

ISAM – EUFAS Meeting Minutes

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Brief overview of ISAM and EUFAS

EUFAS – European Federation of Addiction Societies

- Currently 34 societies from 23 countries.
- Started ~ 5 years ago
- Does not have individual membership
- May have more than one society per country
- Meet at other conferences – does not put on a conference of their own but tries to present a symposium
- Dues 1 Euro per member with a ceiling of 300 Euros

ISAM – International Society of Addiction Medicine

- Currently has Affiliate Societies as well as individual membership
- Holds an annual meeting and scientific conference in a different city around the world
- Started in 1999 with inaugural meeting in Palm Springs, USA
- Affiliate Societies may be more than one from a country but this has not happened yet
- Network of physicians with educational mandate
- Dues based on World Bank categories. Individuals: just increased to \$150, \$100, \$50 or \$25. Affiliate rates being reviewed: Initial fee then lower annual fee.
- ISAM could be promoted as a global replication of EUFA's European federation

Collaboration

- Dialogue started a year ago – ISAM desires to bridge the connects with European societies as well as those in other geographical areas
- **Strive to be complementary and not competing for same audience** - pool resources and expertise
- Need to clearly delineate the role of each society within the collaboration
- Need to define the benefits and advantages of being collaborators
- Perhaps participate in a joint symposium
- Joint involvement in advocacy taking advantage of expertise of other models
- Reach students and target medical schools (so **pre**-national societies)
- Look at topical issues/ practice & educational guidelines/areas for collaboration:
 - Differences in Screening tools or Definitions
 - Advance research
 - Standardize standards of care
 - Influence public policy
 - Network & support groups
 - Increase profile of the field
 - Harmonize education guidelines
- Tangible project with a final product would be a good way to solidify collaboration

- Discussion on Ambassador model for ISAM representation
- Suggestion of mutual representation on respective Boards as a guest with no expense to the hosting society.

Next step: exchange correspondence to continue fleshing out how to move forward