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  Reception by the Norwegian Institute for Alcohol and Drug Research (SIRUS)
(- 9.30 pm) 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
Coffee

11.30
**Parallel sessions**

4 a) Harms
Chair: Ingeborg Rosow

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 Zábransky

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