

Terms of Reference

ISAM Behavioural Addiction Interest Group (BIG)

Purpose:

The purpose of the group is to increase and improve the capability and capacity of addiction medicine to pursue further behavioural (non pharmacological) addiction related research and education which will reflect itself in improvement in clinical care

This group will be composed of individuals working in the field of addiction interested and or specialists in the fields of clinical delivery and leadership, quality improvement, healthcare systems innovation, research and education.

This will be accomplished through:

- Publications to draw a roadmap for international collaborations around the above topics of behavioural addictions
- Agreed consensus around clinically relevant topics such as COVID19 pandemic and other communicable diseases and substance misuse, improving the physical and psychological wellbeing of individuals, psychosocial rehabilitation systems, multiple morbidities and others
- Mobilizing international funding resources for collaborative research in the field at the global level
- Practice and policy informed educational materials in different languages for patients, families, communities and policy makers.

Membership:

- The interest group will consist of two co-chairs and at least 15 active members.
- The co-chairs and more than 50% members must be ISAM members.
- Members will be nominated by the co-chairs and ISAM BOD
- The co-chairs and interest group members should represent different global regions.

Frequency of Meetings:

The ISAM **Behavioural Addiction Interest Group (BIG)** will meet at least once “in person” coincident with the annual ISAM scientific meeting. Meetings will also be held via telephone (teleconference), skype (or equivalent), webinars and/or electronic mail (e-mail) as the need arises. Members are asked to commit to participate in an active and productive manner.

Decision Making Process:

This will ideally be conducted through a consensus process. In exceptional circumstances when a consensus is unachievable, decisions will be decided by a majority vote and/or co chairs.

Reporting Process:

The ISAM Behavioural Addiction Interest Group (BIG) will regularly report on its activity at the ISAM annual meeting.

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