

ISAM Regional Representatives

The ISAM Regional Council consists of (1) Regional Council co-chairs, (2) ISAM Regional Representatives, and (3) Chairs/Representatives from ISAM affiliated societies/organisations.

The regional representatives reflect their own area of influence inclusive of overall 10 regions as follows: Eastern Europe, Western Europe, North America, Central America and Caribbean, South America, East Asia, West Asia, Middle East, Eastern Mediterranean and North Africa, Oceania and finally Sub-Saharan Africa.



Regional representatives or ambassadors are selected from a cohort of key leaders in addiction medicine/psychiatry from different parts of the world. Nominations will be submitted to the ISAM Regional Council for initial evaluations and preparation to ISAM BOD which will approve (or not) these nominations. Moreover, nominations need to show sound regional professional affiliation, influence, and reputation. Lastly, regional representative positions are reviewed every 3 years by the ISAM Regional Council. The nominees for the regional representative need to be *bona fide* members of the ISAM.

To bring global inclusiveness and diversity, the ISAM Regional Council plays a crucial role in connecting societies/organisations within the ISAM community with organising meetings, and workshops in respective time zones and following up with viable workstreams.

Regional representatives or ambassadors have an essential and upfront role in promoting communication and leadership development at a regional and global level in addiction sciences.

Here is a list of core roles and expectations of an ISAM regional representative that is achievable in close communications with the ISAM Regional Council co-chairs. In general, the regional representative will act as an ambassador of ISAM in the region.

- (1) To identify and develop a list of organisations and key addiction medicine experts
- (2) To contact people in their regions (spheres of influence) and to facilitate their ISAM membership process
- (3) To interact with ISAM committees and special interest groups in areas interfacing with regional activities with the aim to pursue culture-informed and knowledge-based workstreams globally to ultimately improve clinical care in addiction medicine
- (4) To support educational/training/conference activities and materials (perhaps in different languages) in their regions. To participate in such activities taking place in their region on behalf of ISAM as and when nominated by the ISAM for the same
- (5) To facilitate development of an understanding for needs and priorities in addiction medicine at a regional levels
- (6) To contribute in reflecting regional needs/priorities in the ISAM products including Webinars, Courses, ISAM Textbook, ISAM GEN Global Surveys, Guidelines/Roadmaps and Consensus Statements etc.
- (7) To contribute in nominations on a 3 yearly basis for Fellowship status to the ISAM members in the 10 regions