

MINUTES OF ISAM 2017 ABU DHABI, UAE ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Saturday October 28, 2016

In Attendance: 35

1. Presentation on ISAM 2018 Pusan – *Addiction Medicine from Past to Future* given by Sung-Gon Kim, LOC
 - This will be ISAM's 20th anniversary
 - Dates Nov 3-6/18
 - Call for Abstracts/Symposia opens Feb 1, 2018 and closed Mar 31, 2018
2. Call to order at 2:45 PM by ISAM President Greg Bunt
 - Adoption of the 2016 AGM Minutes from Montreal, Canada. Carried.
 - Notice of confirmed ISAM meetings: ISAM 2019 Delhi and now ISAM 2020 Auckland.
 - Regional Directors: Tarek Gawad (Middle East), Alex Badacchino (Europe) and Susumu Higuchi (Asia and Pacific). Greg Bunt (Americas).
 - Introduction of new ISAM Board members: Drs. Hamad Al Ghaferi (UAE) and Henrietta Bowden-Jones (UK).
 - Appreciation expressed to Adrian Abagui and Jan Klimas for their work on the ISAM Newsletter
3. Interest Committees: Marc Galanter
 - ISAM is welcoming proposals for topical committees – please send to the Head Office for review
 - A structure is being established for 3-year renewable committees
 - Time to be provided at annual meeting for the committee to meet
 - 2-Co-Chairs from two different countries
 - Ex. Forensic, Guidelines, Adolescence, etc.
 - Committee members should be individual ISAM members
4. Affiliate Societies
 - Recap of our Affiliate Societies with welcome to new ones: Indonesia, Iran, Philippines, Sudan and potential ones: New Zealand and India
 - Institutional/Organizational and Journal Affiliation are now established – Europad and NRC
 - Potential affiliation with NECPAM – Network Early Career Psychiatrists in Addiction Medicine under the WHO umbrella
 - H Al Ghaferi spoke on the creation of a GCC Chapter as affiliation under the ISAM umbrella
 - As well a future relation between ISAM and the Columbo Plan is being looked into – whereby ISAM could provide technical services for countries
 - One identified goal was to potentially certify all Islamic healers
5. Welcome to new ISAM President, Kathleen Brady (USA)
 - ISAM Board:
 - Kathleen Brady, President
 - Greg Bunt, Past-President
 - Alex Baldacchino, President-Elect
 - Riaz Khan, Treasurer
 - Henrietta Bowden-Jones
 - Hamad AlGhaferi
 - Sung-Gon Kim
 - Marc Galanter, ex officio
 - Nady el-Guebaly, ex-officio

- Marilyn Dorozio, Office Administrator
 - Goals in fulfilling the purpose of ISAM:
 - Continue the good work through worldwide dialogue
 - Strengthen the membership through outreach via the Regional reps
 - Deepen the engagement of present membership through committees
 - Work towards financial stability through the External Funding Committee and the Treasurer's 5-year budget plan
 - Increase visibility of ISAM through products that are of value worldwide to the field (textbook, exam and workshops)
6. 5 Pillars for ISAM – Greg Bunt **(I need the complete description which was very wordy and I could not capture, please)**
- Integration
 - Advocacy
 - Access
 - Education
 - Compassion combined with scientific discipline
7. Historical Overview of ISAM – Nady el-Guebaly
8. Education and Training Committee Co-Chair, A Baldacchino gave report
- The Education Committee is presenting a symposium this year and plans to do so in future years
 - The first Fundamentals Workshop on 'Training the Trainer' was very successful with 25 attendees. It is planned to offer this again in Pusan.
 - A second Fundamentals Workshop on 'Empowering Addiction Medicine Physicians in Leadership' will also be offered in Pusan at the ISAM 2018 annual meeting
 - Concern voiced by member R Hajela on definition of Addiction and impact on course content. Response: addressing different education perspectives and Chair A Baldacchino would welcome discussion at other time and not in this forum.
9. Finances
- R. Khan, Treasurer, hopes to develop 5-year Business Plan going forward
 - Notice to Reader from Accountants reviewed. Motion by A. Abagui, seconded by D. Kurth to accept the Financial Notice to Reader as reviewed. Carried
 - Motion by R Khan, seconded by A. Abagui to retain BDO Dunwoody as Accountants for 2017.
10. Update on Annual Meetings
- ISAM 2017 Abu Dhabi presentation:
 - i. Final tally of 749 attendees from 47 countries
 - ii. Presentation given on sessions, workshops, etc.
 - ISAM 2018 Busan, Korea
 - ISAM 2019 Delhi, India
 - ISAM 2020 Auckland
 - Several possibilities are being reviewed by the Board of Directors for 2021 onward
11. International Certification Examination
- Total of 39 have sat the exam in 2017
12. Update by Chief Editor: Marc Galanter
- Substance Abuse has seen an increase in their impact factor

- Select Abstracts from ISAM 2017 will be published in Journal Substance Abuse
- Report discussed

13. Update on United Nations Special Assembly by Norman Wetterau

- A link will be placed on the ISAM webpages for more information on ISSUP as well as the slide presentation

14. Adjournment at 4:05 PM

In attendance

D Kurth
 M. Schaub
 M. Galanter
 A. Baldacchino
 R. Hajela
 K. Brady
 N. Wetterau
 J. Klimas
 D. Gigena

A. Munoz
 A. Saaeb
 A. Mutaleb
 A. Ali
 M. Alkaabi
 A Alhammadi
 C. Ali
 A. Al-Ris
 S. Lukose

R. Dela Cruz
 H. Al Ghaferi
 P. dela Cruz
 R. Retuya
 G. Recour
 R. Khan
 T. Gawad
 A. Salem
 O. Abdulla

SG Kim
 E. Gardner
 A. Abagui
 A. Elkashef
 H. Alho
 G. Bunt
 N. el-Guebaly
 H. Bowden-Jones