

7th European Conference on Drug and HIV/AIDS Services in Prison

“Prison, Drugs and Society in the Enlarged Europe: Looking for the right direction”

Prague, 25-27 March 2004

Introduction of the Conference

The “7th European Conference on Drug and HIV/AIDS Services in Prison” seeks to build on the success of previous events held since 1994. The Conference is organised by the *European Network of Drug Services in Prison - ENDSP*, and the *Central & Eastern European Network of Drug Services in Prison – CEENDSP*, both projects created and managed by Cranstoun Drug Services. The event will provide another opportunity to contribute to the development and implementation of effective drug and health promoting services in prisons throughout Europe and beyond.

During the three days participants and presenters will identify and disseminate knowledge and expertise. Those participating will include academics, drug and HIV services, drug-user unions, health services, judges, lawyers, police, policy makers, prison services, probation services and social services.

The conference will:

- *Review past and current practices concerning services offered to drug dependent users in the prison systems of both Western and Eastern Europe;*
- *Present the results of two large comparative research projects on drug policies & practices in prison, covering 25 countries;*
- *Build on such experiences to further the debate on the principle of equivalence, and to promote the implementation of WHO & Pompidou-Group’s International Guidelines and Recommendations;*
- *Examine research and information on areas of increasing concern and interest;*
- *Promote co-operation between different professions, interest groups and countries;*
- *Promote networking and multidisciplinary as methods to integrate Prisons Services, External Agencies and Civil Society;*
- *Encourage and promote EU enlargement process, by facilitating participation from, and exchange with, colleagues from Central & Eastern Europe and the Newly Independent States.*
- *Identify issues for the Network to address as part of the process of integration and enlargement.*

The European Commission partially finance the event, and support has also been provided by the Czech Prison Service, the City of Prague, and the Austrian Ministry of Justice.

Conference Format

The Conference will include plenary sessions, panel debates, roundtables, parallel workshops, and posters, based on submitted abstracts covering research, policy and practice. The emphasis throughout the event will be on participation and exchange of information and ideas. The Conference will also host networking sessions, with exposition spaces offered upon request to projects from various countries. The Conference will commence on Thursday 25th March at 14:00 with the welcome address and the opening debate and closes on Saturday 27th at 13:00. The programme also includes social events and optional visits (on Thursday morning) to prisons within the Prague metropolitan area (please see the enclosed leaflet).

Speakers, presenters and facilitators will be drawn from a wide range of countries, professions and disciplines. The aim is not for them to be proscriptive but to provide delegates with a context for discussions, enabling them to relate the subject matter to the particular circumstances they face within their own countries.

Any conclusions or recommendations reached during the event will be publicised and promoted through the Network. These, along with feedback received from participants, will also inform the content of future events and possibly the subject matter of future research and publications.

TOPICS:

The following topics will be addressed during the event:

- EU enlargement & prison health standards;
- Substitution treatments in 18 European countries;
- Harm reduction;
- Prevalence of infections in prison & their prevention;
- Peer Support;
- Diversity and ethnic minorities;
- Non-opiate users (Crack-Cocaine, stimulants and alcohol);
- Strategic thinking;
- Multidisciplinary approaches to prevention and treatment in the prison settings, including interactions between Supply & Demand Reduction.

FORMAT:

The final agenda for the seminar is currently being compiled, based on the above topics. The draft outline of the event is as follows:

DAY 1 (Morning) - Thursday 25 March

There will be several visits to prisons organised for Thursday morning starting from 8am. Delegates who wish to attend the prison visit are requested to return to us the

enclosed form indicating choice of visit. As places to some institutions are limited please return your form as soon as possible in order to secure your place.

DAY 1 (Afternoon) - Thursday 25 March

The opening session will comprise a short introduction from the chair and a welcome from representatives of the Czech Prison Service & the City of Vienna. This will be followed by a panel debate on the topic of “*Dealing with minority groups, diversity and drugs within prisons in the Enlarged Europe: are there lessons to be learnt?*”

This session will be followed by an informal networking session, with posters and displays, designed to enable delegates to gain a perspective on the range of work in this area already being undertaken in Europe.

In the evening delegates are invited to an informal drinks reception.

DAY 2 – Friday 26 March

Day two will provide a mix of plenary sessions, which will present the preliminary results of two research projects covering in whole 25 countries carried out by ENDSP and CEENDSP, and round tables & parallel working groups, which will examine and debate the range of topics focus of the event. The groups will work towards establishing principles and methods by which the aims of the event might be realised, particularly in relation to future co-operation.

In the evening delegates are invited to attend the conference dinner.

DAY 3 (Morning) – Saturday 27 March

The Session will consist of a panel debate on the topic of “*Can harm reduction and drug free approaches co-exist and co-operate?*”. After the break, delegates will rejoin the plenary for the final session, where participants will be asked their feedback on the event.

The conference will end at 13:00 on day three.

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TRANSLATION WILL BE INTO CZECH, RUSSIAN, ENGLISH AND GERMAN

Day 1

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| <p>14:00- 15:00 Opening plenary Session 15:00-15:30 Coffee Break</p> |
| <p>15:30-17:15 Plenary Debate: “Dealing with minority groups, diversity and drugs within prisons in the Enlarged Europe: are there lessons to be learnt?” - CHAIR: Eddie Ellis (USA)</p> |
| <p>17:15 – 18.15 Posters and Networking Session 19:45 Dinner/Reception</p> |

Day 2 Morning

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| <p>9:15-10:30 Plenary Session <i>Substitution treatments in European Prison: preliminary results from an 18 countries overview study</i> Chair: Joris Casselman - Heino Stover & Laetitia Hennebel</p> | | | | | |
| <p>10:30-11:00 Coffee break</p> | | | | | |
| <p>11:00-12:30 Parallel Workshops</p> | | | | | |
| <p><i>Round table on Substitution Treatments</i></p> | <p><i>Responding to different patterns of substance misuse - ALL DAY</i></p> | <p><i>Care and Control/ Care vs Control – The role of prison staff in drug treatment and prevention</i></p> | <p><i>Diversity: some practical examples</i></p> | <p><i>Epidemiology - Looking forward to the New Network – informing future trends</i></p> | |

Day 2 Afternoon

14:00-15:15 Parallel Workshops

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| <i>Round table on Substitution Treatment - CONT</i> | <i>Responding to different patterns of substance misuse - CONT</i> | <i>Harm Reduction and Supply Reduction and how can they co-exist in a Prison Drugs Strategy?</i> | <i>Peer group involvement in service delivery: defining the rules of engagement</i> | <i>Epidemiology - CONT</i> | |
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15:15-15:45 Coffee Break

15:45 – 17:15 Plenary Session

Services to Drug Users within the Prison System of the Accession Countries: preliminary results from an overview study

CHAIR: Roy Walmsley.

- Morag MacDonald & Laetitia Hennebel

19:45 Dinner

Day 3

9:30-11:30 Plenary Session

Debate: *“Can harm reduction and drug free approaches co-exist and co-operate?”*

CHAIR: Shane Bryans (Chief Executive, RAPT, UK)

11:30-12:00 Coffee-Break

12:00-13:00 Closing and Feedback Session