



The Addictology Journal and ISSUP: an opportunity for improving and facilitating dialog between praxis and science

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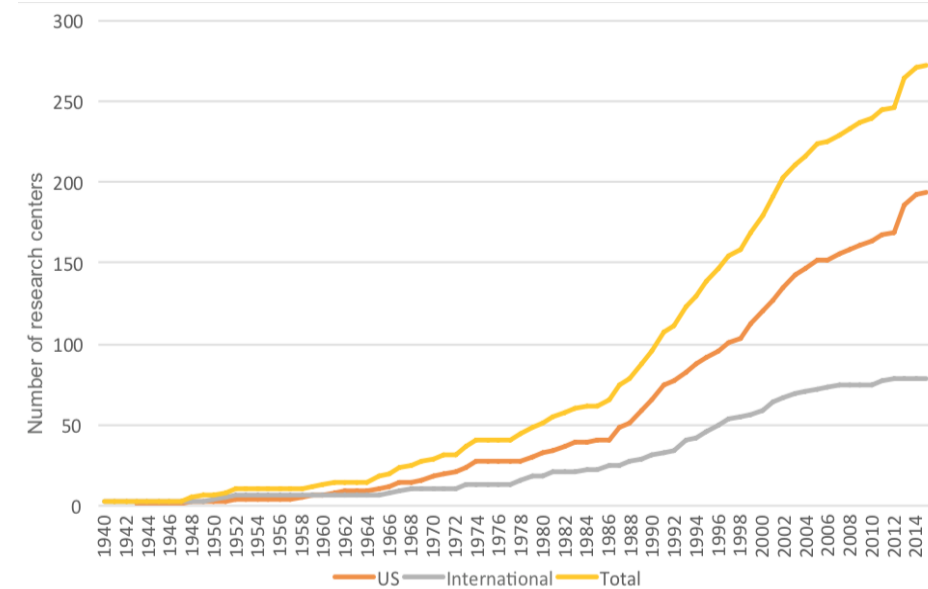
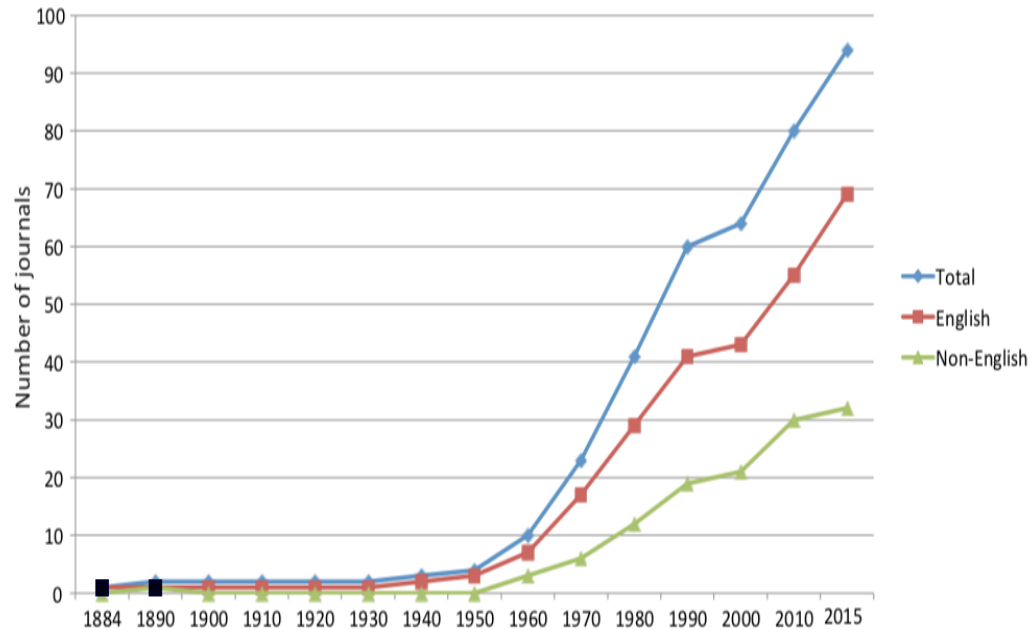


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Growth of addiction specialty journals and Research centers (Babor et al., 2017)

The Addictology Journal has been member of ISAJE since 2003.
The Journal was established in 2001.



What is the Role of a Scientific Journal?

- provides a forum for communication among scientists
- sets intellectual standards in a field
- sets the agenda for what to study
- provides an institutional memory of a field
- brings information to the public
- certifies the author's work is authentic
- can advance the author's career

(Lafollette, 1992)



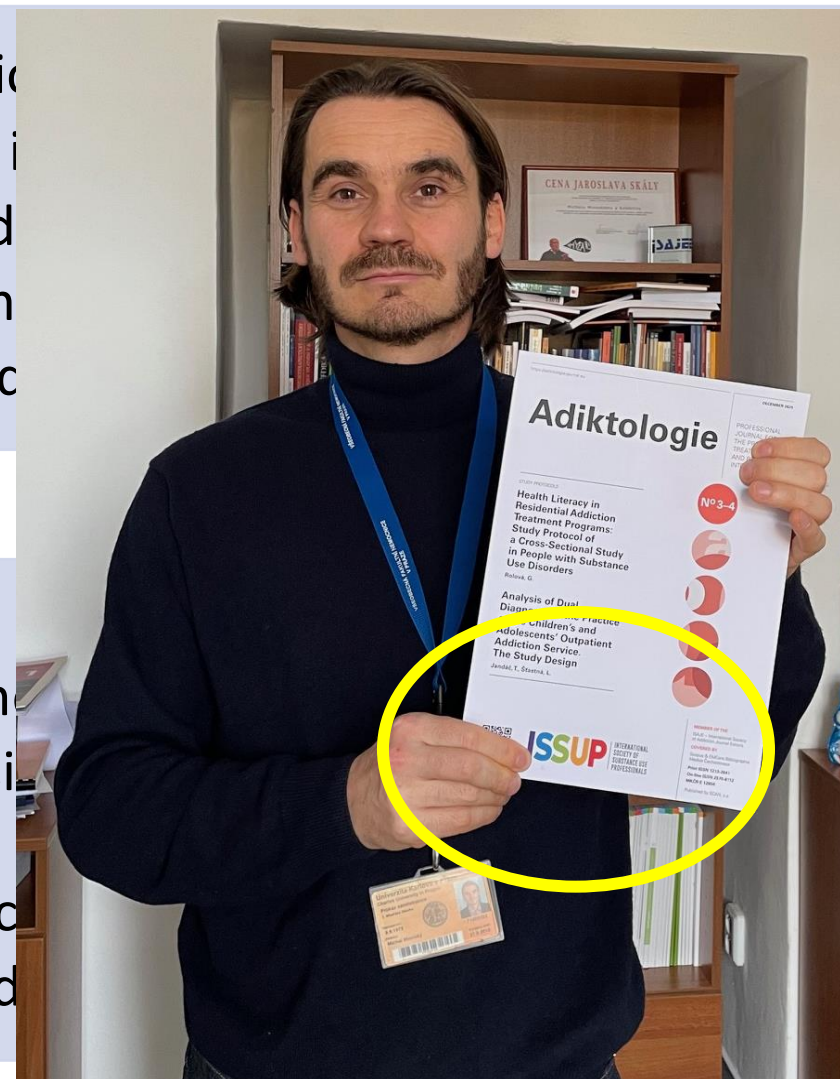
Introduction

The
ADDICTOLOGY
Journal

- Peer-reviewed international professional journal
- Provided through Charles University in Prague
- Non-profit model (SCAN NGO) based in the Czech Republic
- 4 ordinary issues per year (every 3 months)
- Supplements (in case of interests and needs)

ISSUP
Partnership
(since 2020)

- Building on the excellent relationship with ISSUP, the journal has seen INEP Plus as a key development
- Official strategic partner in the provision of an improved “Addictology” Journal
- Linking between researchers and practitioners
- Bridging the gap between science and practice





The Addictology Journal SCOPUS: full profile

Education and
training

Prevention
intervention

Behavioural
addictions

Psychoactive
substance use

Recovery
support
research

Public health
initiatives

Wide spectrum
of substance
use research

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Initiative Aims

Unique contribution to
the area of drug demand
reduction

Providing significant
benefit to researchers,
health and education
professionals as well as
to practitioners.

Additional benefits

Make substance use
research accessible and
content available for all

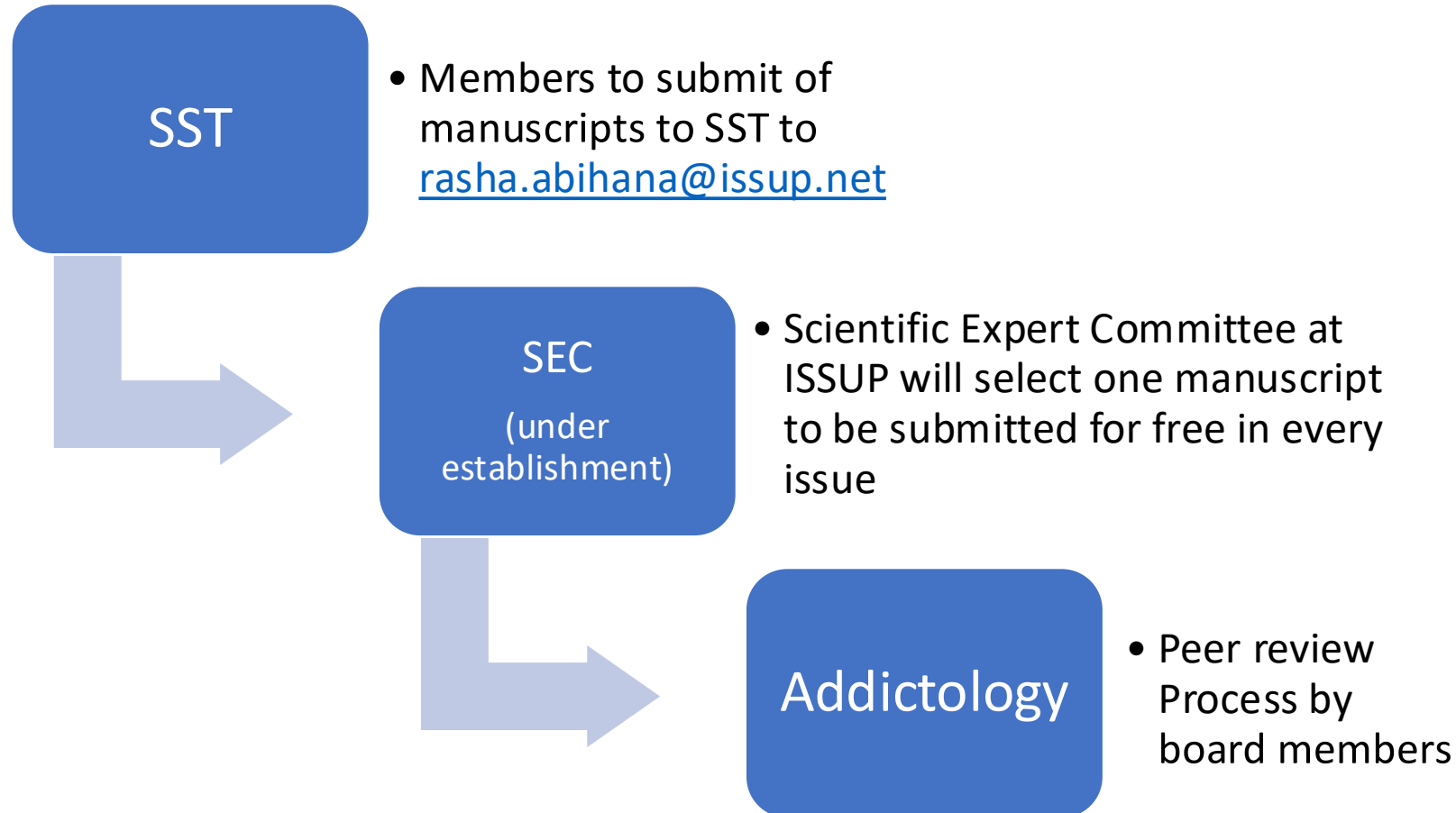
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Criteria of preferred manuscripts

- Case studies and reports
- Providing relevant information, knowledge and research findings
- Offering an added-value to drug demand reduction professionals, policy makers, practitioners -and of course ISSUP members
- Promoting and supporting substance use research
- Writing high quality manuscripts
- Supporting evidence-based interventions
- Respecting ethical considerations with respect to substance use issues.



Submission Process for free articles:





Example no.1
from the 2025

Perceptions of Law Enforcement Personnel and Public Health Professionals on Synthetic Drug Use in Nigeria

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Citation | Agwogie, M. O., & Kliewer, W. (2025). *Perceptions of law enforcement personnel and public health professionals on synthetic drug use in Nigeria*. *Adiktologie*, 25(2), pp–pp.

BACKGROUND: Nigeria is one of the countries in the world severely impacted by synthetic drug production and use, yet lacks fundamental understanding of the synthetic drug market, how many people use, and how much they use. **AIMS:** The aims of this study were to (1) assess the level of knowledge of law enforcement personnel and public health professionals regarding synthetic drugs; (2) assess the perception of the two groups on the risk of synthetic drug use (SDU); (3) compare reports of the two groups on the commonly used synthetic drugs, common users, and sources of these drugs; (4) assess perceived underlying reasons for SDU; (5) assess the perception of the two groups on legalization of SDU and naloxone to prevent overdose related consequences. **METHODS:** Both open and closed-ended questions were used to survey law enforcement personnel ($N = 70$) and public health professionals ($N = 70$) in six states across the six geo-political zones in Nigeria and the federal capital territory. **RESULTS:** All participants had heard of synthetic drugs. Majority of the sample described SDU as “extremely risky”. Consequences fell into four

categories: physical health problems, mental health difficulties, consequences related to substance misuse, and societal consequences. Both groups identified youth as the main users of synthetics. Individual-level factors, economic forces, peer influences, other social environmental factors, and media were noted as risk factors for SDU. Endorsement for the legalization of synthetic drugs was low, and beliefs that naloxone should be available to those on the front lines of the synthetic drug crisis were variable. **CONCLUSION:** This data may be used to inform preventive interventions and policy to reduce SDU in Nigeria.



Example no.2
from the 2025

Why We Serve (and Drink) Alcohol at Substance Abuse Events and Why We Should Stop: An Autoethnography

This article is an authorized English republication of the paper originally published in Spanish as “Por qué servimos (y bebemos) alcohol en eventos especializados en drogodependencias y por qué deberíamos dejar de hacerlo: una autoetnografía” in *Pedagogia i Treball Social*, 14(2), 7–39, published by the University of Girona. The English republication has been authorized by the Editor-in-Chief of *Pedagogia i Treball Social* (Certificate of Permission for English Republication, October 7, 2025).

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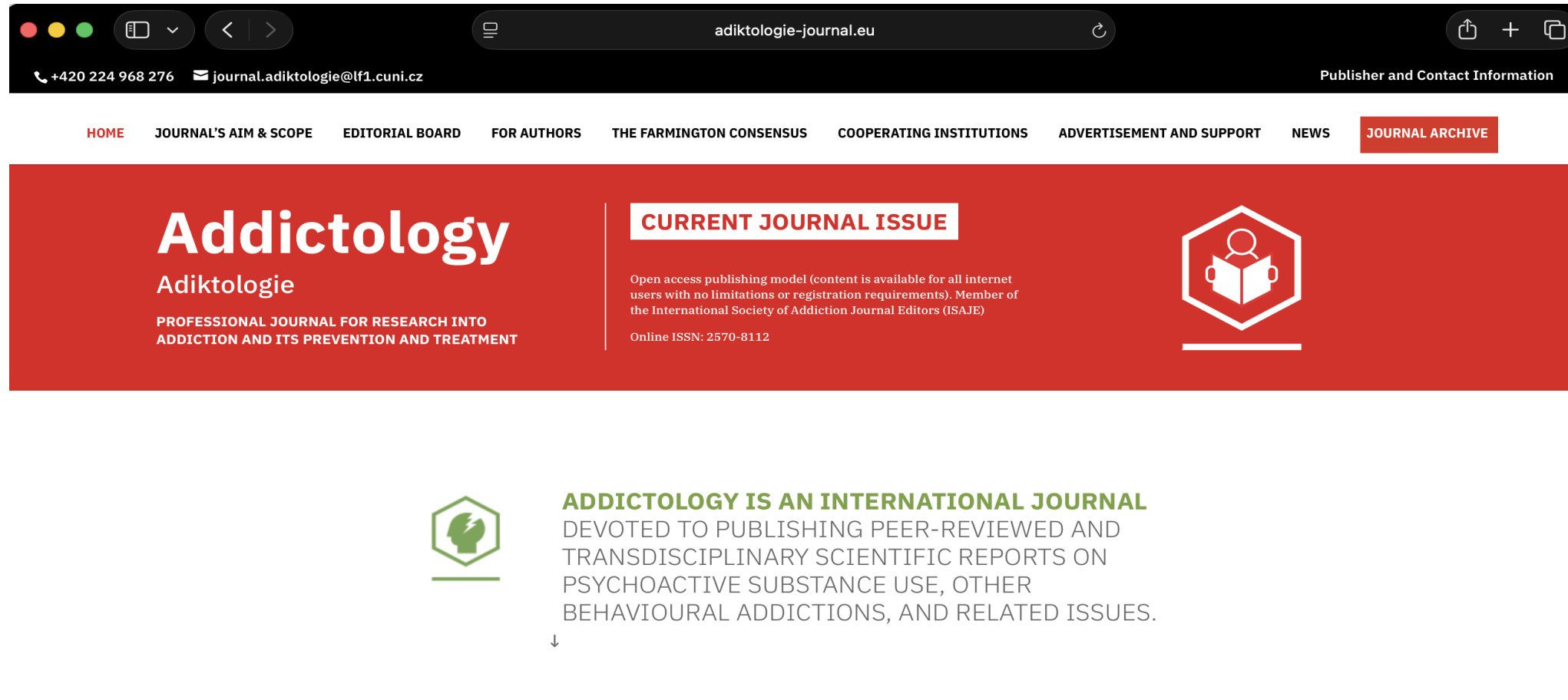
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INTRODUCTION: Alcohol consumption is fully integrated into rituals and celebrations, generating social pressures that affect individuals, especially those with a history of drug dependence. The normalization of alcohol use is evident in family gatherings and social events, but also in academic and professional events, where the expectation to drink is widespread. This expectation occurs even in training and scientific contexts specialized in drug dependence. **OBJECTIVE:** In this study, I set out to request that the leadership of the main national and international congresses stop serving alcohol at their official events, using the same arguments typically employed to persuade the general public of the need to create normalized drug-free environments by Spanish governmental institutions, and second, I aimed to reflexively analyze how alcohol is consumed in these

settings and what happens when this behavior is questioned. To do so, I analyze my experiences and observations at several congresses and describe the counterarguments I encountered after requesting that alcohol cease being served at the main Spanish and international drug dependence congresses, as well as one of Europe’s longest-running master’s programs in drug dependence. **METHOD:** I employed a qualitative autoethnographic design, combining my personal accounts from four drug dependence congresses and my experience as a professor in a specialized master’s program. **FINDINGS:** The study revealed that alcohol consumption is common at specialized academic and training events, which contradicts certain prevention discourses. Most of the organizations resisted my proposed change, and they justified the presence of alcohol as an aspect of social and gastronomic culture.

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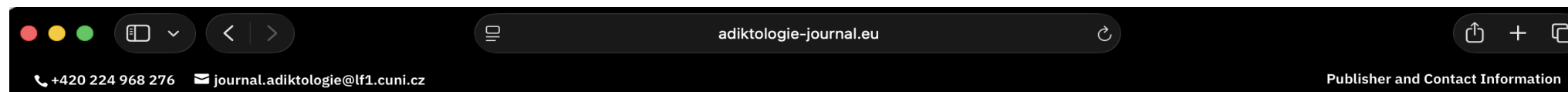
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