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*****NEWS ADVISORY*****

CPDD conference features NIDA Director Dr. Nora Volkow as well as Media Forum
College on Problems of Drug Dependence offers free registration for reporters attending Forum

Dr. Nora Volkow, Director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), will deliver a keynote address on the state of addiction research at the annual meeting of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence (CPDD) in San Juan, Puerto Rico on June 15. The conference features 800 presentations by scientists from the United States and other nations, many of them supported by grants from NIDA. Dr. Volkow will also receive CPDD's Nathan B. Eddy Award, named after a pioneer in the field of drug dependence.

NOTE: There will be a Media Forum later that week highlighting important new research findings of interest to the media and the general public.

WHAT: **CPDD Annual Meeting**
Dr. Volkow keynote and Nathan B. Eddy Award Lecture: Fronto-striatal circuitry in addiction

WHEN: Sunday, June 15, 10 a.m. EDT
(The entire conference runs from Sunday, June 15 – Thursday, June 19)

WHERE: The Caribe Hilton Hotel
1 San Geronimo Street
San Juan, Puerto Rico

MEDIA FORUM:

The CPDD Media Forum will be held on Tuesday, June 17 from 1:15 – 2:15 EDT in Ballroom C. All reporters are invited, and conference registration fees are waived for members of the press. If interested in attending the Forum, contact Dr. Bertha Madras at bertha_madras@hms.harvard.edu and provide contact information and press credentials.

The College on Problems of Drug Dependence is dedicated to fostering and disseminating the latest research on substance use and substance use disorders. Information about CPDD and the conference can be found at www.cpdd.vcu.edu.

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the health effects of drugs of abuse and information on NIDA research and other activities can be found on the NIDA home page at www.drugabuse.gov, which is now compatible with your smartphone, iPad or tablet. To order publications in English or Spanish, call NIDA's DrugPubs research dissemination center at 1-877-NIDA-NIH or 240-645-0228 (TDD) or fax or email requests to 240-645-0227 or drugpubs@nida.nih.gov. Online ordering is available at <http://drugpubs.drugabuse.gov>. NIDA's media guide can be found at <http://drugabuse.gov/mediaguide/>, and its new easy-to-read website can be found at www.easyread.drugabuse.gov.

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