

**First Annual Conference of the  
International Society for the Study of Drug Policy, ISSDP**

**March 22-23, 2007  
P-Hotels Oslo, Grensen 19, Oslo, Norway**

**CONFERENCE PROGRAMME  
19 March, 2007**

***Wednesday, March 21, 2007***

6.00-7.00 pm Registration

***Thursday, March 22, 2007***

8.00-9.00 Registration

9.00 **Opening**

9.15 **Plenary**  
Chair: Peter Reuter

Costing Drug Problems and Policies  
*Christine Godfrey*

10.00 **Parallel sessions**

**1 a) Budgets and Costs**  
Chair: Kari Grette

An Assessment of the US Drug Control Budget  
*John Carnevale*

The Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission's Program to Estimate the  
Social and Economic Costs of Drugs in the Americas (Cost Program)  
*Marya Hynes Dowell*

Development of a Methodology to Estimate Drug-Related Public Expenditures  
in the European Union  
*Louis Prieto*

Discussant: Pierre Kopp

**1 b) Measuring Drug Markets**  
Chair: Astrid Skretting

A Capture-Recapture Model to Estimate the Size of the Cannabis Market  
*Martin Bouchard*

- Measuring the Cannabis Market in Finland  
*Pekka Hakkarainen*
- Estimation of Drug Trade  
*Jiri Vopravil*
- Discussant: Börje Olsson
- 11.30 Coffee
- 11.45 **Plenary**
- Drugs and Public Policy**  
Chair: Alison Ritter
- Thomas Babor*  
*Ingeborg Rossow*  
*Jonathan Caulkins*  
*Keith Humphreys*  
*Robin Room*
- 1 pm Lunch
- 2 pm **ISSDP meeting** (all participants are invited)
- 3.15 pm **Plenary**  
Chair: Astrid Skretting
- Constructing Policy Relevant Harm Indexes  
*Sandeep Chawla*
- 4 pm Coffee
- 4.30 pm **Parallel sessions**  
- 6.00 pm
- 2 a) Drug Policy – Between Repression, Control, Treatment and Harm Reduction**  
Chair: Ted Goldberg
- Recent Changes in Danish Drug Policy: Examples from a Prison Setting  
*Vibeke Asmussen*
- Two Tracks Drug Policy – Normalization of the Drug Problem in Finland?  
*Christoffer Tigerstedt*
- Harmonizing Drug Treatment Policy in Malaysia; Total Abstinence or Harm Reduction?  
*B. Vicknasingam*
- Discussant: Frank Zobel

**2 b) Causal Factors**

Chair: Ingeborg Rossow

Early Police Interventions against Illicit Drug Use Among Adolescents and Young Adults – A Useful Way of Secondary Prevention?

*Margareta Bergsten*

The Dynamics of Deterrence

*Mark Kleiman*

Sequential Patterns of Drug Use Initiation – Can We Believe in the Gateway Theory?

*Hans Olav Melberg*

Discussant: Jim Parsons

7 pm

(- 9.30 pm)

Reception by the Norwegian Institute for Alcohol and Drug Research (SIRUS) at Oslo Military Society, address: Myntgaten 3, entrance: Kongens gate

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***Friday, March 23, 2007***

9.00

**Plenary**

Chair: Bob Keizer

How Should Harm Reduction Interventions be Evaluated?

*Harold Pollack*

9.45

**Parallel sessions**

**3 a) Evaluation**

Chair: Peter Miller

Effectiveness of Needle Exchange, a Closer Look at the Existing Evidence

*Ellen Amundsen*

A Preliminary Approach to Cost Effectiveness of Opioid Maintenance Therapy in France

*Pierre Kopp*

Facing the Sleeping Giant; Prescription Opioids Abuse, Harm Indicators and the Challenge of Interventions and Control

*Benedict Fischer*

Discussant: Susanne MacGregor

### **3 b) Cannabis Markets**

Chair: Petr Zeman

Police Crackdown on a Cannabis Market – The Case of Christiania in Copenhagen  
*Kim Møller*

Exploring the Illegal Market for Cannabis: Implications for Cannabis Policy and Cannabis Law Enforcement  
*Chris Wilkins*

Do Penalties Facing Marijuana Users Influence Marijuana Prices?  
*Beau Kilmer*

Discussant: Peter Reuter

11.15 Coffe

11.30 **Parallel sessions**

#### **4 a) Harms**

Chair: Ingeborg Rossow

Weighing Up Crime: The Estimation of Criminal Drug-Related Harm  
*Alex Stevens*

An Examination of the Treatment Cost for Marijuana Abuse and Dependence in the United States  
*Rosalie Pacula*

Discussant: Tomas Zábbransky

#### **4 b) Research and Policy**

Chair: Neil Hunt

A Critical Literature Review of Drug Policy Impact Studies  
*Sharon Rödner*

Beyond Modelling and Evidence: Bridging the Gap between Drug Policy Research and Drug Policy Practice  
*Simon Lenton*

Discussant: Dolf Tops

12.30 Lunch

1.30 pm **Plenary**  
Chair: David Bewley-Taylor

Modeling Drug Policies  
*Gabriele Bammer*

2.15 pm **Parallel sessions**

**6 a) Alternative Approaches to Modeling**  
Chair: Flip Maas

Dynamic Compartmental Model of Trends in Australian Drug Use  
*Jonathan Caulkins*

An Integrated, Comprehensive Approach to Illicit Drug Policy – Results from the First Stage of the Drug Modelling Program  
*Alison Ritter*

How Should Drug Policy Respond to Market Disruptions?  
*Gernot Tragler*

Discussants: Gustav Feichtinger and Hans Olav Melberg

**6 b) The Place of Drug Consumption Rooms within the Broader Drug Policy Context and Debates in Three European Countries**  
Chair: Pia Rosenqvist

Safer Injecting Facilities (SIFs) in the Republic of Ireland:  
Are we Close to a Policy Change?  
*Mary O'Shea*

The Norwegian Trial of Public Injection Room

**Beyond the Rhetoric: Converting Political Doctrine into Pragmatic Drug Policy Reform**

*Caitlin Hughes*

**Discussant: Robin Room**

**5.30 pm**

**End of Conference**