

**AGM Minutes 2019 Delhi, India
November 15, 2019**

Call to order by ISAM President K Brady.

Executive report on changes in Board members:

- Thanks expressed to Dr. Marc Galanter and Dr. Sung-Gon Kim who are stepping down
- Welcome to new members: Marc Potenza, new Publications Officer and Helena Hansen, new Communications Officer
- Henrietta Bowden-Jones will be changing her role to Membership Officer

2018 AGM Minutes:

Review of 2018 Minutes from Busan, Korea. Motions by G Bunt, seconded by A Baldacchino to adopt the 2018 Minutes. Carried.

Affiliation:

A momentous occasion for collaboration with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between ISAM and WADD – World Association on Dual Disorders by Dr. Brady, ISAM President and Drs. Nestor Szerman and Icro Maremman, on behalf of WADD.

Information on the two ISAM Fundamentals Workshops which were run on Nov 12, 2020. Training the Trainer with 10 participants, and Leadership, with 16 participants, both received high scores on their respective evaluations. Participants expressed enthusiasm at learning skills that could be used in their own practice and shared with colleagues or students they were mentoring.

Update on Annual Meetings:

ISAM 2010 Victoria

- Auckland, New Zealand was unable to follow through for ISAM 2020 despite efforts by Dr. Galea. Thanks expressed for all her work.
- New city will be Victoria, BC Canada in a joint conference with sister organization CSAM (Canadian Society of Addiction medicine)
- Theme: ***The World of Addiction and its Future***
- Dates Nov 12-14, 2020
- Venue: Both levels of the Victoria Conference Centre adjoining the Fairmont Empress Hotel
- Tourism Victoria offsetting the cost of the convention centre by 50%
- Fairmont Empress offering rate of \$189 per night plus taxes
- International flights directly or through Vancouver
- 30 minute flight from Vancouver

ISAM 2021 Valletta – Mr. Alfred Grixit

- Valletta: historic city
- Venue: Mediterranean Conference Centre with 1400 delegate capacity in main hall
- Estimated 9 breakout tracks
- Sponsoring organization: Foundations of Social Welfare Services

- Also off-site venue at the University of Malta – Valletta Campus (2 blocks away)
- Board will be lodged across the way but many hotels available in the surrounding area or further away on the coast
- Possible tour: 1.5 hour boat ride to Sicily, tours around Valletta or to Gozo, many other attractions
- Malta is working towards ISAM affiliation
- Dates: Tuesday Sept 28 to Friday October 1 (Board and Fundamentals workshops on Sept 27)
- Estimated registration fees ~\$550 US or 500 Euro. The cost would be much higher by the Ministry of Malta is subsidizing the registration and the Prime Minister has assured Government support.

Travel Awardees for 2019

NIDA-ISAM

Dr. Mandana Sadghi, Tehran, Iran

Effectiveness of the tincture of opium on pain, sleep quality and emotional regulation of female with opioid use disorder based on DST method

Dr. Bigya Shah, Lagankhel, Nepal

Challenges in addiction treatment in five countries (India, Kenya, Nepal, Sri Lanka and united Kingdom): How similar or different are we?

ISAM – (Indivior, Ethypharm)

Dr. Moses Camilleri, Zebbug, Malta

Elimination of Hepatitis C – The Malta Experience

Dr. Parnian Rafei, Tehran, Iran

Different Brain Activation patterns Underlying Episodic Future Thinking in Cannabis Use Disorder

Dr. Joseph Tay Wee Teck, Edinburgh, UK

A Critical Systems Thinking Approach to Equity-Focused Services for People Who Use Drugs

Dr. Venkata Lakshmi Narasimha, Bengaluru, India

Attitude and Practice of Doctors towards Patients with Substance Use Related Problems

Dr. Jermaine Jones, New York USA

More in-Depth Overdose Education Increases Naloxone Utilization by Opioid Use Disorder Patients

Dr. Imelda Indriyani, Jakarta, Indonesia

Opioid Substitution Treatment in Indonesia: The Challenges and Outcomes in a Buprenorphine Maintenance Program

Dr. Tianna Magel, Vancouver Canada

Does engagement in care lead to safer street drug use and reduce opioid-related deaths?

PLUS 10 local workshop attendees

Presentation on update of the International Liaison by Dr. Hamad AlGhaferi

Presentation on Neurosciences Interest group – given by Dr. Hamad Ekhtiari

International Certification Examination and Textbook – N el-Guebaly

- Last chapter for textbook has been received
- Publication estimated for April 2020
- The Editorial Board will be reviewing the current examination questions based on new textbook pre-2020 conference
- 42 applicants sat the ISAM examination in 2020 between the two locations: Halifax and Delhi with participants from 8 countries
- At present it is anticipated that in 2020 the exam will only be offered in Victoria

Finances

- Motion by A Baldacchino, seconded by M Galanter to accept the 2018 Notice to Reader. Carried
- Motion by G Bunt, seconded by M Galanter to appoint BDO Dunwoody as the accountants for 2019. Carried.

Evaluations: Reminder to all that the evaluations can be completed on the conference app

Suggestions from members – please include in the evaluation section any suggestions for future topics or improvements

Hope to see everyone at ISAM 2020 Victoria

Adjournment: 5 PM

Attendees:

R Hajela
K Brady
H AlGhaferi
M Galanter
M Potenza
T Gawad
H Hansen
A Baldacchino
H Ekhtiari
N Szerman
I Maremanni
A Grixit
L Manning
N el-Guebaly
L Brugeja