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39th ASAM MED-SCI Conference Meets in Toronto

ASAM's 39th Annual Medical-Scientific Conference will have an international flavor as addiction medicine specialists, educators and researchers gather in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Set for April 10-13, 2008, the conference will welcome ASAM members from the U.S., Canada, and around the world to three full days of clinical and scientific offerings, as well as ASAM's annual Business Meeting on Friday morning, April 11th. Non-member physicians, nurses, psychologists, counselors, students and residents also will find much that meets their interests and needs.

The MED-SCI Conference is preceded by the Ruth Fox Course for Physicians and ASAM's course on Pain and Addiction — Common Threads IX, both scheduled for Thursday, April 10th. Educational activities conclude on Sunday, April 13th with a Buprenorphine Training Course. All the events take place at Toronto's Sheraton Centre Hotel.

For additional information or to register, visit the ASAM website at WWW.ASAM.ORG or contact ASAM's Department of Meetings and Conferences at 301/656-3920. (See pages 3-6 for more MED-SCI news.)

American Board of Addiction Medicine is Launched

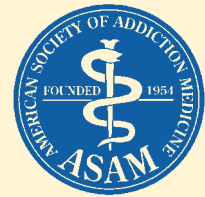
Michael M. Miller, M.D., FASAM, FAPA, ASAM President

It is with a sense of excitement and hope, and a humbling appreciation of the historical significance involved, that we announce the incorporation of the American Board of Addiction Medicine (ABAM) and The ABAM Foundation.

For more than a half century, there has been a vision that, one day, a medical specialty would exist — and be recognized by medical organizations, physicians and patients throughout America — as a professional discipline on a par with other areas of medical practice. Since 1990, the American Medical Association has recognized Addiction Medicine (ADM) as a specialty title that physicians can use to self-designate their area of professional focus and practice. And for more than 20 years, ASAM has

offered physicians a certification examination in Addiction Medicine.

However, it is only recently that ASAM has made the recognition of Addiction Medicine by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) a singular focus. With the establishment of the Medical Specialty Action Group (MSAG) in 2006, ASAM began a process of intensive study and dialogue with the ABMS, several of its member Boards, the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), the Council on Medical Specialty Societies (CMSS) and many national medical specialty societies, to learn what is truly required for Addiction Medicine to become recognized as a specialty or subspecialty by the ABMS. *continued on page 2*



Eileen McGrath, J.D.

ABAM Awards Recognize Achievements

Eileen McGrath, J.D., Executive Vice President/CEO

One of the great pleasures of ASAM's Annual Medical-Scientific Conference is the opportunity to recognize a distinguished group of individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the field of Addiction Medicine and to the Society itself. This year's group of awardees represents the highest standards in our field, and I know you join me in extending congratulations to each of them.

The R. Brinkley Smithers Distinguished Scientist Award will be presented at the Opening Plenary Session at 9:00 a.m. Friday, April 11th. The award for 2008 goes to Ralph W. Hingson, Sc.D., M.P.H., Director of the Division of Epidemiology and Prevention Research at the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA). Dr. Hingson's award lecture is titled "Magnitude and Prevention of College Age and Underage Drinking Problems."

The following awards will be presented during the annual Awards Luncheon at 12:15 p.m. Saturday, April 12th. The John P. McGovern Award on Addiction and Society goes to H. Westley Clark, M.D., J.D., CAS, FASAM, Director of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment.

The ASAM Annual Award for "outstanding contributions to the growth and vitality of our Society, for thoughtful leadership in the field, and for deep understanding of the art and science of Addiction

Medicine" will be presented to Robert L. DuPont, M.D., FASAM, former chief of the White House Drug Policy Office and founding Director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

An ASAM Annual Award for "expanding the frontiers of the field of Addiction Medicine and broadening our understanding of the addiction process through research and innovation" will be presented to David A. Fiellin, M.D.

The Young Investigator Award for the best abstract submitted by an author who is within five years of receiving a doctoral degree will be presented to Mishka Terplan, M.D., M.P.H. The Medical-Scientific Program Committee Award for the abstract receiving the highest rating for scientific merit goes to Chris Adelman, M.D.

ASAM's Media Award will be presented to HBO for its series, "Addiction," for educating the public about the science of drug addiction, its treatment and recovery.

The Awards Luncheon is an extra-fee event. Tickets for the luncheon are available in advance or on-site for \$50 per person. (Business attire is requested.) Visit the ASAM Registration Desk for tickets so that you can join your colleagues in honoring these distinguished individuals.

ABAM Launched *continued from page 1*

The ASAM Board of Directors directed the MSAG to take all necessary steps to "encourage and assist" in the establishment of the American Board of Addiction Medicine. Articles in the accompany special issue of **ASAM NEWS** describe what has occurred and what lies ahead.

Much work remains to be done, as your reading will make clear. ASAM is committed to further careful study on its own, as ABAM and The ABAM Foundation embark on their agenda. ASAM is grateful to the Co-Chairs and members of the MSAG who have worked so hard over the past two years to bring us to this point in history, and to the leaders of ASAM who have served on previous Task Forces and Committees that laid the groundwork for our current progress.

On a personal level, as President of ASAM at this point in the Society's history, I am most grateful to all those who have applied and are applying their enormous skills and perspectives to the work ahead. There are important issues to explore, reports to write, decisions to be made. No can be sure what the outcomes will be, or when they will be achieved. But we are confident that success lies ahead, to benefit future cohorts of patients and generations of physicians, so that the public health challenges of substance use and addiction can be more effectively addressed by America's health care system. In the end, patients will recover, and lives will be saved, as a result of the existence of and contributions to American medicine from the American Board of Addiction Medicine.

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39th MEDICAL-SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE Opens April 10th in Toronto

The Sheraton Centre Hotel in Toronto is the site of ASAM's 39th Annual Medical-Scientific Conference, where addiction experts from around the world will gather for a program rich in scientific symposia, clinical courses and workshops, and research papers and poster sessions. The conference — which welcomes ASAM members as well as non-member researchers, educators, and clinicians — is preceded on April 10th by the Ruth Fox Course for Physicians and the course on Pain and Addiction: Common Threads VIII. It concludes on Sunday, April 13th, with a Buprenorphine Training Course designed to qualify ASAM members and other physicians to prescribe buprenorphine in office-based practice.

Program chair Jeffrey Samet, M.D., M.A., M.P.H., co-chairs Lawrence S. Brown, Jr., M.D., M.P.H., FASAM, and Marc Galanter, M.D., FASAM, and the members of the Program Committee have created a program that affords participants an opportunity to interact with diverse experts in the field. Major events include special symposia organized by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism and the National Institute on Drug Abuse, as well as a symposium on buprenorphine organized by the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment.

The Annual Business Meeting and Breakfast will be gaveled to order Friday, April 11th, at 7:30 a.m. by ASAM President Michael M. Miller, M.D., FASAM, FAPA. Early risers will be rewarded with a delicious buffet breakfast, to be served from 7:15 a.m., courtesy of The Christopher D. Smithers Foundation. The meeting affords an opportunity for members to offer their views on ASAM's needs and priorities.

The official opening session at 9:00 a.m. Friday features an address by Ralph W. Hingson, Sc.D., M.P.H., Director of the Division of Epidemiology and Prevention Research at the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA). Dr. Hingson, who is the 2008 recipient of the R. Brinkley Smithers Distinguished Scientist Award, will deliver the award lecture on *"Magnitude and Prevention of College Age and Underage Drinking Problems."* Other distinguished speakers scheduled for the opening plenary are Ting Kai-Li, M.D., Director of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, and Nora D. Volkow, M.D., Director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

On Saturday, the day begins with the Public Policy plenary session begins at 8:00 a.m. The topic is *"Screening and Brief Intervention: What Addiction Medicine Can Do to Help Public Health"* and the distinguished speaker is Bertha Madras, Ph.D., Deputy Director for Demand Reduction of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Also on Saturday, the ASAM Awards Luncheon, set for 12:15 to 2:00 p.m., honors outstanding individuals who have made notable contributions to the Society and to addiction medicine. A

traditional highlight of the luncheon is the John P. McGovern Award and Lecture on Addiction and Society, established in 1997 to honor an individual who has made highly meritorious contributions to public policy, treatment, research, or prevention and who has increased our understanding of the relationship of addiction and society. The award is sponsored by an endowment from the John P. McGovern Foundation. This year's recipient is H. Westley Clark, M.D., J.D., M.P.H., CAS, FASAM. Dr. Clark is Director of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment. (The Awards Luncheon is an extra fee event.)

An overview of the conference schedule is found on the following pages of **ASAM NEWS**. The complete program is available on ASAM's website at WWW.ASAM.ORG.

REGISTRATION DESK HOURS

Register on-site at the ASAM Conference Registration and Information Desk, which will be open during the following hours:

Wednesday, April 9th 5:00 to 9:00 PM
 Thursday, April 10th 6:30 AM to 6:30 PM
 Friday, April 11th 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM
 Saturday, April 12th 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM
 Sunday, April 13th 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM

MUTUAL HELP MEETINGS

Mutual help meetings will be held each morning and evening of the conference in the York Room. Meeting times will be listed in the final conference program, or check at the Conference Registration Desk.

Is Your Passport Up to Date?

Are you planning to attend ASAM's 2008 Annual Medical-Scientific Conference in Toronto? Remember to check your passport today! Due to recent legislative changes, passport processing times have increased, so please plan accordingly. To learn how to apply for a new passport or renew an existing passport, visit the U.S. Department of State website at http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS AVAILABLE

Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME). The American Society of Addiction Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for continuing medical education to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians.

American Medical Association (AMA). The American Society of Addiction Medicine designates this continuing medical education activity for a maximum of 22.5 credit hours in Category 1 toward the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. *The Ruth Fox Course for Physicians* has been designated for an additional 8 credit hours, and the *Pain and Addiction: Common Threads IX* has been designated for an additional 8 credit hours. Each physician should claim only those hours of credit that he/she actually spent in the activity.

American Osteopathic Association (AOA). *The Ruth Fox Course for Physicians* is eligible for 8 hours of credit in Category 1-A of the American Osteopathic Association (AOA), and the Annual Medical-Scientific Conference is eligible for up to 22.5 hours of credit in Category 2-A. AOA members should report their credit hours directly to the AOA.

American Psychological Association (APA). The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM)'s Continuing Medical Education (CME) has been approved for renewal of certification by the APA College of Professional Psychology. ASAM CME credits may be applied toward the APA's *"Certificate of Proficiency in the Treatment of Alcohol and Other Psychoactive Substance Use Disorders."*

National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (NAADAC). ASAM has been approved as a National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (NAADAC) Education Provider, #152. All applying for NAADAC credit should report their hours directly to NAADAC.

QUICK GUIDE TO MED-SCI PROGRAM EVENTS

THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2008

5:00 – 6:00 PM

New Members Welcome Reception
Sponsored by Loma Linda University Behavioral Medicine Center, Redlands, California

6:00 – 8:00 PM

Welcome Reception and Opening of the ASAM Exhibit Hall
(Sheraton Hall, Lower Concourse; sponsored by the Center for Addiction Medicine & Mental Health and Schering-Plough Canada)

7:00 – 9:00 PM

Chapters Council Meeting
(Conference Room H, Mezzanine Level)

8:00 – 10:00 PM

COMPONENT SESSION I: Understanding and Employing Twelve-Step Groups in the Management of Addicted Patients (Conference Rooms B/C, Mezzanine Level; sponsored by the ASAM Action Group on Twelve-Step Recovery). *Speakers: Marc Galanter, M.D., FASAM; Richard Ries, M.D., Penelope Ziegler, M.D.; Chair: Marc Galanter, M.D., FASAM*

COMPONENT SESSION II: Patient Placement Criteria Update: The PPC Supplement on Pharmacotherapies for Alcohol Use Disorders and Other New Directions (Essex Ballroom, Mezzanine Level). *Speakers: David Mee-Lee, M.D., and George Kolodner, M.D.; Chair: Marc J. Fishman, M.D.*

COMPONENT SESSION III: Physicians in Training
(Windsor Ballroom, Mezzanine Level). *Chair: Brian Hurley, M.D.*

COMPONENT SESSION IV: Opioid Maintenance Treatments
(Civic South Room, Mezzanine level). *Chair: Judith Martin, M.D.*

COMPONENT SESSION V: Public Policy in Addiction Medicine: Past, Present, and Future (Dominion North Room, Second Floor; sponsored by the ASAM Public Policy Committee). *Chairs: Mark L. Kraus, M.D., FASAM, and Petros Levounis, M.D.*

COMPONENT SESSION VI: Primary Care — Making Addiction Medicine Part of Primary Care (Dominion Ballroom, Second Floor). *Chair: Norman Wetterau, M.D., FAAFP, FASAM; Speakers: Richard Blondell, M.D., and Daniel J. McCullough, M.D.*

10:00 PM

Mutual Help Meeting
(York Room, Mezzanine Level)

FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2007

7:00 AM

Mutual Help Meeting
(York Room, Mezzanine Level)

7:30 AM

ASAM Annual Business Meeting & Breakfast
Sponsored by The Christopher D. Smithers Foundation (Grand West Ballroom & Foyer, Lower Concourse; ASAM members only — Breakfast service begins at 7:15 am)

9:00 – 10:30 AM

Opening Scientific Plenary and R. Brinkley Smithers Distinguished Scientist Lecture: Magnitude and Prevention of College Age and Underage Drinking Problems (Grand East Ballroom & Foyer, Lower Concourse). *Speaker: Ralph Hingson, Sc.D., M.P.H., Director of the Division of Epidemiology and Prevention Research at the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA)*

10:30 – 11:00 AM

Refreshment Break (ASAM Exhibit Hall; Sheraton Hall, Vide & Osgoode Rooms, Lower Concourse)

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM AND 3:00 – 5:00 PM SYMPOSIUM 1: Smoking Cessation in the Practice of Addiction Medicine (Grand East Ballroom, Lower Concourse; sponsored by the National Institute on Drug Abuse [NIDA]). *Speakers: Eden Evins, M.D., Kimber P. Richter, Ph.D., Maxine Stitzer, Ph.D., Bankole Johnson, M.D., Tony George, M.D., Steve Shoptaw, Ph.D., Eric Moolchan, M.D., Dace Svikis, Ph.D., Himanshu Upadhyaya, M.D., Douglas Ziedonis, M.D.; Organizer: Ivan D. Montoya, M.D., M.P.H.*

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

SYMPOSIUM 2: Better Living Through Chemistry: The Use of Drugs to Enhance Performance On and Off the Field (Grand Centre Ballroom, Lower Concourse). *Organizer: Richard N. Rosenthal, M.D.; Speakers: Mark S. Gold, M.D.; Alexandra G. Polles, M.D.; Laurence M. Westreich, M.D.; Richard N. Rosenthal, M.D.*

COURSE 1: The Hidden Wounds of Recovery: Addressing the Grief and Loss Processes in Recovery (Conference Rooms B/C, Mezzanine Level). *Organizer: James C. "Jes" Montgomery, M.D.; Speakers: James C. Montgomery, M.D., Ted Wiard, L.P.C., and Rickey Dovers, M.S.*

WORKSHOP A: Opiate Replacement Treatment for Life? Differentiating Between Patient Candidates for Life-Time Maintenance vs. Maintenance-to-Abstinence Treatment (Windsor East & West Rooms, Mezzanine Level). *Speakers:*

Thomas J. Brady, M.D., Rocky Webb, M.D., Mark Illuminati, M.D., and Maria Encarnacion, M.D.

WORKSHOP B: Creative Management in Chronic Pain — Implications for Drug Dependent Patients (Dominion North Room, Second Floor). *Speakers: Barry M. Rosen, M.D., Jodie A. Trafton, Ph.D., and Denise D. Crosson, R.N., Ph.D.; Organizer: Mel Pohl, M.D.*

11:00 AM – 1:20 PM

PAPER SESSION 1 (Essex Ballroom, Mezzanine Level). See the official program for a list of papers and first authors.

1:00 – 3:00 PM

LUNCH BREAK

1:30 – 2:30 PM

POSTER SESSION (Exhibit Hall, Lower Concourse). See the official program for a list of posters and first authors.

3:00 – 5:00 PM

SYMPOSIUM 1 — Continued: Smoking Cessation in the Practice of Addiction Medicine (Grand East Ballroom, Lower Concourse; sponsored by the National Institute on Drug Abuse [NIDA]).

WORKSHOP C: Addressing the Epidemic of Benzodiazepine Overprescribing (Conference Rooms B/C, Mezzanine Level). *Speakers: James Berry, D.O., and Gerry Mugford, Ph.D.; Organizer: James Berry, D.O.*

WORKSHOP D: Sexual Addiction (Windsor East & West Rooms, Mezzanine Level). *Speakers and Organizers: Raymond Steinman, M.D., CCSAM, CASAM, SAP, and Penny Lawson, ICADC, ICCS*

PAPER SESSION 2 (Essex Ballroom, Mezzanine Level). See the official program for a list of papers and first authors.

3:00 – 6:00 PM

SYMPOSIUM 4: Buprenorphine Therapy: Increasing Access, Enhancing Quality (Grand Centre Ballroom, Lower Concourse; sponsored by the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment [CSAT]). *Speakers: H. Westley Clark, M.D., J.D., M.P.H., CAS, FASAM, Jane Maxwell, Ph.D., George Kolodner, M.D., Todd Mandell, M.D., Richard Dart, M.D., Ph.D., Rolley E. Johnson, Pharm.D.; Organizer: Anthony Campbell, R.Ph., D.O.*

6:30 – 8:30 PM

Ruth Fox Memorial Endowment Fund Donors' Reception
(Dominion South Room, Second Floor). Sponsored by Dr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Dorsey (*Note: this is an invitation-only event*)

8:00 – 10:00 PM

COURSE 2: Flatscreens, Casinos, Bath Houses, and Other Black Holes: The Addictive Exacerbating Factors of Process

Addiction Settings (Civic Ballroom, Mezzanine Level). *Speakers:* Elizabeth Griffin, M.A., LMFT, and David Delmonico, Ph.D.; *Organizer:* James C. "Jes" Montgomery, M.D.

WORKSHOP E: Where Has All the Money Gone — Pathological Gambling: The Hidden Addiction (Conference Room B, Mezzanine Level). *Speakers:* Raymond Steinman, M.D., CCSAM, CASAM, SAP, and Edith Townsend, M.S.W., R.S.W.; *Organizer:* Raymond Steinman, M.D., CCSAM, CASAM, SAP

WORKSHOP F: Enhancing Accuracy and Efficiency with Online Screening for Patient Placement (Conference Room C, Mezzanine Level). *Speakers:* Jeffrey Hoffman, Ph.D., Salvatore Libretto, Ph.D., Albert Villapiano, Ed.D., and James Sexton, Ph.D.; *Organizer:* James Sexton, Ph.D.

9:00 – 10:00 PM

SPECIALTY CAUCUSES (the following meeting rooms are located on the Mezzanine Level)

Family Practice (Conference Room B)
Internal Medicine (Conference Room C)
Psychiatry (Windsor East Room)
Pediatrics (Windsor West Room)
Pain Medicine (Conference Room G)
Correctional Health Care/Drug Courts (Conference Rooms D/E)

9:30 PM

ASAM Dessert and Coffee Reception (Grand West Ballroom & Foyer, Lower Concourse; sponsored by Pine Grove/Next Step, Hattiesburg, Mississippi)

10:00 PM

Mutual Help Meeting (York Room, Mezzanine Level)

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2008

7:00 AM

Mutual Help Meeting (York Room, Mezzanine Level)

7:00 – 8:00 AM

Continental Breakfast (ASAM Exhibit Hall, Sheraton Hall, Lower Concourse)

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM

PUBLIC POLICY PLENARY: Screening and Brief Intervention: What Addiction Medicine Can Do to Help Public Health (Grand East & Centre Ballrooms; sponsored by ASAM's Public Policy and Legislative Advocacy Committees). *Speakers:* Bertha K. Madras, Ph.D., David C. Lewis, M.D., Ken Liberto, Ph.D., and Michael M. Miller, M.D., FASAM, FAPA; *Organizers:* Mark L. Kraus, M.D., FASAM, and Petros Levounis, M.D., M.A.

9:30 – 10:00 AM

Refreshment Break (ASAM Exhibit Hall)

**10:00 AM – 12:00 NOON
AND 2:00 – 4:00 PM**

SYMPOSIUM 5: New Perspectives in Alcoholism Health Services Research: Opportunities & Challenges (Grand East Ballroom; sponsored by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism [NIAAA]). *Speakers:* Mark L. Willenbring, M.D., Constance Horgan, Sc.D., Constance Weisner, Ph.D., Peter M. Miller, Ph.D., Jeremy W. Bray, Ph.D., and Jeffrey H. Samet, M.D., MA, M.P.H.; *Organizer:* Mark L. Willenbring, M.D.

10:00 AM – 12:00 NOON

SYMPOSIUM 6: Are Overeating and Obesity Addictions? Current Research and Treatment Impact (Grand Centre Ballroom). *Speakers:* Bartley Hoebel, Ph.D., Yijun Liu, Ph.D., Gene-Jack Wang, M.D., and Kelly D. Brownell, Ph.D.; *Organizer:* Mark S. Gold, M.D.

COURSE 5: Ethics, Assessment and Monitoring Boundary Issues in Addicted GLBT Professionals and Their Patients (Windsor East Room, Mezzanine Level). *Speakers:* James C. Montgomery, M.D., and M. Deborah Corley, Ph.D. *Organizer:* James C. "Jes" Montgomery, M.D.

WORKSHOP G: The Many Advantages of Treating Overweight Teenagers as Athletes, Not Addicts (Dominion South Room). *Speakers:* Daniel Kirschenbaum, Ph.D., ABPP, and Peter Nieman, M.D.; *Organizer:* Daniel Kirschenbaum, Ph.D., ABPP

WORKSHOP H: RAIAR Recovery — A Novel Small Group Mutual Support Network (City Hall Room). *Speakers:* Raju Hajela, M.D., M.P.H., Brian Mahoney, M.D., Colleen LaHaise, and Muriel A. Prunster; *Organizer:* Raju Hajela, M.D., M.P.H., FASAM

WORKSHOP I: Implementing Screening and Brief Interventions — How to Do It and How to Get Paid (Dominion North Room). *Speakers:* Norman Wetterau, M.D., David C. Lewis, M.D., and David Rosenbloom, Ph.D.; *Organizer:* Norman Wetterau, M.D., FAAFP, FASAM

12:15 – 2:00 PM

ASAM Awards Luncheon (Extra fee event)

2:00 – 4:00 PM

SYMPOSIUM 5 — continued: New Perspectives in Alcoholism Health Services Research: Opportunities & Challenges (Grand East Ballroom; sponsored by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism [NIAAA]).

SYMPOSIUM 7: What We Can Learn from Our Overseas Colleagues: A Joint Session with the International Society of Addiction Medicine (Civic Ballroom, Mezzanine Level). *Speakers:* Vladimir Poznyak, M.D., Ph.D., Nady el-Guebaly, M.D., and Gabriele Fischer, M.D.; *Organizers:* Marc Galanter, M.D., FASAM and Jag H. Khalsa, Ph.D.

SYMPOSIUM 8: Addressing Problem Gambling within Addiction Treatment Programs (Grand Centre Ballroom). *Speakers:* Howard Shaffer, Ph.D., Nady El Guebaly, M.D., and Mark Potenza, M.D.; *Organizer:* Joan E. Zweben, Ph.D.

SYMPOSIUM 9: The Addict: To Treat or Incarcerate — That is the Question! *Speakers:* Gregory C. Bunt, M.D., Donald J. Kurth, M.D., FASAM, Harry K. Wexler, Ph.D., Steven Belenko, Ph.D.; *Organizers:* Gregory C. Bunt, M.D. and Donald J. Kurth, M.D., FASAM

WORKSHOP J: Prescription Drug Abuse: Who, What and What to Do (City Hall Room). *Speakers:* Michael Weaver, M.D., FASAM, Carol J. Boyd, Ph.D., MSN, Martha Wunsch, M.D., FAAP, FASAM; *Organizer:* Michael Weaver, M.D., FASAM

WORKSHOP K: Case Studies for Teaching Medical Residents to Deal with Patients Requesting Narcotics for Chronic Pain (Dominion North Room). *Speaker and Organizer:* Mary G. McMasters, M.D.

WORKSHOP L: Effective Fee for Service Billing for Ontario's Addiction Medicine Physicians (Conference Rooms B/C). *Speaker and Organizer:* Chris Cavacuiti, M.D., CCFP, MHSC

3:00 PM

Exhibit Hall closes

6:30 – 9:00 PM

SPECIAL PROGRAM: Health Care Professional Impairment — Medical and Legal Aspects (Grand West Ballroom). *Speaker:* Margaret A.E. Jarvis, M.D., FASAM and Mark F. Seltzer, Esq. *Organizer:* Louis E. Baxter, Sr., M.D., FASAM

10:00 PM

Mutual Help Meeting (York Room)

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2008

7:00 AM

Mutual Help Meeting (York Room)

8:00 – 10:00 AM

Special Morning Session: MSAG/ The Birth of ABAM (Osgoode Ballroom). *Speaker and Organizer:* Michael M. Miller, M.D., FASAM, FAPA

10:00 AM – 12:00 NOON

SYMPOSIUM 10: The Endocannabinoid System: Regulatory and Reinforcing Functions in Health, Disease and Addictive Disorders (Grand East Ballroom). *Speakers:* Pal Pacher, Ph.D., Alex Makriyannis, Ph.D., and Guy Cabral, Ph.D.; *Organizers:* ASAM NEWS, and Jag H. Khalsa, Ph.D.

SYMPOSIUM 11: Treatment for Families — A Necessary Component of Addiction Treatment (Grand Centre Ballroom). *Speakers:* Constance Weisner, Dr.P.H., M.S.W.; Dennis C. Daley, Ph.D.; *Organizer:* Mel Pohl, M.D., FASAM

END OF CONFERENCE

MED-SCI CONTRIBUTORS

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RUTH FOX COURSE FOR PHYSICIANS PROVIDES CORE CLINICAL UPDATE

The 27th *Ruth Fox Course for Physicians* is scheduled for Thursday, April 10th, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The course is dedicated to providing practicing physicians with cutting-edge knowledge about current trends in the field of addiction medicine.

Organized by the late Maxwell N. Weisman, M.D., the first *Ruth Fox Course* was held in 1980 in Seattle, Washington, in conjunction with the National Alcoholism Forum. Over the ensuing years, the course has educated thousands of physicians.

The 2008 course, which is chaired by Margaret A. E. Jarvis, M.D., FASAM, and co-chaired by Louis E. Baxter, Sr., M.D., FASAM, and John C. Tanner, D.O., FASAM, features the following outstanding presentations:

- **Remembering Dr. Ruth Fox — Looking Back/Looking Forward:** *Stanley E. Gitlow, M.D., FACP, FASAM*
- **Prevention & Early Intervention in Adolescent Substance Abuse:** *Norman Wetterau, M.D., FAFP, FASAM*
- **Motivational Interviewing:** *Peter L. Selby, M.D., MBBS, FASAM*
- **The Politics of Addiction Treatment:** *H. Westley Clark, M.D., J.D., M.P.H., CAS, FASAM*
- **Spirituality and Recovery from Addiction:** *Graeme M. Cunningham, M.D., FASAM*
- **Identifying and Treating the Problem Gambler:** *Bruce Ballon, B.Sc, M.D., FRCP(C) and Tony Toneatto, Ph.D., C.Psych.*
- **The Twelve Steps Meet Psychotherapy: An Integrative Approach:** *Arnold M. Washton, Ph.D.*
- **State of the Art in Nicotine Dependence Research — 2008:** *Terry A. Rustin, M.D., FASAM*
- **Addiction Medicine Literature Review:** *David R. Gastfriend, M.D.*
- **Questions and Open Discussion**

This course is approved for 8 credit hours in Category 1 of the Physicians Recognition Award of the American Medical Association. The course is supported through an unrestricted educational grant from Covidien Mallinckrodt, St. Louis, Missouri.

“Common Threads” Focuses on Pain and Addiction Medicine

Pain & Addiction course co-chairs Herbert Malinoff, M.D., FACP, FASAM, and Edwin A. Salsitz, M.D., FASAM, have planned a cutting-edge program featuring the following topics:

- ❖ **Chronic Opioid Therapy and Androgens — Management Update:** *Jerald Bain, M.D.*
- ❖ **Methadone Treatment for Pain and Addiction — The Safety-Efficacy Paradox:** *Edwin A. Salsitz, M.D., FASAM*
- ❖ **Opioid Treatment and Neurocognitive Complications:** *Raju Hajela, M.D., M.P.H., FASAM*
- ❖ **Acute/Chronic Pain and Opioid Treatment — The Personal Perspective of an Addiction Neuroscientist:** *Eliot Gardner, Ph.D.*

- ❖ **Managing the “Inherited” Pain Patient:** *Douglas Gourlay, M.D., FASAM, FRCPC*
- ❖ **Panel: Case Studies and Q&A:** *Herbert Malinoff, M.D., FACP, FASAM, and Penelope Ziegler, M.D., FASAM*
- ❖ **A Multidisciplinary Approach to Chronic Pain:** *A. Kenison Roy, M.D., FASAM and Mel Pohl, M.D., FASAM*
- ❖ **Wrap Up, Evaluations and Contract for Change**

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Physicians who pass the examination become ASAM certified in Addiction Medicine. ASAM certification is recognized throughout the world as signifying excellence in the practice of Addiction Medicine because it demonstrates that a physician has met rigorous standards through intensive study, assessment, and evaluation.

Since the examination was first offered in 1986, more than 4000 physicians successfully taken the examination and become certified in Addiction Medicine. Certification is designed to assure patients and the public that a medical specialist has successfully completed an approved educational program and an evaluation, including a secure examination designed to assess the knowledge, experience, and skills requisite to the provision of high quality patient care.

Visit ASAM's website (WWW.ASAM.ORG) for more information on registering for the exam.



ASAM's 2008 Review Course in Addiction Medicine will meet at the Westin O'Hare Hotel in Chicago, October 26th – 28th. Co-chaired by Karen Drexler, M.D., and Edwin A. Salsitz, M.D., FASAM, the Review Course is designed to meet the needs of multiple audiences, including: (1) physicians who are preparing to take the ASAM Certification/Recertification Examination; (2) addiction specialists who seek an update on recent developments in addiction practice; and (3) primary care physicians, nurses, counselors and others who seek a succinct review of the knowledge needed to successfully identify and manage patients whose problems are caused or complicated by alcohol, tobacco or other drug use.

This year's course, which is approved for up to 21 Category 1 CME credits, will give special attention to the use of newly available pharmacotherapies for alcohol, tobacco and other drug use disorders, and will review steps prescribers can take to prevent the diversion and nonmedical use of these important medications.

For additional information or to register for the Review Course, visit the ASAM website at WWW.ASAM.ORG or contact ASAM's Department of Meetings and Conferences at 301/656-3920.



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CONGRESS ACTS ON FEDERAL PARITY LEGISLATION

Chapters Council Chair Richard Soper, M.D., J.D., has circulated the following report to colleagues in the Council and in the ASAM. Dr. Soper has been joined by Ken Roy, M.D., FASAM, in urging ASAM members to call their members of Congress to ask for a "yes" vote on HB 1424, and a "no" vote for the Senate substitute measure.

In a major victory for addiction treatment, the U.S. House of Representatives has passed a bill that would mandate that insurers cover addiction and mental illness at parity with other medical disorders. "We've waited 12 long years for this historic day," said Rep. Jim Ramstad (R-Minn.), co-chair of the Congressional Addiction, Treatment and Recovery Caucus with Rep. Patrick Kennedy (D-RI). "I am grateful that the House has taken this important step to end the discrimination against people who need treatment for mental illness and chemical addiction." Congressman Ramstad, who is retiring from the House, cosponsored the parity bill with Congressman Kennedy, who said he hoped passage of the legislation "will help to erase the stigma associated with mental illness and substance abuse."

The House voted 268 to 148 in favor of HR 1424, the *Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act*, rebuffing attempts to substitute a version of parity legislation previously approved by the Senate (the Senate version is widely considered to be weaker than the House legislation). The House bill received critical support from Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), who appeared at a pre-vote rally on the steps of the Capitol and spoke in favor of the measure during the floor debate on March 5th. Speaker Pelosi said that ensuring that Americans have equal access to addiction and mental-health treatment has economic benefits and also would benefit returning veterans. "Illness of the brain must be treated like illness anywhere else in the body," she added, calling the Wellstone Act "a comprehensive bill to help end discrimination against those who seek treatment for mental illness."

Parity supporters sought and received a strong bipartisan vote in favor of the bill to back their case for adoption of the House legislation in negotiations with the Senate, which passed the *Mental Health Parity Act of 2007* by unanimous consent on Sep. 18, 2007. Enactment of the Senate version followed more than a year of negotiations between insurance and business associations, issue advocates and key senators. The House bill is widely considered the stronger

POLICY PLENARY TO FOCUS ON PARITY

A MED-SCI plenary session organized by ASAM's Public Policy Committee will feature an address by Bertha K. Madras, Ph.D., Deputy Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, as well as a town-hall style panel on the potential for grassroots advocacy during the 2008 Presidential campaign. The plenary, to be moderated by committee co-chairs Mark L. Kraus, M.D., FASAM, and Petros Levounis, M.D., M.A., meets on Saturday, April 12th, from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m.

measure. For example, unlike the Senate bill, the House legislation requires that out-of-plan addiction and mental-health treatment be covered by insurers if plans do so for other illnesses, and that insurers include coverage of all illnesses listed in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM), which is the same standard used in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Plan.

House and Senate committee members must reach a compromise on parity if the legislation is to move swiftly toward a vote in a legislative calendar shortened by the Presidential election season. "The Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Equity Act of 2007 is the right solution to ending insurance discrimination facing people with alcohol and drug problems and their families," said Merlyn Karst, chair of the Faces & Voices of Recovery Board of Directors, who urged the Congress to "hammer out the differences" between the two measures.

"I think we may have some Senate Democrats who had supported the Senate bill come out in support of the House bill," said Dave Wellstone, son of the late senator from Minnesota and a parity advocate for the group Wellstone Action. Mr. Wellstone predicted that Congress would reach a compromise on parity that "looks a little more like the House bill" than the current Senate legislation. "There are better patient protections in the House bill and the costs are the same, so there's no need, in my mind, to pass a weaker bill just because that's what insurers want," he said.

The Bush administration, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and some health insurers are among the opponents of the House legislation, although the President has not threatened to veto the measure. The trade group America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP) has supported the Senate bill, sponsored by Sens. Edward Kennedy (D-MA) and Pete Domenici (R-NM), but not the House bill. The American Medical Association supports both the House and Senate versions.

To follow further developments with the legislation, visit ASAM's website at WWW.ASAM.ORG.

RUTH FOX MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND



Dr. Ruth Fox

Dear Colleague:

As you make your plans to attend ASAM's 38th Annual Medical-Scientific Conference in Miami, remember to mark your calendars for the annual Ruth Fox Reception, which is scheduled for Friday evening, April 11th. The reception, which is a by-invitation-only event, honors those who have supported the Ruth Fox Memorial Endowment Fund over the years. We would be pleased to add your name to that honor roll of philanthropists.

In the next issue of ASAM NEWS, we'll report on the physicians-in-training who have been chosen to receive the 2008 Ruth Fox Scholarships. The scholarships are an important component of ASAM's educational mission. Each year, they allow an outstanding group of physicians-in-training to attend the Medical-Scientific Conference and the Ruth Fox Course for Physicians. The scholarships cover travel, hotel and registration expenses, as well as one year's membership in ASAM.

The scholarships are but one example of the work supported by the Ruth Fox Memorial Endowment Fund, which was established to assure ASAM's continued ability to provide ongoing leadership in newly emerging areas of addiction medicine, to continue its commitment to educating physicians, to increasing access to care and to improving the quality of care.

With your participation and continued support, the Fund will continue to fulfill its mission. If you have not already pledged or donated to the Endowment Fund, please do so now. For information about making a pledge, contribution, bequest, memorial tribute, or to discuss other types of gifts in confidence, please contact Claire Osman by phone at 1-800/257-6776 or 1-718/275-7766, or email Claire at ASAMCLAIRE@AOL.COM. She welcomes your calls. All contributions to the Endowment Fund are tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

Max A. Schneider, M.D., FASAM
Chair, Ruth Fox Memorial Endowment Subcommittee

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ASAM's 39th Annual Medical-Scientific Conference is dedicated to the memory of three leaders in Addiction Medicine who died within the past year:

JOHN P. MCGOVERN, M.D., JAMES W. SMITH, M.D., FASAM AND RICHARD E. TREMBLAY, M.D., FASAM.



John P. McGovern, M.D.



James W. Smith, M.D., FASAM



Richard E. Tremblay, M.D., FASAM.

JOHN P. "JACK" MCGOVERN, M.D., a noted allergist, scholar, philanthropist, and friend of ASAM, died in Galveston, Texas, on May 31, 2007.

Dr. McGovern first built his reputation in medicine as a leader in treating allergies and asthma, then became even better known for his philanthropy. Texas institutions that bear his name include the John P. McGovern Hall of the Americas in the Museum of Natural Science; the John P. McGovern Building, which houses the Museum of Health and Medical Science and its McGovern Theater; the John P. McGovern Historical Collections and Research Center at the Texas Medical Center Library; and the John P. McGovern Children's Zoo. He also helped establish the John P. McGovern Academy of Oslerian Medicine to recognize medical faculty who exemplify and teach the compassionate, patient-centered art of medicine advocated by Sir William Osler.

ASAM was one of the organizations about which Dr. McGovern cared most deeply. Although best known for ASAM's John P. McGovern Award and Lecture on Addiction and Society, which is a highlight of each year's Medical-Scientific Conference, Dr. McGovern also made generous gifts to the Ruth Fox Endowment Fund; gave a grant to underwrite the cost of sending ASAM's textbook, *Principles of Addiction Medicine*, to medical school deans, department chairs and librarians; and gave additional gifts to conduct a survey of addiction medicine training programs and to support ASAM's specialty status initiative. Most recently, he made a large gift to support the ASAM State Medical Specialty Society (SMSS) Program. In recognition of his continuing support, ASAM named Dr. McGovern an honorary Fellow of the American Society of Addiction Medicine in 1998.

JAMES W. SMITH, M.D., FASAM, died in Seattle, Washington, on November 23, 2007. For many years, Dr. Smith was Chief of Staff of Seattle's Schick Shadel Hospital. He also was responsible for organizing two freestanding addiction treatment hospitals and four addiction specialty units in general hospitals in that city.

In addition to his work at Schick Shadel, Dr. Smith was Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science at the University of Washington School of Medicine, where he was part of the team that made Addiction Medicine a part of all four years of the curriculum.

Within ASAM, Dr. Smith served as a Board member, chair of the Finance Committee, co-chair of the Resource and Development Committee, member of the Public Policy Committee and the Practice Guidelines Committee, and a member of the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Addictive Diseases*. He also was the Society's Treasurer, chair of the Operating Fund Committee, and a member of the Certification Committee.

Richard E. Tremblay, M.D., FASAM, died in Olympia, Washington, on March 27, 2007. A former Marine, Dr. Tremblay was well-known for his work in Addiction Medicine, both through his private practice and as medical director of public and private-sector inpatient and outpatient treatment programs serving both adult and adolescent patients. He was the founding President of the Washington Society of Addiction Medicine, and worked to build that chapter to reflect the unique character of the region, its medical community and population.

Dr. Tremblay was active in ASAM for almost 20 years, serving as Region VIII's representative to the Board of Directors and on many committees, including the Membership, Chapters, Fellowship, Methadone, Physician's Health, and Constitution & Bylaws Committees. He was particularly proud of his appointment to chair the task force that developed ASAM's first Strategic Plan. Asked about his goals for the Plan, Dr. Tremblay said they were to "improve the quality of life for our members and the quality of care for their patients."

ASAM EVENTS

April 10, 2008

Ruth Fox Course for Physicians
Sheraton Centre Hotel
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
[8 Category 1 CME Credits]

April 10, 2008

Pain and Addiction: Common Threads IX –
Sheraton Centre Hotel
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
[8 Category 1 CME Credits]

April 11-13, 2008

39th Annual Medical-Scientific Conference
Sheraton Centre Hotel
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
[22.5 Category 1 CME Credits]

April 13, 2008

Buprenorphine and Office-Based Treatment of Opioid Addiction
Sheraton Centre Hotel
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
[8 Category 1 CME Credits]

October 26 – 28, 2008

ASAM Review Course in Addiction Medicine
Westin O'Hare Hotel
Chicago, Illinois
[21 Category 1 CME Credits]

OTHER EVENTS OF NOTE

April 4-5, 2008

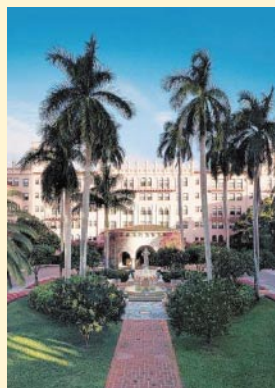
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Hilton Embassy Row Hotel
Washington, DC
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December 4-7, 2008

19th Annual Meeting & Symposium of the American Association for Addiction Psychiatry (AAAP)
Boca Raton Resort & Club
Boca Raton, Florida
For more information or to register, visit <http://www.aaap.org>



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March 14

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April 5

Chicago, Illinois
American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry (AAAP)

April 10

Toronto, Canada
American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM)

April 12

Dayton, Ohio
American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM)

April 13

Toronto, Canada
American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM)

April 26

Boston, Massachusetts
American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM)

May 10

Lexington, Kentucky
American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM)

June 28

Pewaukee, Wisconsin
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