



December 2018 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the latest edition of ISAM newsletter.



Message from the President:

The meeting in Busan was a resounding success, with 892 registered attendees from 45 countries. Special thanks Sung-Gon Kim and his colleagues for putting together such a spectacular conference and for their incredible hospitality. The ISAM Board is very interested in more active engagement of the membership in activities that extend beyond the annual conference. You will find in this Newsletter several opportunities for further engagement with ISAM outlined. ISAM Special Interest groups include a Neuroscience group and a newly founded 12-Step interest group. We invite you to join either of these groups, or to submit an

idea for an interest group for the ISAM Board to consider. In addition, we are interested in increasing our regional representation by increasing the Regional Representatives. If you have thoughts about this or are interested in serving as a regional representative, please contact the ISAM office. Thanks for all you do for ISAM. Happy Holidays – Kathleen Brady, ISAM President

In Busan many participants were awarded by ISAM and the Organizing Committee, some of them are: Anna Maria Vella - Malta, Katrine Melby – Norway, Joshua Lee – USA, Oxana Turcanu – Moldova, Abdul Rasyid Bin Sulaiman – Malaysia, Satoko Mihara –Japan, Dan Lubman – Australia and Soo Hyun Park, Jang Rae Kim, I Suk Lee, Eun Jong Min, Yeon Sue Kim from Korea.



News from the Board of Directors

At the Strategy Planning meeting in Busan, the ISAM Board of Directors have chosen a Motto: ***Global Excellence in Addiction Medicine***

ISAM Interest Groups

At the ISAM 2018 in Busan, our latest Interest Group was approved – the 12-Step Group with their initial meeting during the conference dates.



If anyone is interested in forming an ISAM Interest Group, please forward your proposal for the group, along with a draft of your Terms of Reference to the ISAM Head Office (admin@isamweb.org) to be reviewed by the Board of Directors.

Board of Directors Liaison Positions

The ISAM Board of Directors (BOD) accepted the following Liaison positions for the current Board and also is looking for an individual interested in a new role on the Board: Publications Liaison. Expressions of interest to be sent to the ISAM Head Office: isam.mdorozio@gmail.com

Current positions:

- Liaison to Congress Local Organizing Committees (LOCs): Kathleen Brady
- Liaison to Regional Representative Committee/Liaison to Affiliate Societies: Greg Bunt
- Liaison to Funding Committee (includes External Funding Committee chaired by Hannu Alho): Riaz Khan
- Liaison to Communication and Public Relations Committee: Henrietta Bowden-Jones
- Liaison to Education and Training Committee: Alex Baldacchino
- Liaison to International Relations Committee: Hamad Al-Ghaferi
- Liaison to Membership Committee: Sung-Gon Kim

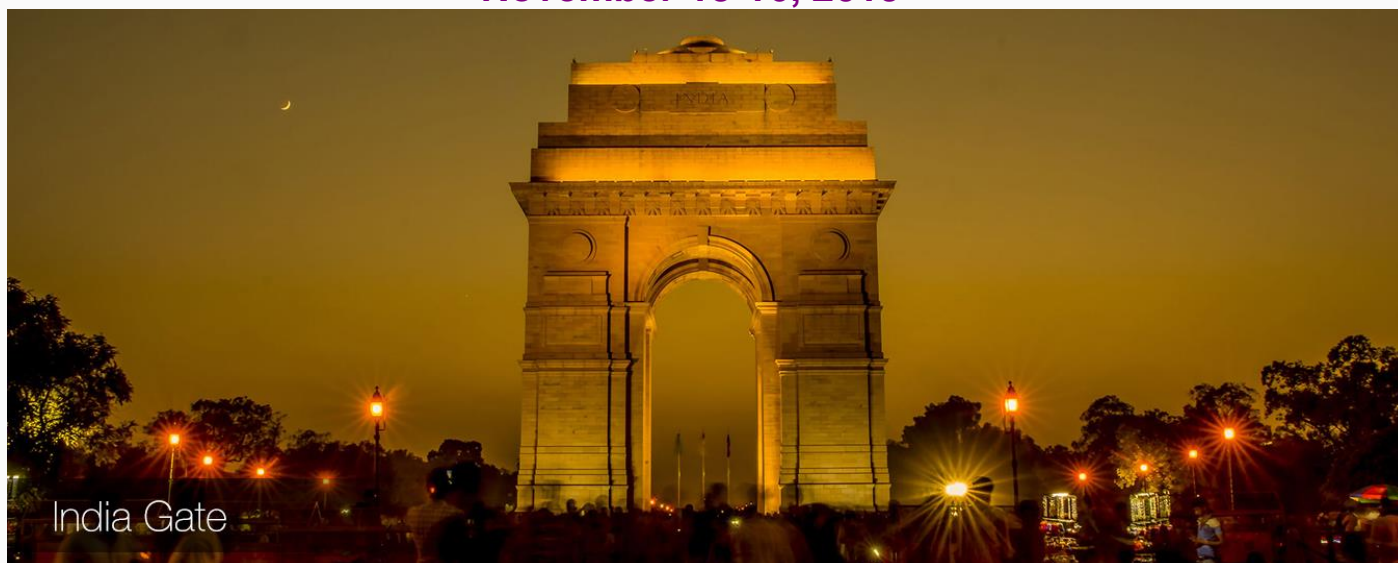
Criteria: New Position

ISAM is establishing a position for a member of the Board of Directors who will serve as Publication Liaison (Editor). This individual will work with Board members on decisions concerning all official ISAM publications. It includes the ISAM journals, newsletter, publication of annual meeting abstracts, and position papers. That person will promote ISAM publications and advocate for new ISAM publication areas. She/he should have recognition for scholarship, cross-cultural research, and editorial experience, and high quality peer-reviewed publications, and should be able to exercise leadership in this position. ISAM members interested in being considered for this position should send a CV and a letter expressing their vision for ISAM publications to isam.mdorozio@gmail.com.

ISAM is excited to announce their newest Regional Representative Chapter GCC, covering the Gulf Countries of: Bahrain, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, and Oman, under the chair ship of Dr. Hamad AlGhaferi (drhamad@nrc.ae). If an individual is interested in forming a geographic regional chapter – you are requested to send your expression of interest to the ISAM Board of Directors at admin@isamweb.org



ISAM NEW DELHI, INDIA November 13-16, 2019



Two Fundamentals Workshops will be offered in conjunction with ISAM 2019 Delhi at the ISAM Annual Meeting and Scientific Conference to be held Nov 13-16, 2018 in Delhi, India.

The workshops will be held 8:30-4:30 on Nov 12, 2019 at the Pullman Hotel. Lunch and coffee break refreshments will be provided.

The cost is \$300 for non-ISAM members and \$200 for ISAM members. Registration is on the ISAM webpages: www.isamweb.org

Other Upcoming Scientific Events

[Evolution of Addiction Treatment Conference](#), Jan 24 - 27, 2019 Los Angeles, California

[American College of Psychiatrists \(ACP\) Annual Meeting](#), Feb 20 - 24, 2019 Honolulu, Hawaii, USA

[American Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence](#), Mar 1-3, 2019, Orlando, Florida, USA

[Treating the Addictions by Cambridge Health](#), Mar 01 - 02, 2019 Boston, Massachusetts

[The American Society of Addiction Medicine \(ASAM\) 50th Annual Conference](#), Apr 04 - 07, 2019 Orlando, Florida, USA

[EPA 2019: 27th European Congress of Psychiatry](#), Apr 06 - 09, 2019 Warsaw, Poland

[4th International Conference on Addiction and](#). Apr 15 - 17, 2019 Valencia, Spain

[American Psychiatric Association \(APA\) Annual Meeting](#) May 18 - 22, 2019 San Francisco, California, USA

[West Coast Symposium on Addictive Disorders \(WCSAD\)](#). May 30 - Jun 02, 2019 La Quinta, California, USA

[The 2019 College on Problems of Drug Dependence \(CPDD\) Annual Scientific Meeting](#) June 15-19, San Antonio, Texas

The 2019 [NIDA International Forum](#) June 14–17, 2019 San Antonio, Texas.

[International Conference on Drug Abuse Prevention and Illegal Drugs](#), Aug 09, 2019 Colombo, Sri Lanka

[2019 California Society of Addiction Medicine \(CSAM\)](#) Sep 04 - 07, 2019, Anaheim, California USA

[Cape Cod Symposium on Addictive Disorders \(CCSAD\) 2019](#) Sep 05 - 08, 2019 Hyannis, Massachusetts, USA

[Addiction, Alcoholism, Drug-Substance Abuse, Psychiatry and Recovery Summit](#) Oct 07 - 08, 2019 Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, UAE

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

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