

PROGRAM

XI INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON NOVEL PSYCHOACTIVE SUBSTANCES

*Chaired by Prs.
Ornella Corazza
Olivier Rabin
Amine Benyamina
Faredj Cherikh*

INSCRIPTION



Gala

Evening of 3 november
Cocktail reception, 20:00
Palais des Rois Sardes

***Obligatory registration
Limited to 100 participants***



3 & 4
NOVEMBER
2025

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CENTRE UNIVERSITAIRE
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PROGRAM *NPS* 2025

Monday 3th / Tuesday 4, November 2025

EDUCATIONAL SHEET

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Examine global NPS trends and impacts
- Address challenges in detection and monitoring
- Foster international collaboration and knowledge exchange
- Strengthen public health responses to NPS

METHODS

- Keynote presentations
- Oral presentations
- Panel discussion
- Poster presentations
- Social events
- Networking sessions

No pre-requisites

TIME

- Monday 3th november 2025 : 08:30 - 19:30
- Tuesday 4, november 2025 : 08:30 - 11:30

AUDIENCE

The conference is intended for professionals and academics involved in research, public health, policy, law enforcement, and clinical practice related to NPS

SATISFACTION SURVEY

Satisfaction questionnaire

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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SPEAKERS

Dr. Vincenzo Abbate
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Dr. Gil Artyom
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Pr. Giuseppe Bersani
Psychiatrist specializing in clinical criminology and forensic psychiatry, Italy

Dr. Sabrina Bilel
Researcher at University of Ferrara, Italy

Ms. Stefania Boccuzzi
PhD Researcher at King's College London, United Kingdom

Mr. Jared Brown
Scientific Affairs Officer at UNODC, Austria

Dr. Julius Burkauskas
Clinical Psychologist, Psychotherapist, Lithuania

Ms. Anja Busse
Unit Head, Drugs, Alcohol and Addictive Behaviours, World Health Organization (WHO), Geneva, Switzerland

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Pr. Christina Dalla
Professor of Pharmacology at the University of Athens, Greece

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Addictologist, Doctoral Researcher at Charles University, Czech Republic

Dr. Francesco Di Carlo
University of Chieti-Pescara, Italy

Dr. David Erritzoe
Clinical Director in Centre for Psychedelic Research, United Kingdom

Pr. Gianluca Esposito
Director of the Department of Psychology and Cognitive Sciences, University of Trento, Italy

Dr. Dimitra Florou
Post-Doctoral Researcher at University of Ioannina, Greece

Dr. Hironobu Fujiwara
Psychiatrist, Assoc. Professor, Kyoto University, Japan

Dr. Ana Gallegos
Head of Early warning, alerts and laboratory network sector at European Union Drugs Agency (EUDA), Lisbon, Portugal

Dr. Marie-Line Gilbert
Senior Analyst, Researcher (Epidemiologist) Health Canada, Drug Analysis Service and Cannabis Laboratories, Canada

Dr. Mariia Gofenberg
Specialist of the Chemical Toxicological Laboratory, Sverdlovsk Regional Poison Treatment Centre, Sverdlovsk Regional Clinical Psychiatric Hospital, Russia

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Pharmacist, Doctoral Researcher at Charles University, Czech Republic, University of Trento, Italy

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Early Warning System Specialist, Centre for Studies on Drugs and Community Social Development (Cdesc), UNODC, Brazil

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Ms. Olivia Johnson
Forensic Senior Scientist - Drug Chemistry, The Institute of Environmental Science and Research (ESR), New Zealand

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Assistant Professor at Istanbul University-Cerrahpaşa Institute of Forensic Sciences and Legal Medicine, Turkey

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Professor in Psychology, Sport and Exercise Science, United Kingdom

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Clinical Psychologist, Post-Doctoral Researcher, University of Trento, Italy

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Psychotherapist, Uzbekistan

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Researcher at University of Trento, Italy, Miguel Hernandez University of Elche, Spain

Official representatives

M. Christian Estrosi
Mayor of Nice France

M. Charles Ange Ginésy
President of the Alpes-Maritimes Department, France

M. Renaud Muselier
President of the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region, Deputy President of Régions de France

M. Romain Alexandre
ARS Alpes-Maritimes Departmental Director, France



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**Monday 3th
Morning**



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07:30 - 08:30

Reception of participants, presentation of badges,
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OPENING SESSION

		<i>Official representatives</i>	
08:30 - 09:00	Official Representative of the French Government	R. Muselier	O. Corazza
		C. Ange Ginésy	O. Rabin
		C. Estrosi	A. Benyamina
		R. Alexandre	F. Cherikh

SESSION 1

09:00 - 10:35 / Chairs: C. Guillou, M. Prilutskaya . Online Moderators: G. Penazzi, N. Govarthnapany

The changing face of illicit drug markets: a focus on NPS monitoring

09:00 - 09:20	Keynote 1 – Forensic early warning: a future-ready strategy against global NPS threats	J. Brown
09:20 - 09:35	Canadian drug notification system on new and potentially harmful substances	M-L. Gilbert
09:35 - 09:50	Mapping the emergence of New Psychoactive Substances in Brazil (2019–2025): a national survey supporting the Brazilian early warning system	G. Hamú Giudice
09:50 - 10:05	Development of an Integrated Drug Early Advisory System (IDEAS) to collate drug-related data in Aotearoa New Zealand	O. Johnson
10:05 - 10:20	Monitoring the results of chemical-toxicological studies of New Psychoactive Substances in the Sverdlovsk Regional Center (2015–2025)	M. Gofenberg
10:20 - 10:35	Overview of the shifting drug market in Uzbekistan: a key transit zone between Afghan methamphetamine and Kazakhstani cathinones	G. Zakhidova
10:35 - 11:05	Coffee break and networking	

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SESSION 2

11:05 - 12:50 / Chairs: O. Rabin, O. Corazza . Online Moderators: V. Barbati, N. Govarthnapany

From enhancement to dependency: the rising tide of IPEDs and prescription drug misuse

11:05 - 11:25	Keynote 2 – Image and performance enhancing drugs and mental health	V. Mohamed Ali
11:25 - 11:40	GLP-1 Drugs in the evolving landscape of IPEDs in sport and exercise	L. Lazuras
11:40 - 11:55	Enhancing under pressure: risk profile of IPED users	J. Burkauskas
11:55 - 12:10	The 'Benadryl Challenge'. A new social media trend.	S. Venturini
12:10 - 12:25	Investigating the intentions and the motivations for IPEDs use in Latin America	T. Zandonai
12:25 - 12:40	Emerging drug trends in Japan: possible benefits of exercise, budo, and mindfulness as prevention strategies	H. Fujiwara
12:40 - 12:50	Performance	

12:50 - 14:00 *Invitation for a lunch break and poster session*



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Afternoon**



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SESSION 3

14:00 - 17:00 / Chairs: L. Lazuras, I. De Luca . Online Moderators: A. Carollo, E. Prevete

Risks, harms, clinical management and new trends

14:00 - 14:20	Keynote 3 – Public health responses to psychoactive substance use: a WHO Update	A. Busse
14:20 - 14:40	Keynote 4 – Interview : A lived experience with NPS	O. Corazza M. Vigar
14:40 - 14:55	Clinical presentation of synthetic cannabinoid use: a case series from a middle eastern rehabilitation facility	R. Mohamed Kamal
14:55 - 15:10	Synthetic cathinone: the case of 3-Methylmethcathinone (3-MMC)	E. Theunissen

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15:10 - 15:25	From traditional use to dependence: investigating the neurobiological impact of kratom and mitragynine	Z. Hassan
15:25 - 15:40	Akuskura : an emerging psychoactive challenge in Nigeria	J. O. Ike
15:40 - 15:55	Investigating naloxone's efficacy in reversing cardiorespiratory effects of Novel Synthetic Opioids	S. Bilel
15:55 - 16:10	The kratom market and kratom products in the Czech Republic – Online Survey	L. Dékány
16:10 - 16:25	New drugs, new psychosis	G. Bersani
16:25 - 16:40	Addiction and respiratory pathologies	P. Hofman
16:40 - 17:00	Panel discussion / Questions and answers Chair: A. Benyamina	I. Mazzoni F. Cherikh P. Hofman M. Prilutskaya C. Ripoli A. Metastasio
17:00 - 17:30	Coffee break and networking	
SESSION 4 17:30 - 18:50 / Chairs: M. Marti, O. Johnson . Online Moderators: R. Cavallaro, A. Negri Innovations in drug detection: from biological matrices to wastewater analysis		
17:30 - 17:50	Keynote 5 – NPS in Europe: a perspective from the EU early warning system	A. Gallegos
17:50 - 18:05	Development and validation of a sensitive and specific UV spectrophotometric method for detection and determination of diphenhydramine in urine for forensic analysis	N. Tomar
18:05 - 18:20	Responding to shifts in regional drug markets: LC-MS/MS method development for synthetic opioids in wastewater	M. Kuloğlu Genç
18:20 - 18:35	Streamlining analysis to inform management of acute recreational drug toxicity: advances in paper spray ionisation for rapid drug detection	S. Boccuzzi
18:35 - 18:50	Significance of conventional and alternative biological matrices in evaluating the extent of use of New Psychoactive Substances (NPS)	D. Florou
18:50 - 19:00	Closing remarks	G. Esposito

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SESSION 5

08:30 - 11:20 / Chair: M. Prilutskaya, E. Prevete . Online Moderators: G. Penazzi, A. Negri

Global drug policy: challenges, trends, and harm reduction

08:30 - 08:50	Keynote 6 – Impact of punitive drug policies on harm reduction interventions	D. Singh
08:50 - 09:20	Panel discussion: Public health and policy approaches to New Psychoactive Substances Chair: S. Achab	G. Artyom S. Renata de Morais C. Copeland A. Roman-Urrestarazu
09:20 - 09:50	Panel discussion: International society of emerging drugs and the new early career network Chair: O. Corazza	S. Venturini O. Rabin A. Román-Urrestarazu N. Govarthnapany V. Abbate
09:50 - 10:20	Coffee break and networking	
10:20 - 10:50	Panel discussion: Are psychedelics the next frontier in mental health care? Chair: C. Dalla	D. Erritzoe L. Lione F. Seragnoli G. Bersani T. Re
10:50 - 11:20	Closing panel discussion Chair: G. Esposito	C. Guillou O. Rabin L. Lazuras M. Prilutskaya O. Johnson S. Achab C. Dalla
11:20 - 11:30	Closing remarks	O. Corazza A. Benyamina O. Rabin F. Cherikh

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Target groups and structures

PRIVATE SECTOR, PUBLIC SECTOR AND MOBILE TEAMS

Addictology	General medicine
Allergology	Intensive care medicine
Anatomy and cytopathology	Internal medicine
Anaesthesia and intensive care	Nuclear medicine
Medical biology	Physical and rehabilitation medicine
Cardiovascular HTA	Vascular medicine
Surgery	Nephrology
Dentistry	Neurology
Dermatology and venereology	Nutrition
Endocrinology-diabetology-nutrition	Oncology
Medical genetics	Ophthalmology
Geriatrics	ENT
Medical gynaecology	Paediatrics
Haematology	Pharmacy
Hepato-gastro-enterology	Pneumology
Immunology	Psychiatry
Infectiology	Radiology and medical imaging
Cardiovascular medicine	Rheumatology
Emergency medicine	Public health
Sports medicine	Sexology
Occupational medicine	Toxicology
Medicine in prisons	Urology

Partners

EXHIBITORS AND SPONSORS





STRATEGY

- Creates events
- Facilitates communication
- Organises exchanges
- Has been in existence for over 15 years

Responsibilities:

- Contribute to the maintenance and development of knowledge
- Enhance the skills of professionals

Objectives:

- Contribute to improving the quality of professional practices
- Meet the expectations of management and administrative teams in terms of management

ACTIVITY

Organisation of trade fairs, conferences and seminars.
Facilitation of internal and external training sessions.

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