Recap

This year’s Annual Meeting was a complete and utter success thanks to our AAAP Board of Directors, Scientific Program Committee, staff, attendees, exhibitors, and sponsors. We hope that all our attendees found the meeting to be as enlightening, informative, and fun as we did.

We wanted to share a recap of photos and information highlighting the meeting’s success and hope it will bring back some great memories for our attendees. If you weren’t able to join us this past December, we hope can join us for our 31st Annual Meeting and Scientific Symposium this December 10-13, 2020 at the La Cantera Resort and Spa in San Antonio, TX! This is our first year going to Texas and we couldn’t be more excited to be in the Lone Star state.

As a AAAP membership benefit, all members will be receiving a link to all Annual Meeting presentation videos and updated slides within the next few weeks, so please keep an eye out for that! And remember: Videos and presentations from the past 10 annual meetings are available to all AAAP members in the Member Only Website.

More than 800 physicians, nurse practitioners, PAs, psychologists, social workers and pharmacists attended the Annual Meeting and two preconference courses: The Addictions and Their Treatment Course and Advanced Psychopharmacology Course. For those of you who aren’t familiar with our pre-conference courses, The Addictions and Their Treatment course updates the audience on the most recent trends in the addiction field and help psychiatrists prepare for the ABPN examination for subspecialty certification and recertification in Addiction Psychiatry. The Advanced Psychopharmacology Course is an intensive two-day, 12-hour course designed to give attendees a deeper understanding of pharmacologies and is now in its second year! Both courses will be available prior to the 31st Annual Meeting and Scientific Symposium this December.

Attendees had the opportunity to participate in 30 workshops, 10 papers, 73 posters, 1 film workshop, a Medical Update on Substance Use and Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV Prevention: Best practices for the Addiction Psychiatrist, a Case Conference on Amphetamine Use Disorder and to collaborate in various educational activities, committee meetings, regional meetings and fun/relaxing events.

One of the biggest highlights of the meeting were the five scientific symposia that covered topics on: Treatment for Youth with OUD: New Developments and Approaches, Cannabis Policy and Outcomes for the Addiction Psychiatrist: Making Progress Toward Model State Laws to Reduce Harm, Evaluation and Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder in the Emergency Department: A New Frontier in the Effort to Combat the Opioid Epidemic, Are We


This year we had the honor of awarding for the first time our Arts and Literature Award to Mr. David Sheff, author of the well-known book, Beautiful Boy, which became an award-winning movie in 2018. This award was given in recognition for his contributions as an author and advocate in the field of substance use disorders and co-occurring mental disorders. His passion and relentless activism have focused attention on addiction and brought hope to innumerable sufferers and their families.

Another award we were honored to present was the 2019 Founders’ Award to AAAP Member and Past President, Laurence Westreich, MD. This award was given in recognition of his steadfast support of education, treatment, and policies supporting those with substance use disorders and co-occurring mental disorders.

We applaud both Mr. Sheff and Dr. Westreich for their contributions to the field!

Lastly, our AAAP silent auction benefiting the Sheldon Miller Fund to support trainee educational activities raised more than $4,500. A special thanks to those who donated items (see list page 3) and to those who made purchases as well. We could not have been successful without you.

We hope to see you Dec. 10-13, 2020 at the La Cantera Resort and Spa in San Antonio, Texas for the next Annual Meeting, so mark your calendars! Book your room now and follow AAAP Annual Meeting Updates on Twitter @AAAP_2020 for the latest information about registration, content, and details about the meeting.
We would like to thank AAAP’s Board of Directors and the members of the Scientific Program Committee for their continued support and many contributions to this year’s meeting, as well as all the volunteers from our membership.

We make a great team.
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