

## ISSUP Newsletter - Issue 78

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Welcome to **Issue 78** of the ISSUP Newsletter. We hope you are safe and well wherever you are reading this from. We have lots of good news to share in this edition including details of upcoming **webinars** from the line-up of ISSUP Global and National Chapter online events scheduled for June. **ICUDDR** have also released details of their **2020 Virtual Conference**.

Our series of webinars on **Motivational Interviewing** got off to a fantastic start last Thursday and we wanted to follow-up by thanking everyone who joined for supporting our online events. We are thrilled to announce that **Dr. Igor Koutsenok** will return this **Thursday, 11th June**, to deliver the second webinar covering fundamental skills in MI. We really hope you can join us. [Please read more about the course and book your places on our website.](#)

On the 26th June, **International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 2020**, ISSUP will be joined by **Thom Browne Jr.**, CEO of Colombo Plan, for the first of a series of two presentations focused on '**The Rapidly Changing Composition of the World's Drug Supply and Its Effects on High-Risk for COVID-19**'. We look forward to welcoming Thom for what promises to be a fascinating series. [Please register on our website.](#)

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*Team News/*

## Welcoming Michael Brobbey to the Team!



ISSUP is pleased to welcome Michael Brobbey to its staff team where he will take up the role as the Regional Coordinator for Africa within ISSUP's National Chapter operation. We trust you will join us in welcoming Michael to this role and wishing him every success. [Read more...](#)

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## Upcoming Events

We are delighted to bring you a full schedule of webinars and virtual events this month. Here is a selection of upcoming events for your diary. Please visit the links below to register.

**ISSUP WEBINARS**

**Motivational Interviewing:**  
Assisting Patients in Making Sustainable Positive Lifestyle Changes

Igor Koutsenok, MD, MS  
Professor of Psychiatry  
University of California San Diego, Department of Psychiatry

June 4, 11 & 18 2020 9am Pacific | 12pm Eastern | 5pm London

[JUNE 11: Fundamental Skills in Motivational Interviewing \(Session 2\)](#)

**ISSUP WEBINARS**

**The Rapidly Changing Composition of the World's Drug Supply and Its Effects on High-Risk for COVID-19**

Presented by Thom Browne Jr.  
MA Criminal Justice, CEO of Colombo Plan

June 26th & July 2nd 2020 9am MST | 12pm EDT | 5pm London

[JUNE 26: The Rapidly Changing Composition of the World's Drug Supply & Its Effects on High-Risk for COVID-19](#)



UKRAINE chapter



[JUNE 17: ISSUP Ukraine Webinar on Educational Initiatives \(Ukrainian\)](#)



ARGENTINA chapter

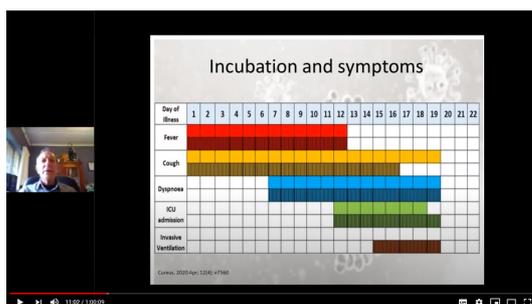


[JUNE 22: Community Interventions and Substance Use. Challenges in Times of Social Isolation \(Spanish\)](#)

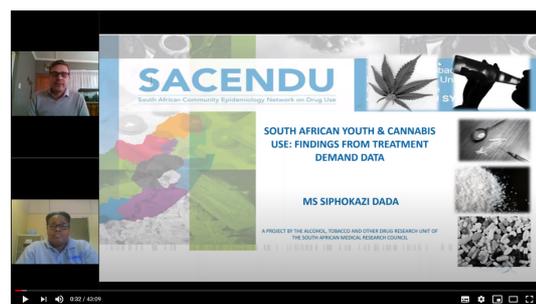
Visit the [ISSUP Events Calendar](#) for more listings.

### Updates/

## National Chapters News



[VIDEO: ISSUP South Africa Webinar 'COVID 19 What can be done through us'](#)



[VIDEO: ISSUP South Africa Webinar 'Cannabis and the Youth in South Africa'](#)

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**Психічне здоров'я та психосоціальна підтримка під час пандемії COVID-19**

Аліса Ладик-Бризгалова  
Спеціаліст з психічного здоров'я Бюро ВОЗ в Україні, співголова Робочої групи з Психічного здоров'я та психосоціальної підтримки

[VIDEO: ISSUP Ukraine Webinar 'Mental Health during the COVID 19 pandemic' \(Ukrainian\)](#)



**in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic**

Dr. Abdul Mubin Sulzankhili  
General Manager  
Drug Demand Reduction  
Agency of Bangladesh

Mr. Dorji Tshering  
Addiction Counselor &  
Group Leader Trainer  
Bhutan

Dr. Francis Mothedean  
Project Director & Core Trainer  
NCC - National Center for Alcohol &  
Cannabis Abuse Treatment  
Korea, India

Ms. Asmath Shilpa  
Assistant Director  
Prevention Section  
Drug Abuse Control  
Group Leader Trainer  
Madras

Salman Shahzad, PhD  
Associate Professor, Add  
iction & Substance Abuse  
Consultant Clinical Psychologist  
and Addiction Medicine  
Institute of Social Psychiatry,  
University of Karachi, Pakistan

Host:  
Iqbal Masood  
Clinical Addictologist &  
Group Leader Trainer  
Singapore

Date: 14 June 2020  
Time: 7:30 pm (Bangladesh & Bhutan), 7:00 pm (India), 6:30 pm (Pakistan & Maldives)

**LIVE**

[Regional Dialogue on Care and Rehabilitation of People with Substance Use Disorder in the Context of the Covid-19 Pandemic](#)

*Partner Update/*

## ICUDDR Launch First Virtual Conference



Virtual Conference 13-15 July 2020

**Educating and Promoting Addiction Science  
in a Virtual World**

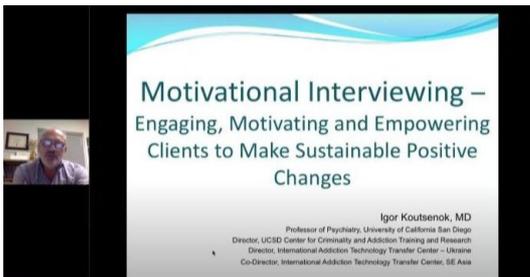
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We are excited to bring you details of the first official **ICUDDR Online Conference**, [Educating and Promoting Addiction Science in a Virtual World](#). From July 13th - 15th 2020, ICUDDR will convene experts from around the world to discuss themes around programme development, online teaching and graduate skills; including how addiction science programmes should respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. You can read the full conference agenda and find registration details on the [ICUDDR website](#).

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## Knowledge Share



**Motivational Interviewing –  
Engaging, Motivating and Empowering  
Clients to Make Sustainable Positive  
Changes**

Igor Koutsenok, MD  
Professor of Psychiatry, University of California San Diego  
Director, UCSD Center for Criminality and Addiction Treatment and Research  
Director, International Addiction Technology Transfer Center – Ukraine  
Co-Director, International Addiction Technology Transfer Center, SE Asia

[Motivational Interviewing Course:  
Recordings and Slides](#)



[Paper: Motivational Interviewing for  
Substance Use](#)

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[The Environmental Impact of Drugs](#)  
(by [DFAE](#))



use prevention and treatment fields in government, non-governmental organizations, civil society, and the private sector

Organizations that act as portals or "doorways" for individuals to join the global community



[UTC: Presentation 'Module Zero of the Universal Curriculum'](#)

- [WHO Europe: Current Alcohol Labelling Practice in Europe](#)
- [UNODC: Questionnaire on COVID-19 and Drug Use Disorder Treatment Services](#)
- [UNODC Supports the Development of Remote Training on Universal Treatment Curriculum in Indonesia](#)
- [OAS Webinar Recording: COVID-19 and the Treatment of Substance Use Disorders](#)
- [Mindfulness to Treat Addiction](#)

The ISSUP [Coronavirus Support Network](#) is a place to find guidance on COVID-19 best practice and a space to share your information and experiences with peers from across the international drug demand reduction community.

*Latest/*

## Jobs & Opportunities

- [MUARC Research Project: The Role of Alcohol in the Incidence of Hospital-Treated Unintentional Injury: A Data Linkage Study \(closes 15 July\)](#)
- [Postdoctoral Position in Neuroscience at the Institut de Neurosciences Cognitives et Intégratives d'Aquitaine \(closes 30 June\)](#)
- [Research Fellow - The National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre \(closes 23 June\)](#)
- [EMCDDA - Scientific Writer and Policy Analyst \(closes 24 July\)](#)



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Addiction Technology Transfer Center Network  
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