

## ISSUP Newsletter - Issue 86

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It is our great pleasure to bring you the latest edition of the International Society of Substance Use Professionals (ISSUP) newsletter. This edition brings you an **update from the ISSUP team** and highlights from **ISSUP National Chapters**, including a very warm welcome to **ISSUP Ecuador!**

Upcoming activities include the next **Virtual Conference on Drug Demand Reduction in Africa** plenary sessions and webinars covering the topics of school-based prevention and co-dependency. With COVID-19 dominating the headlines again in many countries, we include **Knowledge Share** resources and information that practitioners working with vulnerable populations will find useful.

Another highlight this week was the **3rd Plenary** of the first **Virtual Conference on Drug Demand Reduction in Africa: Prevention, Treatment & Epidemiology**. We would like to send our thanks to Chair Kim Johnson and speakers Anja Busse, Professor Bronwyn Myers, George Murimi, Becky Vaughn, Dr. Bawo O. James, and Yuri Cutipé for inspiring everyone with their insights into improving quality and performance in treatment and recovery practice. [Watch the full recording here](#).

Lastly, **World Mental Health Day** will be observed on **Saturday, 10 October** this year. The overall objective is raising awareness of mental health issues around the world and ISSUP, ISSUP National Chapters and many other organisations around the world will be commemorating the event. Details of how you can get involved in the campaign are on the World Health Organization website [here](#).

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*Team News/*

## Update from the ISSUP Virtual Staff Meeting

Last week the ISSUP team gathered for a fully virtual staff meeting. We originally

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COVID-19 restrictions meant we had to innovate! [Read the full update here.](#)

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## National Chapters News

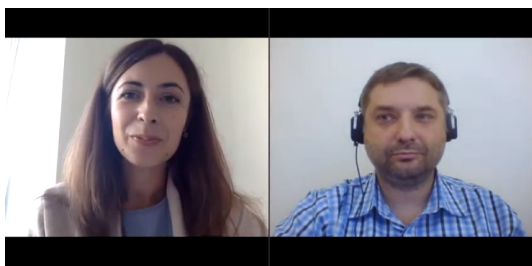


We would like to warmly welcome Ecuador, the latest National Chapter who have recently joined us. The Fundación Instituto Prevén is a non-profit, civil organisation who have joined ISSUP to represent the Ecuadorian national community of substance use prevention, treatment and recovery support. We are very much looking forward to working together, so 'Welcome Ecuador!'

In other news, congratulations go to **ISSUP-Kenya** for a successful [UTC training completion for the Presbyterian Church of East Africa \(PCEA\)](#). Best of luck to all the trainees in the upcoming GCCC exams!

Congratulations also to **Ehsas For Life NGO/Lahore, Youth Forum Pakistan, ISSUP Pakistan, EMPRA & Anti-Narcotics Force, Punjab** on holding a successful [National Media Conference](#) last month.

Catch-up on the latest National Chapter online events below.



[Webinar on New Challenges in the Treatment of Addictions: Experience of Ukraine and Kazakhstan \(Russian only\)](#)



[ISSUP India Webinar on Communication Campaigns and Substance Use Disorders with William D. Crano, Ph.D.](#)

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[ISSUP Pakistan Webinar on Psychological Capital: Substance Use Disorder and Recovery Process](#)



[Recording of the Second ISSUP Nigeria National Chapter Knowledge Update Series](#)

*For Your Diary/*

## Upcoming Events

We are delighted to bring you this selection of upcoming events for your diary. Click on the links below to register for these free events.

[Plenary 4 \(OCT 20\): Epidemiology & its Role in Drug Demand Reduction](#)

[Plenary 5 \(NOV 4\): Role of Legislators & Traditional Health Practitioners & Leaders in Drug Demand Reduction](#)

[Oct 14, ISSUP Lebanon Webinar - School Based Prevention Programmes for Adolescents: Unplugged as an Example](#)

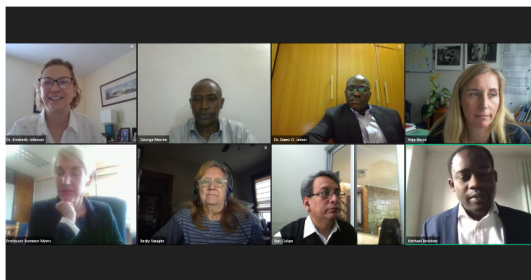
[Oct 29, ISSUP Philippines Webinar - PRODEPENDENCE: Moving Beyond Codependency](#)

Please visit the [ISSUP Events Calendar](#) for future listings.

The **Eleventh EUSPR Conference and Members' Meeting** is happening this week from **7-9 October**! This year's theme is 'Make prevention science relevant for all: co-production and impact' and there are some great keynotes and special sessions to choose from. [Click here for registration details](#).

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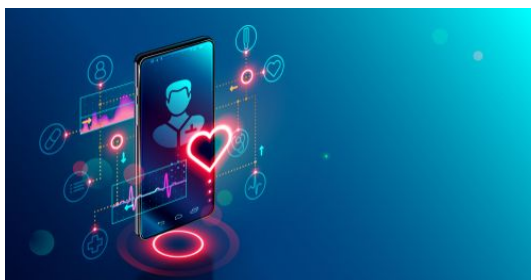
## Knowledge Share



[Plenary 3: A Focus on Treatment and Recovery](#)



[Research Article on Substance Use Disorders and COVID-19](#)



[Experiences of Clinicians Transitioning to Telemedicine](#)



[ISAM COVID-19 and Drug Addiction: International Updates](#)

- [UNODC Training for Kenyan Policymakers on the Nature, Prevention and Treatment of Drug Use Disorders](#)
- [Toolkit for Opioids, Alcohol & Tobacco in HIV](#)
- [Guiding Youth through COVID-19: A Webinar for Youth Allies](#)
- [New Video & Resources on Building Protective Factors](#)
- [Applied Prevention Science International - Upcoming Courses](#)

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.

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- [Vacancy for the UPC Project Manager in the Latin America and Caribbean Office of The Colombo Plan. Closes 15 October, 2020.](#)
- [Associate / Full Professor - Chair in Addiction Psychiatry, University of Toronto. Closes 30 November, 2020.](#)
- [Postgraduate Research Opportunities for Students Interested in Alcohol and Other Drug Research \(NDARC, University of Sydney, Australia\).](#)

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