Global Developments in Drug Trends, Practice, and Policy

2016 NIDA International Forum
June 10–13, 2016 | Palm Springs, California

Agenda
Welcome to the 21st Annual NIDA International Forum

We are delighted to convene the 21st anniversary of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) International Forum. The session chairs and plenary speakers provided invaluable help in planning the meeting, and we thank Mustafa al'Absi, Michael Farrell, Paul Griffiths, J. Randy Koch, Jane Maxwell, Richard Pates, Elizabeth Saenz, Jeffrey Samet, Kevin Walton, and Susan Weiss.

The Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) of the Organization of American States and the International Society of Addiction Journal Editors (ISAJE) provided financial assistance for the meeting. The College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD), the International Women’s and Children’s Health and Gender Working Group (InWomen’s), and the Center for Drug and Alcohol Research at the Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul in Porto Alegre, Brazil, provided travel support. Marya Hynes, Hendrée Jones, Clyde McCoy, David Metzger, and Jeffrey Samet coordinated additional travel award support. We are very grateful for their assistance.

This year’s meeting is an ideal opportunity to review changes in drug policy as well as research advances and knowledge gaps in drug trends and practice. More importantly, the NIDA International Forum provides us with the opportunity to highlight research conducted by talented scientists from around the world and helps you form professional connections that contribute to your success.

Steven W. Gust, Ph.D.
Director, International Program
National Institute on Drug Abuse
2016 NIDA International Forum
Global Developments in Drug Trends, Practice, and Policy: Research and Knowledge Gaps

Friday, June 10, 2016

3:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  Registration and Information  Fiesta 14 Veranda

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  Workshop: “Preparing Your Research for Publication”  Fiesta 10
International Society of Addiction Journal Editors (ISAJE)
❖ Richard Pates, ISAJE
❖ Richard Saitz, Boston University School of Public Health

6:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.  Break

6:15 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  NIDA International Networking Session  Fiesta 10
Co-Chairs: J. Randy Koch, Virginia Commonwealth University
Dale Weiss, International Program, NIDA

How NIDA Uses Social Media To Engage Its Audience
❖ Jack Stein, Director, Office of Science Policy and Communications, NIDA

Engaging Youth Through National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week
❖ Jessica Beltran, Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow, Virginia Commonwealth University

Building Addiction Research and Education Capacity in Eastern Europe
❖ Tomas Zabransky, Charles University, Czech Republic
❖ David Otiashvili, Addiction Research Center, Georgia
Saturday, June 11, 2016
NIDA International Forum: Symposium

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Registration and Information  
Fiesta 4 Veranda

Plenary Session  
Fiesta 6 and 8
Chair: Steven W. Gust, Director, International Program, NIDA

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  Welcoming Remarks and Introduction  
National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)  
❖ Steven W. Gust, Director, International Program, NIDA  
College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD)  
❖ Clyde McCoy, Chair, CPDD International Committee, and University of Miami Miller School of Medicine

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.  NIDA Summit on the Neuroscience of Marijuana and Cannabinoids  
❖ Susan Weiss, Director, Division of Extramural Research, NIDA

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  United Nations General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS): Implications for Addiction Research and Evidence-Based Practice  
❖ Elizabeth Saenz, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.  Break

10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.  “New” Psychoactive Substances (NPS)  
The NPS situation is constantly changing. This session will provide an overview on NPS use and emerging trends around the world.  
Chair: Jane Maxwell, The University of Texas at Austin  
Update on the European Union Drug Situation  
❖ Paul Griffiths, European Monitoring Centre on Drugs and Drug Addiction  
Evolving Issues in NPS in Australia  
❖ Michael Farrell, University of New South Wales, Australia  
The Khat Research Program (KRP): Progress and Achievements  
❖ Mustafa al’Absi, University of Minnesota Medical School  
The Changing Situation in the United States  
❖ Jane Maxwell, The University of Texas at Austin
11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
2016 NIDA International Awards of Excellence

Mentoring
❖ J. Randy Koch, Virginia Commonwealth University

International Leadership
❖ Marya Hynes, Organization of American States

Collaborative Research
❖ Mustafa al'Absi, University of Minnesota Medical School

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Lunch (On Your Own)

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
International Efforts To Educate Physicians To Treat Addiction

The need to educate physicians to treat addiction across the globe is being increasingly recognized. Yet few initiatives exist on national levels to train physicians to address addiction and related comorbidities. This session will detail training efforts underway in Vietnam, Russia, Switzerland, and the United States.

Chair: Jeffrey Samet, Boston University School of Medicine, Boston Medical Center

Vietnam: Developing Addiction Training Capacity From Scratch
❖ Le Minh Giang, Hanoi Medical University, Vietnam
❖ Gavin Bart, University of Minnesota, Hennepin County Medical Center

Cross-Disciplinary Curricula for Alcohol and Drug Use: Pavlov Medical University Initiative
❖ Edwin Zvartau, First St. Petersburg Pavlov Medical University, Russia

Pre- and Postgraduate Addiction Medicine Training in Switzerland
❖ Nicolas Bertholet, Lausanne University Hospital, Switzerland

The Chief Resident Immersion Training Program: International Physician Involvement
❖ Jeffrey Samet, Boston University School of Medicine, Boston Medical Center

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.  
Break
2:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.  **Waterpipe Tobacco Globalization and Health Consequences**  
Use of waterpipes is increasing at a global level. This session presents research on prevalence, health impact, and treatment that is endeavoring to keep pace with this expanding public health concern.  
Chair: Kevin Walton, Division of Therapeutics and Medical Consequences, NIDA  

- **The Waterpipe: An Emerging Threat to Global Public Health**  
  - Wasim Maziak, Florida International University  

- **Waterpipe Use in the United States: Increasing Trends Among Youth and Young Adults**  
  - Tracey Barnett, University of Florida  

- **Waterpipe Smoking Toxicant Exposures of Tobacco and Tobacco-Free Products**  
  - Caroline Cobb, Virginia Commonwealth University  

- **Waterpipe Tobacco Dependence and Smoking Cessation**  
  - Kawkab Shishani, Washington State University  

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**Monday, June 13, 2016**  
**Joint NIDA International Forum and CPDD Workshop**  

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  **International Research Posters**  
Flores Ballroom 1–4  
Learn about research conducted outside of the United States and meet NIDA staff and colleagues from around the world at this CPDD Workshop and NIDA International Forum poster session.
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