

## NEWS

### Two staff members and a student from the Department of Addictology participated actively in the Third Annual Conference of the International Consortium of Universities for Drug Demand Reduction 2018 in San Diego

It is becoming a tradition to hold ICUDDR conferences on the campuses of the member universities. Last year Charles University assumed the role of the host. This year its delegation (two members of staff and one student) went to San Diego, California, where the 3rd Annual ICUDDR Conference took place on the beautiful campus of the University of California San Diego (UCSD) on 4-5 June 2018. The event was organised by Dr. Igor Koutsenok and his team. It was a unique meeting, the third in a row, of the representatives of institutions connected to the topic of education and training in addiction science and drug demand reduction. In addition to delegates representing universities and other academic settings, there were also leading representatives of non-academic institutions concerned with the translation of addiction research into practice. The aim of the conference was to address the current and emerging challenges in the field of addiction studies and to discuss the worldwide development of addiction-specific study programmes. The participants discussed and shared their experience with the process involving the implementation of the Universal Treatment and Prevention Curricula (UPC and UTC) in their respective countries and institutions. The ICUDDR board members presented activities and plans developed by the Consortium and offered a platform for the discussion of limits and opportunities in different regions.

The ICUDDR is an international organisation established at its first conference held in Honolulu in 2016. It is supported by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL). The main goals are to develop a worldwide network of universities which provide addiction studies programmes,

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Professor Michal Miovský and his colleague, Amalie Pavlovská, and Anna Vondrová, a student, with the main organiser, Dr. Igor Koutsenok

to advance research in the addiction field, to promote career opportunities, and to enhance the community of universities. The ICUDDR provides advocacy within the universities. It currently has over 100 members and is showing a tendency to grow. Further information can be found at [www.icuDDR.com](http://www.icuDDR.com).

Two staff members and a student from the Department of Addictology (Charles University), Professor Michal Miovský (the head of the department and the current ICUDDR president), Amalie Pavlovská, MA, and Anna Vondrová, BA, participated actively in the professional programme of the conference:

- Contemporary Trends in Addiction Training in Higher Education: Amalie Pavlovska, Charles University; Jinsoo Jason Kim, Sahmyook University; Fernando Salazar, Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia; Michal Miovsky, Charles University
- Graduates of Addiction Studies Programmes: What have we Learned? Moderators: Lianna Urada, San Diego State University; Igor Koutsenok, University of California – San Diego
- Joining the ICUDDR Network, Michal Miovsky, Charles University

For the full programme see the ICUDDR website.

The conference offered us numerous opportunities to meet our colleagues from around the world, learn about their progress with implementing the international curricula, and share valuable information about education in addictions.



Anna and Amalie in front of the Atkinson Hall, UCSD, where the conference was held

For the Czech Republic, a few questions were of particular interest in terms of further discussion: how we can attract more European universities to join the ICUDDR, what our role as the coordinating centre is, what ways can be used to implement the curricula while keeping our original Prague model of education, and how to evaluate and publish the results of what we do.

We will have the opportunity to meet again and address all these issues on the occasion of the 4th ICUDDR conference, which will take place in Cuzco, Peru, on 22–23 July 2019.

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Anna presenting the addictology education concept and the UCSD PhD students



Colleagues from Europe and the USA



European group discussion

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## ABOUT LISBON ADDICTIONS 2019

Lisbon Addictions 2019, the third European Conference on Addictive Behaviours and Dependencies, is a multidisciplinary conference that provides a forum for networking across the addictions.

Lisbon Addictions 2019 will take place in the **Lisbon Congress Centre from 23–25 October 2019**.

Once again, the event will be jointly organised by the Portuguese General Directorate for Intervention on Addictive Behaviours and Dependencies (SICAD), the journal *Addiction/Society for the Study of Addiction*, the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) and the International Society of Addiction Journal Editors (ISAJE).

The overarching theme for 2019 is **The future of addictions: new frontiers for policy, practice and science**. The conference will therefore showcase cutting-edge research to help characterise, understand and respond to addiction and addictive behaviours.

### Key dates:

**31 May 2019:** Notification to authors, **29 June 2019:** Deadline for late-breaking abstracts, **30 June 2019:** Deadline for regular registration (EUR 500), **1 July–25 October 2019:** Late registration (online and on-site – EUR 600)

### Programme:

- **Futures:** identifying and meeting emerging needs; prediction, preparedness, innovations and new challenges;
- **Better practice:** improving how we respond; supporting the development and implementation of more effective prevention, treatment, and harm reduction interventions;
- **Better science:** aetiology, basic science, neuroscience and pre-clinical studies;
- **Better methods:** epidemiology, monitoring estimates and models;
- **Better society:** overcoming barriers, effective policies, regulations and laws; culture and context.

The EC co-funded project FuturiZe (FZ) will collaborate with the organisers of Lisbon Addictions 2019 by developing networking activities and a series of interactive debates which focus on key future scenarios in the field of drugs and behavioural addictions. The scenarios will be chosen and developed through a participatory process with a wide variety of stakeholders. The FZ debates will be open to all conference participants and introduced in each case by prominent thinkers from different backgrounds and perspectives. The project will also provide bursaries for around 120 multi-sectoral professionals who would otherwise not be able to attend the event.

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