

Strategic Plan ICASA Foundation 2010 – 2011

1. ICASA network

1.1 Expert meeting with South African colleagues

On November 26th, added to an international conference on Substance Abuse Treatment in Capetown, South Africa, an expert meeting is organized for South African experts and ICASA participants. We will exchange knowledge and discuss possible collaboration.

1.2 Procedure for membership of ICASA

For effectively working on reaching the ICASA goals, the network of participants is of vital importance. The participating group consists of experts representing institutes that want to contribute to the ICASA tasks.

The ICASA board will produce a procedure on membership of the ICASA network. The responsibilities and benefits of participating in ICASA will be described. This may lead to an update of the list of participating experts.

The procedure will be discussed during the Annual meeting in May 2011.

1.3 Working groups

For working more effectively, we need to use the existing expertise in ICASA more efficiently. We will do so by setting up working groups on specific topics, suitable for research. In 2010 we will establish the following working groups:

- EASP working group;
- Working group on genetics of ADHD and SUD;
- Working group on physical exercise, ADHD and SUD;
- Working group on the Continuous Performance Test (Neurotech) added to the EASP study.

Working groups will present their research/plans in each annual meeting. If necessary, these working groups can organize separate meetings; if possible via telephone or internet. For these working groups, a digital working place will be created in August/ September 2010.

1.4 Annual meeting

Each year we will have an annual meeting for the ICASA board and advisory board. In 2011, this meeting will be held on May 25th in Berlin.

1.5 Website and Public Relations

The ICASA office, in collaboration with the ICASA board and advisory board, developed the ICASA website: www.adhdandsubstanceabuse.org

This website is launched on 1st August 2010.

The ICASA office will be accountable for the content and the updating of the content of the website.

The communication plan for ICASA, as developed by the Trimbos-institute, needs to be updated and discussed in the annual meeting of May 2011.

2. ICASA research

2.1 IASP – International ADHD in Substance use disorders Prevalence study
Summer 2010: Start data sampling in Hungary and Australia.

August – December 2010: Site visits. PI will visit the sites and discuss:

- check lists for describing the participating wards;
- quality control measures on including patients in the data base;
- quality control measures on interviewer reliability;
- data collection process;

Data collection will close in June 2011.

The overall data analyses and publication of results will be done via the University of Amsterdam. Geurt van de Glind will write his PhD thesis on the results of this study. Wim van den Brink and Frances Levin will act as supervisors.

Funding is available up until August 2012.

2.2 ISGADD study

Together with the working group, PI is Steve Faraone, on the genetics of ADHD and SUD, ICASA will strive for funding of this project.

2.3 CASP – Continuous performance test in ADHD and Substance use disorders Patients study.

In Hungary and Australia, this study will include patients in 3 groups: ADHD + SUD, SUD only and controls. Each participating site will include 60 patients in each group. The patients will be recruited from the EASP and informed consent will be asked for use of clinical data from the EASP data set.

2.4 Physical Exercise

In the ICASA meeting of May 2010, the working group for this topic was established. They will report on the developments during the Annual meeting in May 2011 in Berlin.

3. Financial structure for ICASA

The ICASA board and the Trimbos-institute signed a management agreement on establishing the ICASA office. The ICASA board generated resources for financing the ICASA-office up until December 2011.

Both the ICASA-office and the ICASA board will need to explore possibilities for a more structural flow of income for activities related to the ICASA network (meetings, travel, ICASA office).