

Introductory guide to
ISSUP and the benefits of
becoming a member



What is ISSUP?

Overview

The International Society of Substance Use Professionals (ISSUP) is a global, not-for-profit, non-government organisation that supports the development of a professional substance use prevention, treatment and recovery network. It serves as a focal point for information, research, events and training for substance use prevention and drug demand reduction professionals.

ISSUP's activities are informed by science and research, and promote evidence-based, high-quality standards and ethical approaches to prevention, treatment, and recovery.

Through its National Chapters, events, website (www.issup.net) and social media channels, ISSUP connects groups within the global drug demand reduction community and supports all professionals working in this area.

Formed in 2016, ISSUP now has over 29,000 members worldwide working in a diverse range of research, governmental and non-governmental health organisations. ISSUP is a unique initiative creating a platform for an international professional society, which brings together, supports and shares knowledge from across the international workforce.



ISSUP is a not for profit organisation supported by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL).








About ISSUP

Substance use disorders are a major global problem. There is still an enormous unmet need for effective substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery support. Many prevention and treatment interventions are not based on sound evidence, and recovery support is often not recognised as a crucial part of the process. Those working in the field are often not recognised as a 'professional'. The field can be fragmented, in need of collaboration and coherence.

ISSUP mission

To establish Substance Use Prevention, Treatment and Recovery as a unique and multidisciplinary field through the professionalisation and development of its network of professionals.

ISSUP works to give its members access to high-quality, evidence-based, and ethical information on prevention, treatment and recovery support. It is our aim to promote and realise the vision of a connected, trained, knowledgeable and effective professional workforce by:

-  Harnessing the power digital and online tools to inform and connect our membership
-  Representing national and international communities of substance use prevention, treatment and recovery support professionals
-  Developing and delivering knowledge systems for evidence-based prevention, treatment and recovery support
-  Providing opportunities for training, education and credentialing
-  Offering networking opportunities and events

ISSUP promotes effective, evidence-based practice through the exchange of ideas in the Knowledge Share section of its website www.issup.net/knowledge-share.



We welcome anyone working in, or interested in the drug demand reduction field.








ISSUP acts as a catalyst and focal point to connect members and groups within the global substance use prevention, treatment and recovery community.

Join ISSUP

Sign up for free membership today!

Get involved, make useful contacts and discover professional opportunities that will make a positive impact on your learning and career development.

Here are eight reasons to become a member:

-  1 Network with colleagues
-  2 Meet experts working in the field
-  3 Become part of the national and international prevention, treatment and recovery support community
-  4 Access professional development and training
-  5 Receive a regular Newsletter
-  6 Create your personalised professional profile on our website and to show affiliation to a professional membership organisation
-  7 Receive exclusive ISSUP event benefits
-  8 Share knowledge and develop your professional profile

By joining ISSUP, you will be able to access a productive environment for sharing ideas and initiatives. Membership is a great way to develop personal contacts and friendships with colleagues across the world engaged in related areas of work.

ISSUP offers **regular**, **professional** and **student** membership. Register for free online or ask an ISSUP staff member for further details.

www.issup.net

Link, talk, grow, meet and learn!

Join ISSUP to receive a range of member benefits including access to networking opportunities with other professionals and organisations in your region. Members receive access to our unique website offering a great suite of digital networking tools and access to the latest news, events, job opportunities and publications.



Follow **ISSUP** on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube where our latest news and updates are featured. Our accounts are dynamic and fast-changing, allowing our digital community to connect and grow.

For the latest information on any aspect of ISSUP visit www.issup.net

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