



July 2019 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the latest edition of ISAM newsletter.

**XXI Annual Meeting of the International Society of
Addiction Medicine**

Theme: "Addiction in a Rapidly Changing World"



ISAM Affiliation

ISAM has Affiliate membership with National Societies, Organizations and Journals. Category I affiliation entitles members to reduced rates for the annual conference, the International Textbook and the Certification Examination.

Our current Category I Affiliates are:

- American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry [AAAP]
- American Society of Addiction Medicine [ASAM]
- Canadian Society of Addiction Medicine [CSAM-SMCA]
- Dutch Addiction Medicine Society [VVGJ]
- Egyptian Psychiatric Association
- EUROPAD
- Greek Organization against Drugs - OKANA
- Iranian Institute for Science and Technology of Addiction – ISATA
- ILSAM- Israeli Society of Addiction Medicine
- Japanese Society of Alcohol-Related Problems
- Korean Society of Addiction Medicine - KAAP
- NRC – National Rehabilitation Center, UAE
- Swiss Society of Addiction Medicine

Introducing our newest Affiliate Societies:

The Israel Society for Addiction Medicine (ILSAM) is Israel's leading professional addiction society, acting under Israel's Medical Association. The society was established in 1999 and its members include physicians, psychologists, social workers, nurses, addiction counselors and policy makers. Common substance –related addictions in Israel echo those in other developed countries, as do behavioral addictions such as pathological gambling. Alongside its leading role in continuous education for addiction professionals, the Israel Society for Addiction Medicine is extensively involved in increasing awareness to addiction-related harms and advocating for improving addiction treatment services in Israel. Its members are regular advisors to local parliament, Ministry of Health and Israel's Medical Association committees.

Organization Against Drugs (OKANA) was established in 1993 (L.2161/1993 - public sector) and is the main addiction program provider in prevention, treatment, harm reduction and social reintegration in Greece. Until today OKANA has developed an extensive, nationwide network of structures with 75 Prevention Centers, 67 Opioid Substitution Treatment Units (2 in prisons), street-work networks and 9 Drug Free Treatment Units. OKANA is employing 725 professionals providing substitution treatment combined with psychosocial support and treatment of physical and psychiatric comorbidity to addicted individuals: in June 2019 8,161 patients were in OST Units and 367 in Drug Free Treatment Units. Organization Against Drugs (OKANA) is growing bigger and is operating in alignment with the state-of-the-art practices in addiction, in order to meet the changing needs of the target population on a national, European and international level.

ISAM News

ISAM will participate in the International Society of Addiction Professionals (ISSUP) conference in Abu Dhabi to be held between the 2nd and 6th January 2021.

The ISSUP 2021 Conference hosted by the National Rehabilitation Center Abu Dhabi (NRC) is expected to be a major regional and international event in the fields of Addictions and Mental Health. ISSUP was established in 2015

including prevention, treatment, research and recovery and currently has more than 10,000 members. In its recent conference in Vienna there were 119 countries represented and approximately a thousand delegates. The Abu Dhabi conference is expected to be bigger with a Middle East as well as a global focus.

ISAM, as the leading international medical society in Addiction Medicine, expects to play a key role at this conference and promote its activity, particularly the ISAM exams for physicians. H.E. Dr Hamad Al Ghafri the Director General of the NRC, is a member of the ISAM Board, who is also the Chair of the UAE National Chapter of ISSUP, has a vision of all organizations in the field working together to the maximum benefit of the global community to tackle the social and health burdens of addiction.

Affiliates news

From British Columbia Centre on Substance Use in Vancouver, Canada

In collaboration with regional and other stakeholders, and funded by Health Canada, the BCCSU is initiating an opioid use disorder (OUD) Project ECHO and associated Community of Practice within British Columbia and Yukon Territory.

BC ECHO on Substance Use (Opioid Use Disorder) aims to help primary care providers and their teams build capacity in the treatment and management of opioid use disorder. Through interactive, online, case-based presentations, health care providers will enhance competencies and learn through real-world examples, how to incorporate evidence-based practices into their care setting, to improve outcomes for clients and families.

Primary care providers, allied health care providers and other front-line workers are encouraged to join!

<http://www.bccsu.ca/bcechoonsubstanceuse/>

Future events

43rd Annual AMERSA Conference – 2019; Thursday, November 7 – Saturday, November 9. Hyatt Regency Boston 1 Ave de Lafayette, Boston, MA 02111

ISAM 2019 Delhi:

Registration for ISAM 2019 Delhi is open. Speakers are being notified of acceptance and a more detailed program will be on the webpages shortly: isam2019delhi.com

List of Plenary Speakers for ISAM 2019 Delhi:

Dr. Kathleen Brady, USA

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Dr. Marc Galanter, USA

A Perspective on the Role That Spirituality Can Play in Addiction Recovery

Dr. Ken Blum, USA

Genetics of Addiction and Mental Health: Genetic Risk Assessment and potential interventions

Prof Dan Lubman, Australia

Substance-induced mental disorders: issues for diagnosis and treatment

Dr. Alex Baldacchino, UK

Digital Addiction Medicine. New opportunities, better services?

Dr. Dom Geert, Belgium

Precision psychiatry and its relevance to addiction medicine

Dr. Henrietta M Bowden-Jones, UK

Gambling Disorder: latest Clinical and Neurobiological updates

Dr. Nady el-Guebaly, Canada

Canada's Legalization of Cannabis: Policy and Research Debates in the First Year

Dr. Gregory Bunt, USA

Medicine, Marijuana, and Addictions: What Physicians Need to Know

Dr. Jag Khalsa, USA

CANNABIS: North American Experience

Dr. M Suresh Kumar, India

Harm reduction services for people who inject drugs in India: Opportunities and challenges to optimize HIV service utilization

Dr. Rajat Ray, India

Disorders due to substance use and addictive behaviours-ICD 11: General Features

Dr. Roy Abraham Kallivayalil, India

Alcohol and Society: Cultural influences and Changing Perspectives

Dr. RK Chadda, India.

Consultation Liaison Addiction Psychiatry: Need and Challenges

For those needing an invitation letter for the visit to India, please contact: india@wpaia.org

to isam2019delhi.com/Gen Info/Visa Advisory and scroll down till you can click on INVITATION LETTER and follow prompts.

TRAVEL GRANTS

The NIDA grants in aid of travel deadline has closed but there are New grants in aid of travel that have been posted on the ISAM [webpage](#).

WORKSHOPS

Two ISAM 1-day Workshops will be offered in Delhi, India pre-ISAM annual meeting on Nov 12, 2019:

- Training the Trainer
- Leadership

Products/ISAM Fundamentals. We have had very positive evaluations from past participants and would encourage conference attendees to consider this extra day of training. Anyone interested can find information on both courses and the fees as well as on the instructors on the ISAM webpages under

We are excited to offer a reduced registration fee of \$100 for either workshop to those from Low and Middle Income countries (list available on [webpage](#)).

DON'T FORGET: ISAM 2020 WILL BE IN AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND

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