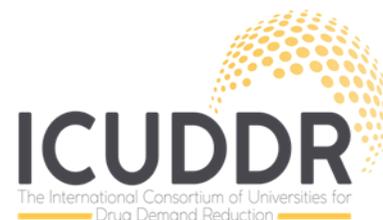


International Consortium of Universities for Drug Demand Reduction Newsletter - February 2023



From the Desk of the Executive Director, Kevin P. Mulvey, PhD



I trust this newsletter finds you well and getting ready for Spring!

We have had a lot of activity here at ICUDDR: 5 new University members, establishing relationships via MOUs with partners. As of last month we introduced the staff of ICUDDR-Global and now will be introducing to you all our Board of Directors. You will see in this edition and moving forward a section on the International Technology Transfer Centers (ITTC), this is because the ITTCs are a program of ICUDDR.

We want to hear from you. Send me an email on your thoughts about the newsletter. If you have material please pass it along to me:
mulveyk@icuddr.org

Welcome New Members to the ICUDDR Family:

Today we have 359 University Members in 80 countries. We welcome 5 new university members since January's newsletter from:

- ◇ Elgin Community College-United States of America
- ◇ Karakoram International University Gilgit-Pakistan
- ◇ University of Limpopo-South Africa
- ◇ University of Madras-India
- ◇ Institute of Health Sciences-Lobatse-Botswana

Is your University a member yet? Join us online at <https://icuddr.org/aboutus/joinus.aspx>

Meet an ICUDDR Board Member: President, Dr. Michal Miovsky



Dr. Miovsky is a Professor of Clinical psychology, Charles University in Prague (Czech Republic). Dr. Miovsky graduated from the Philosophical Faculty of Masaryk University in Brno in 1998. In 2002, he received a Ph.D. degree in Clinical

Psychology at Palacky University in Olomouc. In the same year, he was employed as a researcher at the Institute of Psychology of the Academy of Science of the Czech Republic.

He has worked as a professional, as a volunteer, and as a therapist in both drop-in centers and in school prevention. Later he established a therapeutic center for drug users and led a group of treatment facilities (Therapeutic community, Aftercare, Day center and Substitution center) at an NGO, Podane ruce, in Brno.

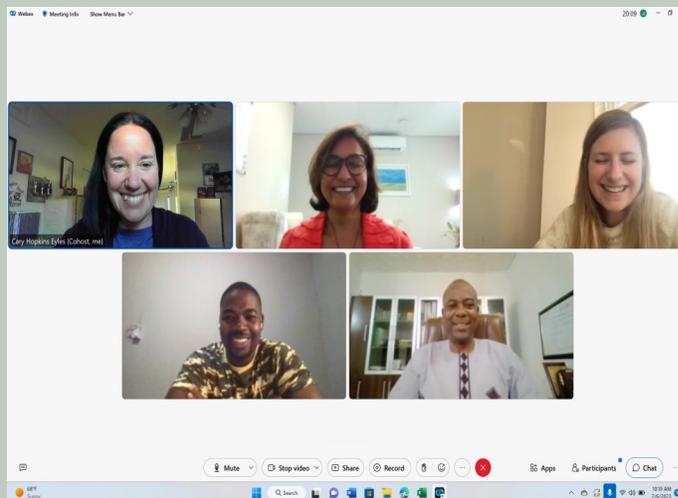
Michal is vice-dean for non-medical health study programs at the 1st Medical Faculty and Head Department of Addictology of the 1st Medical Faculty, Charles University, Prague and General Teaching Hospital in Prague. He oversees Bachelor (BC), Master (MA) and postgraduate (PHD) addiction study program at the Charles University in Prague.

He was president of ISAJE (International Society of Addiction Journal Editors) in 2015-2016 and he works as a Deputy Editor-in-Chief international Journal of Adiktologie (Addictology), established with his colleagues in 2001 (<https://adiktologie-journal.eu>). He is also a member of the editorial boards of Journal of Groups in Addiction and Recovery, Czech and Slovak Psychiatry and other Journals. He specializes in qualitative methods and research in the field of addictions, prevention and clinical research (e.g. ADHD).

Education, Training and Conferences

Representatives of ISSUP, ICUDDR, and the African region met

The team, met on Feb 6, 2023 to plan a webinar for later this spring. The webinar will present important work done in the African region in the area of addiction studies and will be open to both practitioners and faculty. Watch for announcements to follow.



Webinar on an Outpatient Alcohol Withdrawal Management: A Tool for Global Practice Settings was held on Thursday, Feb 9, 2023

During the webinar, participants learned:

How to use the Global Tool to quickly understand the must do's for assessing and treating alcohol withdrawal syndrome (AWS) in outpatient practice settings; When to treat patients with AWS in an outpatient level of care and when to refer patients to a higher level of care; How to start local conversations to plan and implement an effective AWS plan of care. Speakers:

- Cary Hopkins Eyles, CAP, MA, Deputy Director, International Consortium of Universities for Drug Demand Reduction (ICUDDR)
- Alexander Baldacchino, MD, MRCPsych, FRCPsych, FRCPE, FISAM, MPhil, PhD, President, International Society of Addiction Medicine (ISAM)
- Linda Frazier, M.A., RN, MCHES, Director, Addictions Initiatives, Advocates for Human Potential, Inc. Boston, Massachusetts
- Darius Rastegar, MD, FASAM, Associate Professor of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland
- Audra Stock, LPC, MAC, Clinical Director, Substance Use Disorder Clinical Programs, European Region, U.S. Army Medical Command, Landstuhl, Germany



ICUDDR Global Office Activities

ICUDDR Participates in UN Virtual Meeting.

ICUDDR attended the UNODC Civil Society Unit event, "The central role of civil society in drug policies, COVID-19 and achieving the 2030 Agenda" on January 31, 2023. Four NGOs presented about the work being done in these areas and what organizations such as ICUDDR can do to help achieve these goals.

- Stacey Doorly-Jones, STAND (Social Transformation Action Defined), South Africa
- Ernesto Cortés Amador, Costa Rican Association Drug Studies and Interventions (ACEID)
- Anthony Abi Zeid, Mentor Arabia
- Chinenye Nwadike-Fasugba, Center for Innovative and Pragmatic Development Initiative Nigeria (DIPDI)

The International Technology Transfer Centers: A program of ICUDDR.

What is the ITTC Network?

The International Technology Transfer Center (ITTC) Network for Drug Demand Reduction develops and strengthens the workforce, organizations, and systems that provide substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery support services.

Based in universities and research centers, ITTCs utilize a variety of strategies to accelerate the use of scientifically-based and culturally appropriate practices.

The ITTC Network Coordinating Office based at the University of Missouri, Kansas City (UMKC) works in partnership with the International Consortium of Universities on Drug Demand Reduction (ICUDDR) to unite the Centers into a mutually supportive network. [Learn more here.](#)

Colombia ITTC Launch Livestream: <https://lnkd.in/eApkC9fF>

Logistics:

- Location: Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogota, Colombia
- Date: Wednesday, **March 1, 2023, 9.00 AM - 12.30 PM CST/ET**
**Colombia Standard Time is the same as U.S. Eastern Standard Time*

Overview: Our 8th International Technology Transfer Center will be launched in Colombia in partnership with the Universidad Nacional de Colombia. Join us live from Bogota to hear crucial voices from the nation's substance use recovery and drug demand reduction experts across academia, government, and the workforce. This is our second ITTC in Latin America after we launched in Peru and represents our growing presence in the region. It also signifies a shift towards a systems-based approach rooted in substance use research translation that allows research, academia, government, policy experts, the community, and the workforce to create integrated programming for healthier communities.

Introduction of 2 new Regional Country Engagement Coordinators

The International Technology Transfer Center (ITTC) Network, based in universities and research centers, develops and strengthens the workforce, organizations, and systems that provide substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery support services. The ITTC Network is excited to introduce the Asia & Oceania and Americas regional country engagement coordinators to its team. Join us in welcoming Sherry Larkins, PhD and Julia Alvarado Santis, MA.



As regional country engagement coordinators (RECs), Julia and Sherry will serve as liaisons between regional ITTCs, Regional ICUDDR Coordinators and the team at the Network Coordinating Office (NCO). The RECs will guide new ITTC chapter development, support strategic planning and communication, identify and acquire key resources, and strengthen the sustainability of the ITTC chapters. In addition to working with individual ITTCs, the RECs will ensure ITTC chapter integration into the regional network.

Sherry has worked for Friends Research Institute and UCLA's Integrated Substance Abuse Programs since 1998. She has lead various international, national, and state-level evaluation, training and capacity-building projects over the last two decades. Prior to these activities, she oversaw epidemiological and clinical research studies investigating the spread of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections among substance users, with a focus on treatment interventions for high-risk populations. She has been involved in substance use research for almost 25 years and completed her doctorate in medical sociology at Rutgers University in 1999. Her research interests include stimulant use, opioid use, substance abuse treatment for marginalized populations, sexual risk behaviors associated with substance use, and qualitative methodologies.

Julia is based out of Chile, where she's a social worker with 14 years of experience in the field of Drug Treatment. She's also been a Chilean University professor since 2012. She completed a Master's in Bioethics and Public Health and specializes in Humanization of Health Care, Institutional, Clinical Bioethics and Family Mediation. Her efforts have focused on developing skills and the specialization of professionals who work in the field of drug treatment. She is accredited as trainer of trainers in the Universal Treatment Colombo Plan Curriculum and Regional Trainer on the Intersection of Substance Use and Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) Course. She's also accredited by the International Center for Credentialing and Education for Addiction Professionals (ICCE) ICAP I.

Regional Activities-ASIA/PACIFIC

ICUDDR Global Conference.

The ICUDDR Asian-Pacific regional coordinating center has been meeting every two weeks to plan our Annual conference which will be held in Chiang Mai August 9-11, 2023. On February 5th, 2023 the planning committee continues to discuss about the agenda which will include such important topics as Alternatives to Incarceration, harm reduction, and education for medical professional on substance use disorders. **Please Note Abstracts are due Feb 28th,**

Regional Activities-Latin America and Caribbean

FIRST LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN REGIONAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONSORTIUM OF UNIVERSITIES FOR DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION (ICUDDR)

Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD)/Organization of American States (OAS)

Buenos Aires, Argentina April 17-18, 2023

New and Renewed Partnerships and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

The International Consortium of Universities for Drug Demand Reduction (ICUDDR) has spent the last few months setting up memorandum of understandings with organizations which ICUDDR would like to partners. These organizations are also in the business of substance use. The most recent agreements are with the following organizations:

- Foundation for Drug Policy Solutions (FDPS)
- International Nurses Society on Addictions (IntNSA)
- Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD)
- Charles University-Prague
- Universidad CES-Colombia
- International Society of Addiction Medicine (ISAM)
- University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC)

These institutions join the following organizations and institutions that have an existing MOU:

- International Society of Substance Use Professionals (ISSUP)
- Institute of Psychiatry of the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Ukraine
- University of Cape Town, South Africa
- The National Rehabilitation Center-Abu Dhabi, UAE

If you would like to establish an MOU between your organization and ICUDDR please email, Kevin P. Mulvey, PhD ICUDDR Executive Director at MulveyK@ICUDDR.Org

Partner Activities

ISSUP Regional Meeting

ISSUP Buenos Aires 2023 Conferencia Regional de ISSUP

Fecha: 19-22 de Abril, 2023 Ceremonia Apertura: 19 de Abril at 9:00 am

ISSUP Argentina, ISSUP Global, CICAD y INL se asocian para organizar un evento regional presencial del 17 al 22 de abril de 2023 en Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Este evento aportará los últimos conocimientos en los campos de la prevención del consumo de sustancias, el tratamiento, el apoyo a la recuperación y las alternativas al encarcelamiento, permitiendo al personal regional reunirse e intercambiar conocimientos. Este será el primer evento ISSUP en español ¡y es gratuito!

Visite el sitio web de ISSUP para registrarse en la conferencia en ISSUP Buenos Aires 2023:

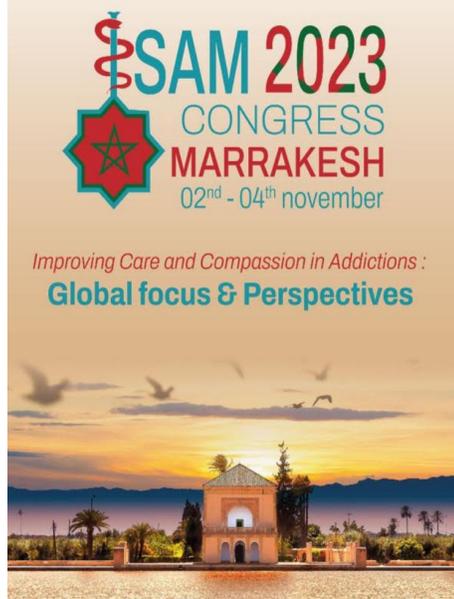
<https://www.issup.net/es/about-issup/workshops/buenos-aires-2023/registration>

NIDA Key Event and Dates

NIDA International Program Opens NIDA International Travel Award Requests

The [NIDA International Program](#) will bring together attendees from around the globe for the virtual 2023 NIDA International Forum on June 8 and 9. The Forum research symposium, poster session, and network-building activities focus on a range of topics of global interest and highlight the range of drug use and addiction research conducted around the world.

ISAM 2023 Congress



The 25th Annual Congress of International Society of Addiction Medicine to be held in Marrakech, Morocco from November 2th to 4th, 2023. More information can be found at:

<https://ama-maroc.com/isam-congress/>

CALL FOR INDIVIDUAL ABSTRACTS AND SYMPOSIA ARE NOW OPEN! Go to:

<https://ama-maroc.com/isam-congress/abstracts-submission/>

Presentation type	Submissions Open	Submissions Close
Oral/Poster Abstract	January 15 th, 2023	April 15 th, 2023
Workshops	January 15 th, 2023	April 15 th, 2023
Symposium	January 15 th, 2023	April 15 th, 2023
NIDA and ISAM Travel Awards Applications*	January 15 th, 2023	April 15 th, 2023

SAVE THE DATE!



ICUDDR Conference 2023

Addiction Science, Policy and Education:
Growth and progress in a post pandemic world

August 9 - 11, 2023 | **Chiang Mai University,
Chiang Mai, Thailand**

Co-facilitators:
Mahidol University and Chiang Mai University

Watch for the call for papers and presentations.



For questions, contact: conf2023@icuddr.org

Watch for the opening of ICUDDR conference registration coming soon!

UPCOMING ICUDDR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES-March

- **March 30, 2023** Substance Use and Public Health Comorbidities

Carol Lemus, MPH Assistant Vice President of Health Programs, Lantern Community Services

This webinar will discuss the health consequences of SUDs (e.g., cardiovascular diseases, respiratory diseases, type-2 diabetes, immune and central nervous system depression, and psychiatric disorders) from a public health perspective.

- **March 28, 2023** Behavioral Health Services in Jail and Prison-**HRSA GRANTEES ONLY**

Roger Peters, PhD, Emeritus Professor and Fulbright Scholar, Department of Mental Health Law and Policy, University of South Florida

This learning session provides an overview of behavioral health services in jail and prison. Treatment in a jail or prison setting provides an opportunity to provide services to those who otherwise might not seek treatment on a voluntary basis or who have had limited participation in treatment in the past. Substance use treatment enables people in jail and prison to begin developing new skills, and it serves as a foundation for subsequent involvement in community-based treatment.

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