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INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF **ATOD**
RESEARCH ASSOCIATIONS

**ICARA Board Meeting #8
of 2018/19
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Our mission

- ▶ To **create an international network of research societies** in order to promote, support and enhance research on alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, nationally and internationally.



How we work

- ▶ Board meetings every 1-2 months
- ▶ Workshops/symposia/meetings most years in conjunction with other events
- ▶ Initiatives to support members with training/infrastructure mapping/governance
- ▶ Annual General Meeting for all members every 2 years - next one 2020
- ▶ Communication and dissemination to members through email, website and Twitter.
- ▶ (Modest) membership fees are primarily used to support colleagues from LMICs to attend ICARA meetings/events

Past Projects

- ▶ Training workshops and symposia in collaboration with colleagues in South Korea.
- ▶ International training visit in Slovenia.
- ▶ Mapping of ATOD research funding and infrastructure in South America.

Past ICARA meetings/AGMs

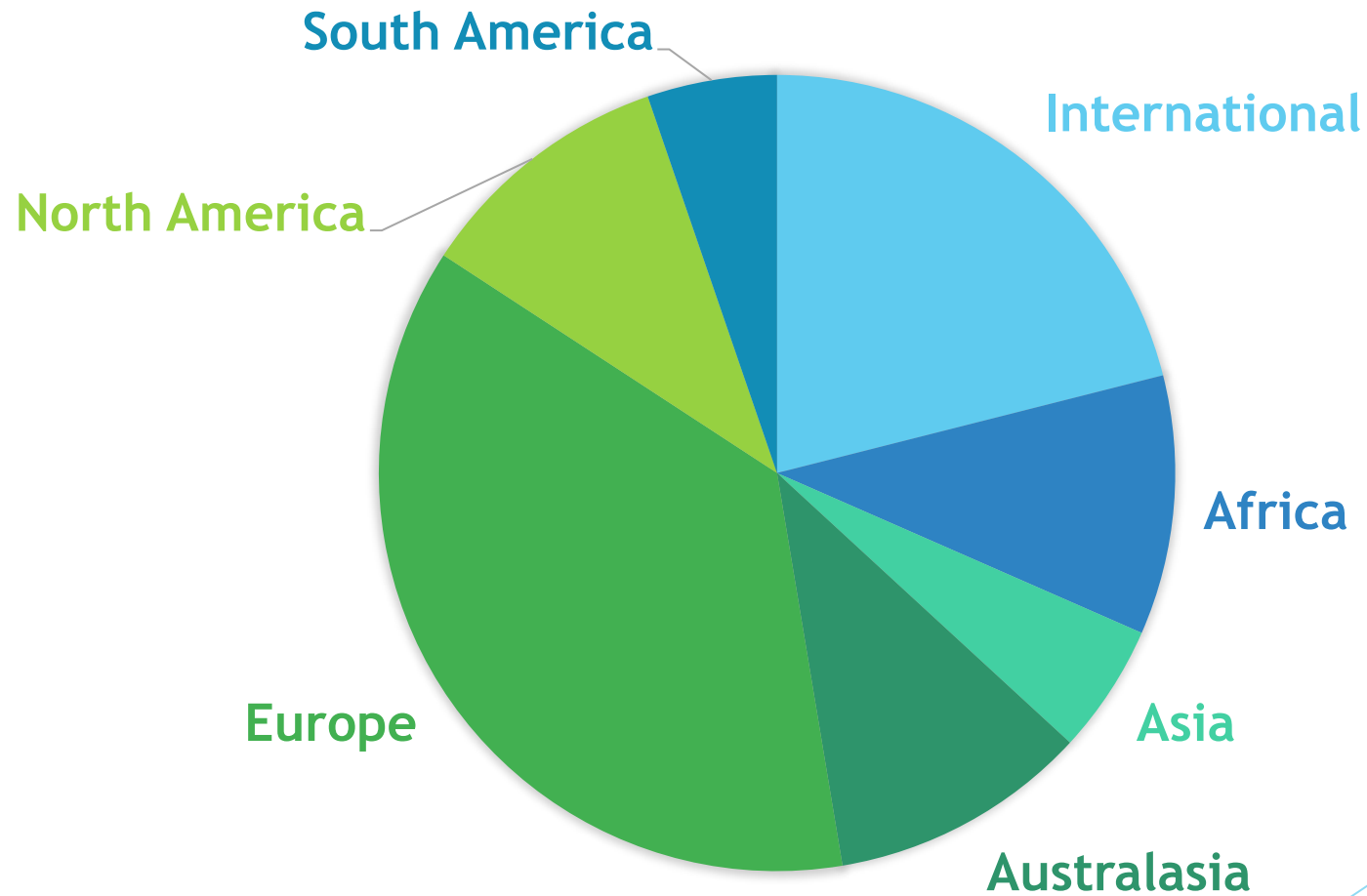
- ▶ Prague, Czech Republic, August 27-29, 2018
- ▶ Washington D.C., USA, August 28-30, 2017 (with PAHO)
- ▶ London, UK, July 23-25, 2016 (with ISAJE)
- ▶ Budapest, Hungary, August 30-31, 2015 (with ISAJE)
- ▶ Chicago, USA, September 4-5, 2014 (with ISAJE)
- ▶ Lisbon, Portugal, September 29-30, 2012
- ▶ South Carolina, USA, September 13-14, 2011

Membership Benefits

- ▶ **Access a Global Audience:** Disseminate member organisations' news to all our members, enabling conference announcements, training initiatives, letter campaigns etc. to reach a global audience.
- ▶ **Infrastructure Advice:** Provide examples of terms of reference, policies and activities from our member organisations to help our members develop their own organisations and governance.



Current membership per region (19 organizations)



Membership Updates

- ▶ ICARA has assembled a **list of research organisations/ societies/teams** from around the world - see list.
- ▶ We are working our way through this list to reach out to new members.
- ▶ We really welcome your help with **identifying more groups or organisations that could potentially join or be supported** by our network or **reaching out to the organisations** on the list who might be interested in ICARA.



Supporting Members with Governance

- ▶ Guidance for organisations how to develop their own way to manage relationships with organisations where a COI might arise: ‘one size does not fit all’ for such policies. LAUNCHING tomorrow!
- ▶ Principles: Due diligence; Open policy-making; Transparency
- ▶ We are available to help members to develop policies for managing potential conflicts of interest. We can also help with any dilemmas that arise for societies in relation to potential conflicts of interest.



Emerging Issues in the Management of Conflicts of Interest, Workshop - Tomorrow!

- ▶ **Thursday 24 October 2019, Insights Zone 1 (I1)**
- ▶ **15:00-16:30**
- ▶ **Speakers:**
 - ▶ **Dr James Nicholls, CEO, Transform Drug Policy Foundation (COIs in emerging cannabis industry)**
 - ▶ **Professor Tom Babor, (COI Issues for ATOD Journals)**
 - ▶ **Dr Niamh Fitzgerald, ICARA President (Launch of Guidance)**

What have we achieved in 2018/19?

- ▶ Establishing solid infrastructure:
 - ▶ Up to date website: www.icara.uconn.edu
 - ▶ Twitter feed @ICARA_Global
 - ▶ Database of members
 - ▶ Financial records and management of invoicing
 - ▶ Raising profile through linking with international events: KBS Utrecht; Lisbon; Collaboration with other organisations: EMCDDA; GEICI-PH.

Ongoing challenges/tasks:

- ▶ Staying relevant and valuable for members whilst working hard on infrastructure
- ▶ Building critical mass in terms of membership to bridge the capacity/ambition gap!
 - ▶ Global membership
- ▶ No secretariat/reliance on volunteers
- ▶ Sustaining past projects when personnel change

Moving forward - opportunities for discussion

- ▶ What other ways can we collaborate with more established organisations?
 - ▶ Joint projects e.g. with EMCDDA/GAPA?
 - ▶ In-kind contributions (to and from)?
 - ▶ ‘Twin’ new societies or researchers seeking to establish new societies with established organisations in other countries
- ▶ How can we organize our resources to maximize value?
 - ▶ Subcommittees for specific areas of focus?



Contact us

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