

**ISAM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Reykjavik, Iceland**

**October 4, 2002**

Dr. el-Guebaly welcomed the attendants. Some of the items discussed included:

1. **Website**: looking for new webmaster or transferring site to Head Office
2. **Newsletter**: 2 to 3 times a year
3. **E.publication**: *International Addiction*: has three issues
  - New editor: Dr. David Smith for 3-yr term and Linda Moore as webmaster for publication
  - ongoing call for articles
  - will include abstracts of speakers at Reykjavik
  - links with Alcohol MD and Drug Info Net
4. **Book on International Practices**: Focus will be to review physician practices internationally. Three chapters in draft already submitted: India, Israel and Canada.
5. **Task Forces**: (replaced Committees)
  - a) *Education & Curriculum* – M. Galanter
    - propose course pre-Amsterdam meeting and certified at that meeting
    - present what is available in Europe
    - CME credits (?)
    - Suggestions for small manual: ABC of what to do for allied professionals in addiction. D. Mohan to send sample booklet to F. Poldrugo and M. Galanter
  - b) *Physician Health* – D. Talbott & M. Kaufmann
    - proposing to have 3 documents/position papers on Professional Health by Annual Meeting, including background to inform why it is important and how to form a professional health program. Will include a copy of the booklet: Problem physicians (12 categories)
    - would like to propose one-day workshops at ISAM and affiliated conferences, i.e., Amsterdam, Toronto, etc.
    - will circulate draft and send related info to Board members for feedback input
    - byproducts would include: email consultations, links with specialists worldwide, and dissemination through e.publication
    - A document should be available within 60 days.

- c) *National Societies* – document will be ready within 4 months by Task Force.
- d) *Definitions* – R. Hajela
  - goal to establish brief, simple, key words definitions
  - definitions for: concurrent disorders, addiction, agonist, antagonist, maintenance therapy, harm reduction, craving & disease/disorder
  - review/quality control through feedback from Board
  - basic tenet is changeable nature of definitions
- e) *Pain & Addiction* – D. Smith
  - requests members to review core document
  - key component is the gray zone interface between Addiction medicine and pain
- f) Possible *Youth and the Family*
- g) Possible *Women's Issues*
- h) Possible *Tobacco*

Dr. G. Fischer made a plea for quality. All in favor.

- 6. **Governance:**
  - Relying on membership dues is limited.
  - Options from membership-based society to one linked to National Societies in other countries
  - Task Force created to look into this and report back. Will check WPA model
- 7. **New Board Membership List:** was presented