



EUROPEAN CITIES AGAINST DRUGS 19th ECAD Mayors' Conference



PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

May 9-12, 2012

COOPERATION IN PRACTICE – A BROADER PERSPECTIVE

MAY 9-12 KILLARNEY, IRELAND

CO-HOSTED BY THE MUNICIPALITIES OF KILLARNEY, IRELAND
AND STAFFANSTORP, SWEDEN, TWIN-CITIES THROUGH ECAD





DEAR COLLEAGUES,

*It is our great pleasure to welcome you to the XIX European Cities Against Drugs Mayors Conference – practical cooperation makes the difference.
The conference of 2012 is located in Killarney – a vibrant “little town” with an incredibly beautiful surrounding countryside, which makes the city such a very special place to visit.*

The 2012 Mayors Conference is proof that cooperation really can make a big difference. One of the most important issues of our time is the struggle against drugs.

The fight against drug abuse has never been more urgent than today. We must constantly be as creative as possible in finding new ways to fight bad lifestyles, that can ruin our youth, our children, our lives.

Each country works hard to solve its problems with the unfortunate growing global drug problem. As cities we have our own experiences and methods of dealing with it.

An excellent method of solving problems is working together. We are certain that by listening to each other's experiences, gaining each other's best ideas, we will achieve an even better result.

**SEAN COUNIHAN, MICHAEL SANDIN,
MAYORS OF KILLARNEY AND STAFFANSTORP**

Wednesday, May 9th

Arrivals, network meetings

The Venue: Malton Hotel

19:30

WELCOME RECEPTION with entertainment at the Malton Hotel

Thursday, May 10th

08:00– 09:00 Registration

09:00 - 17:00

Opening and welcome speech by Mayor Sean Counihan of Killarney and Mayor Michael Sandin of Staffanstorp, Sweden

Jim Corr, Councillor, Chairman, ECAD

Presentations by keynote speakers

H.E. Olafur Ragnar Grimsson, President of Iceland, Patron of ECAD Youth in Europe prevention programme

Allen Frances, MD, Professor Emeritus, Duke University, USA

Allen Frances was Chair of the DSM-IV Task Force (current Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, which came out in 1994. A revised DSM-V will be published in May 2013. Allen Frances is critical of the draft of DSM-V, which proposes numerous new mental diagnoses that would entail unnecessary treatment and over-medicalization.

Neil McKeganey, Professor, BA, MSc, PhD, Director, Centre of Drug Misuse Research, University of Glasgow, Scotland

In 1994, Neil McKeganey founded the Centre for Drug Misuse Research at the University of Glasgow. Neil McKeganey is the author of over 150 academic papers and six books, the most recent of which is “Controversies in drugs policy and practice” 2010. He has acted in an advisory role for a wide range of international organizations including WHO, the UK Home Office and United Nations

Monica Luppi, International Relations Officer, San Patrignano, Italy

Monica Luppi is an international Relations Officer at the world's largest residential centre for drug addicted and socially excluded young people. Since 2005, Monica Luppi represented San Patrignano community at many international events and conferences as well as on missions in Europe, Asia and Americas. Since 2006 she is a member of Vienna NGO committee.

17:00

ECAD Plenary session (N.B. For ECAD members only)

20:00

OFFICIAL CONFERENCE DINNER with entertainment



Do you know that...

The Ring of Kerry (Irish: An Mhór Chuaird) is a tourist trail in County Kerry, south-western Ireland. The route covers the 179 km circular road, starting from Killarney, heading around the Iveragh Peninsula and passing through Kenmare, Sneem, Waterville, Cahersiveen and Killorglin. "The Ring" is a popular day trip and numerous bus companies offer trips during the summer months. As the narrow roads make it difficult for tour coaches to pass, all tour buses run in counter-clockwise direction.

Friday, May 11th

09:00—16.00

Keynote speeches continue

Tom Ward, Chief Clerk, Dublin Circuit and District Courts

The Drug Treatment Court is a specialized court in Dublin city that aims to treat, rather than imprison, drug addicts. This court deals with non-violent offenders whose offending behaviour is motivated by their addiction rather than for financial gain. The aim of the programme is to provide long term court supervised treatment for offenders who are involved in drug abuse. The central purpose is that by dealing with the reason for the offending, that is, the addiction, the need to offend is removed.

H. Valerie Curran, MA (Cantab), PhD., DCLinPsychol, FSB

Ms. Curran will speak of medical impact of using cannabis with a focus mainly on harms to brain/behaviour/cognition from the differing strains of cannabis currently being sold in Europe.

Panel Presentation of the workshops

MAYORS' FORUM

PARALLEL WORKSHOPS AND DISCUSSIONS

ECAD AWARD 2012 CEREMONY

CONCLUSIONS

Evening Get together with musical entertainment

Saturday, May 12th

10:00

Social programme

STUDY VISITS or SIGHTSEEING / SOCIAL PROGRAMME



Surroundings around Killarney include Killarney National Park and the Ring of Kerry, probably the most visited attractions outside Dublin with South-Western Ireland's most spectacular views.

Popular points include Muckross House, Staigue stone fort and Derrynane House, and just south of Killarney, Ross Castle (picture), Lough Lane and Ladies View. The traditional way to tour the local is by "Jaunting Car", a horsedrawn carriage.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Conference

May 9 Arrivals, rooms available for national network and other meetings.

Evening: Welcome reception

May 10-11 Conference program

May 12 Study visit, sightseeing/social program

Venue

The conference will take place at the MALTON HOTEL www.themalton.com
The Malton Hotel is located in Killarney town centre, right beside the railway station.

Accommodation

The Malton Hotel (single room 95 €, double/twin 130 €)

Room reservation

To book your accommodation at the Malton hotel, please download the Hotel Accommodation Booking Form at www.ecad.net and return it to the Malton Hotel, or e-mail, phone or fax the hotel, quoting that yours is an ECAD booking before April 9. After that the hotel cannot guarantee the conference delegate rate or room availability.

E-mail: res@themalton.com

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Please note the deadline for hotel booking and registration : April 9, 2012

Conference booking

Conference booking form soon available at www.ecad.net

Languages

The Conference language is English with interpretation to/from Russian

Conference fee

For non-ECAD members, there is a conference fee of 50 €, payable at conference registration in cash only

Travel

Nearest airports:

Kerry airport www.kerryairport.com (13 km), transfer provided from the Kerry airport to the Malton Hotel

Cork airport www.corkairport.com (83 km)

Shannon airport www.shannonairport.com (136 km)

For trains: www.irishrail.ie

For buses: www.buseireann.ie

Further information

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