

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
INDO-CANADIAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION (ICPA)
AND
INDIAN PSYCHIATRIC SOCIETY (IPS)

Indo-Canadian Psychiatric Association, (hereafter referred to as ICPA), is registered as a not-for-profit Federal Corporation in Canada. The membership is open to all psychiatrists, mental health professionals, fellows, residents, and medical students of South-Asian Indian origin residing in Canada. We, as an organization abide by the following objectives:

1. To provide a forum for exchange of information and ideas to contribute to the theoretical and clinical knowledge in the field of mental health.
2. To conduct an annual scientific meeting every year during the Canadian Psychiatric Association (CPA) annual conference, and scientific seminars in different provinces.
3. To invite distinguished scholarly national and international speakers to present at the annual scientific meetings.
4. To provide mentorship in guiding people who wish to establish practice in Canada.
5. To provide advocacy for physicians relocating to Canada for equal opportunities.
6. To encourage diversity and inclusiveness.
7. To enhance knowledge in multicultural mental health care needs.
8. To inspire research and evidence-based practice.
9. To promote equality and social justice.

Whereas the Indian Psychiatric Society, (hereafter referred to as IPS), registered Society under the Indian societies acts as the following objectives.

1. Promote and advance the subject of psychiatry and allied sciences in all the different branches.
2. Promote the improvement of mental health of the people and mental health education.
3. Promote prevention, control, treatment, and relief of all psychiatric disabilities.
4. Formulate and advised on the standards of education and training for medical and axillary personal in psychiatry and recommend adequate teaching facilities for the purpose.
5. Promote research in the field of psychiatry and mental health.
6. Propagate the principles of psychiatry and current development in psychiatric thought.
7. Deal with any matters relating to mental health concerning the country and to do all other things as are cognate to the subjects of the Indian psychiatric Society.
8. Safeguard the interest of psychiatrist and fellow professionals in India.
9. Promote ethical standards in the practice of psychiatry in India.

Collaboration:

ICPA and IPS wish to collaborate in their field of mental health with mutual professional interests. Therefore, the parties agreed to sign a memorandum of understanding on professional collaboration, which will permit the exchange of experience and organization of joint activities, and close collaboration, pursuant to the following fundamental objectives:

1. To establish close collaboration in the field of mental health in the Canada and India. In this regard, IPS will recognize ICPA as an intellectual partner at the annual conference of Indian Psychiatric Society and ICPA will reciprocate this intellectual partnership at ICPA annual conference every year until the duration of this memorandum is valid.
2. ICPA and IPS will facilitate scientific dialogue between the two organizations at their respective annual conferences.
3. Facilitate exchange of scientific ideas, training in psychiatry between ICPA and IPS.
4. Work collaboratively to promote high ethical standards in the practice of psychiatry and in psychiatric research.
5. Work collaboratively to improve public education and mental health awareness in the Canada and India.
6. Work collaboratively to improve understanding and exchange expertise in human rights and mental health legislation in the Canada and India.
7. There will be no financial transaction between the two organizations, but both will offer complimentary registration for attending annual conferences to the respective current President, Chair and General Secretary, as a matter of cordiality. Apart from conference fee, neither party will pay for any other expenses needed for conference.
8. ICPA and IPS will offer reciprocated discounted conference registration to members of both organizations.

Financial liability:

No financial liability will arise for ICPA or IPS under this agreement.

Terms of memorandum of understanding:

This will stand valid for a five-year-term unless terminated by either party at any time before the end of the term, subject to 6 months' notice in the settlement of any outstanding obligations. The memorandum of understanding can be reviewed at the end of 5 years by both organizations for subsequent five-year renewal. This memorandum of understanding supersedes any previous agreement done between both ICPA and IPS.



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