



TOWARDS A HEALTHIER FUTURE –  
IN A DRUG-FREE WORLD



CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



H.M. QUEEN SILVIA OF SWEDEN

Her Majesty Queen Silvia of Sweden is the Patron of World Forum Against Drugs. She is also involved in numerous charity organizations. She frequently participates in anniversary events, openings of conferences and symposia and other official events. She is engaged in the work of several NGO's helping underprivileged people around the world.



MARIA LARSSON

Minister for Children and the Elderly, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, Sweden

Maria Larsson is a Swedish politician and a trained schoolteacher. Minister Larsson is currently Minister for Children and the Elderly. Maria Larsson is responsible for social services which includes alcohol, narcotics, doping and tobacco in addition to elderly care, individual and family care, and support measures to people with disabilities. The Government's child rights policies are also within her responsibility and they aim to apply and strengthen the rights and interests of the child in society, based on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.



STEN NORDIN

Mayor of Stockholm, Sweden

Sten Nordin was born in 1956 in Nyköping, south of Stockholm. He studied Economics and Sociology at Uppsala University, and has held a number of Public Offices since the early 1980's. Sten Nordin is currently Mayor of the City of Stockholm and holds a position as president of the City Executive Board. Mayor Nordin is also group leader of the Moderate Party in the City of Stockholm, chairman of Stockholm International Fairs and member of the Executive Board of the Swedish Transport Administration.



DAVID K. MINETA

Deputy Director of Demand Reduction, Office of National Drug Control Policy, USA

David K. Mineta was confirmed unanimously by the United States Senate on June 22, 2010 to be the Deputy Director of Demand Reduction for the Office of National Drug Control Policy. In this position, Mr. Mineta oversees ONDCP Office of Demand Reduction which focuses on promoting drug prevention and drug treatment programs, as well as the agency's newly created focus on programs for individuals in recovery from addiction.



KEVIN SABET

Executive Director, Smart Approaches to Marijuana, USA

Dr. Sabet is the Director of the Drug Policy Institute at the University of Florida and an Assistant Professor in the College of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry. He is currently Executive Director of Project SAM (Smart Approaches to Marijuana), which he co-founded with Patrick J. Kennedy.

From 2009-2011, he served in the Obama Administration as the Senior Advisor at the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). He resides in Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA.



ANTONIO MARIA COSTA

Former Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

Antonio Maria Costa was an Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations, appointed, from May 2002 until August 2010, to the positions of Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and Director-General of the United Nations Office in Vienna (UNOV).

Mr. Costa holds a degree in political science from the University of Turin (1963), a Degree in mathematical economics from the Moscow State University (1967), and a Ph.D. in economics from the University of California at Berkeley (1971). Mr. Costa has spent his career working on issues such as drugs, organized crime (like human trafficking and corruption), and terrorism. Rooted in a restrictive and balanced drug policy, Mr. Costa has combined prevention and treatment with law enforcement aimed at both supply and demand.



#### RAYMOND YANS

President (until May 19, 2014), International Narcotics Control Board

Raymond Yans was the head of the Drug Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1995-1999 and 2003-2007); charged with the national coordination of the ratification and implementation process of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971 and the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988 (1995-1998). He participated in the launching of the European Union Joint Action on New Synthetic Drugs of an early warning system to alert Governments to the appearance of new synthetic drugs. .

Between 1995-2007 he was a member of the Belgian delegation to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs. Since 2007 Mr. Yans is a member of the International Narcotics Control Board where he is currently President of the Board.



#### NORA VOLKOW

MD, Director of National Institute on Drug Abuse, USA

Nora D. Volkow, M.D. is Director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) at the National Institutes of Health, US. Dr. Volkow's work has been instrumental in demonstrating that drug addiction is a disease of the human brain. As a research psychiatrist and scientist, Dr. Volkow pioneered the use of brain imaging to investigate the toxic effects and addictive properties of abusable drugs.

Dr. Volkow spent most of her professional career at the Department of Energy's Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) in Upton, New York, where she held several leadership positions including Director of Nuclear Medicine, Chairman of the Medical Department, and Associate Director for Life Sciences.

Dr. Volkow has published more than 530 peer-reviewed articles and written more than 80 book chapters and non-peer reviewed manuscripts, and has also edited three books on neuroimaging for mental and addictive disorders.



#### NEIL MCKEGANEY,

B.A. (Hons) MSc. PhD (Hon), Director, Centre for Drug Misuse, Glasgow, UK

In 1994 Neil McKeganey set up the Centre for Drug Misuse Research at the University of Glasgow. From 1994 to 2011 the Centre undertook research in a wide range of areas to do with the impact of illegal drug use on families, the prevalence of problem drug use, the effectiveness of drug treatment services and the nature and impact of drug policy. In 2011 the Centre closed at the University of Glasgow and began functioning as an independent research centre. Current research underway within the Centre includes work on the impact of drug and alcohol problems on physicians, the impact of drug treatment services, the development of high prevalence drug use areas, and the impact of major drug seizures. Neil McKeganey is the author of over 150 peer-reviewed papers on aspects of addiction and drug use. His most recent books include: "Controversies in Drugs Policy and Practice", Palgrave 2011 and the "A to Z of Addiction", Palgrave 2012.

He has acted as a temporary consultant to the World Health Organisation's Global Programme on AIDS, the World Health Programme on Substance Abuse, the International Narcotics Control Board. He is a member of the International Task Force for Strategic Drug Policy. He is a member of the editorial boards of AIDS Care and the Drugs Education Prevention and Policy journal and a past editorial board member of the journal "Addiction" and "Drug and Alcohol Dependence".



#### MIKE SABIN,

Member of Parliament, New Zealand

Mike Sabin is a member of parliament for Northland, New Zealand. He is a nationally and internationally-recognized expert and authority on methamphetamine and drug policy. Mr. Sabin is involved with international drug policy as a member of the International Task Force for Strategic Drug Policy and a fellow and associate of numerous international drug free coalitions.

He is the author of publications on the efficacy of harm prevention, demand reduction focused drug policy initiatives, including solutions to the methamphetamine crisis in New Zealand. Mike is a respected commentator and expert lecturer on methamphetamine, drug abuse, drug policy strategy nationally and internationally including the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs.



#### FREDRIK SPAK

Associate Professor and specialist in general psychiatry and social medicine, Göteborg University, Sweden

Associate Professor, MD, PhD and specialist in general psychiatry and social medicine. Spak's present medical position is in primary health care in Göteborg, Sweden, and his main work is devoted to addiction medicine and prevention of alcohol related problems, both clinically and in research.

Spak's research concerns epidemiology, particularly concerning women's alcohol problems, implementation of secondary prevention in the alcohol field, both in primary health care and occupational health, studies on khat-use in Sweden, and evaluations of care and prevention in the alcohol field.



FRED NYBERG,  
Ph.D., Professor, Uppsala University, Sweden

Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Biosciences Division of Biological Research on Drug Dependence at Uppsala University, Sweden Fred Nyberg, PhD, is currently the Head of Uppsala University (UU) Interdisciplinary Center of Addiction (U-FOLD). He is employed as Senior Professor at the Disciplinary Domain of Medicine and Pharmacy, UU. During 1988-1992 he was employed as Professor in Pharmacology at the Faculty of Pharmacy, UU. In 1993, he was appointed Professor in Biological Research on Drug Dependence.

During 2002-2007 he was part time employed as Head of Research Issues at The National Drug Policy Coordinator and in 2008 he joined the Advisory Board at The ANDT unit at the Social Ministry directed to drugs and drug addiction. He was Chairman for the Department of Pharmaceutical Biosciences between 1999-2006 and during 2006-2011 he acted as Dean of The Faculty of Pharmacy, before being appointed Head of U-FOLD. His field of expertise is neuropharmacology with particular emphasis on brain mechanisms in chronic pain and drug dependence. Current research is directed to brain damage induced by addictive drugs as well as brain repair based on neuroendocrine regulation of cognitive behavior.



MADELINE H. MEIER,  
Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Arizona State University, USA

Madeline Meier received her doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of Missouri in 2010, and she completed her postdoctoral training at Duke University in 2013. Dr. Meier is now an assistant professor at Arizona State University, where she teaches classes on substance-use disorders and conducts research on the causes, course, and consequences of substance-use disorders. Her current research projects involve (a) determining how accurately childhood and adolescent risk factors can predict persistent adult substance dependence, (b) documenting the physical health consequences of adolescent substance abuse, and (c) investigating how a novel technology - retinal imaging of microvessels - can inform our understanding of the links between adolescent substance use, neuropsychological function, and psychiatric disorder.



MARTIEN KOOYMAN  
M.D., Ph.D., psychiatrist and psychotherapist, the Netherlands.

Martien Kooyman, MD, Ph.D, psychiatrist and psychotherapist. He was the founder and medical director of several therapeutic communities for addiction and also of treatment centres. He has been lecturer at the Department of Preventive and Social Psychiatry of the Erasmus University in Rotterdam. At present he is, amongst others, Member of the Advisory Council for The Minister of Justice on Prison Detention and Youth Protection and Vice President of EURAD, a European Foundation for Prevention and Treatment of Addiction to Drugs.

Since 1998 until now, he is a director of the Moscow Research and Practical Center for Narcology, of the Moscow Public Health Department. For the same period, has been performing the function of the Chief Narcologist of the Department. In 2007, defended his doctoral dissertation; since 2008, a professor.



JAMIE H. HUESTON  
Judge, First District Court, Maryland, USA

Jamey H. Hueston is an associate judge on the First District Court in Baltimore City, Maryland. She has presided as a judge for 20 years and is the longest serving drug court judge in the world.

Judge Hueston is an early Drug Court pioneer and is a founding member of The National Association of Drug Court Professionals and served as its immediate Vice-chair. She founded and chaired the Maryland Judicial Problem Solving Courts Committee and is the founder and administers the Baltimore City Drug Treatment Court.



MARIKA GRIEHSSEL  
Journalist and independent documentary filmmaker, Sweden

Marika Griehsel is a Swedish journalist and independent documentary filmmaker. She was the Africa Correspondent for the Swedish public service television company (SVT) between 1990 and 2001, based in Johannesburg. Marika Griehsel has been awarded some of Sweden's most prestigious journalism awards for her personal and extensive reports.



ROBERT L. DUPONT  
M.D., President, Institute of Behaviour and Health

Robert L. DuPont, MD, psychiatrist, has for more than 30 years been a leader in drug abuse prevention and treatment in USA. Among his many contributions he was the first Director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse and was the second White House Drug Chief. In 1978 Dr. DuPont became the founding president of the Institute for Behaviour and Health, Inc. and in 1982, with his longtime colleague, Peter Bensinger, he founded Bensinger, DuPont & Associates.



**BERTHA K. MADRAS**

Professor of Psychobiology, Harvard Medical School, USA

Bertha Madras, Ph.D., Professor of Psychobiology, Department of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School (faculty since 1986) and Associate Director for Public Education in the Division on Addictions. She served as Deputy Director, Demand Reduction in the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), following unanimous Senate confirmation (2006-2008). She advocated for a public health approach to prevent, intervene and treat illicit and prescription drug abuse.

As a neuroscientist, Dr. Madras investigated brain responses to addictive drugs and developed new brain imaging agents and therapeutics for neuropsychiatric disorders. Author of over 130 scientific manuscripts, she co-edited a book "The Cell Biology of Addiction". She received an NIH MERIT award, NIDA Public Service Award, American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry Founders Award, and 19 patents with collaborators



**CARMEN MASIAS-CLAUX**

Executive President of National Commission for Development and Life without drugs, Peru

Currently Executive President of the National Commission for Development and a Drug-Free Life - DEVIDA, governing body for the fight against drugs in Peru. Degree in Psychology, M.D. Family Therapy, Ph.D. in Psychology. Worked at the Information and Education Center for the Prevention of Drug Abuse - CEDRO as Deputy Director and is a founding member of the institution, created in 1986. Member of the Board of Directors of Movimiento Manuela Ramos, lobbyist institution that politically advocates gender issues. Consultant to the Kellogg Foundation, The Partners of the Americas, USAID, UNESCO/UNFPA, PAHO, CAF, FAD, and others, and to the government of Chile in narcotics affairs. Professor at Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola - USIL, and also at the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú - PUCP (Catholic University). Professor to the online master's degree in drug dependence at several Spanish and Peruvian universities.



**KIAN REME**

Chairman, European Cities Against Drugs

Kian Reme holds a BA in History and MA in Theology. He was elected chairman of European Cities Against Drugs (ECAD) in 2013 and has been a member of the board since 2011. Mr. Reme is also vice chairman of Nablus Society (Twin City) since 2012. Currently Mr. Reme works as Manager and dialogue Pastor.



**ROGERS KASIRYE**

Executive Director, Uganda Youth Development Link, Uganda

BA in Social work and Social administration and an MA in Human Rights from Makerere University, Kampala. Mr. Kasirye has undertaken several consultancy positions as a technical Coordinator, he is also a consultant with Mentor foundation UK. He is the local expert advisor to UNODC in Eastern Africa and is actively involved in capacity building of NGOs and Communities in Drug Demand reduction activities.



**SVEN-OLOV CARLSSON**

President WFAD, World Federation Against Drugs

Sven-Olov Carlsson, Bachelor of Science, started his work career as a Municipal Chief Executive and worked for 20 years in this field. Since 2002 he is the International President of IOGT International, a worldwide community of NGOs working in the field of alcohol and drug policy and prevention. Mr. Carlsson is member of the Board of Eurocare - the European Alcohol Policy Alliance, Global Alcohol Policy Alliance (GAPA) and International Council on Alcohol and Addictions (ICAA). Between 1995-2009 he was the President of IOGT-NTO in Sweden. Mr. Carlsson was also the President of the Swedish Youth Temperance Organization (UNF) between 1977-1981. In 2009 he was elected the International President of World Federation Against Drugs.



**KAT BELENDIUK**

Ph.D., Department of Psychiatry, University of Colorado, USA

Kat Belendiuk, Ph.D. has studied substance use disorders as an intramural research fellow at the National Institute on Drug Abuse, a graduate researcher at the University of Pittsburgh, and a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Colorado. With a joint doctorate in clinical and developmental psychology, Dr. Belendiuk applies a developmental psychopathology perspective to examine longitudinal substance use outcomes for adolescents and young adults following treatment interventions and changes in drug policy. Dr. Belendiuk is currently examining the effect of marijuana medicalization in Colorado on adolescent marijuana use.