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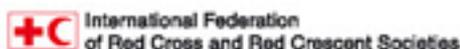
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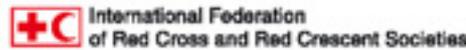
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# PROGRAMME

## INFORMATION FOR DELEGATES

### CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

For 2009, the format of the annual IHRA conference has been changed slightly in response to some of the feedback that we have received in previous years. The conference now runs over four full days – from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – rather than five days (three full days and two half days) as it has before.

Harm Reduction 2009 formally begins with the Opening Session on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 9am – including the 2009 Rolleston Oration from Michel Kazachtkine, the Executive Director of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. This is immediately followed by the opening Plenary Session, introducing some of the key issues and developments in the Asia region.

The layout for the remainder of the conference then varies from day to day as we aim to make this event as lively and engaging as possible. All of the Plenary Sessions and Major Sessions are available in English and Thai, as are half of the Concurrent Sessions and the Opening and Closing Sessions. Please see below for more information about translation services and headsets.

In this “Conference Reader”, you will find the full details and layout of the programme – including speakers and presentation titles. We would also encourage you to search and view the conference abstracts online and on the conference DVD, and you can search for speakers and presentations in the indexes at the back of this book. We hope that you find the book and DVD easy to use. Please remember that the conference staff and volunteers are happy to help you during the event if you have any questions.

I hope you have an enjoyable and thought-provoking four days as our guest in Thailand.

*Best Regards,  
Jamie Bridge  
Programme Manager  
International Harm Reduction Association*

### OTHER CONFERENCE INFORMATION

**Exhibitions:** These will be located on floor 2 outside of the plenary hall. The exhibitors are key supporters of the IHRA conferences and we would encourage all delegates to take the time to explore the numerous display stands.

**Poster Presentations:** As in previous years there will be three sessions for poster presentations – on Monday 20<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Posters will be located on Mezzanine floor and will be available for viewing from the first coffee break (10:30–11:00) to the final coffee break (15:30–16:00). Poster presenters are asked to be available by their work from 13:30–14:00 to answer any questions from delegates.

**Film Festival:** Film presentations and screenings will take place on floor 3 in [Bangkok Panorama 1](#). Please see the separate “Film Festival Programme” for further information.

**Workshops:** Afternoon workshops will take place in a specially allocated “Workshop Lounge” on the Mezzanine Floor (14:00–15:30 and 16:00–17:30), and evening workshops will take place in [Queens Park 5 and 6](#) on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (18:00–19:00). Please see the “Workshops Programme” for further details.

**Languages and Translation:** The official language for the IHRA conferences is English. However, the conference organisers are committed to providing translation into at least one additional language each year. For Harm Reduction 2009 – as the conference is being held in Thailand – simultaneous translation will be provided between English and Thai for over half of the formal conference programme – including:

- The Opening Session on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April
- The Plenary Sessions on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April
- All 15 of the Major Sessions
- Half of the Concurrent Sessions (ie, those that are taking place in [Queen’s Park 1, 2 and 3](#))
- The Closing Session on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

**Translation Headsets:** Headsets can be obtained outside the [Queen’s Park 3](#), next to the registration desk, on floor 2. To obtain a headset, delegates are required to deposit a valid passport, identification card or credit card, which will be returned in exchange for the headset at the end of each session. Delegates will be charged THB 10,000 for lost or misplaced headsets.

**In order to avoid large queues for headsets, please think ahead and obtain your headset during the breaks before each session. Please return the headset equipment at the end of each day, as it will need to be recharged in order to be used the following day.**

**Delegate Badges:** Conference delegates must wear their badges at all times in order to gain access to the sessions and exhibition areas, as well as the conference reception and party. Conference volunteers and the venue security will not allow anyone to enter the conference area without a valid badge.

If you have mislaid your badge, please contact the registration desk on floor 2. Replacement badges will be issued at a cost of THB 2500 each.

**Speakers Room:** All speakers MUST upload their presentation slides in the “Speaker’s Room” at least 12 hours before their session – and speakers will not be able to upload their presentations in the session rooms. The “Speaker’s Room” is [Benjasiri Room 4](#) located on the Mezzanine level, and it will be open as follows:

- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April – 10am to 4pm
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – 8am to 5pm
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April – 8am to 5pm
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – 8am to 5pm
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – 8am to 11am

**Refreshments:** Morning coffee and afternoon tea will be served on floor 2 (where the exhibition stands will be located) as well as on Mezzanine floor (where the posters will be displayed) on Monday 20<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, as well as morning coffee on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>. Lunch will be served in two locations: on floor 5, where a smoking area is provided for conference participants, and on the ground floor, at the Park View restaurant. To enter the lunch area all delegates must display a valid delegate badge.

**Please note that smoking inside the venue is strictly prohibited.**

**Conference Party:** The conference party will take place on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April on the Pool Terrace (9<sup>th</sup> Floor) of the Imperial Queens Park Hotel. The party will include a buffet dinner, some entertainment and also the presentation of the 2009 IHRA awards. The party is generously sponsored by the Thai Conventions and Exhibitions Bureau (TCEB) and all delegates are invited and encouraged to attend. It is a chance to make new contacts, as well as renewing old acquaintances, and provides time for everyone to relax and network.

Additional tickets will be available for the party, enabling delegates to bring their partners or friends. These tickets will be sold at a price of THB 1,000 each with a maximum of 2 per delegate. To purchase additional tickets, please visit the registration area located on floor 2. **There are a limited number of additional tickets, so please purchase your ticket as soon as possible.**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2009

## MORNING

09:00–10:30

OPENING SESSION

**Room: Queen's Park 1+2***Chair: Gerry Stimson***Welcome to Harm Reduction 2009**

Professor Gerry Stimson

*Executive Director of the International Harm Reduction Association***Welcome to Thailand**

M.R. Sukhumbhand Paripatra

*Governor of Bangkok***The 2009 Rolleston Oration****"Harm Reduction: From Evidence to Action"**

Professor Michel Kazatchkine

*Executive Director of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria***Introduction to the 6th International Drugs and Harm Reduction Film Festival**

Gary Reid

*Programme Specialist (HIV/AIDS), UNESCO***Welcome from 12-D**

Seree Jintakanon

*12-D (The Thai Network of People Working on Drug Issues)*

OS

10:30–11:00

TEA/COFFEE BREAK

11:00–12:30

PLENARY SESSION

**Room: Queen's Park 1+2***Chair: Mukta Sharma***Injecting Drug Use and HIV: A Comprehensive Review of the Situation and Response in Asia****Anindya Chatterjee****954** Models of scaling up harm reduction in Asia: Coverage, quality, effectiveness and sustainability**Tim Brown****951** The role of injecting drug use in Asian epidemics: Past and future**Sujan Jirel****992** Harm reduction services in Asia**Anand Grover****1000** The right to health in Asia

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## SESSION ABSTRACT

P1

**Injecting Drug Use and HIV: A Comprehensive Review of the Situation and Response in Asia**

Harm reduction programmes have been significantly scaled up in several Asian countries over the last five years. Although there are still inadequate levels of coverage and quality, the recent increase in the volume of programming has generated many lessons. Nationally-led, large-scale harm reduction programmes are being implemented throughout Asia, and external funding and support is rallying

around national harm reduction plans – including multi-sectoral plans between drug control and health. Many Asian countries now have explicit harm reduction components in their national AIDS policies and plans, although the harmonisation of drug and AIDS policies remains an unfinished task. Large-scale programmes have been both nationally as well as internationally funded, and implemented by national public health agencies as well as national and international NGOs – which often operate in unclear policy environments yet have been able to garner local and sometimes national support. There has also been

recent high level attention to the criminalisation of drug use, the human rights of people who use drugs, the public health dimensions of drug control, and policy harmonisation. In addition, drug user organisations and networks are emerging in several Asian countries.

This Plenary Session will review injecting drug use as a determinant of the Asian HIV epidemics, assess the state of harm reduction in Asia, and capture the regional experiences of scaling-up. It will provide a useful overview and insight on the current situation in Asia in order to shape discussions and set the tone for the rest of the conference.

12:30–14:15

LUNCH BREAK

13:30–14:00

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

**Room: Main Foyer (Mezzanine Floor)****Poster Session 1**

The poster session starts in the morning and ends after the last Concurrent Session. However, between 13:30 and 14:00, the poster presenters are asked to be available beside their presentations in order to discuss their work and to answer any questions that you may have.

Please see page 40 for a full listing of poster presentations.

# Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2009

## 14:00–15:30

### Room: Queen's Park 1

Chair: Somsit Tansupsawatdikul

#### Hepatitis C Risk and Prevention

##### Peter Higgs

**682** Drug user narratives on staying hepatitis C free

##### Ezazul Islam Chowdhury

**618** Correlates of hepatitis C infection among male injecting drug users in Dhaka, Bangladesh

##### Clary van der Veen

**817** The Dutch National Hepatitis C Information Campaign: Mainstreaming drug users as a target group in a general health campaign

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### Room: Queen's Park 2

Chair: Alison Crocket

#### Harm Reduction Donors: Feedback, Opportunities and Challenges Supported by the Dutch Government

##### Anne Bergenstrom

**1008** How much will it cost? Estimating resource needs for scaling-up harm reduction in Asia

##### Gerry Stimson

**1006** Resourcing harm reduction on a global basis

##### Openkumar Oinam

**810** A serious flaw in current practices of channeling funds – particularly for harm reduction interventions

##### Tanne de Goei

**329** Overview of the "Donor Conference" in the Netherlands

C2

### Room: Queen's Park 3

Chair: Greg Denham

#### Policing, Treatment and Rights Supported by the International Harm Reduction Development Program of the Open Society Institute

##### Robin Pollini

**585** Human rights violations perpetrated against injection drug users by police in Tijuana, Mexico

##### Nadia Fairbairn

**902** Experiences of drug planting by police among a community based sample of injection drug users in Bangkok, Thailand

##### Holly Bradford

**506** Cruel and inhuman treatment: Suffering drug withdrawal and rights violations in detention and compulsory treatment centers

##### Joseph Amon

**821** Health and human rights concerns of drug users in detention in Guangxi Province, China

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## 15:30–16:00

## 16:00–17:30

### Room: Queen's Park 1

Chair: Eric Schneider

#### The Effectiveness of Peer Driven Approaches

##### Piyabutr Nakapiew

**699** The "O-Zone Project": A project run by and for people who use drugs in Thailand

##### Kovit Yongvanitjitt

**577** Evaluation of a peer outreach programme to reduce HIV risks among injecting drug users in Bangkok, Thailand

##### Pavlo Smyrnov

**773** Peer driven intervention as an effective outreach strategy to access stimulant users

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### Room: Queen's Park 2

Chair: Pascal Tanguay

#### Response Beyond Borders: The Asian Consultation on HIV Prevention Related to Drug Use

##### Jimmy Dorabjee

**971** Response Beyond Borders: Civil society driven responses to injecting drug use and HIV in Asia

##### Raju Singh

**972** Policy harmonisation in Asia: Challenges and opportunities

##### Prem Limbu

**973** Nothing about us without us: The Goa declaration

##### Pinit Kullavanijaya

**974** Parliamentarians responding to drugs and HIV

C8

### Room: Queen's Park 3

Chair: Robert Gray

#### Harm Reduction Advocacy and Emerging Issues

##### Anne Gathumbi

**978** Emerging urgency: Unmet health needs and human rights of people who use heroin in East Africa

##### Afarin Rahimi-Movaghar

**494** Priority and target setting for supporting the countries of the Middle East and North Africa region in harm reduction activities

##### Gundo Weiler

**730** From pilot to public health impact: Six arguments that made the difference for opioid substitution treatment scale-up in Ukraine

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## 14:00–19:00

## WORKSHOPS DAY 1

### 14:00–15:30

#### Room: Workshop Lounge

W1

#### Building Networks of Drug Users

Organised by the International Network of People who Use Drugs (INPUD)

### 18:00–19:00

#### Room: Queen's Park 5

W3

#### Implementing Peer Driven Interventions for Injection Drug Users Using A New Web Manual

Organised by Professor Robert Broadhead

### 18:00–19:00

#### Room: Queen's Park 6

W4

#### Tuberculosis Diagnosis and Treatment

Organised by the World Health Organization

Please read the separate "Workshop Programme" for further information.

## AFTERNOON

## CONCURRENT SESSIONS

**Room: Queen's Park 4** **C4**  
*Chair: Valery Sim*

**Drug Law Reform: Challenges and Implications**

**Ross Bell**  
**406** NGOs, drug policy and the law reform process

**Ethan Nadelmann**  
**341** California's "Proposition 5": Lessons learned in battling for harm reduction and criminal justice reform

**Pavlo Skala**  
**623** "Tramadol" as a newly scheduled controlled drug in Ukraine: Further criminalisation of drug users or an opportunity to soften national drug policy?

**Mark Heffernan**  
**346** Regulation of low risk psychoactive drugs in New Zealand: Policy and experiences of the "Restricted Substances" framework

**Room: Queen's Park 5** **C5**  
*Chair: Joumana Hermez*

**Monitoring Drug-Related Harms**

**Jo Kimber**  
**502** Natural history of injecting drug use: A longitudinal study of survival and long term injecting cessation

**Kora DeBeck**  
**280** Emergence of crack cocaine as a risk factor for HIV seroconversion among illicit drug users in Vancouver, Canada

**Vivian Hope**  
**252** Stimulant injection a focus for harm: An examination of data from England, Wales and Northern Ireland

**Room: Queen's Park 6** **C6**  
*Chair: Christine Ford*

**Opiate Dependence Treatment**

**John Ryan**  
**283** Chaos and control: Pharmacotherapy in Victoria, Australia – issues, challenges and the way forward

**Rajesh Khongbantabam**  
**422** Positioning users/patients activism at the centre of buprenorphine advocacy in the context of pharmacotherapy

**Roux Perrine**  
**789** Retention in opioid substitution treatment as a major predictor of long-term virological success in HIV-infected IDUs receiving antiretroviral treatment

## TEA/COFFEE BREAK

## CONCURRENT SESSIONS

**Room: Queen's Park 4** **C10**  
*Chair: Rick Swinard*

**Alcohol Issues and Interventions Organised by the Global Alcohol Harm Reduction Network (GAHR-Net)**

**Ian Newman**  
**333** Walking on the edge of community denial: Developing alcohol policies before alcohol related problems are a crisis

**Andrea Fischer**  
**884** "Big Pla Spak, Lik Lik Money": Non-commercial alcohol and HIV risk in Papua New Guinea

**Room: Queen's Park 5** **C11**  
*Chair: Vivian Hope*

**Methods of Harm Reduction Research**

**Stephen Parkin**  
**248** Visual research methods and public injecting drug use: Making the invisible visible

**Rajesh Kumar**  
**474** Size estimation of injecting drug users at multiple sites in India using nomination technique

**Simon Baldwin**  
**584** Cost effectiveness of harm reduction interventions aimed at preventing HIV transmission between injecting drug users in Vietnam

**Paul Dietze**  
**1011** An ontology-based simulation model exploring the social contexts of psychostimulant use among young Australians

**Room: Queen's Park 6** **C12**  
*Chair: David Jacka*

**Evaluations of Opiate Substitution Treatment**

**Ingo Michels**  
**400** Heroin (Diamorphine) supported treatment in Germany: Results and problems of implementation

**Martin Donoghoe**  
**733** Prove it: A standardised approach to evaluating opioid substitution therapy in Ukraine

**Einat Peles**  
**133** 15 years of methadone maintenance treatment clinic in Israel: Drug abuse abstinence and minimal infectious disease incidence

**Nguyen Thi Minh Huong**  
**762** Evaluation of outcomes for the first 500 patients treated with methadone in Viet Nam

## FILM FESTIVAL

**Room: Bangkok Panorama 1**

**13:00** **Facing The Dragon** (UK/Thailand)

**14:15** **Exchange Supplies – 4 short films** (UK)

**14:30** **Duggy's Crew** (Australia)

**15:00** **Territory of Loneliness** (Russia)

**16:00** **A Fundamental Service** (USA)

**16:15** **Yunnan Outreach Training Materials** (China)

**Room: Bangkok Panorama 1**

**16:30** **A Cleaner Fix** (Indonesia)

**16:50** **Mobile Milan** (Italy/Poland)

**17:05** **Why Russia Says No To Methadone** (Russia/Hungary)

**17:15** **Reducing Harm From Solvent Use** (Cambodia)

**18:00** **The US Versus Tommy Chong** (USA)

## IHRA AGM

18:00–19:00

**Room: Queen's Park 4**  
*Chair: Mukta Sharma*

**IHRA Annual General Meeting**

All IHRA members are welcome to attend this meeting, at which the organisation's progress and finances from 2008 will be discussed, and an election will be held for new Directors and Trustees.

Please read the separate "Film Festival Programme" for further information.

# Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2009

**09:00–10:30**
**PLENARY SESSION**
**Room: Queen's Park 1+2**
*Chair:* Rebecca Schleifer

**P2**
**Harm Reduction and Human Rights**
**Organised by IHRA's "Harm Reduction and Human Rights" (HR2) programme**
**Manfred Nowak**
**986** A human rights based approach to drug policy: A topic for the UN?

**Dainius Puras**
**985** The "UN Committee on the Rights of the Child" on the quality and direction of investments in child and youth health and development

**Umesh Sharma**
**999** Drug user perspectives on human rights in Asia

**Tripti Tandon**
**957** Embracing harm reduction and ejecting human rights: Challenging uneven progress in India

**10:30–11:00**
**TEA/COFFEE BREAK**
**11:00–12:30**
**MAJOR SESSIONS**
**Room: Queen's Park 1**
*Chair:* Annette Verster

**M1**
**Collaborative TB and HIV Services for Drug Users**
**Organised by the World Health Organization**
**Christian Gunneberg**
**192** Collaborative TB and HIV services for drug users

**Mya Thida Aung**
**569** Prioritising TB, TB-drug use and TB-HIV co-infection among drug users in Myanmar

**Dmytro Sheremby**
**929** Overcoming barriers to integrated treatment for TB-HIV co-infected drug users: A community perspective

**Nur Munirah Mat Swadi**
**196** Knowledge of TB-HIV co-infection and TB prevalence among street drug users in Malaysia

**Room: Queen's Park 2**
*Chairs:* Daniel Wolfe & Sonia Bezziccheri

**M2**
**Compulsory Drug Dependence Treatment Centres: Costs, Rights and Evidence**
**Supported by the UNODC and the International Harm Reduction Development Program of the Open Society Institute**
**Richard Pearshouse**
**836** An overview of Thailand's compulsory drug rehabilitation system

**Srey Mao**
**507** Detention as drug treatment: The Cambodian experience

**Shaharudin bin Ali Umar**
**510** "Break You Down to Build You Up": The Malaysian experience

**Tran Tien Duc**
**958** Economic and public health analysis of compulsory treatment centres in Viet Nam: Policy and programme implications

**Room: Queen's Park 3**
*Chair:* Apinun Aramrattana

**M3**
**Methamphetamine Use in South East Asia: Implications and Responses**
**Bangorn Sirirojn**
**975** Amphetamine type stimulant use in Thailand: Porous borders, military boot camps and regional considerations

**Graham Shaw**
**976** Amphetamine type stimulant use in Cambodia: Volatile drug markets and the challenges for health service providers in the face of heavy law enforcement

**Chansy Phimmachanh**
**977** Amphetamine type stimulants use in Laos: Implications for individual and public health and public security

**Nick Thomson**
**889** Amphetamine type stimulant use among young people in Laos, Cambodia and Thailand

**12:30–14:15**
**LUNCH BREAK**
**12:45–13:45**
**LUNCHTIME SESSION**
**Room: Queen's Park 3**
*Chair:* Nick Thomson

**L2**
**Harm Reduction in Thailand: Feedback from the Thai Satellite**
**Hosted by 12-D (The Thai Network of People Working on Drug Issues)**

This session will provide delegates with an update on the current state of harm reduction in Thailand, the future opportunities for development in this field, and the outcomes from the "Harm Reduction in Thailand" meeting on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

The Satellite Meeting itself is being hosted by the Administrative Committee for Substance Abuse Academic Network, and jointly convened and chaired by the Office of Narcotic Control Board, the Ministry of Public Health, and 12-D. It will examine the current data on HIV, drug use and harm reduction, examine the development of harm reduction policy in Thailand, and agree action points and secure commitments from Government agencies and civil society to ensure the implementation of harm reduction in the country.

**13:30–14:00**
**POSTER PRESENTATIONS**
**Room: Main Foyer (Mezzanine Floor)**
**Poster Session 2**

The poster session starts in the morning and ends after the last Concurrent Session. However, between 13:30 and 14:00, the poster presenters are asked to be available beside their presentations in order to discuss their work and to answer any questions that you may have.

Please see page 40 for a full listing of poster presentations.

## SESSION ABSTRACT

**P2 Harm Reduction and Human Rights**

According to Professor Paul Hunt (the former UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health), "Harm reduction stands as a clear example of human rights in practice". For this reason, the conference theme for Harm Reduction 2009 is "Harm Reduction and Human Rights".

Respect for human rights is essential in promoting effective responses to health problems, including those related to drug use. At the same time, systemic human rights abuses undermine health outcomes, and in-

crease the vulnerability of already marginalised populations. There are few contexts in which this is more pronounced than in the punitive approaches taken towards drug use and people who use drugs in most countries around the world. In many cases, punitive law enforcement-based drug policies not only generate human rights abuses, but they also provide an ideological basis which seeks to justify these abuses as being in the "public good". Often, this ideological framework is effective in making human rights abuses linked to drug control invisible or accepted, even among many human rights defenders.

This session – supported by IHRA's Harm Reduction and Human Rights (HR2) programme – will explore the issue of human rights and drug policies, and their impact both on people who use drugs, and on broader efforts to promote health and reduce drug-related harm. It features presentations from Professor Manfred Nowak (the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture), Dr. Dainius Puras (from the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child), Umesh Sharma (from the International HIV/AIDS Alliance in Thailand) and Tripti Tandon (from the Lawyers Collective HIV/AIDS Unit in India).

## SESSION ABSTRACTS

**M1 Collaborative TB and HIV Services for Drug Users**

In many settings, the epidemic of drug use has become intertwined with global HIV and tuberculosis epidemics. However, national health systems have often responded to this with separate policies and structures for each issue – to the detriment of the individual user and their communities. Drug users have high rates of HIV infection, mainly due to unsafe injecting behaviours. Drug users also have increased rates of tuberculosis infection, whether living with HIV or not. In addition, HIV infection greatly increases the risk of transition from tuberculosis infection to tuberculosis disease, and drug users tend to be a marginalised group with complex needs and tend to have poorer access to life-saving interventions.

Services should have a more co-ordinated response to the needs of people who use drugs in order to provide universal access to prevention, treatment and care services at all entry points. This requires collaborative planning between HIV and tuberculosis services, specialist drug services and the criminal justice system.

This Major Session will present the new global policy guidelines that have been developed by the World Health Organization (WHO) in collaboration with the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) in order to address these issues. The session will highlight examples of how existing services collaborate – and how they don't – and will feature presentations from Europe, South East Asia and the Pacific Region.

**M2 Compulsory Drug Dependence Treatment Centres: Costs, Rights and Evidence**

There are two issues that suggest that compulsory drug dependence treatment centres are not an appropriate component of national responses to drug use and drug dependence – the potential failure to respect human rights in mandating and providing treatment, and the ineffectiveness and inefficiency of such approaches.

While the United Nations system has begun to acknowledge the importance of human rights protections in the global response to drugs, reports from those who have experienced compulsory drug treatment reveal that greater attention to human rights protections is still needed in many settings. It is not uncommon for patients / inmates to suffer because effective detoxification treatments are not available. Harsh techniques may also be employed, such as the use of painful withdrawal symptoms to coerce confessions, long-term detention, and even caging or chaining "in the name of health". In addition – despite higher rates of HIV and hepatitis C in this population – treatment for these blood-borne illnesses is often also unavailable. In many facilities, risk behaviours are common and preventive measures (such as the provision of sterile injection equipment or condoms) are prohibited. Whilst many countries invest significant resources in drug dependence treatment – including many in the Asia region, where this investment is in compulsory treatment centres – there is little evidence that this is an efficient and effective use of resources for addressing drug dependence. In fact, emerging evidence shows that these methods are ineffective.

This Major Session – jointly proposed by the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the International Harm Reduction Development (IHRD) programme of the Open Society Institute – will give an overview of the human rights principles and mechanisms related to drug treatment, and provide accounts of the human rights violations associated with compulsory drug treatment in Malaysia, Thailand and Cambodia. It will also present evidence for the lack of cost effectiveness of these centres, and propose a collaboration that will work towards greater effectiveness in the provision of drug dependence treatment whilst respecting human rights.

**M3 Methamphetamine Use in South East Asia: Implications and Response**

Methamphetamine tablets and, more recently, "Ice" are the main illicit drugs used in South East Asia. In addition, there is also ongoing and increasing production and trafficking throughout the Mekong countries. The resulting methamphetamine use epidemic is placing untold strains on already limited resources and is having serious implications for both the public health and law enforcement communities.

Recent research from Thailand (highlighted in this session) has raised multiple public health concerns amongst cohorts of methamphetamine users – including very high rates of reported alcohol use, depression and sexually transmitted infections. In addition, large numbers of methamphetamine users become unwittingly caught up in small-scale drug dealing which puts them in direct contact with law enforcement and criminal justice systems. As a result many young methamphetamine users are spending significant periods of time in some form of custodial setting – such as prisons or compulsory drug treatment and rehabilitation centres. Whilst there has been only very limited evaluations of the custodial settings into which young methamphetamine users are being directed, it is clear that these environments leave them prone to a host of infectious diseases including tuberculosis, HIV, hepatitis C and common skin infections. Furthermore, many of the staff from these settings across Thailand, Laos and Cambodia have expressed exasperation at the lack of necessary essential medicines, appropriate nutritious food and adequate budget and training for staff.

This Major Session brings together the latest research on this topic from across the region and will discuss the implications and challenges from the perspectives of law enforcement, public health, national policy making and international organisations.

# Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2009

## 14:00–15:30

### Room: Queen's Park 1

C13

*Chair:* Promboon Panitchpakdi

#### Harm Reduction in Thailand

##### Nualta Apakupakul

**672** Inequalities of health care services for drug users in Lower Southern Thailand

##### Thomas Kerr

**576** High rates of syringe sharing among a community based sample of injection drug users in Bangkok, Thailand

##### Robert Gray

**671** Improving access to health care services for people who use drugs in Thailand by mobilising community based pharmacies

##### Wittaya Promjuk

**351** Recruiting experience in an opioid substitution treatment trial against HIV incidence among injection drug users in rural areas in Northern Thailand

### Room: Queen's Park 2

C14

*Chair:* Ton Smits

#### Poverty, Marginalisation and Drug Use

##### Nicholas Crofts

**877** Drugs and development: The neglected context

##### Alex Stevens

**779** Background noise?: Drugs, poverty and inequalities

##### Deepak Yadav

**191** Occupational rehabilitation of opiate users on buprenorphine maintenance using micro finance based approach

##### Kathleen Donovan

**926** Hazardous drug use and neighbourhoods of poverty: North Central Regina, Saskatchewan Canada

### Room: Queen's Park 3

C15

*Chair:* Ross Bell

#### Alcohol Policies and Social Marketing: Changing Drinking Cultures Supported by the Alcohol Advisory Council of New Zealand

##### Tuari Potiki

**906** Changing the drinking culture: A New Zealand experience

##### Jim McVeigh

**467** Social marketing and alcohol harm reduction

##### Silvia Inchaurrega

**539** "Less Alcohol, Less Risks": A harm reduction campaign in Ushuaia City, Argentina

##### Michael Bird

**901** The consumer voice: An effective way to engage with those seeking harm reduction and help

## 15:30–16:00

## 16:00–17:30

### Room: Queen's Park 1

C19

*Chair:* Suksma Ratri

#### Harm Reduction in Asia

##### Mukta Sharma

**946** Uncontrolled epidemics among people who inject drugs in South East Asia: Gaps in the response

##### Abu Taher

**638** Ten year long harm reduction programme contributed to control the HIV epidemic in Bangladesh

##### David Jacka

**918** Expanding targeted HIV prevention for injecting drug users and sex workers: Experience of the first large-scale national initiative in Viet Nam

##### Naeem Hassan Saleem

**800** Risky Behaviours and service utilisation patterns among injecting drug users: Findings from two surveillance rounds in an high prevalence area of Punjab, Pakistan

### Room: Queen's Park 2

C20

*Chair:* Hans-Guenter Meyer-Thompson

#### Harm Reduction in Conflict and Disaster Zones

##### Abandokht Sarkarati

**456** Rapid assessment of substance use and HIV vulnerability among Afghan refugees in Tehran, Iran

##### Ann Burton

**443** Addressing alcohol related harms in conflict affected populations

##### Edna Oppenheimer

**542** Strengthening access to harm reduction services for Afghan injecting drug users in Pakistan

##### Ekta Thapa Mahat

**269** Political rebels (Maoist) against injecting drug users in Nepal

### Room: Queen's Park 3

C21

*Chair:* Louisa Degenhardt

#### Pharmaceutical Opioid Use: Epidemiology and Implications for Public Health

**Organised by the Reference Group to the United Nations on HIV and Injecting Drug Use**

##### Adeeba Kamarulzaman

**956** Pharmaceutical opioid diversion

##### Tasnim Azim

**953** Pharmaceutical opioid injection in South Asia and the risk of HIV infection

##### Alex Wodak

**297** Global consumption and availability of pharmaceutical opioids and implications for harm reduction

##### Richard Mattick

**291** Can the formulation of opioid substitution therapy medication reduce diversion and injection?: New findings from a Suboxone post marketing surveillance study

## 14:00–19:00

## WORKSHOPS DAY 2

### 14:00–15:30

#### Room: Workshop Lounge

W5

#### Harm Reduction and Pleasure Maximisation: Twenty Years of Insight

**Organised by Cheryl White from the International Network of People who Use Drugs**

### 16:00–17:30

#### Room: Workshop Lounge

W6

#### Preventing Dependence: Investing in Skills

**Organised by UNESCO**

### 18:00–19:00

#### Room: Queen's Park 4

W7

#### Programme Managers and New Target Setting Guidelines

**Organised by the World Health Organization**

### 18:00–19:00

#### Room: Queen's Park 6

W8

#### Positive Deviance Studies for Harm Reduction

**Organised by Dr Sam Friedman**

## AFTERNOON

## CONCURRENT SESSIONS

**Room: Queen's Park 4** C16  
*Chair:* Beatrice Stambul

**Integrated Services for People Who Use Drugs**

**Guganesan Parasuraman**  
**447** Comprehensive approach for injecting drug users: Malaysian experience

**Jason Farrell**  
**158** Integrating medical care and support for drug users in harm reduction programmes

**Ravindra Rao**  
**649** The need for coordinated responses to drug problems in India: Is "Three-ones" the answer?

**Maninder Kaur Manihani**  
**622** PSI Mumbai's harm reduction programme promotes voluntary counseling and testing services among drug users

**Room: Queen's Park 5** C17  
*Chair:* Ralf Jürgens

**Prisons and Closed Settings Supported by the International Harm Reduction Development Program of the Open Society Institute**

**Kanna Hayashi**  
**509** Incarceration experiences among a community based sample of injection drug users in Bangkok, Thailand

**Larisa Pintilei**  
**783** Scaling up access to needle and syringe programmes and methadone maintenance treatment in prisons in Moldova: Successes and challenges

**Aung Yu Naing**  
**558** Harm reduction services in a closed setting

**Misty Bath**  
**505** Operational and socio-cultural barriers to the pilot implementation of prison needle exchange programmes in Canadian incarceration settings

**Room: Queen's Park 6** C18  
*Chair:* Vikram Laishram

**Young People Who Use Drugs**

**Karen Hughes**  
**183** Alcohol, drugs and violence in European holiday resorts: A comparative study of British, German and Spanish tourists

**Joanna Busza**  
**380** Adolescents and risk in Eastern Europe: Assessing harm reduction needs

**John Howard**  
**419** Building capacity for community based treatment for young drug users in the Greater Mekong sub-region

**Renaud Boulet**  
**515** A peer-based approach to working with street youth living with HIV and/or hepatitis C

## TEA/COFFEE BREAK

## CONCURRENT SESSIONS

**Room: Queen's Park 4** C22  
*Chair:* Ingo Michels

**Meeting the Needs of Drug Users Living with HIV**

**Prasert Thathong**  
**707** Overcoming barriers limiting access to antiretroviral treatment and voluntary counselling and testing for Thai people who use drugs

**Yudi Manggala**  
**706** Treatment preparedness for injecting drugs users living with HIV in Jakarta, Indonesia

**Marcus Day**  
**205** Providing treatment adherence counselling to HIV-positive homeless crack users

**Warren Michelow**  
**583** Reducing harm or producing harm?: Public health implications of prosecuting HIV-positive people

**Room: Queen's Park 5** C23  
*Chair:* Jason Farrell

**Researching and Preventing Drug-Related Death**

**Bradley Mathers**  
**299** Mortality among people who inject drugs: A meta-analytic review

**M-J Milloy**  
**795** History of non-fatal overdose among injection drug users in Bangkok, Thailand

**Monica Malta**  
**251** Mortality among HIV infected injecting drug users versus men who have sex with men: Differential survival in a context of universal access to antiretroviral treatment in Brazil

**Jane Buxton**  
**888** Hospital admission and death rates attributable to illegal drugs in British Columbia, Canada

**Room: Queen's Park 6** C24  
*Chair:* Silvia Inchaurrega

**Sex Work and Substance Use**

**Vu Ngoc Khanh**  
**644** Integrating peer delivered qualitative research into a safer sex and safer injecting practices programme: A case study of female sex workers who are injecting drug users in Hai Phong province, Viet Nam

**Pippa Grenfell**  
**878** Perspectives on the influence of social networks among female migrant sex workers from Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union working in London: A qualitative study

**Joanne Holden**  
**897** Peer education and safer injecting practices in street based sex workers

## FILM FESTIVAL

**Room: Bangkok Panorama 1**

**13:00** **Left Them Behind** (Macau)

**14:00** **Two Sunflowers (excerpts)** (Vietnam)

**14:30** **Using Film As A Tool For Research** (USA)

**15:00** **Complex Problems, Simple Solutions** (Caribbean)

**16:00** **Mum Loves Drugs Not Me** (UK)

**Room: Bangkok Panorama 1**

**16:50** **Looking For An Alternative** (Georgia/Hungary)

**17:05** **Breaking The Ice** (Pacific Islands)

**17:30** **Hidden In Dust** (Iran/Canada)

**18:30** **Grass** (Canada)

# Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2009

**09:00–10:30**
**MAJOR SESSIONS**
**Room: Queen's Park 1** **M4**  
*Chair: Dainius Puras*
**What Are Our Rights?: Young People, Drugs and Harm Reduction**  
**Organised by Youth RISE**
**Lilajan Pidsamai**
**844** The reality of our rights: The experience of young Thai drug users in Bangkok

**Iulia-Veronica Broasca**
**780** Prevention services for minors in prisons

**Piseth Kong**
**774** "Kormix": A creative approach to engaging young substance users in Cambodia

**Caitlin Padgett**
**829** Towards a rights based approach: Young people, drugs and the "UN Convention on the Rights of the Child"

**Room: Queen's Park 2** **M5**  
*Chair: Deborah Small*
**Legal Interventions: Reducing Harms and Improving Rights**  
**Organised by Release**
**Jonathan Cohen**
**731** Integrating legal aid into harm reduction: A funders' perspective

**Niamh Eastwood**
**711** Strategic litigation and drugs: A harm reduction tool for change

**Nanna Gotfredsen**
**782** "Street Lawyering": Integrating legal assistance in a harm reduction initiative

**Suputra Nacapiew**
**998** Legal and policy advocacy for harm reduction and human rights for people who use drugs in Thailand: Case studies

**Room: Queen's Park 3** **M6**  
*Chair: Swarup Sarkar*
**Evidence in Harm Reduction**  
**Organised by the Centre for Research on Drugs and Health Behaviour**
**Karyn Kaplan**
**442** Compulsory drug treatment experiences among a community based sample of injection drug users in Bangkok, Thailand

**Carl Latkin**
**874** The efficacy of a network intervention to reduce HIV risk behaviours among drug users and risk partners in Chiang Mai, Thailand and Philadelphia, USA

**Hannah Cooper**
**862** Combined effects of spatial access to syringe exchange programmes and exposure to drug related arrests on injectors HIV risk behaviours and service use: A geospatial and multilevel analysis of New York City over time (1995–2006)

**Norah Palmateer**
**331** Indicators of the hepatitis C epidemic among injecting drug users in Glasgow: An ecological analysis of trends in the provision of harm reduction services, prevalence of hepatitis C, and injecting risk behaviours between 1999 and 2007

**10:30–11:00**
**TEA/COFFEE BREAK**
**11:00–12:30**
**MAJOR SESSIONS**
**Room: Queen's Park 1** **M7**  
*Chair: Jimmy Dorabjee*
**The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: Employing Drug Users in Harm Reduction**
**A "Users Choice" session organised by the International Network of People who Use Drugs (INPUD)**
**Claire Robbins**
**996** What goes on behind closed doors?

**Matthew Southwell**
**997** The agonies and the ecstasies of managing staff who use drugs

**Annie Madden**
**994** When the junkies took over the asylum

**Dean Lewis**
**995** Standing up and standing out

**Room: Queen's Park 2** **M8**  
*Chair: Pinit Kullavanijaya*
**Parliamentary Panel Discussion: The Decriminalisation of Drug Use**  
**Organised by the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD) and supported by UNAIDS**

Panel:

**Dr. Pinit Kullavanijaya**

Senator, Thailand (Member of Health and Sport Committee and Secretary General of AFPPD)

**Dr. Laode Ida**

MP, Deputy Speaker of the Upper House, Indonesia

**Dr. Tien Nguyen**

Vice-Chair, Committee on Social Affairs of National Assembly of Vietnam

**Hon. Dr. Ouk Damry**

MP, Cambodia

**Dr. Donya Aziz**

Chair of HIV/AIDS Parliamentary Committee, Pakistan

**Room: Queen's Park 3** **M9**  
*Chair: Tim Rhodes*
**Risk Environments and Drug Harms**  
**Dedicated to the memory of Dr Bruce Johnson**
**Niphatra Haritavorn**
**381** Life beyond the norm: Voices of woman injecting drug users in Thailand

**Sudirman Nasir**
**296** "Lorong" as a risk environment: The social context of initiation into injecting drugs in the slums of Makassar, Indonesia

**Daniel Ciccarone**
**398** Heroin in brown, black and white: Geographic risk environments in the US heroin market

**Bruce Johnson**
**218** The impact of disasters upon drug users and sellers

**12:30–14:15**
**LUNCH BREAK**
**12:45–13:45**
**LUNCHTIME SESSION**
**Room: Queen's Park 3** **L3**  
*Chair: Alex Wodak*
**Lunchtime Lecture:**
**Barack Obama on Drugs: Don't Give Up On The USA!**
**Dr Ethan Nadelmann**
*Executive Director of the Drug Policy Alliance*
**13:30–14:00**
**POSTER PRESENTATIONS**
**Room: Main Foyer (Mezzanine Floor)**
**Poster Session 3**

The poster session starts in the morning and ends after the last Concurrent Session. However, between 13:30 and 14:00, the poster presenters are asked to be available beside their presentations in order to discuss their work and to answer any questions that you may have.

Please see page 40 for a full listing of poster presentations.

## M4 What Are Our Rights? Young People, Drugs and Harm Reduction

Young people are the population that is effected by substance use and drug policies worldwide. However, harm reduction tailored to this age group is largely non-existent for a number of reasons – not least that policy makers prefer not to face the politically complex reality of young people who use drugs. As a result, drug policies around the world consistently fail to protect young people, and young people are rarely involved in shaping these policy. Because of this, young people from all over the world suffer preventable hardship such as HIV and overdose through injecting and non-injecting drug use, a lack of education, stigma, and a lack of willingness to address the issues.

This session has been organised by Youth RISE (the international youth-led harm reduction network) in order to highlight some of the specific human rights abuses that young people are facing globally – ranging from barriers to services (such as parental consent) to the use of forced treatment, detention and incarceration. The session will present a legal argument for upholding young people's rights to health and harm reduction services (based on joint research by Youth RISE and IHRA), and examples of best practices in youth harm reduction. It will also allow for discussion on the way forward to develop youth harm reduction to protect young people from preventable harms.

## M5 Legal Interventions Reducing Harms and Improving Rights

The aim of this Major Session is to highlight innovative legal approaches which can reduce harms, change unfair and discriminatory laws, and impact significantly on national and international drug policies. It will demonstrate that the law can be a vital tool in the protection of people who use drugs – significantly improving their lives and upholding their civil and legal rights.

The session will bring together international experiences of using legal interventions to reduce drug-related harms, examine local grass-roots legal services, showcase strategic test case litigation on a national level, and look at how global advocacy organisations can be used to identify and challenge human rights abuses and practices which impact on drug users. The session will also explore how legal services can play an important role in mitigating the impact of "forgotten harms" associated with drug use – such as homelessness, mental health problems and debt.

It is hoped that this session will provide delegates with a platform from which to learn about these services, interventions and strategies for use, and discuss potential interventions and development within their own countries.

## M6 Evidence in Harm Reduction

Each year, the IHRA conference brings together selected papers from international researchers into a Major Session exploring evidence in harm reduc-

tion. This year, the session highlights interesting examples of harm reduction research from around the world, covering multiple regions, methods and approaches. This session is organised by the Centre for Research on Drugs and Health Behaviour, which is based at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in the UK.

The first presentation discusses compulsory drug treatment – an important public health and human rights concern for the region. On behalf of a collaborative project with researchers in Thailand, Karyn Kaplan presents findings from a Bangkok survey of injecting drug users on the extent and nature of compulsory treatment and related risks. This is followed by a presentation by Carl Latkin – also on behalf of a collaborative project in Thailand – on the efficacy of a network intervention in Chiang Mai to reduce HIV risk among people who use drugs and their partners. Next, Hannah Cooper from the USA discusses geographic approaches to quantifying the drug use risk environment, drawing upon ongoing research in New York to explore how the geospatial and legal environment shapes the harms linked to injecting drug use. Hannah Cooper's work also appears in the special conference issue of the International Journal of Drug Policy, IHRA's official journal ([www.ijdp.org](http://www.ijdp.org)). The final paper in this session is presented by Norah Palmateer from the UK, who describes an ecological analysis of the hepatitis C epidemic among injecting drug users in Scotland – based on trend data between 1999 and 2007 regarding harm reduction service provision, hepatitis C prevalence and injecting risk behaviours.

## M7 The Good, The Bad & The Ugly: Employing Drug Users in Harm Reduction

The drugs field, and even the harm reduction sector, remains highly ambivalent about the employment of staff who are themselves drug users. This is despite the fact that employing drug users can provide an organisation with unique insights and perspectives about – and privileged access into – the drug using community. In many cases, drug using clients also respond well to organisations that openly employ staff who have backgrounds of drug use themselves.

This "Users Choice" Major Session – coordinated by the International Network of People who Use Drugs (INPUD) – will review the employment of drug using staff from a number of different viewpoints, bringing in perspectives from managers and practitioners in both mainstream services and drug user organisations. The session will encourage an open dialogue between different stakeholders about the opportunities and challenges of employing staff with direct experience of drug use. The session also aims to draw out some of the key themes and lessons that can inform the development of best practice in this area.

## M8 Parliamentary Panel: The Decriminalisation of Drug Use

Drug use is spread across Asia, along with the associated dilemmas that drug trades bring in terms of the health and safety of its population. Today, most Asian governments have committed to a "War on Drugs" approach despite its record of ineffectiveness and negative impacts (such as the increased number of people incarcerated across Asia each year). As a result of this failed policy, Asian governments are increasingly being encouraged to consider the decriminalisation of drug use in order to reduce harm, drug trafficking, organised crime and human rights violations.

Despite the trail of destruction that drugs can cause, Asian politicians are very reluctant to discuss and debate this issue – partly due to widespread ignorance about drugs and partly through fear of the public reaction to decriminalisation. However, in cases where medical approaches have been properly implemented, their public acceptance has been forthcoming. This could be extended to selective decriminalisation when the benefits are clear. For example, there is a strong correlation between injecting drug use and HIV, so the decriminalisation of drug use could help to combat HIV transmission.

This session has been organised by the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD) – in co-operation with UNAIDS – in order to share the positive experiences of some European countries in terms of decriminalisation. This, in turn, may help Asian parliamentarians develop new policies and more tolerant and realistic approaches to help to reduce the problem.

## M9 Drug Harms and Risk Environments

This session, chaired by Professor Tim Rhodes from the UK, coincides with the publication of a special conference issue of the International Journal of Drug Policy (the official IHRA journal) on risk environments and drug harms (available from [www.ijdp.org](http://www.ijdp.org)). The session explores how different social and political settings influence drug harms and their reduction. This session is organised by the Centre for Research on Drugs and Health Behaviour, which is based at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in the UK. It is also dedicated to Bruce Johnson, an outstanding researcher from the USA who sadly died in February of this year (and who was due to speak in this session).

The presentations mix quantitative and qualitative research from Thailand, Indonesia and the United States. Sudirman Nasir presents a case study exploring how political-economic and social factors combine to create a risk environment for the initiation of injecting drug use in the slums of Makassar in Indonesia. This is followed by a presentation from Niphattra Haritavon which draws upon qualitative research in Thailand to consider how gender shapes risk perception and social marginalisation in relation to injecting drug use. Next, Dan Ciccarone considers the political economy of drug markets as a structural factor in the heroin using risk environments of the USA. Combining qualitative, quantitative and historical data he demonstrates how global heroin market trends can have dramatic effects for heroin using practices and related health risks. The session ends with a presentation prepared by Bruce Johnson which explores how Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans created a risk environment through its impacts on drug markets and patterns of use.

# Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2009

## 14:00–15:30

### Room: Queen's Park 1

C25

Chair: Damon Barrett

#### Human Rights and Drug Law Reform

##### Ralf Jürgens

**754** Engaging parliaments and their members in the response to drug use and AIDS

##### Jenny Kelsall

**597** Human rights and harm reduction: The role of drug user organisations in protecting the rights of injecting drug users

##### Vladimir Mendelevich

**290** Barriers to realising drug addicts rights to treatment in Russia

### Room: Queen's Park 2

C26

Chair: Fabio Mesquita

#### Needle and Syringe Exchange Programmes (Part One)

##### Lynne Leonard

**775** Resistance to fully implement successful programme of distribution of drug and injection preparation equipment negatively impacts the right to health of injection drug users in Ontario, Canada

##### Rizky Ika Syafitri

**365** Rolling out community based needle and syringe exchange in Indonesia

##### Adnan Khan

**217** Effectiveness and coverage of HIV interventions for injecting drug users in Pakistan

### Room: Queen's Park 3

C27

Chair: Lisa Maher

#### Qualitative Studies and Harm Reduction Contexts

##### Tim Rhodes

**377** Parents who use drugs: Accounts of harm, harm reduction and responsibility

##### Anjalee Phyllis Cohen

**544** Youth and "Ya Ba" use in Chiang Mai, Northern Thailand

##### Suzanne Fraser

**286** Beyond the "freeze": Keeping hepatitis C positive injecting drug users up to date on prevention, treatment and self-care

##### Mark Stooze

**212** Junkies and whores: Understanding stigmatising attitudes towards people living with HIV and AIDS in a world of multiple stigmas

## 15:30–16:00

## 16:00–17:30

### International Network of People who Use Drugs (INPUD)

#### Himawan Afrian

**244** Organising drug users to access health services

#### Qiang Gao

**547** Challenging discrimination in China: A former drug user's battle

#### I Gusti Ngurah Wahyunda

**484** Human rights for drugs users to reduce HIV epidemics

#### Mg Mg Thiha Soe

**556** From Lashio (Northern Shan State) to Goa (India): Development of a drug user self-help group in a politically constrained environment

### Room: Queen's Park 2

C32

Chair: Martin Donoghoe

#### Needle and Syringe Exchange Programmes (Part Two)

##### Saman Zamani

**581** Needle and syringe sharing practices among injecting drug users in Tehran: A comparison of two neighbourhoods (one with and one without a needle and syringe programme)

##### He Zhu

**941** Reflections on policy barriers to developing effective needle exchange programmes in China

##### Jack Wallace

**536** Opening a can of worms: Service providers and policy makers view needle and syringe programme legislation in Australia

##### Nils Stenström

**323** A longitudinal study of participants in a syringe exchange programme in Malmö, Sweden

### Room: Queen's Park 3

C33

Chair: Niyada Kiatying-Angsulee

#### Risk Behaviours Among Injecting Drug Users

##### Steffanie Strathdee

**338** No effect of a sexual risk intervention on condom use with female sex workers and their regular partners in two Mexico-US border cities

##### Masoumeh Amin-Esmaeili

**230** Patterns of sexual behaviours among injection drug users in Tehran, Iran

##### Andrea Marongiu

**254** Are male injecting drug users who have sex with men in the United Kingdom at greater risk of infection and harm than those who only have sex with women?

##### Fortune Ncube

**320** Gender and drug injecting related risk and health harms in the United Kingdom: A need for targeted interventions

## 14:00–17:30

## WORKSHOPS DAY 3

### 14:00–15:30

#### Room: Workshop Lounge

W9

**The Thai AIDS Treatment Action Group (TTAG): 7 Years of Harm Reduction Advocacy in Thailand**  
Organised by TTAG

### 16:00–17:30

#### Room: Workshop Lounge

W10

**Developing Service Delivery Models for Women Drug Users and Partners of Male Drug Users**  
Organised by UNODC

## CONFERENCE PARTY & AWARDS

### 18:30–21:00

We are pleased to invite all delegates to the Conference Party, which will take place in the Pool Terrace on the 9th Floor of the Imperial Queens Park Hotel. The party has been generously sponsored by the Thai Conventions and Exhibitions Bureau (TCEB).

All delegates are encouraged to attend this event, which will include a buffet dinner and entertainment. The party is a great chance to make new contacts, renew old acquaintances, and relax and unwind after a busy conference programme.

The party will also feature the presentation of the **2009 IHRA Awards** – which are given each year to leading individuals and organisations in the field of harm reduction.

Admission to the party is free for conference delegates to attend, but please bring your delegate badge with you in order to gain admission. A limited number of additional tickets are available for friends and family to attend the party, please visit the registration desk for more information. Additional tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis, so please purchase yours as soon as possible.

Please read the separate "Workshop Programme" for further information.

## AFTERNOON

## CONCURRENT SESSIONS

<p><b>Room: Queen's Park 4</b> <b>C28</b> <i>Chair: Diane Riley</i></p> <p><b>Harm Reduction Services for Women</b> <b>Patricia Kramarz</b> <b>276</b> Developing harm reduction services for female injecting drug users: GTZ's training programme for service providers <b>Pratima Murthy</b> <b>969</b> Women affected by substance use: A crying need for services in South Asia <b>Nadiya Pylypchuk</b> <b>851</b> MAMA+ for injecting drug users: A pilot programme in Ukraine <b>Parina Limbu</b> <b>777</b> "Dristi Nepal": Good Practice from Kathmandu</p>	<p><b>Room: Queen's Park 5</b> <b>C29</b> <i>Chair: Nicolas Parkhill</i></p> <p><b>Illicit Drug Use, Intensive Sex Partying and Risk</b> <b>Organised by ACON</b> <b>Garrett Paul Prestage</b> <b>342</b> Sexual risk behaviour among gay men: Is drug use the cause or an effect? <b>Louisa Degenhardt</b> <b>943</b> Methamphetamine use in Australia <b>Angela Matheson</b> <b>665</b> Risky business down under: Working with sexually adventurous subcultures in Sydney <b>Lance Schema</b> <b>658</b> Partying, playing and harm reduction: A video interview <b>Ben Bavinton</b> <b>1007</b> Sexual adventurism among gay men: Reflecting on identity and practice</p>	<p><b>Room: Queen's Park 6</b> <b>C30</b> <i>Chair: Simon Baldwin</i></p> <p><b>Psychosocial Services for HIV Prevention and Harm Reduction</b> <b>Organised by Family Health International</b> <b>Ade Aulia Erwin</b> <b>368</b> HIV prevention, care, support and treatment for prison inmates who inject drugs in Indonesia <b>Nhu To Nguyen</b> <b>631</b> Psycho-social services are an essential component in methadone out-patient clinics in Viet Nam <b>Tinni Dutta</b> <b>187</b> Reducing stigma and discrimination: Steps toward psychosocial interventions <b>Room: Queen's Park 1</b> <b>C31</b> <i>Chair: Jude Byrne</i> <b>Drug User Organising in Asia</b> <b>A "Users Choice" session organised by the</b></p>
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## TEA/COFFEE BREAK

## CONCURRENT SESSIONS

<p><b>Room: Queen's Park 4</b> <b>C34</b> <i>Chair: Atapol Sughondhabiro</i></p> <p><b>Children and Families Affected by Drug Use</b> <b>Sarah Bernays</b> <b>673</b> "Is this normal?": Challenges to harm reduction for families affected by parental substance misuse <b>Vicente Salas</b> <b>560</b> Injecting drug users and family support groups: Innovations to prevention work in the Philippines <b>Stephane Ibanez-de-Benito</b> <b>655</b> Harm reduction interventions for adult children of alcoholics: Reality or myth? <b>Ruby Osorio</b> <b>389</b> Mothers and drugs: the challenge of monitoring outcomes</p>	<p><b>Room: Queen's Park 5</b> <b>C35</b> <i>Chair: Karyn Kaplan</i></p> <p><b>Human Rights Violations in the War on Drugs: Linking Documentation to Advocacy</b> <b>Organised by IHRA's "Harm Reduction and Human Rights" (HR2) programme</b> <b>Rebecca Schleifer</b> <b>993</b> Documenting human rights violations against injection drug users: Advocacy for health <b>Agus Triwahyuno</b> <b>781</b> Human rights violations among injecting drug users <b>Sara Davis</b> <b>964</b> Conducting a human rights interview <b>Rick Lines</b> <b>849</b> Treatment or torture?: Human rights and drug dependence treatment</p>	<p><b>Room: Queen's Park 6</b> <b>C36</b> <i>Chair: Bill Stronach</i></p> <p><b>Tobacco Use and Harm Reduction</b> <b>Organised by TobaccoHarmReduction.org: A project of the University of Alberta School of Public Health</b> <b>Lisa Cockburn</b> <b>991</b> Tobacco harm reduction in Sweden: Population level proof of effectiveness <b>Sudhanshu Patwardhan</b> <b>399</b> Canadian tobacco control policy: Undermining basic human rights <b>Paul Bergen</b> <b>259</b> Is there a "war on tobacco" like the "war on drugs"? <b>Catherine Nissen</b> <b>237</b> The ethics of tobacco harm reduction</p>
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## FILM FESTIVAL

<p><b>Room: Bangkok Panorama 1</b></p> <p><b>13:00 International Animation Compilation</b> (Finland/Canada/Australia) <b>Ainemaatio – Animation Contest</b> (Finland) <b>Don't Be Buntha: Hep C Don't Let It Be</b> (Australia) <b>Aboriginal Next Steps</b> (Canada) <b>Play Now Act Now</b> (Australia)</p> <p><b>13:30 Know Your Mushrooms (excerpt)</b> (Canada/USA) <b>13:40 Magic Mint: Menace Or Medicine</b> (USA/Australia)</p>	<p><b>Room: Bangkok Panorama 1</b></p> <p><b>14:00 Bewildered</b> (New Zealand) <b>14:35 Cops Say Legalise Drugs</b> (USA/Hungary) <b>14:55 Keep Walking</b> (UK) <b>16:00 Kava Culture</b> (Australia/Vanuatu) <b>16:10 Thailand's Drug Habit</b> (Thailand/Australia) <b>16:55 Mexico's Narco Wars</b> (Mexico/Australia) <b>17:20 Bittersweet Harvest</b> (Afghanistan/UK)</p>
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Please read the separate "Film Festival Programme" for further information.

# Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2009

**09:00–10:30**
**MAJOR SESSIONS**
**Room: Queen's Park 1**
**M10**
*Chair: Ian Newman*
**An Analysis of Drinking Patterns in Four Asian Countries**
**Organised by the International Center for Alcohol Policies (ICAP)**
**Ling Qian**
**394** Drinking patterns in China

**Surnggie Cho**
**388** Drinking patterns and alcohol policy in Korea

**Maritona Victa Labajo**
**386** Study on Filipino alcohol drinking patterns

**Tassanee Laknapichonchat**
**393** Drinking patterns and their outcomes in Thailand

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**Ann Fordham**

International Drug Policy Consortium

**Damon Barrett**

International Harm Reduction Association

**Matthew Southwell**

International Network of People who Use Drugs

**Rebecca Schleifer**

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## SESSION ABSTRACTS

**M10** An Analysis of Drinking Patterns in Four Asian Countries

Drinking patterns describe the many facets of how people drink. They take into account the social context of drinking, the role of alcohol in different cultures, and the variations in behaviours among drinkers. Research into drinking patterns has yielded a wealth of information that can be used to relate drinking to outcomes (both positive and negative), and to develop interventions to reduce the harmful use of alcohol. However, such research in Asia is poorly documented, and there are significant regional gaps in understanding drinking patterns and how to apply this knowledge to shaping interventions targeted at harmful drinking.

This Major Session will showcase work commissioned by the International Center for Alcohol Policies (ICAP) in collaboration with researchers in four Asian countries: Thailand, the Philippines, PR China and the Republic of Korea. The presentations will draw on the research findings as well as providing an analysis of regional trends which can be identified in these reviews. The session will highlight approaches to policy and programming which are regionally and culturally relevant and have the potential to reduce harmful use of alcohol.

**M11** Harm Reduction Advocacy with Law Enforcement Agencies

In most countries, law enforcement agencies (particularly the police) are barriers to and/or agents for the successful introduction of harm reduction programmes. Working with these groups is critical at all levels – from senior personnel to those enforcing the law on the street – but advocacy with law enforcement agencies must recognise that they have their own imperatives, cultures and drivers. They are not harm reduction agencies with harm reduction agendas, and they have their own languages and terminology, beliefs and customs. Therefore, advocacy efforts require “cross-cultural” access and credibility, most often through peer-based approaches.

This session will highlight various experiences and perspectives – including those from serving police personnel and other law enforcement professionals – and aims to help increase cross-cultural skills and understanding. Delegates will learn how to advocate with law enforcement agencies, and will also learn about the international police harm reduction network – “COPS HR”.

**M12** Drug Policy, Gender Roles and Women Who Use Drugs

Around the world, the number of women who use drugs is increasing and laws and policies often have different implications for women than for men, including an unexpected impact on the ability of women to seek treatment or health services. Many women are condemned to long prison sentences because of their place in the gendered ecology of drug use and trafficking, and many lose custody of their children or face a lack of reproductive choices when their drug use is exposed – even if they are seeking treatment. Many more face homelessness, domestic and sexual violence, and police abuse, all of which are exacerbated by harsh drug policies and an absence of human rights protections.

The experiences and needs of women drug users – particularly those in developing countries and emerging drug scenes – remain understudied and under-discussed. Most drug policies are gender neutral, failing to acknowledge the different ways in which they affect men and women and ignoring gender-specific needs. This session – jointly proposed by the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and the International Harm Reduction Development (IHRD) programme of the Open Society Institute – will explore women’s experiences in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Nepal, Indonesia, Ukraine and the USA, discussing the ways in which policies and programmes affect the lives and health of women who use drugs, and exploring ways in which drug policies could be reformed.

**M13** The UN High Level Segment on Drug Control: Reflections and Implications for International Drug Policy

On the 12<sup>th</sup> March 2009, 53 UN Member States adopted a new Political Declaration at a High Level Segment of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs in Vienna. This Declaration will determine the course of international drug policy for the next 10 years. Despite the insistence of the UN Office of Drugs and Crime that health should be at the heart of drug control, the Declaration makes no explicit reference to the term harm reduction and retains the disproportionate focus on law enforcement over public health, including the twin obligation in the international system of ensuring access to controlled substances for scientific and medicinal purposes. In doing so the Declaration further illustrates the lack of system wide coherence within the UN. UNAIDS, WHO, UNICEF, UNDP, UNESCO, UNODC and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights all support harm reduction (and this conference), while the INCB’s grudging acceptance of specific measures and the CND’s refusal to endorse this approach highlight their increasing marginalisation from mainstream UN policy.

Moreover, as human rights, one of the three core pillars of the UN, continue to move ever closer to the centre of all UN policies and programmes, the drug control system lags far behind. As noted by the High Commissioner for Human Rights on the eve of the adoption of the Declaration, “It is too late for us to return to earlier, outdated approaches to drug use” yet the new Declaration reflects few of the lessons learned over the last ten years.

The weakness of the Political Declaration raises a number of questions for civil society and others whose work or lives are affected by drug policy. Fundamental to this, is the question of where to go from here in advocating for effective, human rights and public health based drug policies.

This session will be an opportunity to hear feedback and analysis from some of those who attended the 52<sup>nd</sup> Session of the Committee on Narcotic Drugs in March, and to contribute to discussions around the implications at the international and the local level and the challenges for advocates in this area.

**M14** Can Harm Reduction End the Drug War?

For many in the drugs field, the harms caused by drugs are conflated by harms caused by the war on drugs – which makes harm reduction vastly more complex than it needs to be. This Major Session will explore the relationship between advocacy for harm reduction and advocacy to end the global war on drugs and replace it with an effective system of regulation and control.

The presentations will analyse which harms are created by the war on drugs and which are created by the use of drugs. The session will explore the extent to which harm reduction can reduce harms caused by the war on drugs and how the two movements can best work together. This session sets out to offer delegates the opportunity to explore issues that are rarely discussed in the harm reduction field – partly because of political pressures and partly due to the pressing need to save lives. It will be relevant to anyone in the harm reduction field whose work is influenced both by the be-

haviour of drug users and by the negative consequences of the war on drugs.

**M15** Developing Nursing Policy and Practice in Harm Reduction

Nurses play an important role in increasing the access of public health services by people who use drugs. Within the context of harm reduction programmes, community-based nurses develop a unique trust with people who use drugs by providing non-discriminatory healthcare interventions. Nurses act as information bridges between communities of people who use drugs, law enforcement, political and health care stakeholders. Nurses also deal with human rights issues daily in all aspects of their professional role and, as such, there is a need for increased vigilance and to prepare nurses to adequately address human rights and human rights issues.

International research has explored the role of nurses in harm reduction programmes and HIV prevention in countries where the legal and political environment may adversely affect uptake of services by people who use drugs. This Major Session – organised by the International Nursing Harm Reduction Network (INHRN) – will review some of these nursing experiences, from basic harm reduction provision to policy development.

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PLENARY SESSION

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**Methamphetamine****Carl Hart****949** When good drugs go bad: An empirical understanding of amphetamine related effects in humans**Paul Dessauer****923** Everything you ever wanted to know about methamphetamine but were too paranoid to ask!: Harm reduction strategies**Apinun Aramrattana****812** Methamphetamine epidemics: Harm reduction should get priority in Thailand and neighbouring countries**Olga Borodkina****950** Multi-method approaches to understanding the association between methamphetamine injection and HIV risk in the Former Soviet Union

## SESSION ABSTRACT

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**Methamphetamine**

As the use of methamphetamine increases across the globe, there is an emerging consensus among experts that it is a unique and complex problem that presents a significant challenge to harm reduction. Established trends show methamphetamine use to be widespread in North American, Asia and Australasia – while India, Pakistan, Eastern Europe, Africa and Western Europe

represent emerging markets. However, the development of appropriate and effective responses to methamphetamine is lagging behind the need – and is often inappropriately modelled on opiate and alcohol treatment. Effective treatment must acknowledge the physical properties of the drug and the varying patterns of use, and must be tailored to regional and cultural needs. As nations struggle to develop appropriate responses to methamphetamine use, it is crucial to share the

latest scientific research, information and best practices. However, there is a lack of infrastructure, funding and expertise for this issue.

This Plenary Session follows on from the 1st Global Methamphetamine Conference in Prague in 2008, and will demonstrate the global importance of methamphetamine use – highlighting the epidemiology and physiology of the drug, and discussing available harm reduction responses.

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CLOSING SESSION

Room: Queen's Park 1+2

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**Conference Rapporteur Summary**

Professor Nicholas Crofts

*Director and Trustee, International Harm Reduction Association***Closing Keynote Address****"Reflections on the Politics of Harm Reduction and the Global Response to HIV"**

Craig McClure

*Executive Director of the International AIDS Society***Presentation of the 2009 Film Festival Award**

Gary Reid

*Programme Specialist (HIV/AIDS), UNESCO***Closing Comments**

Eric Schneider

*International Network of People who Use Drugs***Closing Comments**

Professor Gerry Stimson &amp; Paddy Costall

*Conference Organisers***Handover to Harm Reduction 2010 in Liverpool**

Sally Woods and Jim McVeigh

*Liverpool John Moores University*

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**Reflections on the Politics of Harm Reduction and the Global Response to HIV**

Outside of sub-Saharan Africa, 30% of all people living with HIV were infected through injecting drug use. In the Eastern Europe / Central Asia region, close to 70% of all HIV infections are related to injecting. We are twenty-seven years into the HIV epidemic but – finally – all international normative agencies working on health

and HIV have endorsed a comprehensive set of harm reduction interventions to prevent HIV infection and ensure treatment, care and support to injecting drug users living with HIV – including WHO, UNAIDS and UNODC.

Sadly, international drug policy – as outlined in the Political Declaration on Drugs which was agreed at the 52nd Session of the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs in March 2009 – does not endorse harm reduction approaches for drug users. There is now a greater political chasm than ever before between those focused

on the public health and HIV-related implications of drug use, and those focused on drug control through supply and demand reduction.

This inconsistency within the UN system raises urgent questions about the lack of coherence in the UN response to HIV/AIDS and drug use. Craig McClure, the outgoing Executive Director of the International AIDS Society, will reflect on the past five years in his position and the evolving status of the HIV response and injecting drug use.



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