

# International Consortium of Universities for Drug Demand Reduction

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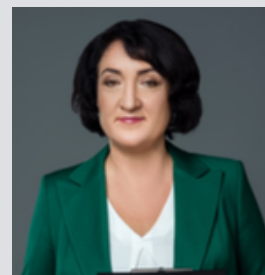
## From the Desk of the Executive Director, Kevin P. Mulvey, PhD

Dear ICUDDR Members, what a conference! The Annual ICUDDR took place August 9-11, 2023, at Chiang Mai University in Chiang Mai, Thailand, in partnership with Mahidol University. We had an exceptional opening with remarks from the US Consul General to Chiang Mai, Thailand and the Vice President of Chiang Mai University and the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Mahidol University. The conference had over 146 ICUDDR member and since we did this meeting in collaboration with 12th Thai Substance Use Conference we had an additional set of 200 participants. At the conference we also announced that in June 2024, ICUDDR will hold the next annual meeting in Thessaloniki, Greece.

We also have 2 changes to mention here at ICUDDR. (1) Our interns have completed their internship and will be graduating from George Mason University with an MPH specializing in Epidemiology. (2) Many of you know that Olivia Woodrow has worked as the ICUDDR Social Media person. At the conference she was invaluable with assisting participants, facilitating session discussions and constantly taking photographs at our conference. She has been posting on Twitter, Facebook, and other media regarding the conference. She has for 2 years been our external face for ICUDDR. She will be attending graduate school in the fall. We thank her and wish her success in this new career path.

## Meet an ICUDDR Board Member: Irina Pinchuk MD

Dr. Irina Pinchuk is a Director of the Institute of psychiatry of the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Vice-President of the Association Psychiatrists of Ukraine, Head of ISSUP Chapter Ukraine, member of the Board of Directors of ICUDDR and Country Director of International Technology Transfer Center (ITTC Ukraine). Irina Pinchuk graduated as a medical doctor in 1991 at the Donetsk Medical University (Ukraine). After completing psychiatry residency training Irina Pinchuk worked as a psychiatrist in Psychiatric Hospital, Deputy Chief Doctor of the Psycho-neurological Dispensary, chief doctor of the City Psycho-neurological Hospital, Director of the Institute of Psychiatry. From 2005-2009 and 2012 - 2017 Chief Psychiatrist and Addiction Psychiatrist of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine. Irina Pinchuk serve as an expert on mental health for the Ministry of Health of Ukraine since 2021. Has continuing experience in clinical work with adults with mental health and substance use disorders. She is an author of more than 150 scientific works, including monographs and training manuals.



## Welcome New Members to the ICUDDR Family

Today we have 400 Institutions consisting of 532 Faculty Members from Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, the Middle East, and the United States and Canada. We welcome 9 new University Members from:

**Fatima Jinnah Women University - Pakistan**

**Government College University Faisalabad - Pakistan**

**Government College Women University Faisalabad - Pakistan**

**Colombo Institute of Research and Psychology - Sri Lanka**

**Institute of Clinical Psychology - Pakistant**

**Universidad de Chile - Chile**

**BUAS - Croatia**

**Universidad Veracruzana - Mexico**

**MUHAS - Tanzania, United Republic of**

# ICUDDR Conference 2023



The ICUDDR Conference 2023 Session Recordings have now been made available on the ICUDDR YouTube Channel and ICUDDR Website.

## [Access the Recordings](#)

### Opening Ceremony



Performance by the Youth of the Regional Juvenile Vocational Training Center 7, Chiang Mai



Dr. Kevin Mulvey,  
Executive Director, ICUDDR



General Consul Ms. Lisa A. Buzenas, The U.S. Consulate in Chiang Mai, Thailand



Dr. Prapapun Chuchareon,  
Mahidol University



Dr. Apinun Aramrattana,  
Chiang Mai University



Associate Professor Winita Punyodom, Vice President,  
Chiang Mai University





## 6 Plenary Sessions and 15 Symposium Sessions



### Plenary 1: Global State of Drug Demand

Mr. Benedikt Hofmann, UNODC Regional Office for Southeast Asia and the Pacific



### Plenary 2: The Current State of Quality Assurance in Specialty Addiction Studies Programs

Dr. Victor Capoccia, Dr. Dennis McCarty, Jordan Turner



### Plenary 3: 50 Years Changing Lives for the Better: Colombo Plan Drug Advisory Program's Journey to Success

Ms. Livia Edegger, Dr. Josephine Choong, Ms. Oranooch Sungkhawanna and Dr. Michal Miovsky.



### Symposium 5: Substance Use Disorders and Mental Health

Dr. Adenibuyan Peter Adenibukun



### Symposium 12: Early Prevention, Paradigm Shifts, and Media-Based Prevention: What Works?

Mr. Matej Kosir



### Symposium 11: Innovative Continuing Education and In-Service Strategies for Building Clinical and Clinical Research Capacity to Address Problems Related to Substance Use

Ms. Laurie Krom

### Plenary 5: ICUDDR Regional Coordinator Report Out

Dr. Fernando Silva Salazar, Dr. Beatrice Kathungu, Dr. Noor ul Zaman Rafiq, Ms. Jimena Kalawski and Dr. Prapapun Chucharoen



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**Symposium 8: Reporting Out on the Findings of Five NIDA - sponsored Research Activities**  
Dr. Stephen Asata



**Symposium 7: Capacity Building in Universities**  
Dr. Rehana Kader, Dr. Shelly Iskandar,  
Ms. Faridah Nakoma



**Plenary 6: UN and INCB Activities**  
Ms. Karen Peters

### **Symposium 9: Harm Reduction: How Best to Teach this Approach in Addiction Science Programs**

Dr. Fran Calvo, Mr. Chase Holleman,  
Dr. Martin Agwogie and  
Ms. Karen Peters



### **Symposium 10: Capacity Building: Training Professionals**

Dr. Yatan Pal Singh Balhara, Ms. Shaheema Allie, Dr. Fernando Salazar-Silva



### **Symposium 2: Helping Faculty Address Emergent Drug Trends**

Dr. Kristiana Siste



### **Symposium 4: Medical Education**

Dr. Robert Ali

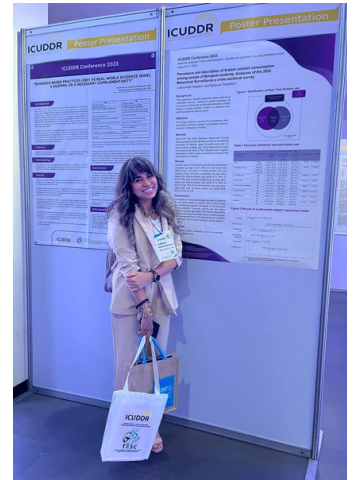
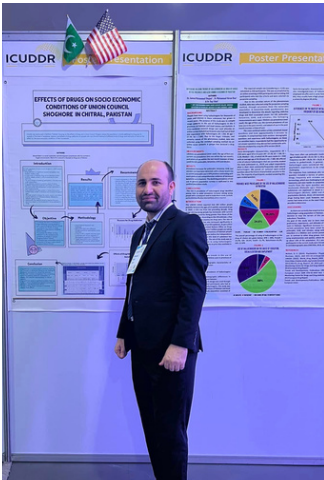


### **Plenary 4: The Importance of Having Qualified and Credentialed Graduates**

Dr. Dzmitry Krupchank, Ms. Aja Busse,  
Ms. Oranooch Sungkhawanna,  
Dr. Elizabeth Novakova



## 20 Poster Presentations



## Around the Conference





## Closing Ceremony



Signing the MOU between ICUDDR and the Ramathibodi Foundation, as the host of the ICUDDR Asia-Pacific Coordinating Center



Our huge thanks to the team that ensured the smooth running and success of the Conference



Ms. Laurie Krom and Dr. Apinun Aramrattana announce Chiang Mai University as the host of the Thailand ITTC



Dr. Kevin Mulvey and Ms. Livia Edegger announcing the collaborative ISSUP and ICUDDR Conference in Thessaloniki, Greece in June 2024!



Our many thanks to all of the incredible Speakers, Moderators, Poster Presenters and Attendees for three days of engaging and invaluable Plenaries and Symposiums.

An enormous thank you to our exceptional Co-Facilitator and Host, Chiang Mai University and our other Co-Facilitator, Mahidol University. We appreciate the time and effort of your teams in making this truly collaborative event possible.

We would also like to extend our thanks to our funders, the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) and to our many exceptional partner organisations for your contributions: ISSUP, CP DAP, WHO, UNODC, ITTC Network, NIDA and INCB.

**Thank You!**



# ITTC Update



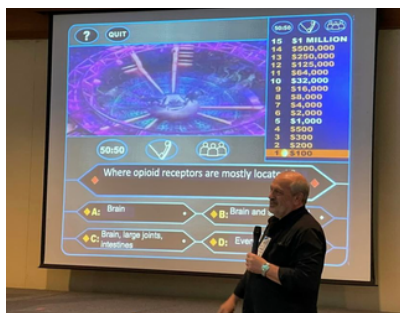
## ITTC at ICUDDR Conference in Chiang Mai

The ITTC Network would like to congratulate the ICUDDR team for hosting a conference at Chiang Mai University in Chiang Mai, Thailand. "Addiction Science, Policy and Education: Growth and progress in a post-pandemic world" The ITTC's were able to present on a number of topics and even threw in an interactive game.



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## ITTC Thailand Launch

The ITTC Network Coordinating office is excited to announce the newest chapter of the ITTC network! Please join us in welcoming Dr. Apinun Aramrattana and Dr. Chaisiri Angkurawaranon as they lead the newest ITTC housed at Chiang Mai University in Thailand.

## Colombia Drug Forum

ITTC Colombia held a forum in July to discuss the new drug policy with government officials. The new policy includes aspects of mental health, prevention of consumption, harm reduction strategies and treatment and recovery.

Check out the live stream here:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q39AqUEGwr0&t=56s>

## Connect with ITTC's Coordinating Office

The International Technology Transfer Center (ITTC) Network for Drug Demand Reduction develops and strengthens the workforce, organizations, and systems that provide substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery support services. Based in universities and research centers, ITTCs utilize a variety of strategies to accelerate the use of scientifically-based and culturally appropriate practices.

The ITTC Network Coordinating Office based at the University of Missouri, Kansas City (UMKC) works in partnership with the International Consortium of Universities on Drug Demand Reduction (ICUDDR) to unite the Centers into a mutually supportive network.

# Funding Opportunity

Fogarty Emerging Global Leader Award aims to provide research support and protected time to a research scientist from a LMIC who holds an academic junior faculty position or research scientist appointment at an LMIC academic or research institution. Low-income, lower-middle-income and upper-middle-income countries are included.

Applications are invited from LMIC research scientists from any health-related discipline who propose both critically needed career development activities and a research project that is highly relevant to the health priorities of their country.

## More Information on Funding Opportunities



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