

First Annual Conference of the International Society for the Study of Drug Policy, ISSDP

March 22-23, 2007
P-Hotels Oslo, Grensen 19, Oslo, Norway

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME
19 March, 2007

Wednesday, March 21, 2007

6.00-7.00 pm Registration

Thursday, March 22, 2007

8.00-9.00 Registration

9.00 **Opening**

9.15 **Plenary**
Chair: Peter Reuter

Costing Drug Problems and Policies
Christine Godfrey

10.00 **Parallel sessions**

1 a) **Budgets and Costs**
Chair: Kari Grette

An Assessment of the US Drug Control Budget
John Carnevale

The Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission's Program to Estimate the
Social and Economic Costs of Drugs in the Americas (Cost Program)
Marya Hynes Dowell

Development of a Methodology to Estimate Drug-Related Public Expenditures
in the European Union
Louis Prieto

Discussant: Pierre Kopp

1 b) **Measuring Drug Markets**
Chair: Astrid Skretting

A Capture-Recapture Model to Estimate the Size of the Cannabis Market
Martin Bouchard

Measuring the Cannabis Market in Finland

Pekka Hakkarainen

Estimation of Drug Trade

Jiri Vopravil

Discussant: Börje Olsson

11.30 Coffee

11.45 **Plenary**

Drugs and Public Policy

Chair: Alison Ritter

Thomas Babor

Ingeborg Rossow

Jonathan Caulkins

Keith Humphreys

Robin Room

1 pm Lunch

2 pm **ISSDP meeting** (all participants are invited)

3.15 pm **Plenary**
Chair: Astrid Skretting

Constructing Policy Relevant Harm Indexes

Sandeep Chawla

4 pm Coffee

4.30 pm **Parallel sessions**

- 6.00 pm

2 a) Drug Policy – Between Repression, Control, Treatment and Harm Reduction

Chair: Ted Goldberg

Recent Changes in Danish Drug Policy: Examples from a Prison Setting

Vibeke Asmussen

Two Tracks Drug Policy – Normalization of the Drug Problem in Finland?

Christoffer Tigerstedt

Harmonizing Drug Treatment Policy in Malaysia; Total Abstinence or Harm Reduction?

B. Vicknasingam

Discussant: Frank Zobel

2 b) Causal Factors

Chair: Ingeborg Rossow

Early Police Interventions against Illicit Drug Use Among Adolescents and Young Adults – A Useful Way of Secondary Prevention?

Margareta Bergsten

The Dynamics of Deterrence

Mark Kleiman

Sequential Patterns of Drug Use Initiation – Can We Believe in the Gateway Theory?

Hans Olav Melberg

Discussant: Jim Parsons

7 pm Reception by the Norwegian Institute for Alcohol and Drug Research (SIRUS)
(- 9.30 pm) at Oslo Military Society, address: Myntgaten 3, entrance: Kongens gate

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Friday, March 23, 2007

9.00

Plenary

Chair: Bob Keizer

How Should Harm Reduction Interventions be Evaluated?

Harold Pollack

9.45

Parallel sessions

3 a) Evaluation

Chair: Peter Miller

Effectiveness of Needle Exchange, a Closer Look at the Existing Evidence

Ellen Amundsen

A Preliminary Approach to Cost Effectiveness of Opioid Maintenance Therapy in France

Pierre Kopp

Facing the Sleeping Giant; Prescription Opioids Abuse, Harm Indicators and the Challenge of Interventions and Control

Benedict Fischer

Discussant: Susanne MacGregor

3 b) **Cannabis Markets**

Chair: Petr Zeman

Police Crackdown on a Cannabis Market – The Case of Christiania in Copenhagen
Kim Møller

Exploring the Illegal Market for Cannabis: Implications for Cannabis Policy and Cannabis Law Enforcement
Chris Wilkins

Do Penalties Facing Marijuana Users Influence Marijuana Prices?
Beau Kilmer

Discussant: Peter Reuter

11.15 Coffe

11.30 **Parallel sessions**

4 a) **Harms**

Chair: Ingeborg Rossow

Weighing Up Crime: The Estimation of Criminal Drug-Related Harm
Alex Stevens

An Examination of the Treatment Cost for Marijuana Abuse and Dependence in the United States
Rosalie Pacula

Discussant: Tomas Zábbransky

4 b) **Research and Policy**

Chair: Neil Hunt

A Critical Literature Review of Drug Policy Impact Studies
Sharon Rödner

Beyond Modelling and Evidence: Bridging the Gap between Drug Policy Research and Drug Policy Practice
Simon Lenton

Discussant: Dolf Tops

12.30 Lunch

1.30 pm

Plenary

Chair: David Bewley-Taylor

Modeling Drug Policies

Gabriele Bammer

2.15 pm

Parallel sessions

6 a) Alternative Approaches to Modeling

Chair: Flip Maas

Dynamic Compartmental Model of Trends in Australian Drug Use

Jonathan Caulkins

An Integrated, Comprehensive Approach to Illicit Drug Policy – Results from the First Stage of the Drug Modelling Program

Alison Ritter

How Should Drug Policy Respond to Market Disruptions?

Gernot Tragler

Discussants: Gustav Feichtinger and Hans Olav Melberg

6 b) The Place of Drug Consumption Rooms within the Broader Drug Policy Context and Debates in Three European Countries

Chair: Pia Rosenqvist

Safer Injecting Facilities (SIFs) in the Republic of Ireland:

Are we Close to a Policy Change?

Mary O'Shea

The Norwegian Trial of Public Injection Room

Astrid Skretting

Worth a Try? The Evidence for a Trial of Drug Consumption Rooms in the UK and the Politics Against

Charlie Lloyd

Discussant: Esben Houborg

3.45 pm

Coffee

4.00 pm

Final session: The Dynamics of Drug Policy and Drug Research

Chair: Peter Reuter

Drifting Towards a More Common Approach: Epidemiology and the Evolution of a European Drug Policy

Henri Bergeron

Identity theft? Re-framing the Policing of Organised Drug Crime in the UK as Harm Reduction

Martin Elvins

Beyond the Rhetoric: Converting Political Doctrine into Pragmatic Drug Policy Reform
Caitlin Hughes

Discussant: Robin Room

5.30 pm End of Conference