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Dear Sir/Madam,

Following the successful past editions of the EMCDDA Scientific paper award, I am pleased to inform you that the EMCDDA, and its newly elected Scientific Committee, is again this year acknowledging Europe's top scientific papers on drug-related topics. This award is intended to distinguish high-quality research related to illicit drugs, undertaken within and with particular relevance to the European Union.

Articles eligible for nomination for the award will focus on illicit drugs. Additional findings on licit substances may also be included. To be eligible for consideration articles will have been published in 2013 in a peer-reviewed scientific journal, with the primary author being of EU, Turkish or Norwegian nationality, or based in an EU Member State, Norway or Turkey.

I have the pleasure of inviting you to nominate up to four papers, in any of the 24 languages of the European Union, Norwegian or Turkish, along with an abstract in English. Each paper should be categorised in one of the following research fields:

- (¹) Basic biological, neurobiological and behavioural research (including aetiological and addictive behaviour research);
- (²) Population-based research and epidemiology (including site surveys and ethnographic studies);
- (³) Demand reduction (including prevention, treatment, harm reduction and reintegration);
- (⁴) Supply, supply reduction and crime;
- (⁵) Drug policy (including laws, public expenditure and strategies);
- (⁶) Other topics.

The nominated articles that meet the above-mentioned eligibility criteria will be assessed by a Paper Award Committee, composed of members of the EMCDDA's Scientific Committee and/or ISAJE associates and EMCDDA senior staff. Papers will be judged on the basis of their originality, scientific quality, clarity, quality of writing and EU relevance.

For each research field, three papers will be selected to form a shortlist. This will be published on the website of the EMCDDA. Editors of journals in which a successful article was published will be informed and the laureates will receive a letter of congratulation from the Chair of the Scientific Committee and the Director of the EMCDDA.

From this shortlist, the Paper Award Committee will select up to five papers of outstanding quality to be specially noted. The prize winners will be invited to a ceremony in Lisbon and abstracts of those papers will be available online.

Entries should be submitted by e-mail to Renate.Hochwieser@emcdda.europa.eu by 31 March 2014.

I look forward to receiving your nominations for this award, which we hope will promote making European research findings available to the policy and practice community.

Yours sincerely,


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Scientific Director