



COOPERATION IN PRACTICE – A BROADER PERSPECTIVE



CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



ALLEN FRANCES

Chair, DSM IV Task Force, Professor Emeritus and Former Chair, Duke University, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, U.S.

Brief summary of talk:

Diagnostic inflation has greatly expanded the boundaries of psychiatry at the expense of the normal. This results in unnecessary drug complications, stigma, cost and a perverse misallocation of resources away from those who can benefit and toward those who may be harmed. DSM 5 will make the existing problematic situation much, much worse. We will outline a strategy of containment, to push back against powerful forces promoting the idea that virtually everyone has a psychiatric disorder, or two, or three.



MONICA LUPPI

International Relations Officer, San Patrignano, Italy

Monica Luppi is International Relations and Policy Officer at San Patrignano (Italy), a non profit therapeutic community for drug addicted and socially excluded young people founded in 1978. After working as a volunteer in the center and as a logistics coordinator for school outreach campaigns, she began to focus on advocacy, specifically calling for a stronger voice for recovered addicts in shaping drug policy as well as availability of comprehensive, recovery oriented treatment free of charge to all who need it.

Since 2005, Monica has represented the Foundation at many international events and conferences as well as missions in Europe, Asia and the Americas. In 2006 she joined the Vienna NGO Committee on Narcotic Drugs at the United Nations, and was elected to serve on the Board in 2010. In 2011 she continued her advocacy work on the European level as part of the European Commission's Expert Group on Drugs. She is also a member of the Board of the Europe Against Drugs, a network of more than fifty organisations in twentythree countries which aims to help to reduce the burden for individuals, families and society at large by promoting comprehensive, balanced and integrated policies on drugs.



TOM WARD

Chief Clerk of the Dublin District Court

Tom Ward works in the Irish Courts Service in his role as the Chief Clerk of the Circuit and District Court in Dublin, with responsibility for the Dublin Drug Treatment Court. The Court, which is located in the Chancery Street Courthouse, sits one day every week, to deal with people who have been charged before the District Court for offences which have stemmed from their substance abuse problems. The Court is the only problem-solving of its type in Ireland and has been modelled on Drug Treatment Courts in other parts of the world.



H. VALERIE CURRAN

MA (Cantab), Professor of Psychopharmacology, DCLinPsychol, FBS, University College, London

Professor Val Curran is founder and director of UCL's Clinical Psychopharmacology Unit.

She is also Research Lead at Camden and Islington's NHS Substance Abuse Service and a founder member of the Independent Scientific Committee on Drugs. For 25 years she has been researching the psychological effects of drugs that act on the human brain. Her research currently concerns: 1) the short- and long-term effects of "recreational" drugs – MDMA, cannabis, stimulants and ketamine – on cognition, emotion and the brain; 2) transitions from substance use to misuse to addiction to recovery and relapse; 3) differential effects of cannabinoids on cognitive, emotional and dependence-related processing.

Val was undergraduate at Cambridge, completed her PhD at London University and later qualified as a Clinical Psychologist. She went from Research Fellow through to Senior Lecturer at the Institute of Psychiatry from 1984-1995 and since then has worked at UCL. She has been a Principal Editor of the scientific journal Psychopharmacology since 2003.

She has 3 daughters and is currently doing an evening class in stone masonry.



NEIL MCKEGANEY,
B.A. (Hons) MSc. PhD (Hon) FRSA

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".



ALAN CUNNINGHAM,
Detective Superintendent, Head of Investigation Services, SCDEA

Detective Superintendent Cunningham is Head of Investigation Services at the Scottish Crime and Drug Enforcement Agency (SCDEA) with responsibility for a range of investigative functions both the the Agency and to the wider law enforcement community. This includes the Scottish Witness Protection Unit, Scottish Money Laundering Unit, Forensics Accountancy, e-crime, Interventions, Forensic Science and Criminal Justice.

Alan also leads on SCDEA work in relation to supporting the 'Divert' strand of Scotland's Serious Organised Crime Strategy: 'Letting Our Communities Flourish'. As a Strathclyde officer at SCDEA, his last role in force was policy lead for rape and serious sexual offences, Vice and Human Trafficking before taking up his current role in August 2010.

SCDEA has a statutory remit to prevent and detect serious organised crime and thus reduce the harm it causes to Scotland's communities. The Scottish strategy for tackling serious organised crime, 'Letting Our Communities Flourish', provides the direction for SCDEA under four clear headings - 'Divert', 'Disrupt', 'Deter' and 'Detect'. 'Divert' focuses on diverting individuals (particularly young people) away from engaging in or using the products of serious organised crime. "Shared Responsibility" is one of the programmes delivered under Divert.

Shared Responsibility is a joint initiative between the Colombian Government and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), which was introduced to raise awareness about the ecological destruction to Colombian rainforests as a result of coca growth and subsequent manufacture of cocaine. Very soon after interception the initiative was adopted by the SCDEA who have continued to work with the Colombian Government and UNODC to extend the reach of the message across Scotland. A bespoke extension of the initiative, designed for school pupils and driven by the SCDEA, has brought the harsh truth of cocaine production and the resulting ecological damage to a new and wider audience.



EVGENIY A. BRYUN
Professor, Head of the Chair of Narcology in the Russian Medical Academy for Postgraduate Training

Eugeny A. Bryun graduated from Khabarovsk State medical Institute. In 1977, completed the residency on psychiatry by the Moscow Research Institute of Psychiatry. In 1987 became the head of the drug addiction department in the Moscow Research Institute of Psychiatry. In 1991-95, the research director (deputy head of the Institute) in the Institute of Clinical Narcology of the All-Russian Center for Narcology. 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.

In 2009, Mr. Bryun has been appointed the Chief Narcologist of the Ministry of Health and Social Development of Russia. Since 2010, the head of the Chair of Narcology in the Russian Medical Academy for Postgraduate Training. Since 2011, a member of the Public Chamber of the Russian Federation.



FABIO BERNABEI
Investigative journalist, analyst and researcher, is President of Associazione Osservatorio Droga, member of World Federation Against Drugs - WFAD.

Mr. Bernabei is an author of books and essays on drugs policy, history of drugs, Mafia and narcotrafficking. The most recent book is "Cannabis medica. 100 riposte sull'uso terapeutico della Marijuana" 2012. Fabio Bernabei has acted in an advisory role for the Italian Government and is "Representative in Italy" for the European Cities Against Drugs - ECAD and "Italian Delegate" for the Drug Watch International - DWI.