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Schedule at a Glance

For additional information on the 2nd AMECA please download the entire program and abstract book from the AMECA website.

Thursday, November 13, 2014

13:00-16:30 Registration desk open

Friday, November 14, 2014

8:30-18:00 Registration desk open

9:00-9:30

Opening Remarks

Wail Benjelloun, Mohammed V- Agdal University President

Nouria Lakhdar-Ghazal, Chair, AMECA Organizing Committee

Mustafa al'Absi, Chair, AMECA Scientific Committee

9:30-10:15

Plenary Talk

Chair: Mustafa al'Absi

Overview of the Situation of Harm Reduction in the MENA Region

by Jallal Toufiq, Director (Ar-razi University Psychiatric Hospital, Morocco)

10:15-11:15

Coffee/Tea Break and Poster viewing

(Poster session 1: Poster presenters should be standing by their posters to answer questions)

11:15-12:30

Paper Session 1

Chair: Andrine Lemieux

Clinical Research in Addiction

- A multi centric Study of NMDA antagonist memantine effect, compared to alpha 2 agonists in treatment of opioid dependent patients by Khaled Helmy (New Nozha Hospital, Egypt)
- Limiting factors for the management of patients with addictive behaviors in the emergency department in Tunisia by Amira Maamri (Razi hospital, Tunisia)
- How safe is the current prescription of Disulfiram? by Fares Alharbi (KSAH-HS, Saudi Arabia)

12:30-13:30

Lunch break

13:30-15:00

Panel Discussion

Opioid Use in Addiction Treatment

Chair: Richard Rawson (University of California, Los Angeles, USA)

Panelists: Jalal Toufiq (Ar-razi University Psychiatric Hospital, Morocco), Michel Soufia (USEK Medical School, Lebanon)

Discussant: Nicolas Clark (World Health Organization, Switzerland)

15:00-16:00

Coffee/Tea Break and Poster viewing

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16:00-17:00

Paper Session 2

Chair: Driss Moussaoui

Substance Use and Mental Health Problems

- Tobacco use and schizophrenia: epidemiological and clinical characteristics by Souad Kajem (Ar-razi Hospital, Morocco)
- The prevalence and characteristics of addictive behavior in psychiatric patients by Zaynab El Mouatassim (CHU Med VI of Marrakech, Morocco)
- Suicidal attempts and the suicidal risk among Moroccan students: a school-based cross-sectional study by Btissame Zarrouq (Sidi Mohammed Ben Abdallah University, Morocco)

Saturday, November 15, 2014

8:00-18:00

Registration desk open

9:00-10:30

Paper Session 3

Chair: Fatima Elomari

Women and Substance Use Issues

- Impact of chewing khat on the mode of delivery of Yemeni pregnant women by Abeer Alaghbari (Taiz University, Yemen)
- Khat use among females in Jazan region, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia by Maged El-Setouhy (Jazan University, Saudi Arabia)
- Marijuana use among young women by Fares Alharbi (KSAH-HS, Saudi Arabia)
- Correlates of khat use during pregnancy: a cross-sectional investigation by Motohiro Nakajima (University of Minnesota Medical School, U.S.A.)

10:30-11:30

Coffee/Tea Break and Poster viewing

(Poster session 2: Poster presenters should be standing by their posters to answer questions)

11:30-13:00

Symposium 1

Integrated Substance Abuse Programs

Chair: Richard Rawson (University of California, Los Angeles, U.S.A.)

- Use of performance measures to monitor and measure the effectiveness of treatment services by Desirée Crèvecoeur-MacPhail (University of California, Los Angeles, U.S.A.)
- Use of the CEWG model to monitor emerging trends in substance use prevalence and consequences to assist with policy and action efforts by Mary-Lynn Brecht (University of California, Los Angeles, U.S.A.)
- Substance use disorder treatment in the criminal justice system by Darren Urada (University of California, Los Angeles, U.S.A.)

13:00-14:00

Lunch break

14:00-15:30

Paper Session 4

Chair: Mohamed Najimi

Alcohol Use Disorders

- Alcohol use disorders and associated factors among people living with HIV who are attending services in south west Ethiopia by Matiwos Soboka (Jimma University, Ethiopia)
- Alcohol consumption and regulation: an analysis of the Botswana alcohol levy by Keitseope Nthomang (University of Botswana, Botswana)
- Social and behavioural risk factors associated with injection drug use among Iranian men by Vira Ameli (Boston University School of Public Health, U.S.A.)

15:30-16:30

Coffee/Tea Break and Poster viewing

(Poster session 2: Poster presenters should be standing by their posters to answer questions)

16:30-17:30

Paper Session 5

Chair: Richard Hoffman

Tobacco Use

- Research priorities to advance the FCTC: opportunities and challenges for Africa and the Middle East by Scott Leischow (Mayo Clinic, U.S.A.)
- Smoking behavior and psychological symptoms during the Tunisian transition by Ines Bouanene (University Hospital Fattouma Bourguiba of Monastir, Tunisia)
- The prevalence of anxiety in a population dependent on chewing tobacco by Salim Gassim (4th Military Hospital Dakhla, Morocco)

Sunday, November 16, 2014

8:00-18:00

Registration Open

9:00-9:45

Plenary Talk

Chair: Mustafa al'Absi

Mapping the Network of Tobacco Treatment Training in Africa and the Middle East: Network Analysis of an International Healthcare Professional Training Network

by Scott Leischow (Mayo Clinic, U.S.A.)

9:45-11:15

Symposium 2

Chair: Andrine Lemieux

Showcase of Treatment and Research Programs in the Region

- A case study from Qatar foundation for social protection and rehabilitation by Sharifa Noaman Al Emadi (Qatar Foundation for Social Protection and Rehabilitation, Qatar)
- Khat Research Program: A model for International Collaborative on Addiction Research in Low/Middle Income Countries by Mustafa al'Absi (University of Minnesota Medical School, U.S.A.)
- Developing a successful substance abuse research center in an Islamic Arab country by Rashad Alsanusy (Jazan University, Saudi Arabia)
- Perspectives of substance abuse counsellors on providing treatment in Gaborone, Botswana by Morekwe Selemogwe (University of Botswana, Botswana)
- Current research on addiction and mental health in Ethiopia: a review of AMECA Symposium in Jimma by Mulusew Gerbaba (Jimma University, Ethiopia)

11:15-11:45

Coffee/Tea Break and Networking

11:45-12:45

Paper Session 6

Chair: Said Boujraf

Khat Use

- Socio-demographic and psychosocial correlates of khat dependence by Richard Hoffman (University of Minnesota Medical School, U.S.A.)
- Khat use in people living with HIV: a facility-based cross-sectional survey from south west Ethiopia by Matiwos Soboka (Jimma University, Ethiopia)
- Evaluations of the effect of subchronic administration of crude khat extract (*Catha edulis*) on learning and memory in mice by Faiz Mohammed (Harar Health Science College, Ethiopia)
- Khat use and appetite by Andrine Lemieux (University of Minnesota Medical School, U.S.A.)

12:45 -14:00

Lunch Break

14:00-15:30

Paper Session 7

Chair: Saadia Bamhamed

Addiction in Youth

- Addictive behaviors among students in the region of Sousse, Tunisia by Chekib Zedini (Faculty of Medicine of Sousse, Tunisia)
- Lifetime prevalence of psychoactive substances use among middle school students in Morocco by Btissame Zarrouq (Sidi Mohammed Ben Abdallah University, Morocco)
- The problem of solvent inhalant abuse among the unprivileged street children: a preliminary study in upper Egypt by Alaaeldin Elkoussi (Assiut University, Egypt)
- Adverse childhood experiences and addictive behaviors in medical students: a cross-sectional study by Sana El Mhamdi (University Hospital Fattouma Bourguiba of Monastir, Tunisia)

15:30-16:00

Coffee/Tea Break and Networking

16:00-17:00

Paper Session 8

Chair: Motohiro Nakajima

Basic and Theoretical Sciences of Addiction

- Cannabinoid receptor positively regulates pro-opiomelanocortin transcription through activation of the cAMP-response element-binding protein by Mohammed Errami (University Abdelmalek Essaâdi, Morocco)
- The global problem of solvent inhalant abuse-regional aspects, patterns and hazards by Alaaeldin Elkoussi (Assiut University, Egypt)
- An evolutionary perspective on addiction by Tanya Calvey (University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa)

17:00-18:00

Awards and Closing Ceremony

Poster Session 1

(Friday, November 14; 10:15-11:15 & 15:00-16:00)

1. Neurotoxic effects of acute and sub-chronic inhalation of paint thinner on the cerebellum in mice by Hanaa Malloul (University Cadi Ayyad, Morocco)
2. Study of variables emotional at the teenagers: anxiety, depression and affectivity and of their impact on the consumption of psychoactive substances by Ibtissam Cherkaoui El-Malki (University Ibn Tofail, Morocco)
3. Epidemiological feature of addiction in Egypt: a systematic review of literature by Samar Elsayed (Mansura University, Egypt)
4. Methadone substitution treatment and sexual disorders by Asmaa Houmiri (University of Mohammed V Souissi, Morocco)
5. The circumstances of the first-time use of cannabis among young Moroccan students of Mohammedia (NM of Morocco) by Ilhame Jaouahir (University Ibn Tofail, Morocco)
6. Prevalence of substance use among patients in a small psychology private practice by Seipone B. Mphole (University of Botswana, Botswana)
7. Which knowledge, attitudes and behaviors are linked to smoking among teenagers in the north center of Morocco? by Kacem Bendaou (Sidi Mohammed Ben Abdallah University, Morocco)
8. Perception of addiction risks with opioid analgesics among physician prescribers in Tunisia by Sonia Hamzaoui (Razi Hospital, Tunisia)
9. Addiction to video games among adolescents and young adults: uses, misuses, and associated factors by Dridi Anis (Razi Hospital, Tunisia)
10. Effect of drugs of abuse on aggressive behavior in schizophrenic patients by Bouyattas Lala Khadija (University Cadi Ayyad, Morocco)
11. Anger and tobacco consumption in Fez school of adolescents: MIMOSA pilot study by Haouat Amin (Ibn Al Hassan Psychiatric Hospital, University Hospital of Fez, Morocco)
12. Psychological profile of vulnerability for doping use and sport addiction by Ines Trabelsi (Razi hospital, Tunisia)
13. Depression and tobacco use among school adolescents: MIMOSA pilot study by Mounir Jaafari (Ibn Al Hassan Psychiatric Hospital, University Hospital of Fez, Morocco)
14. Smoking prevalence among adolescents in 9 cities of north and east of Morocco by Mounir Jaafari (Ibn Al Hassan Psychiatric Hospital, University Hospital of Fez, Morocco)
15. Dependence to Alphachloralose: exceptional case study by Hanane Zemmama (Ibn Al Hassan Psychiatric Hospital, University Hospital of Fez, Morocco)
16. Predictors of successfully quit smoking in a cohort of heavy cigarettes smokers treated by Varenicline in Monastir (Tunisia). By Asma Sriha (Tunisia)

Poster Session 2

(Saturday, November 15; 10:30-11:30 & 15:30-16:30)

17. Sociodemographic profile and infectious comorbidities of injection drugs users in Tunisia by Amira Maamri (Razi hospital, Tunisia)
18. Patterns of Drugs use among schizophrenic patients in Morocco by Hanane Zemmama (Ibn Al Hassan Psychiatric Hospital, University Hospital of Fez, Morocco)
19. Characteristics of high dependent smokers attending the tobacco cessation center of Monastir (Tunisia) by Ines Bouanene (University Hospital Fattouma Bourguiba of Monastir, Tunisia)
20. Sociodemographic characteristics and risk factors of Smoking among Adolescents in School by Mounir Jaafari (Ibn Al Hassan Psychiatric Hospital, University Hospital of Fez, Morocco)
21. Alcohol use disorder in youths by Hicham Lakbiri (Psychiatric Hospital AR-RAZI of Sale, Morocco)
22. Alcohol use disorder and psychiatric comorbidities by Hicham Lakbiri (Psychiatric Hospital Ar-razi of Sale, Morocco)
23. Prevalence of somatisation and psychologisation among patients visiting primary health care centers in the state of Qatar by Nadia Fanous (Hamad General Hospital and Hamad Medical Corporation, Qatar)
24. Assessment of work related stress and associated factors among nurses working in public hospitals of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia: a cross-sectional study by Selamawit Zewdu Salilih (Debre Markos University, Ethiopia)
25. Help-seeking behavior and associated factors for common mental disorders among Jimma University undergraduate students, Jimma, southwest Ethiopia by Yohannes Gebreegziabhere (Debre Berhan University, Ethiopia)
26. Common mental disorders and associated factors among HIV by Selamawit Zewdu Salilih (Debre Markos University, Ethiopia)
27. Social anxiety disorder and cannabis misuse by Souad Kajem (Ar-razi Hospital, Morocco)
28. What are the trends of smoking among Moroccan students? A comparison of the results of the GYTS 2001 by Btissame Zarrouq (Sidi Mohammed Ben Abdallah University, Morocco)
29. Dual diagnosis treatment by Zaynab El Mouatassim (CHU Med VI of Marrakech, Morocco)
30. Addiction to caffeine and nicotine among medical students by Souheila Laghdass (Ar-razi Psychiatric University Hospital, Morocco)
31. Dependence on Zolpidem: about ten cases by Wafa Jellouli (Ar-razi Hospital, Morocco)
32. Religion and alcohol use: What if spirituality becomes a drug? by Souad Kajem (Ar-razi Hospital, Morocco)