



April 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"



Message from the ISAM President Dr. Kathleen Brady:

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all for the 2019 ISAM Conference in New Delhi, India. The theme for 2019 is: ***Addiction in a Rapidly Changing World***. Thanks to Dr. Rakesh and the

local organizing committee, the 2019 meeting promises to be one of the best ISAM meetings yet with plenty of opportunities for networking and socializing in addition to stellar scientific content. I look forward to seeing you all there.

News from the Board of Directors

New ISAM Board of Director Position: Publication Liaison (Editor) Officer

The ISAM Board of Directors is looking for applicants for a new Board position: **Publication Liaison (Editor) Officer**. Please see attached description and instructions if interested in applying. The successful candidate will be part of the ISAM Board meeting on Nov 12, 2019 in Delhi, India.

As part of ISAM's strategic direction to further increase its global platform the International Society of Addiction Medicine is establishing a position for a member of the Board of Directors who will serve as a Publication Liaison (Editor) Officer for 3 years initially. This individual will work with other ISAM members on decisions concerning all official ISAM public relations. It is envisaged that the ISAM Publication Liaison Officer will lead/facilitate in enhancing the opportunities to publish, with ISAM members and affiliate societies, in peer reviewed journals, support and enhance ISAM contributions with ISAM affiliated journals, support current ISAM newsletter, co-ordinate the publication of ISAM annual meeting abstracts, production/facilitation of ISAM position papers. The post will be also be very active in the overall ISAM communication strategy in place that aims to promote the ISAM brand through publications, press releases and other possible ISAM publication areas. She/he should have recognition for scholarship, cross-cultural research, editorial experience and, preferably, a history of peer-reviewed publications. The Publication Liaison (Editor) Officer 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.

Deadline for submission: 30th August 2019

Shortlisting of suitable application by 15th September 2019

Personal communication with preferred candidate: 30th September 2019

Attendance of successful candidate at BOD meeting during ISAM New Delhi 2019

Congress: 12th November 2019 (mandatory)

Official announcement of successful candidate: ISAM General Assembly in New Delhi

Core Responsibilities of ISAM Board of Directors:

- Term: 3 year renewable
- Medical graduate
- Hospital specialist or generalist specialist in one or more areas of addiction medicine (including psychiatry)
- History of senior educational, managerial and /or research experience
- Support ISAM goals and aspirations
- Be a good will ambassador of the society
- Be at least 2 years as a paid up ISAM member in good standing
- Demonstrating active involvement with ISAM activities
- Attend annual Board of Directors meeting (two consecutive absences is deemed resignation)
- Participate in most of the 3-5 teleconferencing BOD meetings yearly
- Fill in executive positions when necessary
- Actively recruit individual members to ISAM
- Actively recruit national/regional Addiction Medicine (or equivalent) societies to ISAM
- Help in the development of ISAM position papers
- Take part in discussions and decisions by email/teleconference/skype throughout year
- Participate and attend International working groups (e.g. WHO, UN) on behalf of ISAM
- Present as speaker and/or chair sessions at ISAM Annual meetings
- Assist with communication related tasks
- Support the ISAM office in Calgary
- Support appropriate and relevant ISAM governance framework

Following the recognition of Board member and Founding President, **Dr. Nady el-Guebaly** as a recipient of the *Order of Canada*, ISAM is proud to announce the well-deserved recognition of Board member, **Dr. Henrietta Bowden-Jones** with the *Most Excellent Order of the British Empire* and **Dr. Paul Haber**, former ISAM Board member, with the *Order of Australia*. Congratulations to both!

We would like to introduce **Dr. Shalini Arunogiri** as our new ISAM Social Media Editor. Her email address: shalini.arunogiri@monash.edu and her twitter address: @[SArunogiri](https://twitter.com/SArunogiri) for inquiries or items to share.

Dr Shalini Arunogiri (MBBS, FRANZCP, PhD) is an addiction psychiatrist in Melbourne, Australia. She is a *Senior Lecturer* at *Monash University* and *Chair* of the *Royal Australian and*

New Zealand College of Psychiatrists(RANZCP) Faculty of Addiction Psychiatry. She is active on Twitter (@SArunogiri), finding it a rich source of new journal articles, and a great way to connect with like-minded colleagues and people with lived experience internationally. She is happy to offer one-on-one tutorials to members keen to get on the platform!

The ISAM Board of Directors has passed a motion to waive membership dues for those **75 and over** who have been an ISAM member for 10 or more years. Please send an email to the Head office if this applies.

The International Certification Exam dates for 2019 will be: **Halifax, Canada on Oct 23/19** and **Delhi, India on Nov 12/19**. Application form, fees and list of required documents to register are on the ISAM webpages (isamweb.org) tab under *Products*

ISAM NEW DELHI, INDIA **November 13-16, 2019**



- Registration is open
- **The Call for Abstract Submissions is open!** Workshops and Symposium deadline is April 30, 2019 and Oral presentations or Posters deadline is June 30, 2019. Details and submission process on webpages at ISAM2019Delhi.com
- **Please check the visa information as a visa can take a minimum of 2 months to process. Many countries are eligible for an e.visa.**
- Hotel accommodations are open
- Several tours are also being offered to see some of the wonders of India

TRAVEL GRANTS

ISAM is anticipating offering up to 11 travel grants for young presenters for assistance with expenses to attend and present at the ISAM 2019 Annual Meeting and Scientific Conference in Delhi, India.

Work is in process to secure these grants-in-aid of travel and we asked interested persons to please periodically check the ISAM webpages under Grants for Travel on the Home page tab for information on how to apply and relevant documentation to be submitted.

WORKSHOPS

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

- Training the Trainer
- Leadership

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

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 webpages).

ISAM Interest Groups

Several of the ISAM Interest Groups would welcome members: Anyone interested in joining the Neurosciences, the Therapeutics Community, the Behavioral Addiction or the 12-Step Interest groups can send their expression of interest to the ISAM Head Office –admin@isamweb.org

We would also like to encourage members to submit proposals for ISAM Interest Groups via email for review by the Board.

NEW JOURNAL ACCESS

All ISAM members can now log in and then access the [Substance Abuse](#) journal from the [ISAM webpages](#).

After member log-in – you can click on the tab for *Journals* and be redirected to the issues of *Substance Abuse* where you can access the articles.

2019 GRANTS IN AID OF TRAVEL

Two grants in aid of travel have been approved between **ISAM and NIDA (National Institute of Drug Abuse)** which would enable the subsidising of Young Investigators to Delhi, India to attend and present at the 2019 ISAM Annual Meeting November 13-16, 2019

The \$2500 US grant is to offset costs associated with Young Investigators presenting at the 21st ISAM 2019 Annual Meeting in Delhi, India. Registration may be paid directly from the grant for successful applicants. ISAM membership dues will be deducted from the award if applicable. The funds from the grant will be presented at the Annual General Meeting, the Gala Dinner or the Closing Ceremony depending on the program. The successful applicant will be responsible for booking hotel, travel, visa for entry into the country if applicable, medical/travel insurance and any other general expense.

For details on eligibility and application please go to the [ISAM webpages](#)

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

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