



ISAM 2019 DELHI Highlights

The ISAM 2019 Annual Meeting and Scientific Conference held in Delhi November 13-16, 2019 offered 8 parallel sessions with 14 Plenary lectures, 10 Workshops, 27 Invited lectures, 72 Symposia, 119 Oral Communication sessions and a total of 59 posters throughout the 4 days.

505 registered participants from 36 countries of the world attended the meeting. The largest international contingents were from the USA, Canada and Australia. Considerable number of participants came from UK, South Korea and Indonesia as well. A total of 327 participants from India attended the conference representing the various states and union territories of the country.

Evaluations commented on the high caliber of the presentations in the program.

Dr. Rakesh Chadda, Local Organizing Committee Chair and his team did an extraordinary job with the program, venue, hospitality, entertainment and we thank them again here for this.



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.



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



Speakers included: Dr. Ivan Montoya from NIDA and Dr. Jag Khalsa, formerly of NIDA.



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 below).



ISAM Fellowships, workshops and resources

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. Jermaine Jones, New York USA

Dr. Bigya Shah, Lagankhel, Nepal

Dr. Imelda Indriyani, Jakarta, Indonesia

Dr. Moses Camilleri, Zebbug, Malta

Dr. Tianna Magel, Vancouver Canada

Dr. Joseph Tay Wee Teck, Edinburgh, UK **Dr. Parnian Rafei, Tehran, Iran**

Dr. Venkata Lakshmi Narasimha, Bengaluru, India.

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.



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

ISAM NEUROSCIENCES INTEREST GROUP

ISAM NIG “Sharing is Caring” Initiative

Following our recently published roadmap and strategic plan

(<https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fpsy.2019.00877/abstract>) , ISAM NIG is interested to provide a platform to encourage addiction neuroscience researchers to share their resources to promote quality of scientific evidence produced across the world. We hope this will promote potentials to reshape the daily practice of addiction in the international level with strong neuroscience evidence replicated in different contexts. These shared resources could be presented in the following categories:

- * **Research Protocols:** Principle investigators can share their detailed research protocols with other labs across the world to be replicated,
- * **Assessment/Intervention Instruments:** Developers can share their instruments (from fMRI tasks to cognitive training interventions) to be translated, culturally adapted and tested in different countries within the ISAM NIG network.
- * **Multi-Site Research Collaboration Opportunities:** Lab directors can post opportunities for other labs across the world to collect data together with the same protocol at the same time.
- * **Supervision-Mentorship Opportunities (for students and junior researchers):** Senior scientists in the field who are interested to remotely supervise brilliant students in other countries for addiction neuroscience projects can announce their willingness and criteria to accept remote mentees.
- * **Educational Opportunity:** Workshop/course organizers and authors of educational resources can

share the available opportunities to promote the quality of human resources in the field.

Sample Shared Resources:

1. **LIBR MOCD:** Drug cue reactivity (DCR) is widely used in experimental settings for both assessment and intervention in substance use disorders. There is a limitation in validated databases of pictorial cues available for different drug. Laureate Institute for Brain Research (LIBR) Methamphetamine and Opioid Cue Database (LIBR MOCD) provides a resource of validated images/tasks for DCR studies. Additionally, researchers can select several sets of unique but equivalent images based-on their psychological/physical characteristics for multiple assessments/interventions. The entire database and its fMRI tasks are available [here](#).

The MOCD development team is extending this database for cocaine, cannabis, alcohol and nicotine.

There is an interest in validating this database in different treatment settings and other countries.

Please feel free to contact the development team if you need any further information:

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2. **ENIGMA ACRI:** The ENIGMA network brings together researchers to understand brain structure, function, and disease, based on brain imaging and genetic data. ENIGMA Addiction Working group has recently started a new initiative to harmonize research methods in the task-based fMRI to provide a platform for data sharing and large-scale meta-analysis in the future. This initiative has started with Addiction Cue Reactivity Initiative (ACRI). ENIGMA ACRI is developing a checklist and a consensus paper to harmonize the field with all future studies using fMRI drug cue reactivity. Those researchers who are interested to contribute may send an email to ENIGMA.ACRI@gmail.com.

3. **INTAM:** International Network of tES/TMS Trials for Addiction Medicine (INTAM) has recently published a consensus [paper](#) with 76 authors from +50 member labs in 17 countries. INTAM is working

on a new methodological checklist and few shared protocols for brain stimulation studies in addiction medicine. To join INTAM network and learn more about its activity, you can send an email to INTAM2018@gmail.com. Please send us your posts for the resource you are interested to share with its supplements to ISAM.NIG@gmail.com for a rapid review. You can find previous INTAM webinars on [YouTube](#).

PUBLICATIONS by ISAM Members

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