



ICASA Foundation Meeting, 14th-15th September 2012

1. *IASP papers*

The paper on background, methods and study population was recently submitted to the 'International Journal of Methods in Psychiatric Research'. It is currently out for review.

Three papers were discussed during the meeting and will, after revisions based on the comments during the meeting, be submitted before 14th October:

- Prevalence
- Validity of the ASRS
- Comorbidity in SUD patients with and without ADHD

Two more papers will be submitted before the end of 2012:

- Enhancement of the ASRS (use "age of onset" and additional 12 items of the ASRS in a 2nd step in the screening method); initiators: Geurt vd Glind/ Maija Konstenius
- Severity of SUD in patients with and without ADHD; initiators: Katelijne van Emmerik-van Oortmerssen/ Robert Schoevers

Furthermore, the following papers will be developed. Deadline for first draft of the papers - 1st February 2013:

- Age of onset: first drink + progression to alcohol dependence in AUD patients with and without ADHD; initiators: Geert Dom/ Eli-Torild Bu/ Robert Schoevers
- Estimates of National Prevalence rates in participating countries; initiator: Geurt vd Glind
- Concurrent validity: CAADID and MINI plus ADHD module; initiators: Toni Ramos Quiroga/ Sharlene Kaye/ Melina Fatseas
- Predictors of persistence of childhood ADHD symptoms into adulthood; initiators: Sharlene Kaye/Toni Ramos Quiroga
- CAADID part 1: trauma history (including sexual abuse/ child abuse and neglect) in SUD patients with and without ADHD; initiators: Maija Konstenius/ Katelijne van Emmerik-van Oortmerssen
- Level of treatment/ history of treatment/ educational/ occupational history; initiators: Arvid Skutle/ Eli-Torild Bu/ Geurt van de Glind

For the latter two publications, we will need to work on the string-variables in CAADID 1 data set.

The University of Amsterdam serves as the coordination point in all of these activities.

2. *Comments on papers from meeting participants*

Prevalence paper

There was discussion about the high prevalence of ADHD in Norway and whether Norway should be regarded as an outlier. Reasons for the difference in prevalence were discussed and Arvid noted that the Norwegian sample is representative of treatment-seekers in Norway. It was decided that the focus will be on the prevalence range rather than on overall prevalence.

A revision of the title was suggested and it was decided that it will be titled "Prevalence of DSM-IV and DSM-V ADHD in treatment-seeking substance abusers".

A new draft will be sent to authors for comment. Possible journals were discussed – Lancet, American Journal of Psychiatry, Archives of General Psychiatry, Addiction, Journal of Clinical Psychiatry.

ASRS paper

It was decided to take out discussion about the fact that the ASRS doesn't predict ASPD, BPD, etc. It was agreed that this paper should be submitted to an addiction journal – Drug and Alcohol Dependence or Addiction.

Comorbidity paper

The question of whether the extra material on comorbidity according to subtypes should be included arose. It was also suggested that there be more discussion about the clinical implications of the comorbidity that was found. Suggested journals were Journal of Clinical Psychiatry or Psychological Medicine.

We will aim for submission of the above papers by 14th October.

General comment on authorship – all authors need to have read the paper and agree with its content.

3. *Financial situation of the ICASA Foundation*

The ICASA board decided to, when sufficient funding is available, continue the 'Scientific spider in the web' position that has been established at the University of Amsterdam for two days per week. Funding for this position up until 31st August 2013 is confirmed by the Waterloo Foundation. Furthermore, the board decided to decrease the level of staff time involved in the ICASA office (ICASA director/ public relations/ secretary support) by 50% from 1 day per week director to ½ day per week.

Despite the available funding and the decrease of costs via decrease of activities, the board informs the ICASA participants that for 2012 the foundation needs approximately €37.500 and approximately €80.000 for 2013. For the years 2014 and thereafter, it will be necessary to find funding via grants that incorporate funding for the central organization. Related to this, it is decided to submit a proposal for a European Grant.

Several possibilities are discussed for financial support via participants:

- Yearly participant fee;
- Invoicing institutes for participating in the ICASA meeting;
- Invoicing institutes for the work that has been done related to published papers;
- Combinations of the above.

Since for each institute the possibilities may vary a lot, and since the ICASA board does not yet want to make financial support mandatory, it is decided that Geurt vd Glind will contact each participant to discuss how the financial support from an institute can be arranged.

For the future we need to think of how we might be able to “sell our expertise”. As an example, development of a manual for diagnosis and treatment of ADHD in SUD patients is discussed. Training in the use of such a manual can be delivered in training courses. For each professional attending such a course, a fee might return to ICASA.

4. *New research topics for ICASA*

Results from the CASP study are expected in 2013.

Bordeaux, Barcelona and Stockholm decided to set up a pilot for prospective follow up of the IASP subjects; not via an additional assessment but via use of existing registrations (e.g. level of consumption of care; medication; mortality; etc.). They will use the experiences of this pilot for setting up a new cohort with SUD patients and SUD+ADHD patients who will be followed up for a long time.

Time schedule: IASP-longitudinal pilot: 2013-2014. Inclusion of new patients for the new cohort: 2014/2015.

The PACRISK study is postponed. We first focus on writing and submission of a grant proposal for EU funding. Robert Schoevers and Geurt van de Glind will elaborate on possibilities in EU funding programs. Proposed topic: treatment of patients with ADHD and SUD.

5. *Next meeting*

The next ICASA Foundation meeting is scheduled for **Saturday 26th October 2013**. It will be organized at the same venue and in addition to the “3rd International Congress on Dual Disorders” in Barcelona, Spain.

Please reserve the dates for both the Dual Disorders Conference (23-26 October 2013) and the ICASA meeting (26th October) in your schedule!

