

Report ICASA Foundation activities – 2011 – 2012

Strategic plan 2012 - 2015

1. Scientific work

1.1 IASP study: Data sampling completed. An extra IASP meeting + writing session was organized, with extra funding by the Waterloo foundation. Data cleaning process was finished, after a 2nd data entry of the CAADID part II data. Currently the 5 main papers (Methods/ Prevalence/ ASRS characteristics/ Comorbidity/Severity of SUD) are being prepared for submission.

Actions:

Submission of 5 main publications: before December 2012. 4 Remaining publication (methods paper has been submitted) will be discussed during the Bordeaux annual meeting.

In the board meeting: defining a list of additional publications, for which writing groups/initiator will be appointed in the Bordeaux annual meeting.

1.2 IASP-2 study:

Training was performed in Porto Alegre (Brazil), Alexandria (Egypt) and Waterford (Ireland). Data sampling started in Ireland. South Africa will follow within a month. Brazil's start was delayed because of illness of Claudia Szobot. Situation in Egypt is uncertain.

A Database was created via the University of Amsterdam, with new instruments added (K-SADS for ODD/CD/nicotine, and Fagestrom also for nicotine).

Actions:

Data monitoring and data cleaning during the process of data sampling. If funding is available data management via CRU-University of Amsterdam.

Given the experiences with the 2nd data entry of the CAADID: organize 2nd data entry during the study. Organize this via participating sites and CRU/University of Amsterdam.

Clearance on the situation in Brazil and Egypt. Depending on this we may have to delay data sampling closure until summer of 2013?

1.3 CASP study (MOXO test, neurotech)

The study slowly started. Now Hungary and the USA are back on track. In Australia there is delay due to financial restraints.

We have now set up a system of weekly updates on the data sampling process.

Targeted finish of the data sampling process: 31st December 2012.

Actions:

Continuous data sampling monitoring;

Analyzing and writing publication: January – June 2013.

Discussion of data sampling and publication plan: in the Bordeaux meeting, in the CASP working group.

1.4 Physical Exercise pilot in Bergen, Norway

Situation is unclear.

Actions

Depending on experiences in Norway: stop or continuation?

1.5 Development of new research protocols + funding these projects.

Actions:

Development of the research protocol for the PACRISK study. Draft will be discussed (attached to this strategic plan).

Development of the research protocol for the longitudinal study based on the IASP.

1.6 Research position at the University of Amsterdam

With financial support from the Waterloo Foundation, we created a research position at the University of Amsterdam. We called this the 'spider in the web' related to ICASA research. The scientific ICASA work can be coordinated via this position. The funding lasts until 31st August 2013, for 2 days per week.

Actions:

The ICASA Foundation board needs to decide on continuation of this position after 31st August 2013, and on funding this position.

2. ICASA office and network

2.1 Bookkeeping

We have terminated the contract with the bookkeeping company, and now directly use the YUKI bookkeeping tool. The YUKI company assists in making up the annual financial reports.

2.2 Insurance of the board members

The board members are currently insured via the Trimbos-institute insurance. The financial reports on 2010 and 2011 were necessary for an independent insurance. This is now under consideration of the insurance company.

Actions:

Have the ICASA board insurance organized independently from the Trimbos-institute by 1st January 2013.

2.3 Financial situation for the ICASA office

We tried to increase the level and quality of the work the ICASA office can perform. However, it proves to be very difficult to maintain the level of 0.2 (1 day per week) director position at the University of Amsterdam. The pilot crowdfunding campaign organized for raising additional funds for 2012 was not successful.

We therefore made new plans, with a decreased level of time available for the ICASA director: 0.1 (4 hours per week).

Actions:

The budget for 2012 and for 2013 needs approval by the board.

Decision by the board on the following question: Is an international campaign for fundraising an option?

2.4 Maintenance/expanding the network?

The past years we focused on having the IASP done as a starting point in many countries. Resulting in representation in the network by institutes from all over the world. So far only Asia is not represented in our network.

However, there are limits to how big the network should be.

In the strategic plan for 2010-2011 we decided on organizing a more strict structure for membership, including membership fee.

So far, the board did not decide on this.

Actions:

Develop a structure of membership/ membership fee for very active partners, active partners and not-working partners.