**ISAM Annual General Meeting – virtual**

**Nov 15, 2020**

31 attendees

Call to order by President Kathleen Brady

First order of business to acknowledge and thank sister organization CSAM-SMCA for allowing us to have a joint meeting for 2020.

Motion by A Baldacchino, seconded by R Khan to accept the Minutes of ISAM 2019 Delhi which were accessible for all members on the ISAM webpages. Carried.

Welcome to:

* New Board members Shalini Arunogiri, Australia - who will be chairing the Training Committee.
* And to Susanna Galea, New Zealand - who will be chairing the Education Committee
* Welcome to new President Alex Baldacchino who is bringing good ideas and energy.
* Welcome Hamad AlGhaferi as President-Elect who will ow be joining the Executive Team and who brings a positive worldwide relationships.
* Thank you to Past President Greg Bunt who will remain involved with the Regional Council and on the past President Council.
* Thank you, too, to Henrietta Bowden-Jones who will not be returning for a second term due to increased obligations. There will thus be a vacancy for the Membership Officer which will be posted.
* Thank you to Kathleen Brady for all her work and commitment during her term as President.

Financial Matters:

* The Notice to Reader Financial Statements for 2019 have been on the webpages for the membership since June.
* Motion by Shalini, seconded by Greg to accept the 2019 Financial Statements. Carried.
* Motion by Greg, seconded by Riaz to retain BDO Dunwoody as accountants for 2020. Carried.

Meeting Updates:

* 2020: Thank you to P Sobey and J Brasch and the CSAM Committee for all the work. 802 registrations
* 2021 – Launched a survey last week

Dates Sept 28-Oct 1, 2021

The LOC has Plan B (hybrid) and Plan C (virtual) in the wings

Announcing support from the government for the conference that will keep the registration down for attendees

Last item was to virtually Pass The ISAM Flag to Alfred Grixti for ISAM 2021 Valletta

Committees and Interest Groups:

* Dr. Roshan Bhad is the elected Chair for the newly established ISAM NExT Committee for early career professionals
* Introducing the Practice and Policy Interest group – blurb read out on their survey and their activities.
* Introducing the Philosophy, Anthropology and Human Sciences Interest Group

2020 Bursary Awardees:

* In place of the 2 NIDA grants-in-aid-of-travel – this year registration bursaries were offered for the virtual conference. 10 of these were awarded
* The Alberta Medical Association (AMA) Section of Addiction Medicine also sponsored 9 trainees/residents from both the University of Calgary and the University of Edmonton.

Reports from the Officers:

* Textbook:
  + 2nd edition with 220 authors from 25 countries
  + Publication January 2021
  + Discount for conference registrants till Dec 31 and the only the discounts for ISAM and affiliate society members
  + Alex Badacchino will spearhead the 3rd edition
* Certification Examination:
  + Last exam sitting was Oct 24 with 32 attendees
  + Questions about doing exam electronically always occur and we want to make everyone aware of the glitch with Prometrics were exam responses were lost for 9 that took the exam
* Membership
  + Currently 191 individual members
  + Over 10,000 affiliate members
  + New categories for membership have been accepted and will soon be sent out to the membership for information
* Education and Training
  + now two committees and looking for interested members
  + Shalini Arunogiri will chair the Training committee with Cor de Jong and Susanna Galea-Singer will chair the Education committee and a co-chair will be selected.
* Publication:
  + A Publication Policy has been accepted outlining the process for seeking endorsement of a publication under the ISAM banner
* International Relations:
  + This the past year work had been done linking ISAM with activities with other organization like the WHO, UNODC, NRC
  + The agreement between ISAM and the NRC for project funding is being re-submitted
  + One of the key feature for collaboration is the creation of an International Research Award
* Communication and Webpages:
  + The newly created Communication Committee will coordinate and amplify communication
  + The new ISAM webpages will be coming live soon
  + Please send photos and news/updates
  + A Liaison will be selected to work with the Newsletter Committee
  + A Liaison will be selected to work with Social Media
  + Thanks to Shalini for spearheading the twitter account but she is stepping down.
* Regional Council
  + Currently there are 17 ISAM Category I Affiliate societies/organizations
  + There are a further 8 in process
  + New Terms of reference are being established for the Regional Council

Adjournment

Next meeting at ISAM 2021