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A Celebration of ASAM's Members and Their Achievements

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

Welcome to Med-Sci! I'd like to congratulate all of ASAM's honorees at this 40th annual conference, including Drs. Nora Volkow and Larry Brown, the other award winners, the recipients of ASAM Certificates, and the recipients of ABAM Diplomas.

Indeed, many thanks are in order. The ASAM staff is incredibly dedicated, and specifically supported my activities as President and Board Chair. Similarly, none of ASAM's successes could have happened without the volunteer contributions of our Board of Directors. I've never seen an ASAM Board as good as this one. The engagement in the discussions, the thoughtful analysis before making important decisions, the participation in all the conference calls and traveling at their own expense — that's right, with no reimbursement for travel — to ASAM Board meetings: I couldn't have had a better experience with the governing Board than I've had. And thanks to our tireless CEO, Eileen McGrath, who guides the Board and provides all of us with information to consider as they make the decisions vital to ASAM's present and future.

I also must thank my partners back home at Meriter Hospital's NewStart Program. I just celebrated 20 years as Medical Director of NewStart, but I couldn't meet the clinical needs there without other physicians who have been wonderful colleagues over those 20 years, beginning with Roy Yeazel and Fritz Koenke,

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Louis E. Baxter, Sr., M.D., FASAM

A Commitment to Meet ASAM's Future Challenges

*Louis E. Baxter, Sr., M.D., FASAM
Incoming ASAM President*

The challenges that lie ahead for our ASAM organization are numerous and quite formidable, not unlike those challenges that are

facing our Nation. Even in the wake of ASAM's historic and monumental accomplishments of successfully supporting the enactment of parity legislation and establishing the American Board of Addiction Medicine (ABAM), our work has just begun.

These accomplishments were made possible only by the efforts of so many of our determined and talented ASAM members. The work that lies ahead will require continued extraordinary effort on the part of our members — those addiction experts who've made parity and ABAM a reality. The

challenges that lie ahead — some known, others as yet unknown — may be difficult, but they are not insurmountable for us as a specialty society.

For example, ASAM must closely monitor the implementation of the parity legislation to ensure that it provides meaningful access to the patients who rely on our care, and affords a full range of necessary treatment services.

ASAM also needs to continue to focus on affirming its role **the** resource for state-of-the art addiction medicine education, as well as evidence-based treatment recommendations and related guidelines. This must include a special focus on medical student and resident education, while also providing continuing medical education to our Board-certified and Board-eligible practicing addiction medicine specialists.

ASAM also must focus on developing educational *continued on page 4*



ASAM Honors Achievements in Science, Education and Policy

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



Eileen McGrath, J.D.

At this year's Medical-Scientific Conference, ASAM will honor a distinguished group of individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the field of Addiction Medicine and to the Society itself. The awardees will be honored at a gala Awards Luncheon on Saturday, May 2nd. Our 2009 awards will be presented to the following outstanding leaders.

The John P. McGovern Award on Addiction and Society goes to Congressman Patrick Kennedy for his seminal contribution to the enactment of federal parity legislation. The McGovern Award was established in 1997 to recognize and honor an individual who has made "highly meritorious contributions to public policy, treatment, research, or prevention, which has increased our understanding of the relationship of addiction and society." The award is sponsored by an endowment from the John P. McGovern Foundation.

The 2009 R. Brinkley Smithers Distinguished Scientist Award goes to our own Marc Galanter, M.D., FASAM, Director of the Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse at New York University School of Medicine and a Past President of ASAM. The award will be presented at the Opening Plenary Session at 9:00 a.m. Friday, May 1st. At that time, Dr. Galanter will deliver the award lecture, "*Spirituality, Social Affiliation, and Alcoholics Anonymous: Broadening the Base of Empirical Medicine.*"

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 Lawrence S. Brown, Jr., M.D., M.P.H., FASAM.

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 Nora D. Volkow, M.D., for her multiple contributions as a researcher, educator, and Director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

The Young Investigator Award for the best abstract submitted by an author who is within five years of receiving a doctoral degree goes to Philip P. Lobmaier, M.D.

The Medical-Scientific Program Committee Award for the abstract receiving the highest rating for scientific merit goes to Walter Ling, M.D.

The Awards Luncheon is an extra-fee event. Visit the ASAM Registration Desk for tickets (at \$55 each) so that you can join us in recognizing the achievements of this distinguished group.

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AMERICAN BOARD OF
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Inaugural Diplomates' Luncheon

Saturday, May 2, 2009

Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel

New Orleans, Louisiana

Honoring 1,281 new Diplomates of the American Board of Addiction Medicine.

Special guest: Nora D. Volkow, M.D., Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse

Dr. McLellan Named Deputy Director of ONDCP

President Barack Obama has announced his intention to nominate A. Thomas McLellan, Ph.D., to the post of Deputy Director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). Dr. McLellan is Professor of Psychology in Psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania and Chief Executive Officer of the Treatment Research Institute (TRI), a not-for-profit research and development institute.

If confirmed by the Senate, Dr. McLellan will lead the Office of Demand Reduction within ONDCP. In March, President Obama nominated Seattle Police Chief Gil Kerlikowske to head ONDCP. Chief Kerlikowske's reputation for innovative approaches to law enforcement and Dr. McLellan's stature as a treatment expert make them "a perfect match," said Steve Pasierb, president and CEO of the Partnership for a Drug-Free America.

Dr. McLellan is nationally and internationally recognized for his 30+ years of research into treatment effectiveness. As a scientist at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Philadelphia in the 1980s, he developed two instruments, the Addiction Severity Index (ASI) and the Treatment Services Review (TSR) — measurement instruments that characterize the multiple dimensions of problems confronting substance abusing patients and the types and duration of treatment services offered in response. Now translated into more than 20 languages, the ASI and TSR are the most widely used instruments of their kind in the world.



A. Thomas McLellan, Ph.D.

In 1991, Dr. McLellan co-founded TRI to translate the results of research to policy-makers, addiction treatment professionals, prevention organizations, and the families of individuals affected by addiction. Helping primary care physicians recognize and respond to symptoms of alcohol and drug use in their patients is a major thrust of TRI's work, as is its emphasis on removing bureaucratic impediments to high-quality treatment and translating evidence-based practices for populations such as substance-using offenders. Through TRI and other endeavors, Dr. McLellan has promoted better understanding of the factors that lead to treatment success and fostered better understanding of addiction as a chronic illness that must be continually monitored and managed in the same manner

as other chronic medical conditions such as diabetes and hypertension.

The author of more than 400 articles and textbook chapters on addiction, Dr. McLellan is Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*. He also is an advisor to many government and nonprofit scientific organizations. Among his many honors are awards from ASAM and from the Swedish Medical Association, the British Medical Association, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Addiction field leaders were unanimous in their praise for the appointment. Former White House Drug Policy Director Robert L. DuPont, M.D., who also was first director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and is now President of the Institute for Behavior and Health, said: "The nomination of Tom McLellan, Ph.D., to be Deputy Director of ONDCP is the most important White House appointment for substance abuse treatment in over a decade. Tom is widely recognized as the leading drug treatment researcher in the world. He has no peers and no detractors. He enjoys a unique position of respect from this field that seldom agrees on anything. Dr. McLellan is the man and this is the hour to revitalize drug abuse treatment and to raise the national priority for demand reduction. This appointment brings great credit to the Obama Administration. It fulfills the President's ambition to bring new ideas to solve long-neglected, urgent national priorities."

MERGER OF NIAAA, NIDA PROPOSED

A long-simmering controversy within the addiction research community was reignited in February when a special review board publicly raised the issue of merging the *National Institute on Drug Abuse* (NIDA) and the *National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism* (NIAAA).

When the National Institutes of Health (NIH) were reauthorized by Congress in 2006, a Scientific Review Management Board (SRMB) was created to report on the way NIH was organized. The NIDA-NIAAA merger is one of two inaugural SRMB recommendations (the other involves the NIH Intramural Research Program).

The main argument in favor of merger is that efficiencies can be attained by joining the two addiction-focused institutes. In theory, a single agency would yield lower overhead costs and a leaner bureaucracy. Ideally, savings would be realized not only by eliminating redundancies within the two institutes, but for NIH as a whole.

This is not the first time such a suggestion has been made. A merger was considered most recently in 2003 at the request of the National Academy of Sciences. Former NIAAA Director Enoch

Gordis, M.D., was one of the most vocal opponents of that merger. He argued that alcohol-focused research was already receiving only a fraction of the funding that it deserved, and there was no way a merger would improve that situation. To the contrary, he said, a merger risked overshadowing alcohol as it became subsumed by NIDA's pre-existing agenda and objectives. (NIDA's fiscal year 2009 budget was \$1,032,700,000, while NIAAA's was less than half that amount at \$450,200,000).

One ironic effect of a merger would be a renewed chance to re-name the institutes — a push that was made during Congress's last session but ultimately fell short. A bill supported by NIDA and NIAAA themselves would have re-named NIDA the National Institute on Diseases of Addiction and NIAAA the National Institute on Alcohol Disorders and Health.

No merger is imminent, as the number of bureaucratic steps that must be taken before any merger could be realized is daunting. Some field organizations, such as the National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers (NAATP), are opposing the merger proposal. ASAM has not taken a position on the matter.

A CELEBRATION OF ASAM'S MEMBERS AND THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS *continued from page 1*

and then a number of ASAM members whom you know — David Hendricks, Ian Powell, Randy Brown, Aleksandra Zgierska, Basil Spyropoulos, and Michael Witkovsky. These last six who have covered call while I have been away on ASAM, AMA and other activities — two internists, two family physicians and two psychiatrists — have comprised a wonderful team to meet patients' needs the way the ABAM motto says it — "with skill, with knowledge, with compassion."

My thanks also go to ASAM members from every state and every Chapter, who work so faithfully for their patients, and so many of whom work so faithfully for ASAM. Appreciation also to the ASAM-certified physicians who not only sought a credential for themselves but also understood that they were contributing to the future of Addiction Medicine through their decision to go through the application process to become "grandfathered" into the status of Diplomate of the American Board of Addiction Medicine. And thanks to Dr. James Callahan, newly named head of ABAM.

The biggest thanks, of course, go to my wife Kathy. Virtually none of you know her — she doesn't come to professional meetings with me. She has clearly been "widowed" these past four years. She has put it differently — she said it was as if I had a girlfriend. That's a sad but realistic commentary on how

I've been married to ASAM and ABAM over the past four years — and I promise you, I'm looking forward to getting back to my true love and my real home. Every day or hour someone spends on the activities of "organized medicine" is a day or hour that is not spent with the family. Kathy is fully aware of what parity means, and what ABAM means, and what the achievements of ASAM will mean to patients and their doctors for years to come. She is truly the "silent champion" of whatever my efforts have been able to contribute to ASAM's successes.

So yes, my professional life is very important to me, but my family is even more important. Kathy has been a wonderful mother to our children for more than 29 years now. Space doesn't permit me to gush and gloat as a parent about Courtney and her sister Annie, a University of Michigan graduate from 2002, but my closest friends in ASAM know how proud Kathy and I are of our daughters.

I'm quite proud as well of what's happened to ASAM during my Presidency. During my tenure, ASAM has focused on "the Big Two" — the establishment of an American Board of Addiction Medicine to increase recognition of our field, and enactment of federal parity legislation to provide better access to treatment for our patients. ASAM has accomplished many things in the past two years, but when you look at the Big Two,

has ASAM ever delivered! The evidence is in our midst, with Dr. Nora Volkow handing out Diplomate certificates from a new independent Certification Board, and Representative Patrick Kennedy being honored for co-authoring mental health and addiction parity legislation that is now the law of the land. These accomplishments are rewards that all of us can share!

I'm pleased to say that we've also attended to ASAM's strength as an organization. At the time I was elected, ASAM had \$400,000 in its reserve fund and \$4,000,000 in its endowment fund. The former dropped to zero, and the stock market helped bring the latter down by half. But through the establishment of ABAM and its Grandfathering Program, the reserve fund stands to reach \$500,000 if the grandfathering offer from ABAM continues to prove attractive to ASAM-certified physicians.

Finally, thanks to two other ASAM Presidents. ASAM has a tradition of the current President leading as part of a triumvirate with the Immediate Past President and the President-Elect. In Drs. Elizabeth Howell and Louis Baxter, I couldn't have had better colleagues: supportive and wise, well-tempered and dedicated. I congratulate Beth Howell on her retirement from the ASAM Board, and salute Lou Baxter on the beginning of what will be two great years — ASAM is in wonderful hands with this gifted leader.

A COMMITMENT TO MEET ASAM'S FUTURE CHALLENGES *continued from page 1*

programs and other resources for our colleagues in other specialties who collaborate in caring for many of our patients. Moreover, ASAM is invested in emphasizing the value of early recognition and prevention of addiction, as evidenced by our Society's support for Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) and the practice of Adolescent Medicine, respectively.

ASAM will continue to pursue and publicize advances in the basic sciences and clinical research by nurturing our close relationships with Governmental and non-Governmental agencies that support and conduct research and demonstration projects (e.g., CSAT, NIAAA, NIDA), education (AMERSA, AAAP, AOAAM, and other medical specialty societies), and evaluations of treatment outcomes (ONDCP, HRSA, SAMHSA, and the VA).

There will be many opportunities for interested ASAM members to be involved in these and other efforts. In fact, there is a role in ASAM for every willing member.

Finally, I believe it is essential that ASAM continues to support advocacy, not only for our patients, but also for our colleague physicians and other allied health professionals during their own

personal journeys in recovery. Addiction is an equal opportunity disease and has affected many of those within and outside our addiction treatment workforce. As ASAM seeks to expand the number of providers in our workforce, it also needs to advocate for prevention while at the same time working for the reintegration of our fellow health care professionals who have fallen ill but are now in recovery and who are willing to cooperate with any ongoing monitoring that their continued wellness may require.

As President of ASAM, I pledge to represent and serve you and your highest aspirations as caregivers. I cannot do this alone. I will continue to call upon you, confident that you will continue to lend us the rich talent and expertise that characterizes our membership. Only in this way can we, together, redefine and further develop this unique organization called ASAM, in its evolving role as a well-recognized, well-established, and increasingly respected professional specialty society. I especially look forward to representing ASAM in cooperating with our newly formed and closely related specialty Board, the American Board of Addiction Medicine.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve.

Addiction Public Policy Goals For the Next Century

Donald J. Kurth, M.D., M.B.A., M.P.A., FASAM
ASAM President-Elect



Donald J. Kurth, M.D., M.B.A.,
M.P.A., FASAM

CONGRATULATIONS! Congratulations to all of you who care about those suffering from addictive disease! Congratulations to all who have worked these many years to change the course of our Nation toward a more sensible public policy regarding addiction treatment. The signing into law of the mental health parity act by President George W. Bush on October 3, 2008, brought the right to treatment to all those Americans covered by private insurance and Medicare who suffer from this ageless malady. But the work is not done yet, even at the most basic level. We still have to be sure that the implementation regulations are written in a way that actually manifests the spirit of the law — that is, access to treatment for addiction — but the framework has been created and it is up to us to continue to build on that structure.

We have achieved our goal; parity is ours, what more needs to be done? As far as we have come, we still have a long, long way to go. Let me give you two obvious suggestions for public policy goals for the addiction field. Our first goal must be to end the national, institutionalized discrimination against all those who suffer, or who have ever suffered, from addiction to alcohol or other drugs. I spoke recently to a group of adolescents in the Daytop Village treatment center in New York City and answered questions at the end of my talk. One of their major concerns — perhaps their greatest concern — was how they would ever get into college or get a job if they were honest about their drug addiction and treatment. This is a sad state of affairs. These were teenagers, mind you. Instead of focusing on getting well and getting on with their lives, they are worrying about how they will overcome the stigma and discrimination that they know is waiting for them down the road.

I recently attended a talk on discrimination in the workplace. During the talk I realized that, along with race, gender, national origin, and other protected classes of people, some areas of California law include “medical condition” as a protected class of individuals. Yet, for the most part, federal law offers no such protection. Think about this: Should somebody who has had a cancer excised, or even is in long term remission, be refused employment because of their medical condition? Should someone who has suffered a myocardial incident, and who is now healthy and active, be passed over for advancement based on their medical history? Similarly, should an alcoholic or addict who is clean and sober for years or decades have to continue to answer the question, “Have you *ever* been treated for drug or alcohol dependence?” These are egregious examples of institutionalized discrimination perpetuated against recovered and recovering people every day. And we have to put a stop to this sort of stigma if we ever hope to help our patients fully recover and fully reintegrate into society.

Our second goal should be to provide unfettered access to treatment on request for every American suffering from addiction. Those who understand the chronicity of this disease and the concomitant denial so often present, understand that over the years- or even decades-long course of the disease, the windows of during which individuals are receptive to treatment may open only for a few weeks, days, or even hours. If we are ever to bring this disease to its knees, we must address addiction at the level of a public health malady.

Think about this. If we wanted to prevent the spread of tuberculosis bacilli or syphilitic treponemes, we would not make those suffering from those disorders beg, scrape, or demand treatment. To the contrary, we would welcome them into treatment. We would make

treatment easily accessible whenever and wherever they wanted it. At the very least, we would want to make treatment readily available so that infected patients do not continue to spread their diseases to others. And so our public health policies encourage people with these sorts of communicable diseases to access treatment.

Similarly, with alcohol and other drug addiction — particularly among our youth — we should want to stop the spread of this disease. We should not want sufferers to continue to have peer pressure or adult role models of socially accepted addiction and alcoholism on television, in their communities, or in their homes. The only way to accomplish this, however, is to provide a nationwide public health environment in which every American, even at the earliest stages of addiction, is welcomed into treatment whenever it is needed.

In July 2008, then-Senator Barack Obama said, “Anybody who sees the devastating impact of the drug trade in the inner cities, or the methamphetamine trade in rural communities, knows that this is a huge problem. I believe in shifting the paradigm, shifting the model, so that we focus more on a public-health approach.” Our President is right. This disease has to be addressed on a public health level. ASAM’s role must be to educate our policymakers and lead the way for our Nation. Come join us in changing the world for all those who suffer from this lethal disease. Write your Congressman; write your Senator; and come join us at the next ASAM Addiction Treatment Legislative Day. The world is ours to change if we are willing to get involved.

DONALD J. KURTH, MD, MBA, MPA, FASAM is President Elect of the American Society of Addiction Medicine and Mayor of the City of Rancho Cucamonga, California. He is the founder of both the California and the National Annual Addiction Treatment Legislative Days and a past recipient of the prestigious Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Fellowship for Developing Leadership in Reducing Substance Abuse. You can learn more about his work at WWW.DONKURTH.COM.

WELCOME TO ASAM'S 40TH ANNUAL MED-SCI CONFERENCE!

The Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel welcomes you to ASAM's 40th Annual Medical-Scientific Conference, where addiction experts from around the world gather for a program rich in scientific symposia, clinical courses and workshops, and research papers and poster sessions.

The conference welcomes ASAM members as well as non-member researchers, educators, and clinicians. It is preceded on April 30th by the Ruth Fox Course for Physicians and the annual course on "Pain and Addiction — Common Threads," which focuses this year on "Lessons from Katrina."

BUSINESS MEETING. The Annual Business Meeting and Breakfast will be gavelled to order Friday, May 1st, at 7:30 a.m. by ASAM President Michael M. Miller, M.D., FASAM, FAPA. Early risers will be rewarded with a buffet breakfast, to be served from 7:15 a.m., courtesy of The Christopher D. Smithers Foundation. The business meeting affords an opportunity for members to offer their views on ASAM's needs and priorities. It also marks the official installation of Dr. Louis E. Baxter, Sr., as ASAM's President, Dr. Donald J. Kurth as President-Elect, Dr. C. Chapman Sledge as Secretary, Dr. Stuart Gitlow as Treasurer, and new members of ASAM's Board of Directors.

OPENING SESSION. The official opening session of the Conference at 9:00 a.m. Friday features an address by Marc Galanter, M.D.,



FASAM, Director of the Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse at the New York University School of Medicine, who is the 2009 recipient of the R. Brinkley Smithers Distinguished Scientist Award. Dr. Galanter will deliver the award lecture on "Spirituality, Social Affiliation, and Alcoholics Anonymous: Broadening the Base of Empirical Medicine." Other distinguished speakers invited to address the opening plenary are Nora D. Volkow, M.D., Director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, and Congresswoman Mary Bono Mack.

PUBLIC POLICY PLENARY. On Saturday, the day begins with a Public Policy plenary session at 8:00 a.m. This year's topic is "The Campaign for Parity." Plenary speakers include Congresswoman Mary Bono Mack (R-CA), Nancy H. Neilsen, M.D., Ph.D., President of the American Medical Association, David Rosenbloom, Ph.D., President of the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, and Eric Goplerud, Ph.D., Director of Ensuring solutions to Alcohol Problems.

AWARDS LUNCHEON. Also on Saturday, the ASAM Awards Luncheon, set for 12:15 to 2:00 p.m., honors outstanding individuals have made notable contributions to the Society and to addiction medicine. A traditional highlight of the luncheon is the John P. McGovern Award 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 Congressman Patrick J. Kennedy, in recognition of his tireless efforts on behalf of parity for mental health and addiction treatment. (*The Awards Luncheon is an extra fee event; business attire is requested.*) See pages 6-9 for more information on the Med-Sci program.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS AVAILABLE

Med-Sci registrants are eligible for continuing education credits from ASAM and other organizations.

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 20 credit hours in Category 1 toward the AMA Physician's Recognition Award. *The Ruth Fox Course for Physicians* and *Pain and Addiction: Common Threads X* each have 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 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. Those who are applying for NAADAC credit should report their hours directly to NAADAC.

SPECIAL SESSIONS OPEN ASAM MEETING

The following social and educational events on Thursday evening, April 30th, kick off ASAM's Annual Medical-Scientific Conference in New Orleans:

Thursday, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

New Members' Welcome Reception

Sponsored by Loma Linda University Behavioral Medicine Center, Redlands, CA

Thursday, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Welcoming Reception and Opening of ASAM Exhibit Hall

Sponsored by the Louisiana Chapter of ASAM

Thursday, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Chapters Council Meeting

In addition to the general meeting, individual chapters will meet throughout the Med-Sci Conference. See the ASAM Registration Desk for a schedule.



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.

Thursday, 8:00 – 10:00 pm

COMPONENT SESSION I: AA in Vivo — Workshop in the Twelve-Step Recovery Action Group

This session affords a unique opportunity to participants to experience both an in vivo observation of a Twelve-Step group, and analysis of the Twelve-Step experience based on what has been observed. The workshops will be held in a "fishbowl" format, wherein members of Twelve Step programs who are in recovery will carry out a meeting with a format typical of many Twelve-Step groups. This will allow workshop attendees to observe a close facsimile of the actual Twelve-Step experience.

COMPONENT SESSION II: Update on the ASAM Patient Placement Criteria

This session will focus on the evolving role and use of the ASAM Patient Placement Criteria (PPC), as well as future directions for its development. While the ASAM Criteria have been adopted throughout much of the U.S. as the standard for addiction placement and treatment matching, their implementation in different settings continue to be highly variable.

COMPONENT SESSION III: Moving Addiction Medicine into Family Medicine

The purpose of this session is to present current activities of the ASAM family medicine work group, to solicit input from ASAM members who are primary care physicians, and to develop goals for our group for the next year.

COMPONENT SESSION IV: Opioid Agonist Treatment — Training, Clinical Practice and Policy Initiatives

In this session, a panel of experienced clinicians, educators and policy makers will present an updated review of current clinical, training and policy issues in opioid agonist treatment and answer questions from the audience.

COMPONENT SESSION V: Public Policy in Addiction Medicine — Past, Present, and Future Addiction Medicine as a professional discipline has developed into today's medical specialty through a number of scientific and public policy accomplishments over the past 30 years. ASAM officers past and present will review current and future public policy concerns. Participants are strongly encouraged to share their views on the work of the Public Policy Committee over the past five years, to discuss public policy statements under consideration, and to help the Public Policy Committee chart a course for the future.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

On-site registration will open from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29th, and from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 30th.

NEW MEETING SCHEDULE

In a departure from past Med-Sci Conferences, the ASAM Board of Directors will meet at 6:00 p.m. Monday, April 27th and all day Tuesday, April 28th. All ASAM Committee and Council Meetings will take place on Wednesday, April 29, 2009.



WOULD YOU LIKE A RECORDING OF A MEMORABLE PRESENTATION TO ADD TO YOUR PROFESSIONAL LIBRARY?

Recordings of sessions at the Med-Sci conference, the Common Threads course, and the Ruth Fox course can be purchased on-site or ordered from **Digital Conference Providers at 630-963-8311.**

DAILY PLANNER

All events will take place in the Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel.

5:00 – 6:00 pm

❑ RUTH FOX COURSE FOR PHYSICIANS

Co-Chairs: Margaret A.E. Jarvis, M.D., FASAM; John C. Tanner, D.O., FASAM;
Speakers: Steven C. Boles, D.O., FASAM; Anthony H. Dekker, D.O., FASAM;
John P. Femino, M.D., FASAM; Stanley E. Gitlow, M.D., FASAM; Margaret A.E. Jarvis, M.D., FASAM; Marla D. Kushner, D.O., FASAM; Brian J. McDevitt, D.O., FASAM;
John C. Tanner, D.O., FASAM; Michael F. Weaver, M.D., FASAM

5:00 – 6:00 pm

❑ PAIN AND ADDICTION: COMMON THREADS X

Co-Chairs: Herbert Malinoff, M.D., FACP, FASAM; Edwin A. Salsitz, M.D., FASAM;
Speakers: Daniel J. Clauw, M.D.; Harold M. Ginzburg, M.D.; Howard A. Heit, M.D., FACP, FASAM; Herbert L. Malinoff, M.D., FACP, FASAM; Melvin I. Pohl, M.D., FASAM;
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5:00 – 6:00 pm

❑ NEW MEMBERS' WELCOME RECEPTION

Sponsored by Loma Linda University Behavioral Medicine Center, Redlands, CA

6:00 – 8:00 pm

❑ WELCOMING RECEPTION AND OPENING OF THE ASAM EXHIBIT HALL

Sponsored by the Louisiana Chapter of ASAM

7:00 – 9:00 pm

❑ CHAPTERS COUNCIL MEETING

Specific chapter meetings will be available throughout the Med-Sci Conference. Further information will be available at the Conference Registration Desk.

8:00 – 10:00 pm

❑ COMPONENT SESSION I: AA in Vivo — Workshop in the Twelve-Step Recovery Action Group

Chair: Marc Galanter, M.D., FASAM; *Speakers:* Marc Galanter, M.D., FASAM; Penelope Ziegler, M.D.; Richard K. Ries, M.D.

8:00 – 10:00 pm

❑ COMPONENT SESSION II: Update on the ASAM Patient Placement Criteria

Chair: Marc J. Fishman M.D.; *Speakers:* David Mee-Lee M.D.; George Kolodner, M.D.; Gerald Shulman, M.A., FACATA

8:00 – 10:00 pm

❑ COMPONENT SESSION III: Moving Addiction Medicine into Family Medicine

Chair: Norman Wetterau, M.D., FFAFP, FASAM; *Speakers:* Richard Blondell, M.D.; Anthony Cloy, M.D.

8:00 – 10:00 pm

❑ COMPONENT SESSION IV: Opioid Agonist Treatment — Training, Clinical Practice and Policy Initiatives

Chair: Daniel P. Alford, M.D., M.P.H., FACP; *Speakers:* Andrew J. Saxon, M.D., Edwin Salsitz, M.D., FASAM; Adam J. Gordon, M.D., M.P.H., FASAM; Daniel Alford, M.D., M.P.H., FACP; Laura F. McNicholas, M.D., Ph.D.; John A. Renner, Jr., M.D., DFAPA

8:00 – 10:00 pm

❑ COMPONENT SESSION V: Public Policy in Addiction Medicine — Past, Present, and Future

Co-Chairs: A. Kenison Roy, M.D., FASAM; Petros Levounis, M.D., M.A.; Mark L. Kraus, M.D., FASAM; *Speakers:* Mark L. Kraus, M.D., FASAM; Petros Levounis, M.D., M.A.; David E. Smith, M.D., FASAM; Louis E. Baxter, Sr., M.D., FASAM

7:30 – 9:00 am

❑ ASAM ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING & BREAKFAST

(ASAM Members only — breakfast service will start at 7:15 am)
Sponsored by the Christopher D. Smithers Foundation

9:00 – 10:30 am

❑ OPENING SCIENTIFIC PLENARY AND DISTINGUISHED SCIENTIST LECTURE AWARD

Featuring the Distinguished Scientist Lecture on "Spirituality, Social Affiliation, and Alcoholics Anonymous: Broadening the Base of Empirical Medicine" by Marc Galanter, M.D., FASAM, Director of the Division of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, New York University School of Medicine.

10:30 – 11:00 am

❑ REFRESHMENT BREAK — ASAM EXHIBIT HALL

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

❑ SYMPOSIUM 1: Update on Genetics and Neuroscience

Sponsored by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA)
Organizer: Mark Willenbring, M.D.

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

❑ SYMPOSIUM 2: Harm and Risk Reduction: Reaching Out or Tolerating Drug Use?

Organizer: Michael Fingerhood, M.D., FACP; *Speakers:* Josiah D. Rich, M.D., M.P.H.; David Vlahov, Ph.D., R.N.; Susan G. Sherman, Ph.D., M.P.H.; Chris Serio-Chapman

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

❑ PAPER SESSION I

• A Randomized Controlled Trial of Naltrexone Implants and Methadone Maintenance Among Heroin Dependent Inmates: Results 6 Months After Prison Release

Presenter: Philip P. Lobmaier, M.D., Norwegian Centre for Addiction Research, University of Oslo, Norway (Recipient of the 2009 Young Investigator Award)

• Acceptance of a Recovery Monitoring Check-Up (RMC) Program Following Residential Addiction Treatment: The Crossroads Aftercare & Recovery Evaluation (CARE) Program

Presenter: T.C. Martin, M.D., FASAM, Crossroads Centre Antigua

• Substance Abuse Screening in the 21st Century: A Pilot Study of a Computerized, Self-Administered ASSIST

Presenter: Suzanne Spear, M.S., Integrated Substance Abuse Programs, Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

• Gender Difference in Opioid Detoxification Using Buprenorphine/Naloxone in a Private Primary Care Family Practice

Presenter: Richard V. Guzzetta, M.D., Touchstone Medical Group

• Extended-Release Naltrexone for Treatment of Alcohol Dependence in Urban Primary Care: Feasible and Acceptable

Presenter: Joshua D. Lee, M.D., M.Sc., New York University School of Medicine

• Neurocognitive Enhancement for the Treatment of Chronic Pain in Chemically Dependent Patients

Presenter: Peter Przekop, D.O., Ph.D., Departments of Psychiatry and Child Neurology, Loma Linda Medical Center

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

❑ COURSE 1: Creating Emotional Competence in Addicts with PTSD

Organizer: M. Deborah Corley, Ph.D.; *Speakers:* M. Deborah Corley, Ph.D.; James C. "Jes" Montgomery, M.D.

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

❑ WORKSHOP A: Drugged Driving: Major Public Safety Threat & Treatment Opportunity

Organizer: Robert L. DuPont, M.D., FASAM; *Speakers:* J. Michael Walsh, Ph.D.; Mark S. Gold, M.D.; Mark L. Kraus, M.D., FASAM

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

❑ WORKSHOP B: Integrating Smoking Cessation into Chemical Dependence Treatment

Organizer: Steven Kipnis M.D., FACP, FASAM; *Speakers:* Carl Rollynn Sullivan, M.D.; Joseph Gudyish, Ph.D.; Steven Kipnis M.D., FACP, FASAM

1:00 – 3:00 pm

❑ LUNCH BREAK

1:30 – 2:30 pm

❑ POSTER SESSION — Exhibit Hall

(refer to the full Conference program for a list of posters and first authors)

3:00 – 5:00 pm

❑ SYMPOSIUM 1 continued — Update on Genetics and Neuroscience

Sponsored by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA)

3:00 – 5:00 pm

❑ SYMPOSIUM 3: Medical Marijuana Revisited

Organizer: Gregory C. Bunt, M.D.; *Speakers:* J.H. Atkinson, M.D.; Robert L. DuPont, M.D., FASAM; Jag Khalsa, Ph.D.

3:00 – 5:00 pm

❑ Paper Session II

• **Safety and Efficacy of ProbuPine[®], a 6-Month Sustained-Release Formulation of Buprenorphine for the Treatment of Opioid Addiction: A Phase 3, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study.** *Presenter:* Walter Ling, M.D., Professor of Psychiatry and Director, Integrated Substance Abuse Programs, Department of Psychiatry & Biobehavioral Sciences, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA (Recipient of the Medical-Scientific Conference Program Committee Award)

• **Pain, Addiction and Risk Management in Your Community: Concepts and Tools to Help Patients and Improve Outcomes.**

Presenter: Jennifer Michaels, M.D., Assistant Professor, University of Massachusetts Medical School

• **One Year of Sustained-Release Naltrexone Treatment for Opioid Dependence.** *Presenter:* Nikolaj Kunoe, Clinical Psychologist, Norwegian Centre for Addiction Research, University of Oslo, Norway

• **Opioid Agonist Challenges to Naltrexone Blockade Among Poly-Drug Using Naltrexone Implant Patients.** *Presenter:* Nikolaj Kunoe, Clinical Psychologist, Norwegian Centre for Addiction Research, University of Oslo, Norway

• **Pharmacokinetic Analysis of Plasma Buprenorphine in Patients With Opioid Addiction Treated for 6 Months With Either ProbuPine[®] or Placebo Implants.** *Presenter:* Mark Greenwald, Ph.D.

• **Prescription Medication Overdose Deaths Among Females in Rural Virginia, 1997–2004.**

Presenter: Martha J. Wunsch, M.D., Associate Professor, Department of Behavioral Science, Center for Drug and Alcohol Research, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

FRIDAY

MED-SCI CONFERENCE DAILY PLANNER

FRIDAY

- 3:00 – 5:00 pm
□ **WORKSHOP C: Cocaine and Methamphetamine Addiction — Clinical Update 2009**
Organizer: Arnold M. Washton, Ph.D.; *Speakers:* Mark S. Gold, M.D.; Richard A. Rawson, Ph.D.; Joan E. Zweben, Ph.D.; Arnold M. Washton, Ph.D.
- 3:00 – 5:00 pm
□ **WORKSHOP D: Alcohol Blackouts Revisited — Recent Advances**
Organizer: Charles L. Whitfield, M.D., FASAM;
Speakers: Charles L. Whitfield, M.D., FASAM; Donald F. Sweeney, M.D., FASAM, FACP
- 3:00 – 5:00 pm
□ **SYMPOSIUM 4: Point/Counterpoint — Forum to Explore Controversies in Medication-Maintained Recovery with Opioid Dependence**
Organizers: Mel Pohl, M.D.; Richard Ries, M.D.;
Speakers: Vern R. Williams, M.D.; Karen Miotto, M.D.; Daniel P. Alford, M.D., M.P.H., FACP
- 6:30 – 8:30 pm
□ **RUTH FOX ENDOWMENT RECEPTION** (by invitation only)
Sponsored by Dr. & Mr. Joseph E. Dorsey and Dr. Tommie F. Lauer
- 8:00 – 10:00 pm
□ **WORKSHOP E: Psychotherapeutic Benefits of Opioid Agonist Therapy**
Organizer and Speaker: Peter L. Tenore, M.D., FASAM
- 8:00 – 10:00 pm
□ **WORKSHOP F: Chronic Hepatitis C — Evidence-Based Therapy in Patients with Co-Existing Severe Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorders**
Organizer and Speaker: Ken Freedman, M.D., M.S., M.B.A., FACP, FASAM
- 8:00 – 10:00 pm
□ **WORKSHOP G: Physician Health Programs — The Evidence and Implications for the Future of Care Management of Substance Use Disorders**
Organizer: Robert L. DuPont, M.D., FASAM;
Speakers: Gregory E. Skipper, M.D.; Louis E. Baxter, Sr., M.D., FASAM
- 9:30 pm
□ **ASAM DESSERT AND COFFEE RECEPTION**
Sponsored by Pine Grove, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and Alkermes, Inc., Cambridge, Massachusetts

SATURDAY

- 7:00 – 8:00 am
□ **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST — ASAM Exhibit Hall**
Sponsored by Alkermes, Inc.
- 8:00 – 9:30 am
□ **POLICY PLENARY — CAMPAIGN FOR PARITY**
Organizers: A. Kenison Roy III, M.D., FASAM; Mark L. Kraus, M.D., FASAM; Petros Levounis, M.D., M.A., FASAM.
Keynote address: Nancy H. Neilsen, M.D., Ph.D., President of the American Medical Association
- 10:00 am – 12 Noon
□ **SYMPOSIUM 5: Use of Opioids for the Treatment of Chronic Pain: Current Evidence, Practices and Future Directions**
Sponsored by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)
Organizers: Norman Wetterau, M.D., FAAFP, FASAM; Richard A. Denisco, M.D., M.P.H.;
Speakers: Michael R. Von Korff, Ph.D.; Andrew Rosenblum, Ph.D.; Richard A. Denisco, M.D., M.P.H.; Mathew Devine, D.O.
- 10:00 am – 12 Noon
□ **SYMPOSIUM 6: Improving Outcomes by Using Evidence-Based Practices — The New Science of Implementation**
Organizer: Joan Zweben, Ph.D.;
Speakers: Joan Zweben, Ph.D.; Wilson M. Compton, M.D., MPE; Jack B. Stein, Ph.D.
- 10:00 am – 12 Noon
□ **COURSE 2: Understanding the Symbiotic Relationship Between Cocaine and HIV — How Do We Break Up This Relationship?**
Organizer: Megan M. Pinkston, M.A., Ph.D.; *Speakers:* Megan M. Pinkston, M.A., Ph.D.; Jennifer Mitty, M.D., M.P.H.; Nick Zaller, Ph.D.; Cynthia MacLeod, B.S.N., ACRN, CARN
- 10:00 am – 12 Noon
□ **WORKSHOP H: Nonmedical Use of Prescribed Controlled Substances by College Students — Prevention Opportunities**
Organizer: Robert L. DuPont, M.D., FASAM;
Speakers: Amelia M. Arria, Ph.D.; Mark S. Gold, M.D.; David E. Smith, M.D., FASAM
- 10:00 am – 12 Noon
□ **WORKSHOP I: Treatment of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders in the Addiction Practice — Etiology, Screening, Comorbid Diagnosis and Long Term Management**
Organizer: Martha J. Wunsch, M.D.;
Speakers: Martha J. Wunsch, M.D.; Susan Aduabato, Ph.D.; Mary DeJoseph, D.O.
- 12:15 – 2:00 pm
□ **ASAM AWARDS LUNCHEON AND ABAM CERTIFICATION RECOGNITION**
In memory of LeClair Bissell, M.D., Ronald M. Davis, M.D., and Martin C. Doot, M.D., FASAM (Ticketed event — \$55 per person)

SATURDAY

- 2:00 – 4:00 pm
□ **SYMPOSIUM 5 — continued**
Use of Opioids for the Treatment of Chronic Pain — Current Evidence, Practices and Future Directions
Sponsored by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)
- 2:00 – 4:00 pm
□ **SYMPOSIUM 7: Homelessness and Addiction — Innovations in Clinical Practice and Policy for a Challenging Population**
Organizer: Jeffrey H. Samet, M.D., M.A., M.P.H.;
Speakers: Stefan G. Kertesz, M.D., M.Sc.; Anita Palepu, M.D., M.P.H., FRCPC; Adam J. Gordon, M.D., M.P.H., FACP, FASAM
- 2:00 – 4:00 pm
□ **SYMPOSIUM 8: What is Addiction? What is Recovery?**
Organizers: Richard N. Rosenthal, M.D.; Donald J. Kurth, M.D., M.B.A., M.P.A., FASAM;
Speakers: Richard N. Rosenthal, M.D.; Donald J. Kurth, M.D., M.A., M.P.A., FASAM; George F. Koob, Ph.D.
- 2:00 – 4:00 pm
□ **SYMPOSIUM 9: Unique Models for Comprehensive Substance Abuse Treatment — Joint Session With the International Society of Addiction Medicine**
Organizers: Marc Galanter, M.D.; Jag H. Khalsa, Ph.D.;
Speakers: John Strang, M.D., National Addiction Centre, The Maudsley Institute of Psychiatry, London, England; Evgeny Krupitsky, M.D., Ph.D., D.Med.Sci., Chief, Laboratory of Clinical Psychopharmacology of Addictions, Bekhterev Research Psychoneurological Institute, St. Petersburg, Russia; Thorarinn Tyrfinngsson, M.D., Director, Vogur Hospital, Storfhofda, Iceland
- 2:00 – 4:00 pm
□ **WORKSHOP J: Focus on Recovery, Not Just Treatment of Addiction**
Organizer: Dennis C. Daley, Ph.D.; *Speakers:* Dennis C. Daley, Ph.D.; Antoine Douaihy, M.D.
- 2:00 – 4:00 pm
□ **WORKSHOP K: Making the Leap — Actual Implementation of Concurrent Disorder Treatment Programs for Patients with Severe Mental Illness and Addiction**
Organizer: Shaohua Lu, M.D., FRCPC;
Speakers: Shaohua Lu, M.D., FRCPC; Heather Robertson, M.D., FRCPC; Stephen Holliday, Ph.D., R,Psych; Annabel Mead, M.D.
- 2:00 – 4:00 pm
□ **WORKSHOP L: The Maternal-Fetal Dyad — Perinatal Treatment of Opioid Dependency in the Mother and Newborn**
Organizer: Catherine Friedman, M.D.;
Speakers: Debra Bogen, M.D.; Melinda Campopiano, M.D.; Catherine Friedman, M.D.
- 3:00 pm
□ **EXHIBIT HALL CLOSES**
- 4:00 – 6:00 pm
□ **COURSE 3: Double Trouble — Stimulant Treatment of Co-Occurring ADHD and SUD (An Update)**
Organizer and Speaker: Anthony M. Ocana, M.Sc.
- 4:00 – 6:00 pm
□ **COURSE 4: Buprenorphine for the Treatment of Acute and Chronic Pain**
Organizer: Terry A. Rustin, M.D.; *Speakers:* Terry A. Rustin, M.D.; Jason Powers, M.D.

SUNDAY

- 8:00 – 10:00 am
□ **FORUM ON WHETHER ASAM SHOULD ESTABLISH A NON-PHYSICIAN CATEGORY OF MEMBERSHIP**
Organizers: ASAM Membership Committee
- 8:00 – 10:00 am
□ **WORKSHOP M: Pain, Addiction and Risk Management in Your Community — Concepts and Tools to Help Patients and Improve Outcome**
Organizer: Jennifer Michaels, M.D.;
Speakers: Jennifer Michaels, M.D.; Alexander Sabo, M.D.; John Rogers, Esq.
- 8:00 – 10:00 am
□ **SYMPOSIUM 12: Substance Abuse and Associated Comorbidities**
Organizers: Lawrence S. Brown, Jr., M.D., M.P.H., FASAM; Jag H. Khalsa, Ph.D.;
Speakers: Michael J. Taylor, Ph.D.; Shenghan Lai, M.D.; Dave Thomas, M.D.; Mark Sulkowski, M.D.; Glenn Treisman, M.D.; Glen Hanson, M.D.; Christine Wanke, M.D.; Frank Vocci, M.D.; Elinore McCance-Katz, M.D.
- 10:00 am – Noon
□ **SYMPOSIUM 10: Co-Occurring Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Addictions**
Organizer: Kathleen Brady, M.D., Ph.D.;
Speakers: Kathleen Brady, M.D., Ph.D.; Thomas Kosten, M.D.; Wilson Compton, M.D., M.P.E.
- 10 am – Noon
□ **SYMPOSIUM 11: Sleep and Addiction**
Organizer: R. Jeffrey Goldsmith, M.D., DFAPA; *Speakers:* Douglas Moul, M.D.; Michael Varenbut, M.D., CCSAM, MRO, FASAM; Jeff Daiter, M.D., CCFP, FCFP
- 12 Noon
□ **CONFERENCE ENDS**

317 PHYSICIANS EARN ASAM CERTIFICATION; 81 ARE RECERTIFIED IN ADDICTION MEDICINE

ASAM's Certification Council has announced that the following physicians meet the requirements for ASAM Certification or Recertification in Addiction Medicine. Their achievement will be recognized at the Awards Luncheon during ASAM's 40th Annual Medical Scientific Conference. The luncheon is scheduled for 12:00 noon on Saturday, May 2nd.

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Should Non-Physicians Be Admitted to Membership in ASAM? The Case **FOR** Associate Membership

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Over the past few years, your Membership Committee has been considering the pros and cons of creating a new category of Associate Member of ASAM.

The calls for Associate Membership have grown louder with the formation of the American Board of Addiction Medicine and last fall's enactment of the Paul Wellstone Mental Health and Addiction Parity Act. Many senior leaders of ASAM have voiced the opinion that arguments against Associate Membership have been weakened by these impressive accomplishments.

At the Membership Committee, we have been charged with designing a new category of membership that would allow non-physician stakeholders in Addiction Medicine to become members of ASAM. Our Society's incoming President, Dr. Louis Baxter, has told us: "There are a number of reasons to offer an Associate Membership category, but perhaps one of the best reasons is to bring Addiction Medicine and treatment back under the direction of physicians. In the early days, dating back to the 1970s, counselors ran addiction treatment and physicians co-signed the "treatment plan." Over the past 25 years, physicians have begun to reassert medical leadership by taking leadership positions in treatment facilities. Moreover, with the advent of medication-assisted therapies, it is becoming more important to actually have Medical Directors and physician leadership. ASAM's acceptance of non-physician members will directly increase ASAM's ability to influence and guide the policies and best practice principles utilized in addiction treatment to a greater degree than we already realize and enjoy."

What is Associate Membership? Associate Membership would be a new membership category that would be marketed to non-physicians who work in the addiction field or who have an interest in Addiction Medicine topics. Associate Members would receive the following benefits:

- Free access to *ASAM News* and the *Journal of Addiction Medicine*
- Discounts on registration fees for meetings, conferences, and online educational programs

- Discounts for other ASAM publications and products
- Affiliation as a member of the Society.

Associate Members would not have privileges to:

- Sit on any ASAM committee (*except with the approval of the Board of Directors, as at present*)
- Run for election to ASAM governance posts (*e.g., officer or member of the Board of Directors*)
- Vote in any ASAM election.

How would ASAM benefit from Associate Membership? ASAM's mission is to improve the care and treatment of people with the disease of addiction and to advance the practice of Addiction Medicine. The treatment of addiction involves a multidisciplinary team of practitioners and partners, each of whom contribute toward the common purpose of providing care. No medical society can operate in isolation and the proper locus of interaction is at the membership level, during our meetings. Associate membership reinforces the multi-disciplinary and collaborative nature of the addiction field within our medical society.

Expanding ASAM's membership to include non-physician members is an integral part of a strategy to position ASAM as the premier organizational voice for addiction medicine. By involving those who would contribute to our mission, we make ASAM the true "umbrella organization" or interaction ground for discussion and debate, education, and advocacy for Addiction Medicine practitioners and patients. Because the elected leadership of ASAM would continue to be drawn from the ranks of physicians, we can retain the benefit of representing physicians and physicians-in-training in the public eye. However, involving associate members creates real opportunities to foster the multi-disciplinary approach required by the modern delivery of addiction care.

How would Associate Members benefit from joining ASAM? Associate Memberships:

- Position ASAM as the umbrella group representing the entire practice of Addiction Medicine (including allied health professionals).

- Deliver ASAM's educational content to a broader audience
- Bring the voice of our non-physicians partners to our meetings and educational events, making them an even more enriching experience for all of our members.
- Enhance our credibility as an organization that promotes the appropriate role of the physician in the care of patients with addiction, as the leading member of the multidisciplinary team.
- Open the possibility that ASAM could play a role in credentialing non-physician in Addiction Medicine.

Other issues considered by the Membership Committee include:

- ▶ **Marketability:** Associate memberships are in demand by a number of market segments, each of whom we can readily reach out to. Associate members are not asking for governance roles; they are looking for the tangible opportunity to connect with the society.
- ▶ **Financial sustainability:** By reaching to a broader segment, this creates a broader financial base for us to build the expanded work we know must happen: parity, ABAM, state chapter expansion, et al. It is in our financial interest to bring in more members.
- **Credibility:** We retain our physician credibility by maintaining our physician governance. However, we become more credible when we leverage this credibility and reach out to a broader membership base that is truly multi-disciplinary.
- **The "slippery slope" argument:** Many societies maintain associate memberships with no breakdowns in governance structure. ASAM would simply maintain our choice to remain physician governed to avoid the slippery slope of including non-physicians in governance.

This is an important decision for ASAM, and one that has multiple ramifications for the future of our Society. It is not one that we at the Membership Committee take lightly. Therefore, we plan to conduct a formal membership survey and to bring the results to the entire ASAM Board of Directors, which will make a final decision in October.

Should Non-Physicians Be Admitted to Membership in ASAM? The Case **AGAINST** Associate Membership

James F. Callahan, D.P.A.

Former ASAM Executive Vice President

I present the following personal views as a friend of ASAM and a friend of Addiction Medicine. I write also as a friend of every addicted person, and of every parent or relative who worries what to do about a child's or spouse's or family member's alcohol or other drug use, and who, in hope of help, may visit his or her physician, only to find that the physician is at a loss for what to say or do, because the physician has had no education or training in Addiction Medicine.

Has ASAM achieved its primary mission, so that it can go on to a new mission? The only scenario in which I could see ASAM having non-physician or non-medical student members is one in which the ASAM leadership and members can say that ASAM has accomplished its mission to educate physicians and medical students about the prevention and treatment of alcoholism and other addictions (ASAM Constitution, Article 1. Section 2. Purposes). The fact that there are more than 800,000 physicians in the U.S. but only 3,000 ASAM members (.00375%) should instill such a sense of mission-urgency among the ASAM leadership, membership and staff that any suggestion to recruit and educate non-physician members would be dismissed out of hand.

While many of the health care disciplines make valuable contributions to the treatment of addictive disorders, and while the Addiction Medicine physician is a member of a larger treatment team made up mostly of non-physicians, ASAM is the only organization that has as its primary focus the education of doctors of all specialties about addiction.

No other organization in the U.S. was founded for this purpose. If ASAM does not dedicate 100% of its resources to the education of physicians, it is failing in its mission. To dedicate even one iota of an ASAM member's time and energy, or one iota of an ASAM staff member's time and energy, or one dollar of the ASAM budget to the recruitment and education of non-physicians is to divert those resources from serving ASAM's mission to educate physicians.

Can ASAM turn over to ABAM the task of achieving ABMS recognition? In April 2007, the ASAM Board of Directors did what no other ASAM Board had been able to achieve; it passed an historic resolution: *That ASAM encourage and assist in the development of the American Board of Addiction Medicine (ABAM) and its application for recognition of ABAM by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS)...*

Rather than divert resources to recruit non-physician members, all the energies that ASAM can muster and all the energies that ABAM and The ABAM Foundation can muster must be focused on the recruitment, education and certification of physicians in these eight specialties (many of whom practice Addiction Medicine, but are not ASAM members), and on meeting the requirements for recognition of Addiction Medicine by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS), especially the requirement to develop accredited training programs in Addiction Medicine for physicians from all specialties who wish to be trained.

We have to keep front and center the fact that the ASAM members' number one priority is ABMS Board certification for Addiction Medicine. The 2003 Member Survey reported "board certification" as the number one interest. The survey report says, *It is clear that members should pursue one major initiative in the future: advancing the specialty by gaining ASAM's "board certified" status on addiction medicine. A variety of other potential new initiatives...are supported by about two-thirds of ASAM's members but none of these potential program-service-benefits have the same degree of member support found for gaining "board certified" status for the addiction medicine specialty in the short-term.*

(81% selected this as the major initiative) (Suvey, p.13).

Would non-physician members be an asset gain, or would they create new costs?

While the ASAM Membership Committee may make the non-physician membership

recommendation as a means of strengthening ASAM, I believe that allowing non-physician members will weaken the Society and drain resources from ASAM's mission.

Some may argue that non-physician membership dues and other payments will financially strengthen ASAM. In fact, having non-physician members will bring additional costs and service demands. To name only a few such demands, non-physician members will want to (1) have time allocated for workshops and symposia at the Annual Medical Scientific conference (and other conferences), in order to address issues pertinent to non-physician members (but which may not be pertinent to physician members), (2) have space in the ASAM News (and other publications) and the Website, in order to represent and discuss issues pertinent to non-physicians (but which may not be pertinent to physicians), and (3) have ASAM represent their concerns (which may not coincide with physician member concerns) in state legislatures, at Congressional Committee hearings, with third-party payers and others.

Does ASAM have sufficient staff and money to recruit and support non-physician members?

If non-physician members are viewed as an asset to the Society, then they should be recruited with vigor. This means that the ASAM staff must design recruiting materials targeted to the non-physician audiences, and those materials must speak to the needs of the several types of potential non-physician members.

If ASAM invites non-physician members to join the Society, then ASAM is also inviting the non-physician members to bring their professional desires and concerns with them, so that these concerns may be aired and addressed within the halls of the Society.

The ASAM staff cannot currently give adequate support to the important requests of ASAM members who want to organize and administer their state Chapters. It is hard to imagine that ASAM will have the staff and the money to recruit and service the concerns of non-physician members.

The question of Associate Membership will be discussed at a special Membership Forum during Med-Sci, scheduled for Sunday morning, May 3rd, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. All Med-Sci registrants are invited to join this important discussion.

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The Reception provides an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of this year's recipients of the Ruth Fox Scholarships, given to an outstanding group of physicians-in-training. To date, 28 such scholarships have been awarded. Scholarships cover travel, hotel and registration expenses for recipients to attend ASAM's Annual Medical-Scientific Conference and Ruth Fox Course, as well as one year's free membership in ASAM. The four scholarship recipients for 2009 are:

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- **Jennifer J. Nadeau, M.D.**, San Diego, California (Psychiatry — University of California San Diego)
- **Sam Schwendiman, M.D.**, Clawson, Michigan (Addiction Psychiatry — Henry Ford Hospital/Case Western Reserve University)

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**IN MEMORIAM:
LECLAIR BISSELL, M.D.**

LECLAIR BISSELL, M.D., an internationally known and much-published expert on addiction, died August 20, 2008, in Sanibel, Florida. She was 80.

Dr. Bissell and her life partner of 48 years, Nancy Palmer, moved to Florida in 1968, buying one of the oldest homes in Sanibel. After sharing the home for more than 40 years, the couple donated it to the Sanibel Historical Village, where it is now open for tours. Ms. Palmer died in 2007 after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease.

An outspoken champion of women's rights, the Democratic Party, animal rescue groups and many other causes, Dr. Bissell's opinions often appeared in local and national newspapers. However, many readers did not know she was a pioneer in addiction research. Awards for her professional contributions included the ASAM Annual Award in 2000 and the Elizabeth Blackwell Award for outstanding contributions to the cause of women and medicine in 1997. In 2007, she was honored by the Florida Commission on the Status of Women for her life's work.

Dr. Bissell's work also was known internationally. Long-time friend Steve Mullins, M.D., reported that he'd heard from dozens of doctors around the world who learned of Dr. Bissell's death with real sorrow and shock. Noting that "No one could have been more honest, straightforward, and sincere than LeClair," Dr. Mullins described Dr. Bissell as "a pioneer in the humane management of alcoholism and drug addiction. . . [who] was deeply loved by many medical personnel whom she helped overcome addiction over the years."

**IN MEMORIAM:
RON DAVIS, M.D.**

RONALD DAVIS, M.D., aged 52, passed away November 6, 2008, after a courageous 10-month battle with pancreatic cancer.

A graduate of the University of Chicago medical school, Dr. Davis trained at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as a field epidemiologist and a preventive medicine resident. He went on to serve as the first director of the Office on Smoking and Health (OSH), where he worked with Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, M.D., on three landmark reports: *Nicotine Addiction*, *25 Years of Progress*, and *Smoking Cessation*. Subsequently, he was the chief medical officer for the Michigan Department of Public Health until assuming his most recent position as Director of the Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention for the Henry Ford Health System in Detroit, Michigan.

Dr. Davis reached the pinnacle of American medicine at a relative young age when he was elected the 162nd President of the American Medical Association in June 2007 – the first preventive medicine specialist ever to serve in that post. On behalf of the AMA, he advocated for improved access to health care and the importance of prevention and sound public policy.

A gifted educator, Dr. Davis gave countless lectures and educational seminars. He also was a prolific writer and the founder of *Tobacco Control: An International Journal*, which he served as editor between 1992 and 1998.

Dr. Davis' career-long fight against alcohol, tobacco and other drugs was recognized with numerous awards and honors. However, his legacy is much deeper. In a moving speech to the AMA House of Delegates in June 2008 (which can be accessed at [HTTP://WWW.AMA-ASSN.ORG/AMA/PUB/CATEGORY/18670.HTML](http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/18670.html)), Dr. Davis offered hope to those with cancer, and urged his audience to take the time to remember to love those around them. As one of his many friends noted, "Ron's legacy is the example he set for all of us...through the strength of his character, impeccable integrity, graciousness and style, and his dedication to serve his fellow man."

**IN MEMORIAM:
MARTY DOOT, M.D.**

MARTIN (MARTY) DOOT, M.D., FAAPP, FASAM, passed away suddenly on November 14, 2008, at age 60.

At the time of his death, Dr. Doot was chief of addiction medicine at Lutheran General Hospital and associate medical director of Advocate Medical Group in Park Ridge, Illinois, where he was responsible for clinical informatics and directed the Advocate Addiction Treatment Program. He also served as director of the Illinois Professional Health Program.

Before joining Advocate, Dr. Doot was director of medical education for Parkside at Lutheran General Hospital and served as vice president of medical services with Lutheran General Behavioral Health. Before joining Lutheran General in 1984, he worked at McNeal Memorial Hospital in Berwyn, Illinois, as medical director of the alcohol treatment program and assistant director of family practice.

A Fellow of the American Society of Addiction Medicine and the American Academy of Family Physicians, Dr. Doot published numerous articles and book chapters on addiction topics and the practice of addiction medicine. He also was an early and articulate advocate for employing therapeutic rather than punitive interventions with physicians and other health care professionals who were impaired by alcohol or other drug use, and was a frequent advisor to the American Medical Association as it worked to build the first national network of state Physician Health Programs.

John Sage, M.D., medical staff president at Lutheran General, observed that "Marty (leaves) a legacy as friend, educator, and thought leader for our community. [His] compassionate and whole-patient approach to addiction treatment defined the addiction programs at AMG and Lutheran General, and attracted the attention of peers, clinicians, social workers and patients from around the globe. Indeed, just days before his passing, Dr. Doot hosted a delegation of addiction treatment providers from Minsk, Belarus." And just a week earlier, he shared his knowledge with other addiction medicine specialists as a lecturer at a course sponsored by the Illinois Society of Addiction Medicine.

ASAM CONFERENCE CALENDAR

ASAM EVENTS



April 30, 2009
Ruth Fox Course for Physicians
New Orleans, Louisiana
[8 Category 1 CME Credits]

April 30, 2009
Pain and Addiction:
Common Threads X –
New Orleans, Louisiana
[8 Category 1 CME Credits]

April 30-May 3, 2009
40th Annual Medical-
Scientific Conference
New Orleans, Louisiana
[22.5 Category 1 CME Credits]

October 22-24, 2009
ASAM Course on the
State of the Art in
Addiction Medicine
Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill
Hotel, Washington, DC
[21 Category 1 CME Credits]

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OTHER EVENTS OF NOTE

May 7-8, 2009
Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain
Sponsored by the Illinois Society
of Addiction Medicine, Illinois Dept.
of Alcohol and Substance Abuse,
and Illinois State Medical Society
May 7th at the Abraham Lincoln
Hotel, Springfield, IL;
May 8th at the Westin O'Hare
Hotel, Chicago, IL
5 Category I CME credits
For more information or to register,
visit [HTTP://ILSOCIETYOFADDITION
MEDICINE.ORG/CONFERENCE.HTM](http://ilsocietyofaddictionmedicine.org/conference.htm)

May 14, 2009
Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain
Sponsored by the New York
Academy of Family Physicians
Rochester, New York
4 Category I CME credits
For more information or to register,
visit [HTTP://WWW.NYSAFP.ORG](http://www.nysafp.org)

May 15, 2009
Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain
Sponsored by AOAAM
Hyatt Regency Dearborn Hotel
Dearborn, Michigan
4 Category 1 CME credits
For more information or to register,
email NVIDMER@AOAAM.ORG

SPECIAL SESSIONS OPEN ASAM MEETING

The following social and educational events on Thursday evening, April 30th, kick off ASAM's Annual Medical-Scientific Conference in New Orleans:

Thursday, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

New Members' Welcome Reception

Sponsored by Loma Linda Univ. Behavioral Medicine Center, Redlands, CA

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Welcoming Reception and Opening of ASAM Exhibit Hall

Sponsored by the Louisiana Chapter of ASAM

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Chapters Council Meeting

In addition to the general meeting, individual chapters will meet throughout the Med-Sci Conference. See the ASAM Registration Desk for a schedule.

8:00 - 10:00 pm

Component Session I: AA in Vivo — Workshop in the Twelve-Step Recovery Action Group

Chair: Marc Galanter, M.D., FASAM

Speakers: Marc Galanter, M.D., FASAM; Penelope Ziegler, M.D.;

Richard K. Ries, M.D.

Component Session II: Update on the ASAM Patient Placement Criteria

Chair: Marc J. Fishman M.D.

Speakers: David Mee-Lee M.D.; George Kolodner, M.D.

Component Session III: Moving Addiction Medicine into Family Medicine

Chair: Norman Wetterau, M.D., FAAFP, FASAM

Speakers: Richard Blondell, M.D.; Anthony Cloy, M.D.; Gerald Shulman, M.A.

Component Session IV: Opioid Agonist Treatment —

Training, Clinical Practice and Policy Initiatives

Chair: Daniel P. Alford, M.D., M.P.H., FACP

Speakers: Andrew J. Saxon, M.D., Edwin Salsitz, M.D., FASAM;

Adam J. Gordon, M.D., M.P.H., FASAM; Daniel Alford, M.D., M.P.H., FACP;

Laura F. McNicholas, M.D., Ph.D.; John A. Renner, Jr., M.D., DFAPA

Component Session V: Public Policy in Addiction Medicine:

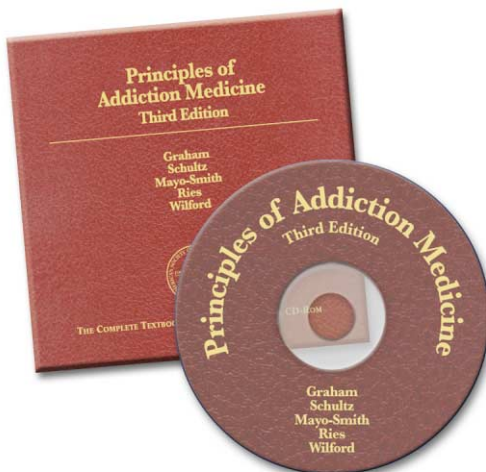
Past, Present, and Future

Co-Chairs: Petros Levounis, MD, MA and Mark L. Kraus, MD, FASAM

Speakers: Mark L. Kraus, M.D., FASAM; Petros Levounis, M.D., M.A.;

David E. Smith, M.D., FASAM; Louis E. Baxter, Sr., M.D., FASAM

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