ISAM 2019 DELHI Highlights

The ISAM 2019 Annual Meeting and Scientific Conference held in Delhi Nov 13-16, 2019 offered 8 tracks with 13 Plenary lectures, 10 Workshops, 27 Invited lectures, 72 Symposia, 10 Oral Communication sessions and a total of 63 posters throughout the 4 days.

Evaluations commented on the high caliber of the presentations in the program. Delegates from 35 countries around the world were in attendance.

Dr. Rakesh Chadda, Local Organizing Committee Chair and his team did an extraordinary job with the program, venue, hospitality, etc.

Dr. Chadda opened the Conference with Special Sponsor Dr. Randeep Guleria, ISAM President Dr. Kathleen Brady, ISAM President–Elect Dr. Alex Baldacchino, LOC Secretary Dr. Anju Dhawan
Several events are imperative to mention:

The Chief Guest presentation at the Inaugural session by the Honorable Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot.

The flame was lit to Inaugurate the conference.
There was also a momentous signing of and MOU for collaboration between ISAM and the World Association of Dual Disorders (WADD). Dr. Brady and Dr. Baldacchino signed on behalf of ISAM and Dr. Icro Maremmani and Dr. Nesto Szerman on behalf of WADD during the ISAM Annual General Meeting on Nov 15th.

The INTNSA - Indian Nursing Chapter for the World Nursing Association was also inaugurated – spearheaded by Sue Newton, Calgary (second from left) and Dr. Sandhya Gupta (8th from left).

ISAM Fellows numbered 9 this year and gave presentations at the Fellows Symposium and interspersed with the topical sessions.

**Dr. Mandana Sadghi**, Tehran, Iran  
**Dr. Bigya Shah**, Lagankhel, Nepal
Two Fundamentals ISAM Workshops: Leadership and Training were offered and will be offered again at ISAM 2020 Victoria, Canada.

Several ISAM Committees such as the Education and Training Committee had opportunity to meeting during the conference.

We thank Dr. Chadda and his team for a successful ISAM 2019 Delhi and hope to welcome all to ISAM 2020 “Addiction Medicine and its Future” which will be held in Victoria, BC, Canada and then to ISAM 2021 Valletta, Malta. Information will be available on the webpage in the new year at www.isamweb.org.

The 2020 conference will be a joint venture with our sister society CSAM-SMCA, the Canadian Society of Addiction Medicine.