan  
Venue: Centre International de Conférences, Geneva  
Socials: Museums, Old Town, Saleve excursion, etc.  
University Hospital supporter  
WHO and NIDA participation  
Proposition of “Alcohol Day”
  - 2013 – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia Dr. A. Rushdi  
Venue: Trade Center  
Broad topics  
Harm Reduction strategies being implemented in Malaysia
  - 2014 - Yokohama, Japan Tentative dates: Sept 30 – Oct 5, 2014 Dr. Susumu Higachi  
Venue: Convention Center  
One of main goals: to increase ISAM profile in Asia
  - 2015 - Proposal: Dundee, Scotland Dr. Alex Baldacchino  
Under auspices of CARES (Center Addiction Research and Education Scotland)  
Tentative dates: Aug 23 -27, 2015 or Aug 30 – Sept 3, 2015  
Venue: Dundee or St. Andrews
4. Certification Examination:

- Have had successful candidates from 9 countries thus far.
  - Questions are being updated and new questions to be finished by Editorial Committee in Milan, Italy
  - 3 scheduled to sit exam in Milan but Board approved a change in decision to offer exam at each Annual meeting – will require a critical mass of 5 due to cost of offering and need for statistics. Concern voiced about not having exam available each year.
  - Electronic exam at present prohibitive in cost and presents security issues but may be an option in future.
  - Possible change of textbook in future – current ISAM proposed project
5. Website:
- Thanks to Dr. H. Alho and the Finnish Society for the hosting of the web site: [www.isamweb.com](http://www.isamweb.com)
  - Updates are done regularly and total hits in last year about 10,000
  - Password protected Members' Section created
6. Fellowships:
- Recipients for both the NIDA for Young Investigators awards and the WHO for Physicians awards have been included in topical symposia instead of a separate Fellowship presentations symposium this year.
  - Please encourage young physicians or researchers to apply.
  - Note of concern is making applicants aware of complexities and potential problems with obtaining entry visas, so information gathering for what is required should be done as soon as application sent in.
  - This year two awardees were unable to attend: one due to problems obtaining visa and one due to a family emergency.
7. Future projects
- ISAM Textbook spearheaded by Dr. el-Guebaly in initial stages of establishing publishing route.
  - Vietnam: directed by R. Rawson of UCLA, request to assist in formation of Vietnamese Addiction Society and training.
  - Egyptian Prison Project: involvement of UNODC to work with the Ministry of Interior to discuss how to address reformation and merging Addiction Services in the Criminal Justice System.
8. Restructuring Strategy:
- With the Restructuring Strategy adopted in Cape Town by the Board, implementation continues.
  - One new Board member was elected this year: Dr. Susumu Higuchi from Japan and 4 Board members will step down in Oslo 2011.
  - Active members encouraged to review eligibility criteria and express interest to Board in specific position with duties.
9. Finances: M. Dorozio, ISAM Office
- Copies of the 2009 audited Notice to Reader available for perusal by members.
  - The financial summary was reviewed.
  - BDO Dunworthy has been retained for 2010.
  - Budget was accepted as \$35,000 for upcoming year.
10. Evaluations: The importance of having attendees fill out and return the evaluations was stressed as the feedback received helps the next LOC with the planning of the annual meeting.
11. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 PM