



ISSDP CALL FOR PAPERS

Fourth Annual Conference of the International Society for the Study of Drug Policy

March 15-16, 2010

Santa Monica, California USA

The fourth annual conference of the International Society for the Study of Drug Policy (ISSDP) will be held at RAND's Headquarters in Santa Monica, CA USA, March 15-16, 2010. The event is being co-hosted by the RAND Drug Policy Research Center and UCLA's Integrated Substance Abuse Program. The theme of the conference this year is "The Future of Drug Policy: Trends in Policy, Research to Practice and Practices that Should be Researched." The conference should be of interest to policy makers, practitioners and academics from a wide array of disciplines who are engaged in drug policy analyses pertaining to drug markets, the harms caused by both the supply of and demand for drugs, and the intended and unintended consequences of policy. Researchers and/or practitioners interested in contributing papers that advance future thinking regarding the development, assessment, or evolution of drug policy nationally or internationally are encouraged to submit abstracts or panel sessions. Particular areas of interest this year include the following:

- community collaborations with law enforcement and other public agencies to reduce drug harms;
- methods for assessing the cost of drug treatment and other drug-related outcomes;
- methods for assessing the supply of drugs to the market and/or the behavior of suppliers;
- innovative strategies for delivering prevention and/or treatment;
- the influence of the media on social norms and how both influence drug policy;
- how sociological, institutional and historical factors have influenced the evolution of drug policy.

Of course, interesting quantitative or qualitative papers in other areas are also welcome. The term "drugs" should be interpreted broadly to include any illicit substance, the non-medical use or abuse of prescription drugs, the non-sanctioned use of legal regulated substances, and the diversion of legal chemicals for the production or use of psychoactive substances.

This is the first time that this International Society is holding this conference outside of Europe, in hopes of attracting some additional participants from other parts of the world. Individuals from Latin American, African, Asian or Middle Eastern countries are strongly encouraged to submit abstracts or panels. Panels including participants from diverse countries will be preferred to panels consisting of papers from researchers in only one country. Abstracts containing no more than 200 words and session proposals should be submitted online at <http://www.rand.org/multi/dpre/issdp2010> by October 15, 2009. Session proposals can also be submitted at this web page, and should clearly identify a theme/title for the session, the title of 3

to 4 papers and their presenters (contact information, affiliation, and nationality), and 1 to 2 discussants (again with affiliation and nationality included). Decisions will be provided by November 15, 2009.

This conference requires that all presenters submit a written paper prior to the conference. The written papers are due on February 19, 2010; they will be posted to a conference section on the ISSDP web site accessible only to registered participants. Conference registration will open October 1, 2009 and close on February 19, 2010. The fee for participation (covering all sessions and a reception) will be \$200 US. Information about to get to Santa Monica, the RAND office, and its surrounding area is available at <http://www.rand.org/about/locations/sm.directions.html>. Specific information on discounted hotels that have been reserved for this conference will be posted on the webpage in early September.

This conference is retaining two important features from last year. First, we are pleased to announce that once again we will be offering competitions for scholarships for doctoral students and participants from developing countries. Details for these programs will be available at the ISSDP web page (www.issdp.org) in the coming months. Second, a third day (Wednesday, March 17, 2010) is being added for those interested in attending workshops focused on two particular themes: analysis of longitudinal individual-level data and the sociology of drug policy. Additional information about each of these will be posted on the webpage in early September. Individuals with papers specifically relevant for these workshops are encouraged to contact the workshop organizers directly.

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Finally, the working language of the conference will be English. No interpretation services will be provided.