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# NEWSLETTER



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

**Dear ICUDDR Members and Friends:** As we step into a new year, ICUDDR is reaching out to ask for your support. Together, we can continue our critical mission of tackling substance use through research-driven solutions that improve health, policy, and education worldwide.

Our organization unites universities globally to address substance use, with a focus on evidence-based strategies. Through our **Center for Educational Development (ICUDDR-CED)**, we equip the next generation of professionals with rigorous training, ensuring they are prepared to lead with the best practices in the field. Our **Center for Research and Fellowships (ICUDDR-CRF)** connects scholars, fueling innovation and translating new knowledge into real-world solutions. The **Center for Systems Change (ICUDDR-CSC)** bridges academia and policymaking to build frameworks that support sustainable community-level improvements. Our **Center for Credentialing and Accreditation (ICUDDR-CCA)** elevates professional standards, ensuring consistent, high-quality services across the board.

## We Need Your Help Now More Than Ever

In recent years, ICUDDR has been a driving force in addressing the global addiction crisis by partnering with universities to expand education, training, and research in substance use prevention and treatment. However, the challenges we face today are greater than ever, and the need for our work has never been more urgent. We are at a critical juncture, and we need your support to continue this vital work.

**We are reaching out to you, our community, to help bridge the gap and sustain our mission of training counselors, supporting cutting-edge research, and fostering global collaboration.**

**Every donation, no matter the size, will help make a difference.**



**DONATE TODAY**

Together, we can diversify our funding sources, secure ICUDDR's future, and continue the fight against addiction through education, collaboration, and shared expertise.

Thank you for your continued support, generosity, and unwavering belief in our mission. We are stronger together.

With gratitude,

*Kevin Mulvey*

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# Welcome! **New members of the ICUDDR Family:**

As of January 25, we have **470 Member Institutions** consisting of **828 Faculty Members** from Africa, Asia Pacific, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, the Middle East, the United States, and Canada.

This month, we welcome two new university members:

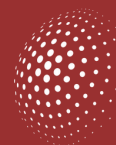


**Udayana University**  
Indonesia



**Tribhuvan University  
Institute of Medicine**  
Nepal

## Center Highlight: **Center for Educational Development**



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**Center for Educational  
Development**

The **Center for Educational Development & Membership at ICUDDR (ICUDDR-CED)** is dedicated to expanding the reach and impact of addiction studies programs. The center aims to facilitate the development of programs that meet international standards for training in drug prevention, treatment, and recovery. To achieve this, ICUDDR provides technical advisory and curriculum assistance to new and existing university-level Substance Use Disorder (SUD) programs. Moreover, the center actively engages students and addiction professionals in academic and continuing education programs in addiction studies through webinars, workshops, symposia, working groups, online forums, and conferences.

### The Center is staffed by:



**Carly Searcy**  
Director



**Kaleb Brooks**  
Senior Program  
Officer



**Verna Felipe**  
Global Regional  
Coordinator

Carly Searcy shared this about the Center for Educational Development:

**"The first step is membership! I think of ICUDDR membership as the door to all that we offer at ICUDDR, both in this Center and across all of our Centers."**

Membership links researchers, faculty, and institutions working in drug demand reduction to a network of collaborators as well as knowledge exchange and accessible educational events and resources.

**If you are not yet a member, we invite you to join us!**



**Join us today!**

# Upcoming Trainings & Events

● ● ● *Free Live Webinar*

## Strengthening NGOs in Development Cooperation to Treat Drug Addiction

Join Dr. Ingo Ilja Michels, former head of the office of various drug commissioners in the Federal Ministry of Health in Berlin and current International Scientific Coordinator at the Institute for Addiction Research and the Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences in a webinar on [Strengthening NGOs in Development Cooperation to Treat Drug Addiction](#). He will present the SOLID Project, a successful example of European and Asian collaboration between academia, researchers, and NGOs focusing on improving social work, drug treatment, addressing infectious diseases, and supporting those deprived of liberty due to drug-related issues.

**Friday, February 7th, 2025**

8:00 am US Eastern Time  
(1:00 pm UTC)

**To attend, register here**



**Presented by**  
**Dr. Ingo Ilja Michels**

International Scientific Coordinator  
Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences



ICUDDR Africa Regional Conference | 17th Kasr Al Ainy Psychiatry Congress | 14th Kasr Al Ainy Child Psychiatry Congress

## The Role of Universities in Shaping the Future: Advancing Substance Use Education, Research, and Policy in Africa

April 23-25, 2025 • Kasr Al-Ainy Faculty of Medicine, Cairo University

We are excited to invite you to present your work at the upcoming 2025 ICUDDR Africa Regional Conference, 17th Kasr Al-Ainy Psychiatry Congress, and 14th Kasr Al Ainy Child Psychiatry Congress, [The Role of Universities in Shaping the Future: Advancing Substance Use Education, Research, and Policy in Africa](#), held at the Kasr Al-Ainy Faculty of Medicine, Cairo University on April 23-25, 2025.

This event will bring together researchers, practitioners, educators, and thought leaders in the field of addiction science from Africa, and around the world, providing an excellent platform to share your research, insights, and ideas with peers and experts.

### Invited to attend:

ICUDDR Members in Africa, educators as well as other professionals who work in service, legislation, policy, or research are invited to submit abstracts and attend.

### Accommodations:

To be arranged by the participant directly at their own expense.

**Register for the  
Conference Here**

by March 23, 2025

**Submit Abstract  
Here**

Due February 17, 2025



# January Review: Trainings & Events

**Recording now available**

## Essentials of Scoping and Systematic Reviews

On January 27th, we welcomed back Dr. Nephtaly Joel Botor from the University of the Philippines Los Baños, who presented on the Essentials of Scoping and Systematic Reviews. It was a very practical and informative webinar that will be helpful to many researchers! If you were unable to attend, you can view the recording here:



**Watch the recording here**

## Regional Activities



### Europe

ICUDDR Europe held their quarterly regional call on January 9th. They continued their discussion of Quality Standards, and heard from members about an ongoing collaboration between University of Barcelona and Ilia State University.

If you are an ICUDDR member and would like to attend future ICUDDR Europe calls, please email [brooksk@icuddr.org](mailto:brooksk@icuddr.org).

# Center Update:

## Center for Credentialing and Accreditation



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& Accreditation**

### **Congratulations to the 31 professionals from Doha, Qatar who participated in the ICAP exams on December 11, 2024**

A special congratulations to the candidates from Qatar : **17 candidates** who earned the **ICAP I Credential**. This milestone reflects your dedication and commitment to professional growth in the field of addiction treatment and prevention.

This examination was conducted in collaboration with and sponsored by NAUFAR in Doha, Qatar and represents an important step toward advancing the professionalism of the addiction workforce in the region. We applaud your hard work and look forward to your continued success!

### **ICAP Examinations in Manila, Philippines**

On January 17, 2025, CCA successfully conducted the ICAP Treatment and Prevention examinations at Novotel Manila Araneta City, Manila, Philippines.

The examination session included a total of 32 candidates who participated in the various ICAP certifications, with the following breakdown: 1 candidate for ICAP Treatment I, 20 candidates for ICAP Treatment II, 7 candidates for ICAP Treatment III, 2 candidates for ICAP Treatment IV, and 2 candidates for ICAP Prevention.

This important event was held in collaboration with the Department of Health, Philippines, and the Colombo Plan Drug Advisory Programme, marking another successful partnership in the ongoing efforts to professionalize the drug demand reduction workforce in the region.

CCA is pleased with the outcomes of the examination session and looks forward to further collaboration to expand credentialing opportunities for professionals in the field of drug prevention, treatment, and recovery support.

We extend our gratitude to all participants and partners for their continued support in advancing these essential initiatives.

### **In-Person ICAP Exam Schedule**

#### **March**

- March 20 – Male, Maldives

#### **April**

- April 04 – Islamabad, Karachi & Lahore
- April 05 – Kathmandu, Nepal

#### **May**

- May 1 – Sao Paulo, Brazil (*To be confirmed*)

#### **September**

- September 18 – Bali, Indonesia (ISSUP Regional Conference) – [Click Here to Apply today!](#)

### **Online Remote-Proctored Exams**

In January 2025, CCA registered a total of 39 candidates from 14 countries for the ICAP Treatment I & II remote-proctored examinations. The candidates represent a diverse range of countries, including Botswana (1), Bangladesh (1), Canada (1), India (1), Indonesia (3), Nigeria (1), Philippines (2), Qatar (2), South Africa (1), South Korea (1), Sri Lanka (1), United Arab Emirates (3), Uruguay (1), and Vietnam (20).

In addition to English, candidates will have the opportunity to take their exams in Arabic, Bahasa Indonesia, Bengali, Burmese, Dari, French, Mongolian, Pashto, Portuguese, Russian, Thai, Urdu and Vietnamese, ensuring accessibility for non-English speakers and enhancing inclusivity.

The flexibility offered by ICAP remote-proctored examinations, allowing candidates to apply, register, and take the exams at a time and date of their choice, has contributed to their growing popularity among addiction professionals worldwide.

To apply for the ICAP treatment online remote-proctored examinations, visit: <https://portal.globalccc.org/>. For any inquiries, please contact us at: [CCA\\_Info@icuddr.org](mailto:CCA_Info@icuddr.org).

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& Accreditation**

**Renew Your Credential Online!**

The ICAP-renewal application is now available on the application portal, providing a streamlined process for professionals to renew their International Certified Addiction Professional (ICAP) credentials. To renew, users need to log in to the portal, select their existing credential, and update their contact information. The application requires evidence of career progression and continuing education or training undertaken in the past three years. This renewal process ensures that professionals maintain their certification and stay current with industry standards.

**For more details, [visit the CCA portal](#).**

**ICAP Awareness Survey: Insights and Next Steps**

We have officially concluded and summarized the ICAP Awareness Survey. The survey assessed awareness, accessibility, and perceived value of the ICAP credential among key stakeholders in drug demand reduction (DDR), including ISSUP, ICUDDR, ICUDDR-Center for Credentialing and Accreditation, the African Union, ASEAN, and CICAD. The survey revealed an overall 48.2% of our respondents being aware of the ICAP, indicating moderate familiarity with ICAP. Participants provided suggestions for improving awareness, such as leveraging social media for promotion, collaborating with universities and governments, reducing costs, emphasizing career benefits, and increasing accessibility through online testing and expanded exam centers. These findings will inform CCA's strategic planning to enhance ICAP's impact and adoption globally. Follow-up surveys for 2025 are planned in six months and a year to measure progress and refine strategies. Thank you once again for your input!



**Click this link to access the survey report:**  
**[2024 ICAP Awareness Survey Report](#)**

**Directors Upcoming Travels**

Dr. Clancy will be participating in the upcoming WHO sponsored Meeting on Policy Dialogues to Scale Up the Implementation of the Regional Director's Flagship Initiative to Strengthen the Public Health Response to Substance Use (SU) in the Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMR), Abu Dhabi, UAE from Feb. 26 -28, 2025.

# Resources added to ICUDDR Website

**ICUDDR has 350+ resources in its collection of resources including:** journal articles, curricula, brochures, tools, webinars and more.



## New Resource Toolkit:

In January, the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will be kicking off the first national Substance Use Disorder Treatment Month – a time to raise awareness of the benefits and availability of evidence-based treatments for people with a substance use disorder. We know many people view January as a time to take stock, reset, and take steps toward healthier living. What better time to highlight information and resources that can help support treatment and recovery from a substance use disorder?



Please visit the [Treatment Month toolkit](#) and follow all of SAMHSA's social media platforms. There you'll find tips, resources and webinars. You'll find information specifically designed for health care practitioners who are vital to addressing the health condition that is addiction. Because Treatment Works, and Recovery is Possible!



**The Art of Healing**  
A new era in substance use  
prevention, harm reduction,  
treatment, and recovery support

# 2024 Global Conference: Session Highlights

## Leading Publications on DDR in Latin America and the Caribbean

This session's presenters helped open a space for analysis and discussion in relation to three leading publications on drug demand reduction in Latin America and the Caribbean, so that the findings and experiences in the region can provide new knowledge on important topics in demand reduction for other regions of the world.

*Presented by: Ms. Jimena Kalawski, Dr. Flavio Marsiglia, Prof. Jorge Ameth Villatoro Velazquez, & Dr. Fernando Salazar*



[Click here to watch the recording](#)



## Challenges and Opportunities in Providing Evidence-Based Treatment for Persons in the Criminal Justice System

This panel explores evidence-based assessment, treatment, and case management services designed to interrupt the rapid cycling of persons in the justice system who have substance use disorders. Presenters will describe effective services for this population that have been developed in South Africa, Latin America, and the U.S.

*Presented by: Dr. Roger Peters, Dr. Goodman Sibeko, Mr. Antonio Lomba, Ms. Elisa Rubini, & Mr. Joel Johnson*



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## Identifying, Assessing and Treating Children of SUD

Substance use among children under 12 is a growing concern, with no effective treatments available, but the CHILD program, developed with international collaboration, aims to address this issue. The session will cover the history, implementation, and outcomes of this curriculum, as well as provide practical strategies for preventing and treating child substance use disorders in various communities.

*Presented by: Dr. Hendrée Jones, Dr. María Carmen Sánchez de Molinas, Mr. Manish Kumar*



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## Advancing Global Prevention Initiatives: Standardization, Innovation, Cultural

This session will explore various global initiatives focused on prevention and support for substance use and mental health issues. Presentations will cover the implementation of an interactive platform for mental health and risk behavior prevention in the Czech Republic, a university-based drug prevention program (PREVDRUGS), and the professionalization of prevention science. Additionally, the session will highlight the development of a screening test for problem drinking and discuss the adaptation and fidelity of the Universal Prevention Curriculum (UPC) for a higher technician career program in Paraguay.

*Presented by: Dr. Irina Pinchuk, Mrs. Renata Habinakova, Dr. Fernanda Dal Maso Camera, Dr. Zili Sloboda, Prof. Cho Hyunseob, & Dr. Fernando Salazar*



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Together, we're helping to create opportunities for universities in low- and middle-income countries to conduct groundbreaking research on addiction and helping to ensure that science doesn't stay in journals and that its applied to real-world substance use systems to save lives. Your support makes a difference in the lives of countless individuals.

**Every donation, no matter the size, will help make a difference.**



**DONATE TODAY**



## Join the ICUDDR Consultant Registry today!

If you have expertise to share and are interested in consulting opportunities with ICUDDR, please complete our short form: [Consultant Registry Form](#)

### Did you publish a journal article?

#### Did you publish a journal article in the field of Prevention, Treatment, or Recovery?

If you published an article in an addiction medicine or substance use disorder journal, please share it with us by emailing it to [Info@icuddr.org](mailto:Info@icuddr.org). We will help promote your work.

### Call for Teaching Manual Resources

Do you have course materials including syllabi, assignments, and worksheets that you'd be willing to share? Submit your materials for review and potential compilation into a resource manual for members by course.

Send them to [info@icuddr.org](mailto:info@icuddr.org)

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