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Satellite Session on Drugs as Reinforcers; Washington, D.C.; May 18, 1975

ISGIDAR sponsored this scientific meeting as a Satellite Session to the 1975 annual meeting of the CPDD. The object was to provide a forum for communication by persons studying drug self-administration as a phenomenon and for those who are trying to apply the techniques of drug self-administration to predict abuse potential.

There were 47 registrants who paid the \$10.00 registration fee and one who did not plus several graduate students who sat in on part of the sessions without being required to register. All registrants who were not previously members of ISGIDAR were added to the membership role.

Robert Balster and L. Harris described their research on the disruption of food reinforced operant behavior and self-administration by selected opiate and opioid analgesics. Ethanol as an oral reinforcer for rhesus monkeys on a fixed ratio schedule was discussed by Jack Henningfield and Dick Meisch. Marlyne Kilbey described her studies involving morphine self-administration in the cat. The effects of changes in reinforcement magnitude on responding maintained by injections of cocaine and pentobarbital were reported by Chris Johanson. Bob Filewich described his studies and findings involving the oral self-administration of morphine in non-fluid deprived rats.

Sanchez-Ramos had compared intracerebral and intravenous naloxone-precipitated abstinence in rhesus monkeys. Roland Griffiths and his colleagues from Johns Hopkins compared behaviors maintained by infusion of several substituted phenylethylamines in baboons. Cocaine self-administration under schedules of delayed reinforcement in squirrel monkeys was described by Roger Stretch.

Following the presentation of papers, there was a short business meeting at which it was agreed that ISGIDAR should continue as a non-organization under the voluntary leadership of Bob Schuster and the Working Committee. Jerry Malis and Leonard Cook were assigned the task of drafting a statement of objectives, and Bob Schuster said he would look into appropriate means of formalizing the

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ting the international scope and objectives of the membership. These bylaws would then be submitted to the present membership of ISGIDAR for approval along with an invitation to qualified interested persons to become active members of this international association. Dr. D. Römer was asked to prepare a draft of such bylaws or rules as would be necessary to qualify this organization for recognition under Swiss Law, to permit it to choose officers, elect members, receive money, distribute money and to transact such other business as needed to meet the objectives of the Association. A founding committee was agreed upon, consisting of:

Dr. C. R. Schuster	President
Dr. T. Yanagita	Vice President
Dr. F. Hoffmeister	Secretary
Dr. D. A. McCarthy	Assistant Secretary
Dr. R. Römer	Treasurer

Finally, it was decided that the next meeting would be held at the time of the 1976 CPDD meetings. At that time, the present membership of ISGIDAR would be asked to examine, amend and approve the formation of a formal association of persons interested in the scientific inquiry into drug-dependence and related phenomena. The proposed bylaws for such an organization are appended for your examination and consideration at the meeting to be held on June 6 in Richmond, Virginia. (See Pages 4-9.)

ISGIDAR Meeting on June 6, 1976

Next and probably the last meeting of ISGIDAR will be held in conjunction with the CPDD meetings in Richmond, Virginia in early June, 1976. (See Pages 10 and 11.)

WHO Report

Copies of the WHO Report entitled "Evaluation of Dependence Liability and Dependence Potential of Drugs", Technical Report Series 577, WHO Geneva 1975, can be obtained from Q Corp., 49 Sheridan Avenue, Albany, New York 12210, or from the UN Book Shop in New York. The stated price is SF 7 which should make it about \$2.80 U.S.

4. Membership becomes effective upon receipt of the annual dues for the year the candidate is elected. Membership must be exercised within one year following election to membership.

Too Vague!

5. Membership may be rescinded by action of the Board of Officers of IASDD for justifiable causes. Paid dues must be returned to the ex-member along with ~~notification~~ notification of termination of membership in writing and an explanation of the reason for removal. Any member so removed may appeal this action to the Membership at the first meeting of IASDD occurring more than 30 days following notification of termination of membership by board action.

III. Governing Body

Members, and Representatives of the Sponsoring Members (one Delegate per Sponsoring Member) present at the business meeting of IASDD, constitute the governing body of IASDD. Each Member and each Delegate has one vote. Associate Members may attend the business meeting, but they have no vote. The Membership present at the meeting can decide by simple majority vote about the following items:

1. Minutes of the previous meeting
2. Election of new Members, Associate Members and Sponsoring Members
3. Acceptance of financial report by the Treasurer and an appointed accountant
4. Dues
5. Future meeting places
6. Election of officers and auditors
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IV. Officers

1. The Board of Officers of IASDD, who shall all be full members,

Is the governing body = Board of Officers?

and to assume the President's duties in case the latter is unable to act.

3. The Secretary shall keep the records of IASDD and perform all the duties that might be prescribed for him by the Board of Officers or by the President.

4. The Treasurer under the authority of the Board of Officers shall receive, disburse and duly account for all sums of money belonging to IASDD. He shall submit a financial report each year to the Board of Officers and at each Business Meeting. Two members of IASDD (auditors) shall audit the books annually, certify that they are correct and submit a report to the Board of Officers.

5. The Councillors shall assist the other elected officers in the operation of IASDD, shall act as editors of published communications and shall carry out such other duties as prescribed by the bylaws and by decisions of the membership. In the event that the office of Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer should be vacant, the officers shall fill the vacant position with a council member until the next meeting of IASDD when a new officer shall be elected by the membership.

6. The Officers shall represent IASDD to the public.

delete VI. Working Committee of IASDD

The membership of the Working Committee of IASDD is limited to only one representative of each institute or company which is actively involved in research of drug dependence and drug addiction. The Working Committee will discuss problems of methodology and experimental results from the different laboratories. The results of the discussions must be presented at the next meeting of IASDD.

This seems to conflict with the Board of Officers.

Modification of dues for any subsequent year will be decided by
2/3 majority vote of the membership at any full membership meeting.

Non-payment of membership for more than ¹⁴~~ten~~ months shall be grounds
for removal from membership by action of the Board of Officers.

IX. Committees

Permanent or ad hoc committees shall be established when necessary
and their members appointed by the Business Meeting.

cial reservation card without indicating an early arrival, call the Richmond Hyatt House (804-285-8666) and indicate that you will be attending the Committee Meeting but will be arriving early.

Pre-registration for the Satellite Session can be accomplished by filling out the following form and sending it to Robert Balster at the address indicated. Luncheon cannot be guaranteed for those who have not registered and paid their fee prior to May 30. A registration fee of \$10.00 will be charged and will include the price of lunch.

REGISTRATION FORM

Self-Administration Satellite Session
Annual Meeting of the Committee on Problems of Drug Dependence
Richmond, Virginia
June 5, 1976

Name _____

Affiliation _____

Address _____

() Enclosed is \$10.00 registration fee (includes lunch). Make checks payable to ISGIDAR and send to:

Dr. Robert Balster
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Richmond, Virginia 23298

Please register prior to May 30, 1976.