ISAM Practice and Policy Interest Group Webinar Series on
COVID-19 and SUD: A Global Perspective on Challenges and Solutions
2nd Webinar:Wednesday, Apr 15, 2020, 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET), 1:00 - 3:00 PM (BST)

As you all know, the current COVID-19 pandemic has profoundly affected various populations globally. The International Society of Addiction Medicine (ISAM) believes that the impact of this pandemic on people struggling with Substance Use Disorders could not be overlooked. Thus we decided to take this opportunity to hold a series of webinars with partners from different parts of the world, discussing challenges and solutions regarding the current pandemic from the addiction medicine perspective. The objective of these webinars is to support colleagues in the field of addiction medicine to learn from peers who either have undergone profound changes in service delivery or are on the brink of doing so.

ISAM Webinar Series on COVID19, 2nd Meeting

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Speakers will discuss:

- Examples of good practice.
- Items that were first considered non-essential services that might have had unintended consequences for substance-using (drug and/or alcohol) populations.
- Suggestions for training, research, or policy that could help experts to be better prepared in the future.

Agenda

8:00-8:05, **Introduction to ISAM Policy and Practice Interest Group (ISAM-PPIG)** (Alex Baldacchino)

8:05-8:15, **Global Experience by UNODC** (Anja Busse)

8:15-8:25, What has happened from the first webinar, updates from speakers from the first webinar

8:25-9:00, **International Best Practices Panel:** Netherlands (Cor de Jong), Morocco (Fatima Elomari), China (Chen Hongxian), Canada (Christian Schuetz), Australia (Shalini Arunogiri), France (Eric Peyron)

9:00-9:10, **US Experience by NIDA** (Nora Volkow)

9:10-9:30, **Specific issues:** Psychosocial interventions (Judson Brewer), Alcohol (Julia Sinclair)**,** Homelessness (Joe Tay), Poly-drug use (Christian Ohldieck), Dual diagnosis (Nestor Szerman)

9:30-9:55**: Q&A and Conclusion** (Kathleen Brady and Alex Baldacchino)

9.55-10.00: **Next Steps**

Third Webinar: May 7th Thursday
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- **Global Survey on COVID19 and Substance Use:**

We are asking addiction medicine colleagues globally to help us assimilate valuable information on how services have been re-organized during and post-COVID-19 and what continuity and/or contingencies were planned as a result. We are asking you to give us your personal experience around these difficult and challenging times. We aim to publish the results of this survey in high impact peer-reviewed publications with every survey participant invited to be a co-author. It should not take more than 20 minutes to complete.
You can now start filling out the survey by clicking here.

- **COVID-19 and SUD guidelines and resources**

The informative resources regarding the COVID-19 and SUD that were shared by you and other members are now accessible in our Dropbox repository. We would appreciate any other materials surrounding this crucial matter to be shared with us so that we could add them to this repository.