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- ❖ Name of the International Conference/ Seminar/Symposium/ Workshop : International Society of Addiction Medicine annual Meeting-2014.
- ❖ Title of the abstract accepted : Pharmacological treatment of opioid dependence beliefs and their implications: A study from tertiary care centre in Northern India.
- ❖ Date & Venue : 2-6th October, 2014. Yokohama, Japan.
- ❖ Money sanctioned : ₹ 55,693/-
- ❖ Money reimbursed : ₹ 59,239/- (Due to hike the fare of air travel an additional ₹ 3,546/- were sanctioned)
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Participation Report

16th International Society of Addiction Medicine Annual Meeting was a five day (2nd October to 6th October, 2014) conference which attracted more than five hundred drug abuse researchers around the world. The agenda of the forum was "Towards a new era of prevention and treatment". It comprised of various workshop on screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment for substance use problem. There were 9 plenary lectures, 45 symposia, 15 oral presentation sessions and poster sessions. The plenary lectures were focused on the newer developments in the neurobiology of addiction and also related public health and drug convention issues. The symposia covered updates on new collaborations and global research, international perspective of the practice of Addiction Medicine, new approaches of research to estimate treatments needs of substance users and various related issues. The cultural issues in the management of addiction was also discussed at length in few symposia. The conference provides immense scope for interaction between researchers of substance abuse from different parts of the world and also provides platform for sharing own work and getting valuable suggestions to improve one's work, from stalwarts in the field. These meetings are highly recommended for anybody interested in the field of substance abuse. My paper 'Pharmacological treatment of opioid dependence - beliefs and their implications: A study from tertiary care centre in northern India' has been published as an abstract in the supplement to the journal 'Alcohol and Alcoholism'.

Participant's contribution to the conference

I have attended the conference and presented my research work 'Pharmacological treatment of opioid dependence - beliefs and their implications: A study from tertiary care centre in northern India'. This was a good opportunity to share this work, which is the first of its kind in India. Interesting questions were raised by the international audience leading to a fruitful and insightful discussion. Similar issues from other parts of the world such as Malaysia and Thailand were, also discussed. Potential treatment and public health implications of the study were also discussed.