Our mission statement

Empowering addiction health care providers through enhancing professional capabilities in clinical care, leadership, innovation and research; and through facilitating global collaboration.

Our values

- Diversity
- Dignity
- Equity
- Innovation
- Collaboration
- Learning
- Excellence

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Our history

Born out of the recognition that addiction-related issues are associated with complex and multiple morbidities regardless of race, gender and/or ethnicity and that its prevalence is global in nature, a need was identified for an international network of clinicians in the field of addiction medicine. The International Society of Addiction Medicine (ISAM) had its inaugural meeting in 1999 in Palm Springs, US.

Since then ISAM has had its annual meeting in 18 different countries in an effort to make its meeting accessible to neighbouring countries around the world. As an international fellowship organization of clinicians, ISAM provides a membership-based forum for clinicians worldwide.

The educational mandate of the Society is to promote the exchange of information and ideas about pharmacological and non-pharmacological addiction research, treatment and management.

Isam's manifesto identified the following commitments to:

- Advance knowledge on addiction-related issues
- Recognise that clinicians worldwide have a major role to play in the management of conditions with other stakeholders
- Enhance the competencies of the clinician’s role
- Emphasis of the importance of continual educational activities and other clinical governance activities
- Establish consensus and position documents including practice guidelines
Our MANDATE

The International Society of Addiction Medicine (ISAM) is an international collaboration of Addiction Medicine specialists and/or generalist clinicians that aim to support, improve and sustain evidence-based education, research and policy driven activities in the prevention and treatment of illicit and licit substance use and behavioral use disorders.

Our PRODUCTS

ISAM Textbook of Addiction Treatment: International Perspectives 2nd Edition
This textbook is the basis for the ISAM Certification Examination with 110 contributions from 220 international experts in the field of addiction medicine and related disciplines.

ISAM Certification Examination
The ISAM Exam is a postgraduate diploma level testing knowledge and competencies in the field of addiction medicine. In the 16 years since inception, 280 have passed from 26 countries.

ISAM Fundamentals Workshops
Two current interactive Fundamentals Workshops: Leadership and Training the Trainers.

ISAM Annual Global Scientific Congress
Fulfilling its educational mandate, ISAM helps organise, with the support of local committees, an annual scientific congress varying the geographical zone location in an effort to make the proceedings accessible to all.

ISAM GEN - Global Experts’ Network
Expert opinion constitutes an important source of information. The dynamic and complex nature of substance use disorders and behavioral addictions necessitates the formation of global networks which can rapidly identify emerging challenges, synthesize cross-national information, and provide valid consensus opinions on areas of disagreement.

ISAM Regional meetings
ISAM supports regional meetings jointly with the relevant national bodies.

General Assembly Webinars
Representatives of addiction medicine societies around the world share their status, thoughts, ideas and comments.

Our ORGANISATION

ISAM is run by a Board of Directors who serve a three-year term playing an active role in the implementation of the varied ISAM activities and have assigned duties.

Our current Board of Directors:
- President & Liaison with the conference LOC
- President-Elect
- Past-President & Liaison to the Regional Council
- Treasurer & Chair of the External Funding Committee
- Communication & Website Officer
- Membership Officer and Liaison to Affiliate Societies
- International Liaison Officer
- Publications Officer
- Education Officer
- Training Officer
- Chief Examiner and Textbook Chief Editor
- ISAM NExT Officer
- Regional Council Officer

Currently there are five Interest Groups:
- Neuroscience Interest Group (NIG)
- Spirituality & 12 Step Interest Group (SIG)
- Behavioral Addiction Interest Group (BIG)
- Policy & Practice Interest Group (PPIG)
- Philosophy, Anthropology & Humanities Sciences Interest Group (PAHS)

For Interest Groups information: www.isamweb.org/interest-groups/

Our MEMBERSHIP

Besides individual membership, ISAM also accepts applications for addiction medicine societies and other related national organisations, for a nominal fee, to become Affiliate members. To date ISAM has close to 16,000 affiliate society members.

Our current Affiliates include:
- Addiction Medicine Association of Malaysia - AMAM
- Addiction Psychiatry Society of India - APSI
- American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry - AAAP
- American Society of Addiction Medicine - ASAM
- Argentine Society of Addiction Medicine - ArSAM
- Association Marocaine d’Addictologie—AMA
- Australasian Chapter of Addiction Medicine (AChAM) – RACP
- Brazilian Assn. of Studies on Alcohol & other Drugs – ABED
- Canadian Society of Addiction Medicine - CSAM-SMCA
- Cyprus National Addiction Authority – NAAC
- Egyptian Psychiatric Association - AEP
- European Opiate Addiction Treatment Association - EUROPA
- Fédération Française d’Addictologie – FFA
- Finnish Society of Addiction Medicine – PALY
- Greek Organization Against Drugs – OKANA
- Icelandic Society of Alcoholism & other Addictions - SAA
- Indonesian Psychiatrist Organisation - IPA
- Institut Fédératif des Addictions Comportamentales – IFAC
- Iranian Institute for Science & Technology of Addiction – ISTA
- Israeli Society in Addiction Medicine - ILSAM
- Japanese Society of Alcohol-Related Problems - NCBI
- Korean Academy of Addiction Psychiatry – KAAP
- Lithuanian Association of Addiction Psychiatry— PALY
- Maltese Foundation for Social Welfare Services - FSWS
- National Addictions Management Services of Singapore - NAMS
- National Rehabilitation Center – NRC
- Nederland Society for Addiction Medicine - NVG
- Nigerian Society of Addiction Medicine – NSAM
- Portuguese Association of Addiction Medicine - APA
- Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists - RANZCP
- Société Tunisienne d’Addictologie – STADD
- Swedish Society for Addiction Medicine
- Swiss Society of Addiction Medicine – SSAM
- Türkiye Addiction Psychiatry Association - BPD