

ISSUP Newsletter - Issue 110: October 06, 2021

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Welcome to this edition of the ISSUP Newsletter. We are pleased to announce that there is still time to submit abstracts for next year's [global conference](#) in Abu Dhabi, UAE. Whether you are new to the field or an experienced drug demand reduction professional this opportunity to gain exposure and discuss your work with various experts is not one to be missed. Read on for more details.

Abstract submission deadline extended to 31st October!

ICUDDR, INL, ISSUP and NRC are partnering to bring together a global in person and online [conference, training and networking event](#) to be held from the 11th to 16th of May 2022 in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

The theme of the event is "**Uniting the global community to face the challenge of addiction**" and the programme will bring the latest learning from the fields of substance use prevention, treatment and recovery support.

We invite you to submit an abstract to present online, live or via poster at the conference. Abstract submissions on program implementation and overcoming barriers to implementing evidence-based services are strongly encouraged. Presentations on work that crosses geographic and cultural borders and issues linked to academic programs in drug demand reduction are also encouraged.


The goal is to provide participants with new findings from research and to improve linkages between people conducting work in drug demand reduction globally. Presentations that reflect these goals will have a greater chance of being accepted.

The deadline for submitting abstract proposals to present at the conference has been **extended until October 31, 2021**.



ISSUP Participates in EUSPR 2021 Conference


This year's European Society of Prevention Research (EUSPR) conference was held online from the 29th of September to the 1st of October. The new ISSUP Scientific Support Team presented an oral poster that highlighted three examples of how ISSUP has adapted its work during the pandemic. Read the full report and view the poster here: [ISSUP](#)



Introduction

ISSUP is an international non-government membership organisation providing a focal point for the development of professional competence in the field of prevention, treatment and recovery support. Its focus is to promote high quality, evidence-based and ethical policy and practice.


Throughout the COVID period and with the reduction in "normal" opportunities for communication, learning and sharing, ISSUP has offered a range of "virtual" inputs to help maintain its contribution to the prevention, treatment and recovery support community.



3 Three examples of how ISSUP has adapted in order to provide support, educational guidance and networking opportunities for its members and for the global drug demand reduction workforce.

INEP Training

The Introduction to Evidence-based Prevention (INEP) was written and developed by Charles University (CUNB). INEP Plus is a training initiative from ISSUP to provide facilitators for it to become a facilitated training programme provided by ISSUP National Chapters.



Description and Figures:

- INEP is a self-led 10 session online Prevention programme to introduce prevention to new learners
- INEP Plus offers trained ISSUP National Chapter facilitators to support delivery of the INEP content provision
- The training of facilitators was through 12 weekly 2 hour virtual meetings
- 2 facilitators from each of 20 National Chapters
- Evaluation: pre and post questionnaire plus evaluation feedback from participants
- Next step: National Chapter in-country facilitated courses

Feedback:


"I am thankful to have the opportunity to attend this course which changed my point of view regarding prevention as a science."

"Thank you for pulling me from my comfort zone and being able to express my thoughts even with the language mistakes."

"The course was a great learning curve for me not only professionally but also personally."

Africa Conference 2020

The "Drug Demand Reduction in Africa: Prevention, Treatment and Epidemiology" Virtual Conference brought together national and international experts in the field of substance use prevention, treatment, and epidemiology.



Description and Figures:

- 6 plenary sessions
- 11,485 registrants
- 5,054 attendees
- 117 countries
- Webinars translation: 4 languages
- Hosted by: ISSUP South Africa
- Date: September - November 2020

Feedback:

"It was a great privilege for me to be part of this plenary and it was a great and educative session."


"A fantastic conference. Looking forward to the next ones."

"I have no doubt that such professional works (e.g. conferences, training events, etc.) are the ones that will bring about positive changes in behaviour, one of the required elements towards curbing drug craving and abuse."

ISSUP Webinars

ISSUP Webinars provide opportunities for those working in substance use prevention, treatment and recovery support to learn and develop through being in direct contact with experts.

ISSUP has worked closely with international organisations, research institutions and the ISSUP National Chapters in order to deliver a programme of webinars that showcases the latest research and practice from around the world.



Description and Figures:

- 100 webinars since April 2020
- 26,424 total number of attendees
- 100 plus countries engaged
- Webinars delivered in 12 languages


Feedback:

"Excellent presentation and very informative lessons learnt."

"That was a powerful session! We need more of these to create awareness as we help our society."

"Thanks again for your efforts bringing the best experts to a very interested community!"

The COVID Era Provision: Lessons Learnt



Benefits

- International reach and engagement
- Barriers to participation removed
- Cost free
- Range of issues addressed responding to needs
- Focused provision for targeted groups
- New audiences reached
- Training / facilitation skills communicated
- Access to a significant amount of learning material during and post events
- Usability of virtual platform and interpretation services
- Collaboration with international organisations
- Range of international experts contribute

Concerns

- No personal interaction
- What is the true level of engagement?
- Quantity or quality debate
- How to progress when issues opened?
- Access to support
- False claims for learning and expertise
- Lack of interactive sessions/networking
- Time limitation: Difficult to provide in-depth discussion
- Continuing education credits not available
- Adequate training and/or follow up and documentation for participants?
- Maintenance of engagement and interest in virtual provision

Questions as we move forward

- 1 Do the benefits of online "virtual" provision outweigh that of "face-to-face" teaching and learning?
- 2 What is the evidence-base for best practice in training delivery and achievement?
- 3 Do people learn better when working through a curriculum themselves or if led by a teacher / trainer / facilitator?
- 4 Do some online formats work better than others?
- 5 Where is the line to be drawn between quality and quantity of provision?

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Click on the image to view the poster entitled 'Maintaining the Provision for Professional Development in the COVID Era: Three Practical Examples' (PDF)

UNODC delivers advanced UTC training in Kyrgyzstan

On 13-17 September 2021, the UNODC Regional Office for Central Asia (ROCA) supported a training of trainers event on UTC Course 11 "Enhancing Motivational Interviewing Skills". Ten National Trainers from Kyrgyzstan took part. Read the report by Borikhan Shaumarov here: [ISSUP](#)

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UTC 4A Training Report - September 2021



Supreme Training & Consultancy and The Colombo Plan Drug Advisory Programme are pleased to share this Training Report on Universal Treatment Curriculum 4A, psychoeducation for clients & Families. Learn more: [ISSUP](#)

Upcoming Webinars & Events

LIVE WEBINAR

ISSUP INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF SUBSTANCE USE PROFESSIONALS
ARGENTINA chapter

Consumo de sustancias psicoactivas en mujeres privadas de libertad:
Enfoque general y evidencias recientes

Martes 12 de octubre 2021

18hs (Hora Argentina)



Dra. Verónica Brasesco
Coordinadora General del ISSUP Argentina
Master Trainer del Colombo Plan, DAP y CHILD Programme

12 de Octubre | Consumo de sustancias psicoactivas en mujeres privadas de libertad: Enfoque general y evidencias recientes. Expositora: Dra. Verónica Brasesco. [Regístrese aquí](#)

LIVE WEBINAR

ISSUP INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF SUBSTANCE USE PROFESSIONALS
NIGERIA chapter

ISSUP Nigeria Knowledge Update Series
Bi-Monthly Webinar

Discussion Topic:
Standing up to Peer Pressure on Substance Abuse in Schools

Thursday October 14, 2021

3pm WAT | 3pm BST



Speaker:
Dr. Azu Kalu Oko (Rev)
Head of Department
Counselling Centre, Abia State Polytechnic, Aba, Nigeria



Moderator:
Dr. Martin Agewogie



Moderator:
Dr. Bawo James

14 October | ISSUP Nigeria's webinar on 'Standing up to Peer Pressure on Substance Abuse in Schools' is now rescheduled following previous connectivity difficulties. [Register here.](#)

20 October | Join this upcoming webinar on 'COVID-19 & Substance Use in Canada: Impacts on consumption, services, and service providers', presented by the Canadian

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Impacts on consumption, services, and service providers

Speakers

Robert Gabrys
Research and Policy Analyst, CCSA

Rebecca Jesseman
Director, Policy, CCSA

Anna Goodman
Research and Policy Analyst, CCSA

Susan Barrass
Policy Analyst, CCSA

Sue Cragg
Knowledge Broker, CCSA

International Society of Substance Use Professionals (ISSUP) in collaboration with the Canadian Centre on Substance Use and Addiction (CCSA) present this Webinar on substance use and mental health during COVID-19 and the impact of the pandemic on the substance use workforce and provision of substance use services.

October 20, 2021 | 9am Eastern Time / 2pm UK Time

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/623057373275002639>

Jornada de Actualización en Prevención de Adicciones en el Ámbito Laboral

Apertura

Jimena Kalawski
Jefa de Reducción de la Demanda OEA - CICAD
Palabras de apertura y presentación institucional

Livia Edegger
Subdirectora ISSUP
Palabras de apertura y presentación institucional

Representante del Ministerio de Trabajo de Argentina

Representante del Ministerio de Trabajo de Ecuador

Conferencia Principal

Luis Bertrand Fauquenot
Adicciones Seguridad Travail Paris
El consumo de sustancias en el ámbito laboral

Mesa 1 - Enfoques y abordajes

Diego Riolfró
ISSUP Ecuador
Estado de situación del consumo de drogas

Ernesto González
Centro Argentino de Prevención Laboral en Adicciones
Prevención en el ámbito laboral

Roberto Canay
ISSUP Argentina
Formas Nuevas de Consumo de Drogas

Mesa 2 - Experiencias basadas en evidencia

Fernanda Meschini
Yacimientos Petrolíferos Fiscales (YPF)
Experiencia en una empresa petrolera

Juan Cifre
Otra Social Ferroviaria (OSFE)
Experiencia con empresas y gremios ferroviarios en Argentina

Diana Naranjo Restrepo
Asesor Médico Laboral y Médico del Trabajo
Estrategias de prevención de drogas en Latinoamérica

27 de octubre de 2021 | 3:00pm ECU | 5:00pm ARG

27 de Octubre | Jornada de Actualización en Prevención de Adicciones en el Ámbito Laboral. En colaboración con ISSUP Argentina, ISSUP Ecuador se complace en invitarlo a asistir a la Actualización sobre Prevención de Adicciones en el Trabajo.). [Regístrese aquí.](#)

Click [here](#) to browse our full programme of webinars and past events.

Knowledge Share

The ISSUP [Knowledge Share](#) holds a wealth of information submitted by our members and partners. Read our [sharing_guide](#) and make your first post today.

Self-harm in Young People and COVID-19

A retrospective cohort study on emergency unit data from 10 countries

Dr Dennis Ongiri, KCL and SLAM
Mr Hai Ching Ben Wong, KCL

[Mental Health of Youth and Substance Use](#)

Профилактика и помощь при передозировках психоактивными веществами: Общий обзор и опыт Украины

Вячеслав Кушаков, октябрь 2021

[Профилактика и помощь при передозировке](#)

[Ecolink hosts webinar on Integrating](#)

FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER

[Assessing the Prevalence of Fetal](#)

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Jobs

- [UNODC Research Officer - Temporary_\(Vienna\)](#)
- [UNODC Programme Officer - HIV/AIDS Prevention and Care \(Almaty, Kazakhstan\)](#)
- [Certification Testing Coordinator \(NAADAC, United States\)](#)
- [Substance Abuse Counselor/Mental Health Counselor \(South Florida, United States\)](#)
- [Substance Abuse Program Manager - APCC, AMFT, ASW \(United States\)](#)
- [Recreational Mentor \(United States\)](#)
- [Adolescent Substance Use Treatment Counselor \(United States\)](#)

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