

# The presidents report to the General Assembly (GA) of EUFAS 2018 – 2019

## Meeting of EUFAS

Since the last GA and EC meetings in Nice during EPA2018 (March 6<sup>th</sup> 2018) the EC has held one board meeting Warsaw during EPA2019 (April 8<sup>th</sup> 2019). There have been held several telephone conferences (one with almost the whole board November 6<sup>th</sup> 2018)

## Memberships

EUFAS has of now 36 membership societies from 23 European countries. During the period since the last general assembly several things have happened. A new member is the Drugs Research Network for Scotland. Furthermore, EUFAS has been contacted by and has established relations with the Turkish Association Green Crescent. They have been guided in how to apply for membership of EUFAS, but we have not received a membership application. The EC has been working to make old members that are not currently member (like the Swedish society) reapply for membership.

## Collaboration with other societies and organizations

EUFAS has during the past period collaborated with the following organization

- ESBRA: the second vice president of EUFAS, Marcin Wojnar, is also vice president of ESBRA
- EPA: president of EUFAS Geert Dom and EC member Falk Kiefer together chair the Section of Addictive Behaviors in the EPA. EUFAS has through the years had their GAs and a joint symposium during the yearly EPA conference. Due to changes within the EPA this will not be upheld in the future.
- ICARA: Secretary General of the EUFAS Jørgen G. Bramness participated in the annual ICARA meeting in Prague where he presented EUFAS. There were talks on a joint survey that were not followed further due to the possibilities to perform the intended study.
- ISAM: President of EUFAS Geert Dom and Secretary General Jørgen G. Bramness have had talks on collaboration with ISAM with President of ISAM Henrietta Bowden-Jones and European ISAM President Alex Baldachino.
- European Pain Federation EFIC: Contact has been made and talk on collaborating on a pain curriculum has been made with President Bart Morlion
- WHO: EUFAS has given statement on WHI treatment guidance
- INHSU: EC member Benjamin Rolland has worked to make INHSU a collaborator

## Joint symposia and official congress attendance

EUFAS has participated in several congresses and presented itself and arranged symposia

- During EPA's meeting in Nice 2018, March 2018 there was held a EPA-EUFAS joint symposium with more than 400 participants
- During November 2018 president Geert Dom attended the Teheran Addiction Congress and presented EUFAS in a lecture.

- During January 2019 Gerardo Florez and current president of the Spanish Socidrogalcohol Society Francisco Pascual Pastor held a EUFAS symposium during the annual Spanish Socidrogalcohol Society
- During EPA's meeting in Warsaw in April 2019, there was held a EPA-EUFAS joint symposium with more than 400 participants
- EUFAS will attend ISAM New Delhi November 2019

## Lisbon Addictions 2019

EUFAS was invited in as a co-producer at the Lisbon Addictions 2019 (LA19). This came after an initiative from the EC and with work from the EUAFS president. We succeeded in being given the responsible for an alcohol track on LA19. Members of the EUFAS EC reviewed more than 130 abstracts and rated them, prioritizing them for general talks, oral presentations at symposia, symposia (when they were suggested as such), short communications or for e-poster sessions. The program was suggested to the LA19 scientific committee by Jørgen G. Bramness. The poster sessions were organized by Colin Drummond.

EUFAS also had a symposium that we ourselves organized (Karl Mann) on Harm Reduction.

All in all, the LA19 was a great success for EUFAS with great scientific program and good exposure. We managed to introduce to Lisbon Addictions a topic that was under-represented before and had very favorable feedback on this. Preliminary signals from Lisbon Addictions is that they will welcome EUFAS to have a similar role in LA21

## Research projects:

EUFAS has been active in and participated in different European projects:

- Futurize project made it possible to bring approximately 120 people to the LA19 meeting that are not able to be there if not. Futurize also provided some funding for EUFAS and will continue to LA2021. Thanks to T. Gual.
- INCA COST is also a project initiated by T. Gual, trying to define "a standardized joint". This involves creating networks for researchers
- FAR SEAS is a project that will build capacity for policy makers to use in their countries and will include work-shops and new projects. (T. Gual)